

1. VOCABULARY

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A) Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 I *lend / borrowed* £20 from Dave, but I'll pay him back soon.
- 2 My friend said this TV show was *exciting / long*, but I found it boring.
- 3 It's too expensive, but if I *save / spend* some money for a few weeks, I can buy it.
- 4 I didn't go to work yesterday *during / until* 11 a.m.
- 5 Jay loves her job, but unfortunately, she doesn't *earn / waste* as much money as she needs.
- 6 The final part of the drama was so *popular / sad* that it made me cry.

B) Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

reminds ambitious tiring lazy famous

- 1 If you want to be a _____ footballer, you need to train hard every day.
- 2 It was an extremely _____ meeting – I almost fell asleep!
- 3 She's really quite _____ and plans to be managing director by the time she's thirty.
- 4 I really doubt that he has the motivation to study for a qualification. He's very _____.
- 5 Can you smell that? It _____ me of when we were in Cologne in the summer of 2004.

2. READING

A) Read the article and match headings a–f with paragraphs 1–6.

- a Wanted: Missing cat
- b Lazy or brave?
- c Absent friend
- d Strange behaviour
- e The traveller returns
- f Do cats love their humans?

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It's often thought that cats are not as close to their human owners as dogs. People say that if cats find a family with better food and a more comfortable home, they will just move house. They only care about themselves. However, this is a story that shows that not all cats are like that. One cat showed that it loved its family very much indeed.

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One morning, the Gareth family were getting ready to move house. They were moving from their home in Exmouth, southern England, to Rhossili in Wales. It was about a four-hour drive. However, when they were ready to leave, they discovered that their grey and white cat, Kaboo, had gone missing. They hadn't seen her all morning. They searched for hours without finding her, then they had to leave without her. Ellie, their ten-year old daughter, was so upset that she cried all the way to their new home. The rest of the family were very sad too.

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Kaboo was a very lazy cat who didn't move much further than the back of the sofa. The only time she left her comfortable resting place was when it was time to eat. The Gareths had never seen Kaboo leave the garden before. She never stayed out there long and was afraid of all the neighbourhood cats. That's why it was so strange that she couldn't be found on the morning of their move.

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After being in their home for a couple of days, Ellie and her older sister Jo, designed posters with pictures of Kaboo on them. They asked friends back in Exmouth to post them around the neighbourhood. Their friends were happy to help. But after a month of waiting, there was still no news of Kaboo. Eventually, the girls gave up hope of seeing their pet again.

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Then, about five weeks after the move, a dirty, skinny cat arrived on their doorstep looking very hungry. Amazingly, it was Kaboo! Somehow, she had found her way to the new home in Wales. The family were so happy to see her but Kaboo didn't care. She ate some food and drank some water. Then, she walked over to her favourite place on the back of the sofa. She washed herself for a few minutes and then lay down to go to sleep. Kaboo acted like nothing strange had happened.

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It was an incredible journey for the cat. The distance is almost 275 kilometres and she had to cross the Severn Bridge, which is about 1.5 kilometres long. The Gareths don't know how Kaboo could make such a long and dangerous journey. But they now have a new respect for the pet they thought was just a lazy old cat.

3. WRITING

A) Think of one or two objects in your home. Say what the objects are, describe their shape, size, colour and so on. Also say when and how often you use them and what you use them for. Write 170 words.

4. GRAMMAR

B) Complete the sentences with could / couldn't and a verb from the box.

cook celebrate ski speak swim

- 1 Oscar lives in the mountains. He _____ when he was three.
- 2 Sarah _____ my birthday because she was ill.
- 3 He _____ well a few years ago, but he's very good in the kitchen now.
- 4 Jack's family moved to France ten years ago. He _____ French fluently when he was four.
- 5 My brother _____ when he was a child but now it's his favourite sport.

C) Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 They *spend / spent* a lot of money last week.
- 2 Su has *had / is having* problems at work recently.
- 3 We *move / 're moving* to a new city next month.
- 4 Are they *going to / will* go on holiday soon?
- 5 Jelena *stays / was staying* in Berlin when she met a colleague from work.

D) Put the verbs into the correct tense (simple present or present progressive).

- 1 Look! He _____ (leave) the house.
- 2 Quiet please! I _____ (write) a test.
- 3 She usually _____ (walk) to school.
- 4 But look! Today she _____ (go) by bike.
- 5 Every Sunday we _____ (go) to see my grandparents.

E) Use either "used to" or the Past Simple to complete each of the sentences.

- 1 I _____ (see) Marcus at the library working hard. He told me to say hello to you.
- 2 She _____ (be) a lot happier, but then she lost her job.
- 3 There _____ (be) three restaurants in this town, but two closed down leaving only one.
- 4 Did you _____ (take) a lot of photos when you were in Moscow last year?
- 5 How many hours a day did you _____ (go) to school when you were ten?