

ACHIEVEMENT TEST
RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

2 READING

Read about Jack, Oscar and Ash. Tick (✓) the right answers.

Jack

I only go to the cinema on someone's birthday or on other special days because I prefer downloading films really. It really annoys me if I've paid a lot for a cinema ticket and the people in front of me or behind me talk during the film. Of course, I don't mind if people scream or whisper at frightening parts of the film. That's normal. But it isn't polite to just sit there and chat. When I do go to the cinema, I always get popcorn! It's so much better than a hot dog!

Oscar

I had a good time last Saturday because it was the day a friend was 15 so we went to the cinema. We found out which films were on by checking on the internet first and also made sure we weren't going to see anything scary! The tickets aren't cheap at the weekend and we ate far too much popcorn but it was a good evening. The film was about a boy who makes everyone mad because he never stops talking! My friend had to change places with me at the beginning though, because the person in front of him was so tall he couldn't see the screen properly!

Ash

My sister works at the cinema. She's the manager so tickets are also less expensive for anyone in our family and I can always get cheap popcorn. I enjoy horror films but I like comedies and adventure films too, and sometimes go more than once a week. I know most people don't like sitting right at the front but I really like doing that and it solves a problem. I'm quite short and can't see very easily when tall people sit in front of me!

1 Who gets angry if people aren't quiet?

Jack Oscar Ash

2 Who sometimes finds he can't see the screen?

Jack Oscar Ash

3 Who says he recently saw a film on a friend's birthday?

Jack Oscar Ash

4 Who goes to the cinema most often?

Jack Oscar Ash

5 Who never goes to the cinema without getting popcorn?

Jack Oscar Ash

6 Who gets cheap tickets?

Jack Oscar Ash

7 Who doesn't like horror films?

Jack Oscar Ash

8 Who watches films from a website?

Jack Oscar Ash

Luke Thill

When he was 12, Luke Thill was at home during the school holidays. He was bored and looking for a fun activity, but he didn't want to play computer games or ride his bike. Then, he heard about people who build, and live in, very small wooden houses. 'I decided that I wanted to build one in my garden,' he said. 'I thought if I made enough money doing jobs for my neighbours, it might be possible.'

Luke's dad agreed to help, but he had a few rules. Luke had to pay for everything himself and had to do most of the work. Luke describes his dad as his 'coach' and says that working as a team brought them closer together. It took them a year and a half to finish the house and it cost \$1,500.

The house is three metres long and two metres wide. Downstairs, it has a kitchen and sitting area with a TV, and upstairs there's a little bedroom. When he began, Luke was already quite good at repairing things, but there was a lot he didn't know. 'It all seems very simple to me now,' he said. 'But at the time, I had no idea what to do.'

Luke sleeps in his house about twice a week, does homework there after school and invites friends round. He enjoyed building his little house so much that he plans to build a second, bigger one soon, and in a few years' time he'd like to live in it full time.



- 1 What is the writer doing in this text?
 A giving advice to teenage builders
 B describing an interesting project
 C saying why small houses are popular
- 2 Why did Luke decide to build a little house?
 A He needed something to do.
 B He liked the one his neighbour had.
 C It was a way to meet new people.
- 3 Luke's dad was happy to
 A do most of the building work.
 B lend Luke money for the house.
 C show Luke how to do things.
- 4 What does Luke say about building the house?
 A He was surprised it was so easy.
 B He learned a lot while he was doing it.
 C He broke some things at the beginning.
- 5 What would Luke like to do next?
 A make another little house
 B build houses for his friends
 C move out of the family home

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4 GRAMMAR

Match the sentence halves. Write the letters. There are two letters you do not need.

- 1 She doesn't need
- 2 You mustn't
- 3 My brother and I
- 4 That's the beach
- 5 My dad is thinking
- 6 I'll really miss
- 7 I don't like it
- 8 My best friends
- 9 Mum always sings

- a forget to phone your friend.
- b where we usually go surfing.
- c while she's making the dinner.
- d when someone gets angry.
- e seeing all my friends.
- f of buying an electric guitar.
- g as well as mine.
- h both love eating ice cream.
- i better than ours.
- j will play if they can.
- k to pay for dance classes.

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

all an another both
other the

- 1 The website didn't give me much information, so I had to look at websites. 
- 2 I don't know what to get Sam for his birthday. Can you give me idea? 
- 3 the cheaper hotels were full, so we stayed in a really expensive one.
- 4 She's lost her map, so she'll need to buy one.
- 5 We didn't spend much time in art gallery because there were a lot of people inside.
- 6 'Do you prefer the green or the blue scarf?' 'I think scarves are nice.'

Match the two halves of the sentences and add *who* or *which*.

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| 1 I know a person | a only watch musicals. |
| 2 There's a new film | b looks very easy, but isn't. |
| 3 Acting is a job | c has met Steven Spielberg. |
| 4 We've got two friends | d has beds instead of seats. |
| 5 I'd love to see that cinema | e I really want to see. |