

PRACTICE 13

You are going to read a letter to the editor of a newspaper. Six sentences have been removed from the letter. Choose from the sentences (A – H) to fit each gap (1 – 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

I have been a resident of Taman Petaling for more than forty years. (1) _____
Petaling playground is a part of my past and my present. It doesn't have wonderful facilities, it is just a basic recreation ground.
(2) _____ Children big and small play on the swings and slides. (3) _____
Teenagers play football, futsal and other games. Couples walk hand in hand along the paths or sit on the benches talking. (4) _____ I know we need to progress and the playground is old but do we need to build, of all things, a shopping complex? Have the authorities considered the consequences?
(5) _____ People will be confined to their homes. (6) _____ This area has always been peaceful and quiet but now things will be different. Do we really need a shopping complex in a residential area? Please leave the Petaling playground as it is, even if it is a bit rundown.

Concerned Resident

- A People walk their dogs and exercise here in the morning.
- B There are many shops and houses.
- C Children will have nowhere to go to play.
- D I am very upset with the local Town Council's plan to build a shopping complex where the Petaling playground is now.
- E It is a place where people of all ages go to for recreation.
- F To make matters worse the traffic will be unbearable.
- G They don't hurt themselves as the whole area is grass and not concrete.
- H It is a small and old playground but people are happy.

PRACTICE 14

You are going to read a text about the moon. Six sentences have been removed from the text. Choose from the sentences (A – H) to fit each gap (1 – 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Scientists believe that the Moon was formed when another planet in our solar system, named Theia, collided with Earth some 4.5 billion years ago. (1) _____

For centuries, the moon has remained an important part of our culture. The regular phases of the Moon were used to mark the passing of time. (2) _____ For example, Islam's symbol is a crescent moon.

Humans have studied the Moon for thousands of years. We now understand many things about the Moon. The Moon is a sphere. (3) _____

(4) _____ Astronauts from the United States landed on the Moon, performed experiments and collected samples. (5) _____ However, India and China have both sent space missions in the last ten years. (6) _____

- A Moonlight was in fact reflected sunlight and that the Moon caused eclipses of the sun.
- B It is believed that the Moon is part of our solar system.
- C Many cultures worshipped and revered the Moon.
- D They have discovered, among other things, that water exists on the Moon in the form of ice.
- E In July of 1969, humans visited the Moon for the first time.
- F The Moon is very significant in our lives.
- G Theia was destroyed by the impact and the fragments formed what is now the Moon.
- H Humans have not returned to the Moon since 1972.