

Exercise 1: Read the text and answer the questions below.

A very nice playground was built almost 15 years ago. It had slides, sandboxes, and tunnels. Children who lived in the area liked to play there a lot. Then it was ruined. Someone burned it to the ground. Parents and children were very upset and sad. A little girl said how nice the park used to be. She said that it was a fun park to play at. Parents were worried that their children would have no place to play when the park was burned down. Many parents and neighbors hoped the playground would be rebuilt.

After the playground was destroyed, organizers got together to work on rebuilding the playground. They got new materials and were ready to rebuild. They chose a day on a weekend to start building so that people could help. The weekend they chose to rebuild the playground was not very good for working. It was raining. The organizers were worried that nobody would show up to help build the new playground.

Almost 400 people showed up to help! One woman said that she was very worried about the weather ruining their plans. She was extremely happy when she showed up and saw so many people there to help.

Bad weather did not stop volunteers from getting the work done. They are sure that they will finish the project on time and the children will be able to enjoy the playground soon.

Question 27

Children _____.

- A. did not care when the playground was burned down
- B. wanted their parents to rebuild the playground
- C. loved the playground because they could play there
- D. planned to rebuild the playground

Question 28

It is possible that the rebuilding of the playground started on _____.

- A. Saturday
- B. Monday

C. Wednesday

D. Friday

Question 29

It was raining _____.

A. but volunteers still came to start the rebuilding

B. so organizers chose another day to start the rebuilding

C. so volunteers did not come

D. but children still played at the playground

Question 30

After being rebuilt, the playground will be a place for _____.

A. gathering materials

B. campfires

C. children to play

D. parents to work

Question 31

This text is mainly about _____.

A. burning down a playground

B. playing at a park

C. working in the rain

D. rebuilding a playground

Exercise 2: Read the story and answer the questions.

Joining a ballroom dancing club

By Pippa Cartwright

When I started college, I wanted to find a club to join. One of the first ones I looked at was ballroom dancing — a type of dance you do with a partner. The people there seemed to be having a great time, and it didn't cost much, so I decided to join.

The first week I went, I was really worried because the teacher told us that there were nineteen different dances we had to learn. But it's been fine. When there's a new

thing to learn, he shows it to us lots of times and makes sure we're all good at it before we do the next thing.

When I joined, I didn't know any of the other people in the club because we all study different subjects. But it's been a great way to meet people, and I've made some of my best friends in the club.

One of the reasons we learn the dances is to enter competitions. I couldn't wait to do my first one. Before we started, I was a bit worried. But during the competition, my partner and I remembered everything about our dances. We were great. We didn't win any prizes, but it didn't matter - we loved it!

Joining the ballroom dancing club has been fantastic. In the past, I always did the same sports and activities, year after year, but ballroom dancing has taught me there's nothing scary about doing something you've never tried before. I still do lots of sports, but now I can add ballroom dancing to my list of hobbies.

Question 24

Why did Pippa join the dance club?

- A. She thought it looked fun.
- B. She didn't have to pay for it.
- C. She didn't like any of the other clubs.
- D. She had to join a club to get bonus points.

Question 25

What does Pippa say about the dance teacher?

- A. He gives personal lessons to some members.
- B. He teaches them a new dance every week.
- C. He often tells new members how good they are.
- D. He repeats new things until everyone can do them.

Question 26

What does Pippa say about the other club members?

- A. She is on the same course as some of them.
- B. She has become close to some of them.
- C. She was friends with some of them before joining.
- D. She still has no friends in the dance club.

Question 27

How did Pippa feel about her first dance competition?

- A. happy to win first prize
- B. upset that she forgot the dances
- C. excited to take part in
- D. not interested in participating in

Question 28

In the final paragraph, Pippa says _____.

- A. ballroom dancing is her favourite hobby
- B. she's learned not to be afraid to do new things
- C. she isn't sure which activity to try next
- D. she finds other activities more suitable