

Test 1 Exam practice

Reading and Use of English • Part 1

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

0 A support B assist C co-operate D benefit

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Tip! Remember to read the example and title before you read through the task.

Look carefully at the words that come before and after each of the gaps.

Tip! If you don't know which option is correct, cross out any you know are wrong. This gives you fewer options to concentrate on.

Dolphins

There have been countless stories of dolphins appearing to (0) with humans. But a recent incident has convinced a group of lifeguards that some dolphins were (1) attempting to help them – by protecting them from a shark!

The lifeguards were on a training exercise in the sea when the dolphins swam towards them at considerable (2), then circled them repeatedly, hitting the surface of the water with their fins. At first, the swimmers were puzzled by the dolphins' (3), but then began to fear they'd swum too close to some baby dolphins by (4), and disturbed them.

Suddenly, one of the lifeguards spotted a small shark some way off. He realised that the dolphins had been (5) a lot of noise and causing general chaos in order to (6) off the shark. And to his relief, they (7) in doing so, because the shark soon disappeared. However, the dolphins insisted on staying until a colleague's boat safely (8) the swimmers. What an experience!



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| 1 | A surely | B absolutely | C totally | D definitely |
| 2 | A distance | B pace | C time | D speed |
| 3 | A occupation | B behaviour | C situation | D attitude |
| 4 | A accident | B confusion | C error | D fault |
| 5 | A doing | B making | C having | D trying |
| 6 | A call | B set | C put | D take |
| 7 | A managed | B succeeded | C achieved | D resulted |
| 8 | A picked up | B came over | C got away | D caught up |

Advice

0 Only **co-operate** can be followed by **with** in this context.

4 Which of these nouns can follow **by**? Look at the training exercises if you are unsure.

5 This is part of a collocation. Which verb can go with **noise**?

7 Only two of these verbs can be used with **in**. You need to think about the meaning to choose between them.

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Reading and Use of English • Part 2

For questions 9–16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Tip! You might find that you can think of several words which could fit a gap. Read the text around the gap very carefully as only one word will fit.

Example: 0 M U C H

Water

We all know that water is essential for our health, and that we should drink as (0) of it as possible. Yet in (9) of this, many of us still don't drink enough, so bottled water is a good way of (10) sure we drink clean water while we're on the move.

Unfortunately though, the manufacture of all those plastic bottles can result in a lot of waste, (11) to the amount of oil required. It's actually (12) equivalent of keeping a million cars on the road for a year! Also, if empty bottles are (13) properly disposed of, they can cause a major pollution hazard.

However, there are steps we can take to improve the situation. For example, very (14) of the plastic bottles we use get recycled. So (15) of throwing them in the bin, we should send them to a recycling centre where the plastic can be re-used. And in many countries now, the water (16) comes straight from the tap is perfectly clean and safe to drink so perhaps many of us don't need to buy bottled water at all.

Advice

9 This sentence is **contrasting** with the sentence before it, so it needs a contrasting link.

11 This part of the sentence is giving a **reason** for plastic bottles causing waste. What kind of link is suitable?

13 Will this part of the sentence be positive or negative? Read on to the second half of the sentence before you decide.

