

1 You will hear an interview with a boy called Jamie Davidson, who has just tried rock climbing for the first time. For questions 24–30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

Tips! Look carefully through the questions and options before you begin to listen.

Listen carefully for the interviewer's questions to help you keep your place in the recording. They signal when you need to move on to the next question.

24 Jamie says that the climbing centre he went to

- A specialised in courses for beginners.
- B was situated near the coast.
- C offered other sports as well.

25 How did Jamie feel when he had got his climbing equipment?

- A confused by all the things he was given
- B determined to make sure he dealt with everything correctly
- C confident once he was wearing it all

26 Jamie was doubtful at first that

- A he would know how to check the ropes as the guide had taught him.
- B the guide had enough experience to take them climbing.
- C he would enjoy the climb as much as his guide expected.

27 When they started to climb, Jamie began to

- A feel envious of his guide's climbing skills.
- B ask himself whether he was up to the trip.
- C worry about possible bad weather.

28 When Jamie was told to let go of the rock, he

- A felt relieved to see other climbers doing the same thing.
- B remembered his training about using ropes safely.
- C found it hard not to panic.

29 Jamie says that the view from the top of the rocks

- A wasn't quite what he had expected.
- B seemed hard to appreciate after the difficult climb.
- C reminded him of another view he'd seen.

30 At the top of the rock, Jamie regretted

- A being unable to take any pictures.
- B leaving his lunch behind.
- C wearing clothes that were too warm.

Advice

25 Jamie reports that he felt ready to tackle whatever lay ahead when he got his climbing gear on. What does he mean?

27 Jamie reports that it had begun to rain when they started to climb. Was he worried by it? Did he feel he couldn't manage the climb? And what did he wish about his guide, Max?

29 Jamie mentions once being at the top of a castle. What was his experience there?