

Gateway to the World B1

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READING

1 Read the text.

A

MasterChef Junior is the junior version of *MasterChef*, and it's really popular. It started in 1994 and it's made in 27 countries. The show is for chefs aged 8–13, and it's quite different from the adult version; the judges join in more with the young chefs, they are kinder and they give lots of positive comments – in the adult programme they criticise the chefs a lot more. You're not going to learn complicated cooking techniques, but it's a lovely family programme, and it teaches you some useful cooking skills.

B

Mythbuster Junior is an entertaining science programme. Teenagers test ideas about things that some people believe in by doing experiments to see if they are true. In one episode they tested something you see in many Hollywood movies – can normal household furniture actually help block a person trying to get in a door? The teenagers are really inspiring. They all have knowledge in areas such as inventing, engineering and computer programming and they work in teams to explore how things work and why. I love this programme, the way the groups work together, and the experiments are fascinating!

C

Little Big Shots is a talent show with a difference. There are performances and there is an audience, but there is no competition! The children are aged 3–13 years old, and they show their talents and then have a chat with the host of the programme. There's a huge variety of talents for all interests; music, dance and magic tricks are some examples. It's easy to see why this programme is so popular. It's funny and entertaining, and I like how it celebrates talent. I would definitely recommend it.

D

Shark Tank is a reality TV programme where people do a presentation about their product and then successful businesspeople, or 'sharks', decide if they would be interested in providing money and give recommendations about starting a business. There isn't a separate junior series of this programme, but the series does have special kids' episodes. Their youngest competitor was a six-year-old girl who presented the idea for a paint-on plaster for cuts. The 'sharks' are a lot nicer than on the adult programme, but I was a bit disappointed as many of the children's ideas seem to come from their parents.

2 Then match the correct TV programme (A, B, C or D) to each question.

- 1 Which show has the youngest contestants? ____
- 2 Which show has presenters who help the contestants? ____
- 3 Which programme has people who have to present their ideas to others? ____
- 4 Which show has people who test ideas to see if they work in real life? ____
- 5 Which programme has young people who want to start a business? ____
- 6 Which show has different versions across the world? ____

Score: / 6

3 Complete the sentences. Write one to two words for each sentence.

- 1 *MasterChef Junior* has versions in _____ different countries.
- 2 In *Mythbuster Junior*, teenagers _____ to find out if certain facts are true or not.
- 3 The blogger thinks that *Mythbuster Junior* is _____.
- 4 The blogger says that *Little Big Shots* is popular because the show has many _____ talents on show.
- 5 *Shark Tank* is a type of _____ show.
- 6 The sharks on *Shark Tank* only give _____ to the contestants if they are interested in their product.

Score: / 6

4 Choose the best answer.

- 1 How are the judges different on the junior version of *MasterChef*?
 - A They are less polite.
 - B They are more patient.
 - C They help the chefs more often.
- 2 What can you learn from *MasterChef Junior*?
 - A How to cook difficult meals.
 - B How to work in a team.
 - C How to do some helpful cooking tricks.
- 3 What knowledge do the teenagers have on *Mythbuster Junior*?
 - A They know about a scientific area.
 - B They know about Hollywood movie tricks.
 - C They know how to build household furniture.
- 4 What is unusual about *Little Big Shots*?
 - A Children sing on the programme.
 - B It is not a contest.
 - C There isn't an audience.
- 5 What do the children do on *Little Big Shots* after they show their talent?
 - A They talk with the presenter.
 - B They vote on the other competitors.
 - C They sit with the audience.
- 6 Why are the junior episodes of *Shark Tank* different to those with adults?
 - A The show is shorter in length.
 - B The sharks are more pleasant.
 - C The products being shown are more interesting.

Score: / 6

USE OF ENGLISH

5 Complete the text with the correct words.

These days we 1 _____ spending less time watching traditional TV as more and more people use streaming services and the Internet 2 _____ entertainment and information. For this reason, some people say that traditional television is finished. Television can be a great way to watch programmes 3 _____ talent shows and chat shows, but many people are now using services such as Netflix to watch different types 4 _____ series. The way we use television 5 _____ also changed. In the past, thousands and sometimes millions of people would frequently watch the 6 _____ television programme and then talk about it the next day with their friends. How 7 _____ does that happen now? These days many people prefer to have the option of 8 _____ television series, instead of having to wait for the next episode. Think about where you get your entertainment these days. How do you think television has changed?

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| 1 A is | B can | C are | D be |
| 2 A on | B as | C to | D for |
| 3 A like | B some | C and | D as |
| 4 A on | B of | C at | D about |
| 5 A has | B had | C is | D are |
| 6 A more | B similar | C evening | D same |
| 7 A frequent | B are | C often | D long |
| 8 A viewing | B binge-watching | C streaming | D screening |

Score: / 8

GRAMMAR

6 Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in the box. There is one adjective you do not need.

cheap endangered far frequent funny health relax safe

- 1 Scientists think very hot summers will be _____ in the future.
- 2 Look, these trainers are on sale online. They're _____ I've seen!
- 3 Eating fresh food is _____ than eating fast food.

- 4 The Sumatran rhino is _____ animal in the world.
- 5 I find yoga _____ than doing sports. I always feel calmer afterwards.
- 6 Is Neptune _____ planet from the Sun?

Score: / 6

7 Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives given.

- 1 Spaghetti is _____ (**thin**) than some other types of pasta.
- 2 In my opinion, beach holidays are _____ (**good**) than mountain holidays.
- 3 Basketball is _____ (**popular**) in the US than soccer.
- 4 Facebook is the _____ (**big**) international social media company.
- 5 That's the _____ (**funny**) cat video I've seen.
- 6 It's the _____ (**bad**) TV series I've watched; it was really boring.

Score: / 6

8 Complete the sentences using *a bit*, *a lot*, *slightly*, *far* and *much*.

- 1 That restaurant is _____ more popular than the other one. It's always so busy!
- 2 Serena Williams (born 1981) is _____ younger than her sister Venus (born 1980).
- 3 Walking this way takes an hour longer, the route is _____ longer.
- 4 In my opinion, reading comics is _____ more interesting than reading novels. I like them both, but I read comics all the time.
- 5 JK Rowling has sold _____ more books (500 million) than Suzanne Collins (100 million).
- 6 Video games are sometimes half the price if you buy them in the sales. It's usually _____ cheaper this way.

Score: / 6

9 Complete the text with too or (not) enough.

Sean: Did you have your surfboarding class yesterday?

Katy: Yes, it was great fun, but I spent most of the class sitting on the board!

Sean: Why? Was it (a) _____ difficult to stand up?

Katy: Yes! After practising on the beach, when we went in the water, I didn't have (b) _____ strength in my legs!

Sean: Oh, are you going to do another class?

Katy: Definitely, do you want to come? If we have (c) _____ people, we can do a class after school.

Sean: No thanks, the water is (d) _____ cold for me!

Katy: Don't worry, the club has (e) _____ wetsuits for everyone, so you won't get cold.

Sean: OK, what time is the class? I don't want to get home (f) _____ late.

Katy: At 6 pm, we'll be out of the water by 8 pm because after that time there is (g) _____ daylight to see well.

Score: / 7

VOCABULARY

10 Choose the best answer to complete the text.

1 I'm not keen on horror films with monsters, I find them, really _____.

A funny B scary C brilliant D entertaining

2 He writes the most amazing stories! His ideas are so imaginative and _____, not like anything else.

A original B awful C informative D annoying

3 Have you read her book? It's about her life and the wonderful things she's done. It's really _____.

A violent B inspiring C annoying D dull

4 She thought it was a really _____ joke and she couldn't stop laughing.

A awful B moving C informative D funny

5 The film got a really terrible review, and the critics said it was _____!

A violent B entertaining C awful D inspiring

Score: / 5

11 Read the definitions and then write the correct type of TV programme.

- 1 a programme that doesn't use professional actors and shows situations involving ordinary people _____
- 2 a programme where people compete to be the best singer or dancer _____
- 3 a programme about detectives who arrest criminals _____
- 4 a programme that shows facts about events and real people _____
- 5 a programme where the story is about a world that does not exist _____

Score: / 5

12 Read the text and complete with words connected to TV and online video.

I use different (a) _____ to watch TV, mostly Netflix. At the moment, I'm watching the third (b) _____ of *Stranger Things*. I've only got two more (c) _____ before I find out the ending, so I've asked my friends not to tell me any (d) _____ as I want the ending to be a surprise! I also watch TV on different (e) _____ so that I can watch my favourite programmes when I'm on the go.

Score: / 5

13 Complete the sentences with the correct adjective form of the verbs in the box. There are two verbs you do not need.

annoy bore confuse disappoint entertain inspire move

- 1 He thought the characters were really _____ and not very realistic.
- 2 They were feeling _____, so they decided to switch off the television and go out and do something different.
- 3 The story had so many different characters and storylines that some people thought it was too _____.

- 4 When they met up again at the end of the film, I wanted to cry. it was so _____.
- 5 I loved the books, so I thought I'd love the films too, but I was _____.

Score: / 5

14 Read the dialogue and complete with the words in the box.

channel contestants episode mobile device season

Annabelle: Did you watch last night's (a) _____ of *Dancing on Ice*?

Michael: No, I'm not sure I know that programme, what's it about?

Annabelle: It's a dancing competition where celebrities are the (b) _____, and they dance with professional ice skaters in a competition. It's really exciting! Next week is the final and the public can vote on the winners by phone, tablet or any (c) _____.

Michael: Sounds good, I'll have to watch it; what (d) _____ is it on?

Annabelle: It's on ITV. I've watched it for years and this is the 12th (e) _____!

Score: / 5