

## FIRST READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

## PART 1



1

**Hobbies and leisure**

1a

Complete the sentences with the correct word from the box.

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- I'm not very keen ..... science fiction films, but the rest of my family loves them.
- I'm interested ..... taking up scuba diving, but it's an expensive hobby.
- My father has always been fascinated ..... architecture and loves visiting old castles.
- I used to prefer rock and folk music, but I've really got ..... jazz recently.
- John is very excited ..... starting tennis lessons next week.
- Maria is quite pleased ..... her daughter's progress in her ballet class.
- Some people can become addicted ..... playing computer games.
- Antonia is brilliant ..... cooking; I wish I could do it as well as her!

1b

Complete the sentences with the correct preposition and your own ideas.

- I'm very keen .....
- My best friend is brilliant .....
- I'm really excited .....
- Many people are addicted .....
- Lately, I've really got .....

2

Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

- The *viewers* / *spectators* in the stadium cheered for their team.
- Jacob decided to take *place* / *part* in a cooking competition.
- Rachel *took* / *set up* painting because she wanted to make better use of her free time.
- I really enjoyed the *demonstration* / *exhibition* of eighteenth-century art at the city gallery.
- My favourite singer is *giving* / *running* a concert in my home town and I hope to see her.
- I go to the cinema regularly and like to see *moving* / *thrilling* films that are very emotional.
- Elena enjoys reading detective stories with complicated but interesting *schemes* / *plots*.
- He is a very *sociable* / *sensible* person who loves meeting new people in his free time.

 **Exam task**
**3**

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 taste      B appeal      C interest      D attraction

Example answer: B

**The joy of photography**

Photography is a hobby with wide **(0)** ..... . And I don't mean taking photos on your mobile phone, though it cannot be **(1)** ..... that such pictures can be surprisingly good these days. Serious photography means taking the **(2)** ..... to do some research, exploring the technical **(3)** ..... of the subject and investing in what might be quite expensive equipment. So why take up photography? Firstly, it allows you to **(4)** ..... special moments that you want to remember forever. In addition, it **(5)** ..... your imagination because you are always in search of ideas for original and out of the ordinary photos.

However, a lot of practice is required before you **(6)** ..... to take really good pictures on a regular basis. When you finally do it, it will be a **(7)** ..... of great satisfaction for you. Photography can also transform the way you look at the world. You start to see details that in the past you used to miss **(8)** ..... . All in all, it's a highly absorbing hobby.

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|---|-------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 | A rejected        | B contradicted | C denied     | D refused    |
| 2 | A trouble         | B care         | C effort     | D concern    |
| 3 | A characteristics | B forms        | C qualities  | D aspects    |
| 4 | A seize           | B capture      | C grab       | D catch      |
| 5 | A motivates       | B renews       | C stimulates | D reacts     |
| 6 | A manage          | B succeed      | C achieve    | D reach      |
| 7 | A reason          | B cause        | C source     | D means      |
| 8 | A utterly         | B completely   | C fully      | D absolutely |

 **Exam facts**

- In this part, you read a text with eight gaps in it.
- You have to choose the correct word (A, B, C or D) for each gap.

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## PART 1



## 2

**Travel and holidays**

1

**Complete the sentences with the correct word from the box.**

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1. Luke saw his friends ..... the crowd of tourists outside the castle.
2. I went for a tour ..... the city and was impressed by how beautiful it was.
3. In Rome there are kilometres of tunnels ..... the city.
4. It was getting late so we decided to head ..... to the campsite.
5. It was really relaxing taking a walk ..... the river.
6. In the distance, ..... the mountain range, there is a huge lake.
7. Our guide led us ..... the caves and showed us their interesting features.
8. Many important events have happened ..... the walls of this palace.

2

**Choose the alternative for each sentence which is NOT correct.**

1. We went on a *travel* / *trip* / *journey* to the jungle.
2. I enjoyed the beautiful *view* / *scenery* / *outlook* from the top of the hill.
3. The family *boarded* / *got on* / *embarked* the bus and it left almost immediately.
4. Giorgio packed his two *bags* / *luggage* / *suitcases* and took the early train.
5. The train *fare* / *fee* / *ticket* was much more expensive than Anna expected.
6. On the way to Scotland we sat in the front *coach* / *carriage* / *cabin* of the train.
7. A river *voyage* / *trip* / *cruise* is the best way to go sightseeing.
8. We decided to take a *charter* / *programmed* / *scheduled* flight to Spain.

3

**In pairs, ask and answer the following questions.**

1. Where do you usually go on holiday?
2. Do you usually go to places where there are lots of tourists, or do you go to less well-known places?
3. What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of exploring less well-known places when travelling?

 **Exam task**

4

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 represent      B indicate      C refer      D mention

Example answer: C



**Off the beaten track**

The expression 'getting off the beaten track' is used to (0) ..... to the experience of avoiding famous tourist attractions and choosing instead to explore less well-known places when travelling.

For many people the whole (1) ..... of travel is to visit cities such as Paris or Venice that have a great (2) ..... as places of beauty and historic importance. Furthermore, they are not particularly (3) ..... by the crowds that are usually found in such locations. But for others who have more of a (4) ..... of adventure, a good holiday must (5) ..... unfamiliar experiences, even taking some risks.

Travelling off the beaten track may be done by some students who don't (6) ..... to a rigid plan, but make decisions about what to do depending on how they feel. Other travellers prefer to spend money on guided tours to unusual locations. Such tours are designed to (7) ..... their particular needs, and all the arrangements are made for them. However people choose to get off the beaten track, the hope is always the same: to have a special, often unique (8) ..... of a different culture.

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|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 A worth      | B point         | C aim        | D profit    |
| 2 A favour     | B approval      | C reputation | D opinion   |
| 3 A bothered   | B interrupted   | C offended   | D disturbed |
| 4 A feeling    | B impression    | C mood       | D sense     |
| 5 A possess    | B consist       | C involve    | D concern   |
| 6 A fix        | B stick         | C fasten     | D attach    |
| 7 A please     | B fit           | C agree      | D meet      |
| 8 A experience | B understanding | C awareness  | D knowledge |

 **Exam tips**

- Read through the whole text first.
- Look at the words before and after each gap.
- Try each word (A, B, C and D) in the gap and decide which is correct. If you are not sure, choose the word that you think best fits the gap.

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3

**Sport**

1

**Choose the correct verb to complete the sentences.**

1. I *play / practise / go* jogging every morning before work.
2. I *go / take / make* plenty of exercise every week because I walk to work!
3. Most experts say that *keeping / going / making* fit is very important if you sit at a desk all day.
4. Tony *plays / practises / makes* tennis at a local club when he has some free time.
5. Clara *hit / beat / shot* the ball really hard and it went into the net.
6. The class *make / do / play* gymnastics once a week in the new gym.
7. The school football team *beat / won / succeeded* every team they played this term.
8. I did a course to *develop / expand / progress* my tennis skills.

2a

**Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets, -ing or to + infinitive.**

1. Elena can't stand ..... (play) football; she prefers athletics.
2. I regretted ..... (do) the extra training session because I felt so tired afterwards.
3. Lucas is planning ..... (take up) skiing next year.
4. Nicole really enjoys ..... (go) for long runs in the hills near her home.
5. The squash player managed ..... (win) the final game despite being exhausted.
6. Leo refused ..... (join) his local gym even though his friends were all members.
7. My mother is considering ..... (enter) a golf tournament next month.
8. We knew we were unlikely ..... (lose) against a very weak and inexperienced team.

2b

**Complete the sentences with your own ideas.**

1. I can't stand .....
2. I'm considering .....
3. My friends and I really enjoy .....
4. The weather is likely .....
5. My family's planning .....

 **Exam task**
**3**

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 complete B finish C fulfil D succeed

Example answer: C

**Coming second: pleasure or pain?**

Every ambitious athlete hopes to (0) ..... their dream of winning a gold medal at the Olympics.

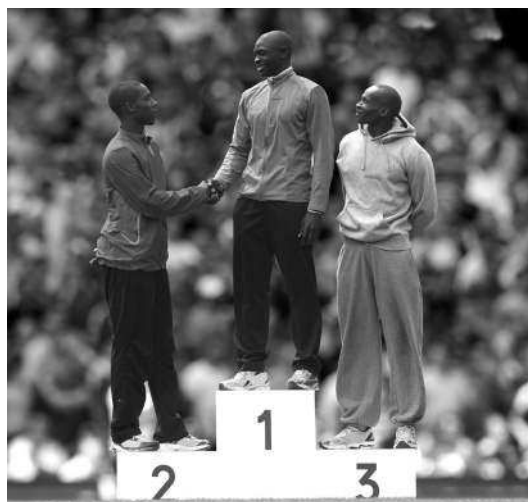
However, not everyone can win, and often talented athletes must accept second place. A team of psychologists recently (1) ..... some research

on the emotional responses of those finishing second. For certain individuals, a silver medal may (2) ..... their expectations and so naturally they will be delighted. They may also enjoy surprising experts and journalists who believed they had absolutely no (3) ..... of achieving anything.

In (4) ....., the athlete who everyone assumed would win with ease, but then suffers a (5) ..... defeat, may not celebrate their silver medal. This reaction differs sharply from the athlete who comes second but finished a long way behind the winner. There is a (6) ..... in the research that shows such a person will feel significantly happier.

To a certain (7) ....., these findings are not surprising. Silver medallists who were close to victory will almost certainly (8) ..... on what might have happened if they had trained harder, or done things differently.

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|---|--------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 | A controlled | B conducted | C directed    | D guided        |
| 2 | A exceed     | B overtake  | C pass        | D overcome      |
| 3 | A outlook    | B view      | C estimate    | D prospect      |
| 4 | A opposition | B contrast  | C distinction | D contradiction |
| 5 | A thin       | B tight     | C narrow      | D slight        |
| 6 | A habit      | B trend     | C custom      | D tendency      |
| 7 | A extent     | B amount    | C range       | D level         |
| 8 | A review     | B wonder    | C consider    | D reflect       |


 **Get it right!**

Look at the sentence below. Then try to correct the mistake.

When I was at primary school, I enjoyed to play basketball.

## FIRST READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

## PART 2



1

**Health and fitness**

1 Complete the text with the words in the box. There are two words you do not need to use.

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Michael Green loved swimming from (1) ..... early age. He took (2) ..... opportunity that came along to spend time in his local pool. As he got older, he regularly entered local competitions, (3) ..... of which he won. This perfect record attracted a lot of attention and he started working with a coach. (4) ..... training sessions paid off and Michael rapidly improved his speed and strength. However, (5) ..... believed that he would continue to work so hard, especially when he had so (6) ..... schoolwork to do. But winning (7) ..... national championship was his dream, and (8) ..... was what motivated him. However, Michael went on to achieve even more than this, becoming the world champion before his eighteenth birthday.

**Exam task**

2 For questions 1–8, 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).

Example: (0) NO

**Running a marathon**

So you want to run a marathon? There is (0) ..... doubt that running 42 kilometres is a great achievement. Many training plans involve running four times a week for at (1) ..... three months, and sometimes longer. Experts strongly recommend that you should (2) ..... used to running long distances gradually. If you don't, it can increase the chances (3) ..... picking up an injury. It (4) ..... generally thought that runners should initially go on fairly relaxed training runs. The pace should be gentle enough to allow you (5) ..... have a conversation with someone running alongside you. Don't make the mistake of eating too little before the race, or you will rapidly run (6) ..... of energy. But (7) ..... should you eat a large meal. It goes without saying that choosing the right footwear is also essential. (8) ..... you do, avoid clothes made of cotton and go for artificial materials, or even some types of wool such as merino. Choose clothing that will be comfortable.

**3a****Read the sentences. Choose the correct word for each space, a, b or c.**

- The diet ..... I'm on is quite boring, to be honest.  
a who                      b what                      c which
- My fitness trainer is someone ..... everyone likes and trusts.  
a which                      b who                      c whose
- That's the gym ..... I go to three times a week, even when I'm busy.  
a what                      b where                      c which
- The nutritionist ..... ideas I'm interested in has just published a new book.  
a whose                      b whom                      c which
- There aren't many days ..... I don't go jogging in the park.  
a which                      b where                      c when
- By the time I was 12, there weren't many sports ..... I hadn't tried.  
a what                      b which                      c who
- The stadium in ..... I train once a week is in the north of the city.  
a which                      b where                      c whose
- People don't understand ..... I have to do to maintain this level of fitness.  
a which                      b what                      c that

**3b****Complete the sentences with a relative pronoun (*who, which, when*) and your own ideas.**

- There aren't many days ..... I don't .....
- By the time I was ten, there weren't many .....  
I hadn't tried.
- A sports person ..... I admire is .....
- ..... is a country ..... I would like to visit.

**Exam facts**

- In this part, you read a text with eight gaps in it.
- You have to write a word that fits each gap.

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