

Vocabulary

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1 Complete the sentences with the words below.

anxious challenging gripping proud windy

- 1 My parents were very _____ of me when I scored a goal in the football match.
- 2 You're looking at your mobile phone again! Are you _____ about something?
- 3 This book is _____ – I can't put it down!
- 4 It was very _____ last night – the big tree at the end of our garden fell down!
- 5 I don't like doing easy things, so I want a _____ job when I leave university.

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Listening

2 10 Listen to five people talking about recent experiences. Match the speakers (1–5) with the statements (A–F). There is one extra statement.

- A Speaker ___ had a very frightening experience.
- B Speaker ___ was surprised to get a job.
- C Speaker ___ helped to save a friend.
- D Speaker ___ had to rescue their things.
- E Speaker ___ did a well-paid job.
- F Speaker ___ feels better about something now.

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Listening

3 6 Listen to two people talking about a trip around the world. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 They decided not to fly because they were worried about the environment. _____
- 2 The ship that they travelled on didn't stop anywhere on the journey. _____
- 3 Ella was well prepared for the journey on the ship. _____
- 4 Ella and Harry enjoyed talking to the people who worked on the ship. _____
- 5 Ella thought that her camping knife was the most useful thing. _____

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Listening

4  7 Listen to four people talking about their lifestyles and attitudes to money. Match the speakers (1–4) with the statements (A–E). There is one extra statement.

- A Speaker ___ would prefer not to work for too many years.
- B Speaker ___ gets fresh ingredients from very close to where they live.
- C Speaker ___ prefers not to buy new things.
- D Speaker ___ says they aren't very good at saving money.
- E Speaker ___ sometimes doesn't spend any money for a whole day.

Reading

5 Read the blog posts. Match the writers (Emily, Mary, Stella and Cameron) with the sentences (1–5). One writer matches with two sentences.

Airbnb is a great idea. People rent out rooms in their homes so that travellers can stay in a real house rather than a hotel. There are places to stay all over the world and some are quite unusual. When I went to Paris, I stayed in Nathalie's spare room in her apartment. Although the room was nothing special, it was great to stay with a real French person. She helped me with my French and told me about some good places to go that weren't in my travel guide. One day, she even took me to her favourite café. So actually, instead of going to touristy places, I did what the locals do instead.

Emily, Manchester

I've only been camping once, but it was such a lot of work to put the tent up that I've never done it since. That's why my son booked a weekend of glamping for us. Glamping is very popular in the UK. It's like camping, but without the hard work. When we arrived at the campsite, everything was ready for us. We stayed in a Mongolian tent called a yurt. We slept in real beds and cooked our food on a fire. We even had newspapers and fresh orange juice in the morning. I loved it, but my son didn't think that it was worth all that money. I understand why he thought that, but I'll definitely do it again.

Mary, Dublin

I have the best holidays when I go to music festivals. My favourite is called WOMAD, which stands for World of Music and Dance. They happen all over the world, but the one I go to is in Wiltshire in July. I love it because you can listen to music from around the world and you can try things that you've never done before, too. There's lots of great food to eat, yoga classes, crafts and entertainment. I never get bored. Actually, I go every year, and I've already got my tickets for next year because you get a discount if you buy them early.

Stella, Cardiff

One of my favourite holidays was on a canal boat on the river Thames. It was such a relaxing holiday. You're not allowed to travel very fast on the river, so it takes ages to get anywhere and you have time to watch the ducks and look at other wildlife. My life is very busy, so it was great to have some time just to look at things. You also go past some beautiful houses on the river. I would love to do it again.

Cameron, Bristol

This writer:

- 6 goes on the same type of holiday regularly. _____
- 7 enjoyed a holiday more because they didn't have to do anything. _____
- 8 felt they learned more about a place because of where they stayed. _____
- 9 went on a holiday arranged by a family member. _____
- 10 liked the slower way of life. _____

Reading

6 Read the text. Match sentences A–G with gaps 1–5. There are two extra sentences.

Storm chasers

North America is famous for its wide open spaces, and this landscape can cause some very exciting weather. In fact, the USA has more tornadoes than any other country – there are about 1,200 every year in a part of the country called 'Tornado Alley'. This is in the centre, from North Dakota in the north to Texas and Louisiana in the south. ¹ _____ They are just normal people, but their favourite activity is following storms and getting as close as possible to a tornado! We call these people 'storm chasers', and it's quite easy to become a storm chaser these days. ² _____

Gabe Matthews is a storm chaser, and he follows the weather as often as possible. 'Seeing a powerful tornado is an amazing experience,' says Gabe, 'but it isn't easy to be in the right place at the right time. My friends and I need to do a lot of work to find a tornado and get to it. ³ _____ Then we have to wait for ages before we see the weather changing. But when that starts to happen, it's so exciting.'

Many people become storm chasers because they like the danger. But Gabe is always very careful. He tries to get close to the centre of the tornado, but not too close. 'Once I saw cars flying through the air,' says Gabe, 'and a big American truck! ⁴ _____ You don't want those cars to hit you!'

Another reason people chase storms is to film them. A news channel recently used one of Gabe's films. 'That film was exciting because it was a strong storm and it caused a lot of damage. It was great to get it on TV.' However, Gabe was even prouder of something else that he did. 'My friends and I heard screams when we were filming. ⁵ _____ They couldn't get out, so they were very relieved when we rescued them. It was great to help people like that.'

Perhaps you have to be a little crazy to be a storm chaser. Certainly, some people say that storm chasers just want to do something thrilling, But they're often the first on the scene, giving important information to the rescue services. So actually they often save lives.

- A When we know that a big tornado is coming, we have to drive a long way.
- B All you need is a mobile phone, a good car and GPS.
- C He wasn't very happy when he had to go to hospital.
- D The weather is changing in all parts of the world.
- E That was really exciting, but we watched it from far enough away.
- F It's also in this area that there are hundreds of people studying the weather.
- G We followed the sound and found some people inside a building.

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