

LISTENING

- 1 Listen to an interview with a young History student called Brendan. Decide if the sentences in the table are True False or Doesn't say

Sentences

1	Brendan's main subject at university is Technology.	
2	Brendan studies at university in the UK.	
3	Brendan is most interested in the nineteenth century.	
4	Brendan likes studying about unsuccessful technology the most.	
5	The bag alarm wasn't popular because it was dangerous.	
6	The computer screen hat was 40 cm across.	
7	People felt ill when they wore the computer screen hat.	
8	The computer screen hat is popular with many video gamers.	
9	The car that Brendan talks about could go very fast.	
10	No one these days owns a car like the one Brendan talks about.	

- 2 Listen to four teenagers talking about their countries. Match the questions 1–10 with the four speakers A–D. You can use the letters more than once.

Which speaker...

Speaker:

- 1 ... thinks the weather where they live isn't warm enough? _____
- 2 ... says they can get food from every continent in their city? _____
- 3 ... prefers food from another continent? _____
- 4 ... thinks food from their own country is better than food from other countries? _____
- 5 ... says that you can buy food from all over their continent in their country? _____
- 6 ... thinks that the weather in another country is worse than the weather in their country? _____
- 7 ... says that some people in their country don't like the weather in summer? _____
- 8 ... prefers the weather in another part of their country? _____
- 9 ... plays in a group? _____
- 10 ... watches films from all over the world? _____

READING

- 1 Read the text and decide if sentences 1–12 are True, False or Doesn't say. Put a cross (X) in the correct place in the table.

	True	False	Doesn't say
1 Humans now live on every continent on Earth.			
2 Humans can't live in some parts of the world.			
3 We know where the hottest place in the world is.			
4 Iran is in Asia.			
5 Libya is in the West of Africa.			
6 Death Valley is the second hottest place on Earth.			
7 It was over 70°C in Death Valley.			
8 The Loot Desert is in the east of Iran.			
9 There are very long rivers in the Loot Desert in spring.			
10 There's more rain in the Loot Desert than in most of the Sahara Desert.			
11 The Loot Desert was the hottest place on Earth in every year from 2003 to 2010.			
12 Scientists can't visit the Loot Desert in the summer because it's too hot.			

The World's Most Difficult Weather

Humans now live in most places around the world. We are good at using our intelligence to survive in some very difficult places. But there are some places on Earth which are impossible to live in. Here's one of them.

It's hard to say exactly where the hottest place in the world is because this can change from year to year. At the moment, though, this record belongs to the Loot Desert in Iran. This part of the Asian country beat America's Death Valley and Africa's El Azizia in Libya by quite a few degrees. The maximum at El Azizia was 58°C, slightly more than Death Valley's 57°C in the west of the USA, but well below the temperature of 70.7°C recorded in the east of Iran in 2005.

We often think that deserts have no water in them, but there is water here in the spring, as snow melts in the nearby mountains and flows in rivers through the area. But this soon dries up and there is little or no water there for the rest of the year. The maximum rainfall is only 100 mm per year compared to 50 mm in much of the Sahara.

In a seven-year study from 2003 to 2010, American scientists found that Loot was the hottest place on Earth for five of those seven years. They used satellites in space to measure this because it's too hot for scientists to live there!

So, when you're booking your next holiday, it's probably best to choose somewhere different to the Loot Desert.

USE OF ENGLISH

1 Choose A, B or C to correctly complete the blog entry.

Today I want to tell you all ⁰ ___ my little sister, Madeleine. She ¹ ___ born eight years ² ___ and she makes me laugh. In fact, I think she's ³ ___ person I know! I help her to ⁴ ___ her homework – she ⁵ ___ get very ⁶ ___ homework, not like me. Madeleine loves helping Mum in the kitchen. At the moment, they ⁷ ___ a cake together for my birthday. I ⁸ ___ be fifteen tomorrow. I ⁹ ___ a party with some of my friends at my house, but I ¹⁰ ___ invite the rest of my family – there are too many of them!

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| 0 A about | B around | C of |
| 1 A is | B were | C was |
| 2 A old | B ago | C past |
| 3 A the funnier | B funnier than | C the funniest |
| 4 A do | B make | C know |
| 5 A doesn't | B don't | C didn't |
| 6 A many | B much | C any |
| 7 A 's making | B make | C 're making |
| 8 A 'm going to | B 'm go to | C go to |
| 9 A have | B 'm having | C go to have |
| 10 A doesn't | B don't | C didn't |

2 Choose the best response, A, B or C, to complete these short dialogues.

0 What would you like to eat?	A I like cheese. B A burger, please. C It's delicious.
1 I can't stand Maths.	A Yes, I like it too. B No, you can't. C I don't like it either.
2 Let's go to the cinema.	A Did you enjoy the film? B What a good idea! C It's over there.
3 I think we need to do all we can to help animals.	A Sorry, but I don't agree. B I think we can too. C Perhaps that's not true.
4 Can I borrow your book?	A Sorry, I can't. B Sorry, I'm using it. C Sorry, just a second.
5 This is my friend Hattie.	A I'm fine thanks. B See you later. C Pleased to meet you.

GRAMMAR

Complete the text using the correct form of the words in brackets.

Last week was ⁰ the most enjoyable (**enjoyable**) week of my life! I ¹ _____ (**travel**) to France on a school trip and it was ² _____ (**good**) school trip ever! Before the trip, I ³ _____ (**know**) how to speak French very well, but now I do. I ⁴ _____ (**get**) to know some of the French teenagers at the local school and we had such a good time together. Our teacher ⁵ _____ (**laugh**) much usually, but he was really happy all the time we were in France. We ⁶ _____ (**have to**) do some classes in the local school, but they were OK. It ⁸ _____ (**be**) a fantastic week!

Choose the correct form to complete the text.

It ⁰ ~~were~~ / was my best friend's birthday party last
night. There ¹ *was / were* two really good DJs but he
² *doesn't want / didn't want* a band to play. One of
³ *a / the* DJs is a friend of mine. My best friend
⁴ *didn't / doesn't / can't* usually say much but he
⁵ *talks / talked / is talking* all night! I went to bed late
but I ⁶ *didn't have to / had to / mustn't* get up early
this morning – what an amazing party! At the
moment, I ⁷ *think / thought / 'm thinking* about what
to do for my own birthday – it's going to be great.

Complete the sentences by writing just ONE word in each gap.

- 0 I lived in China for many years.
- 1 What time _____ you get up in the morning?
- 2 She _____ watching sport on TV tonight! – her TV's broken.
- 3 Where _____ Christopher go with his dad yesterday?
- 4 How much milk _____ there in the fridge, please?
- 5 I _____ to start school at 8 a.m. when I was a child.
- 6 Cut up an onion into small pieces then cook _____ onion in a frying pan.