Test 3

Section 2

PRESENTER: The children's book festival is coming up again soon and here to tell us all about it is (1) ……., Jenny Morgan. So tell us what we can expect this year, Jenny.

JENNY: Well, as usual we've got five days of (2) ……... for children, with writers coming from all over the country getting involved.

Just to give you an idea of what's on offer in the workshops, first of all, there's a very special event called Superheroes. This is a chance for deaf children to (3) ……. with author Madeleine Gordon, who is herself hearing impaired.

'Just do it' is a practical workshop led by the well-known illustrator Mark Keane. He'll take participants on (4) ……... ……. with an opportunity for aspiring actors to do some role play.

'Count on me' is an inspiring and entertaining look at the issues of (5) ……. It looks at some of the friendships described in popular books and asks participants to compare these with their own experiences.

'Speak up' is part of a series of workshops (6) …… ……..... This is a creative writing workshop encouraging children to describe situations where (7) ……. A recent survey revealed that children can be lonely even when they're at home with their families.

'Jump for joy', as many of you will know, is (8) ……... ……. by Nina Karan about a young girl's trip to visit her relatives in India. It recently received the gold medal at the Waterford Awards, Nina will get children to (9) ……..

by writing a poem.

'Sticks and stones' is the beautifully illustrated picture book for young readers about a community who organise (10)…… to help local children learn about their Jamaican roots. This will be a musical event where children will (11) ……... This is bound to he very popular, so please book as soon as possible.

PRESENTER: Thanks Jenny. (12) ……. I'm just wondering if you have a favourite book you could recommend for our readers?

JENNY: It's hard to choose, but Alive and Kicking is (13) ……. You won't have heard of the writer as it's her first book — which is really impressive. It's basically (14) …….. of a boy from Somalia who comes to live in the UK. It deals with (15)…….. and all the challenges the boy has to face at school and with the language barrier, etc. Usually, books like this are quite sad, but this one actually (16) ……... On each page, there are simple but hilarious black and (17)……. of the boy with his friends and teachers. At the end of each diary entry, there are new English words the boy learns each day, which may help (18) ……...

PRESENTER: I think my kids would enjoy that. What about any advice for parents on how to encourage their children to read more?

JENNY: Well, this is something I get asked about a lot. There are (19)…….. these days that it can be hard to find time for reading. One thing I'd say is to make time to sit down with your child and (20) ……... A lot of parents give up reading aloud to their children as soon as they learn to read independently, (21) …….. It's good to read more advanced books to them as it helps to develop their vocabulary. If you don't have time for this, then (22) ……..

Often, they'll want to read books they've listened to for themselves. I think it's a good idea to (23) …… of the type of books your child is reading — often they just read the same genre all the time, which can get a bit boring. You can (24) …… …… to them. Librarians should be able to help you with this.

PRESENTER: Well Jenny, I think that's really useful…