

READING TEST 1: Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Lost in the mountains

When you're a mountain rescue volunteer, you never know when you're going to be called to work. We go out in all weather, and at any time of the day or night. If someone is in danger, there's no time to lose. On New Year's Day last year, I was sitting down to breakfast with my family. (1) Two hikers had decided to celebrate the new year by walking along a mountain ridge in County Kerry, Ireland, just a few miles from my home. They were staying in a small guest house, and had set off early on New Year's Eve. When they didn't return by the following morning, their host became worried and called the police. (2)

I was just one of 12 volunteers who left our breakfast tables and set out to look for the missing hikers. We pushed through strong winds and thick cloud, calling and listening over and over again. (3) It was too cold to survive for long out on the mountains, and the hikers had been missing for a whole day and night. (4) I shouted out, and was relieved to hear a voice about back. (5) They were so happy to see us. They explained that they'd got lost, and the winds had been too strong for them to keep walking. Luckily, they had warm clothes, food and the tent.

We led them back down the mountain and returned them to their guest house, where a delicious hot meal was waiting for them and for the rescue volunteer team. They said that they'll never forget that New Year's Day when they were rescued by local people who became heroes.

- A The police called Kerry Mountain Rescue Team.
- B The hikers were huddled together in a small tent between two large rocks.
- C They said it's extremely dangerous to go hiking in bad weather.
- D Nobody answered back so we began to lose hope.
- E We didn't know they had already found their way home.
- F Suddenly, I heard the sound of a whistle.
- G We were just about to start eating when my phone rang.
- H After searching all night, we gave up and went back home.

USE OF ENGLISH TEST 1: For each question, choose the correct answer.

Sheep can recognise faces!

Many people think sheep aren't very intelligent creatures. But in fact, (1) to new research, they may be cleverer than we think. For example, sheep can actually be trained to recognise human faces from photographs!

Recognising faces is an important human social (2) However, it seems that sheep are also social animals that can recognise other sheep as well as (3) humans. In experiments, researchers trained eight sheep to recognise the faces of celebrities from photographs. Training involved getting the sheep to (4) decisions about the photos they saw. At one end of a room, they would

see two different photographs, and would receive a (5) of food for approaching the photograph of the celebrity; if they approached the wrong photograph, they got nothing. Over time, they learned to (6) getting food with the celebrity's photograph. And after training, the sheep correctly chose the celebrity's face eight times out of ten!

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| 1 | A regarding | B following | C resulting | D according |
| 2 | A skill | B talent | C knowledge | D method |
| 3 | A ordinary | B usual | C familiar | D frequent |
| 4 | A set | B make | C have | D do |
| 5 | A reward | B benefit | C tip | D goal |
| 6 | A attach | B join | C add | D connect |

Fill in the correct prepositions from the list below.

BY - FOR - FROM - IN - INTO - ON - OUT OF - UNDER

- Those trousers went _____ fashion many years ago.
- We heard about the natural disaster _____ the news.
- I was _____ the impression that we didn't want to offend him.
- Unemployment is _____ the increase in many European countries.
- I don't know _____ certain, but I think she's on leave at the moment.
- There was nothing there anymore, so we had to start _____ scratch.
- I ran _____ my old teacher the other day. It was nice to meet him again.
- The unexpected success of the company took us _____ surprise.
- All trains leaving from platform 4 are _____ time.
- _____ my opinion, she must be the greatest athlete of all times.
- There is a big ceremony being held _____ honour of the killed soldiers.
- I'm sorry. I must have done it _____ mistake.
- She waved me good-bye until our car was _____ sight.
- I am not allowed to give them any alcohol. They are all _____ age.
- He told us _____ brief what he wanted to do, but didn't go into much detail.
- Jack has gone to New York _____ business.
- You must be tired. Why don't you take a break _____ a change.
- We have to be there _____ ten at the latest. Otherwise, they won't let us in.
- My mother is suffering _____ cancer and there is not much hope for her.
- They had to translate the document from English _____ Spanish.

Choose the correct adjectives from the list!

accustomed	asleep	available	awake	baked
empty	lit	populated	short	surprised

- We've been here for a week, but I must say we've been pleasantly _____ by the high quality of the hotel's service.
- He lies _____ most nights because he always thinks of his ill mother.
- Every morning you can get freshly _____ bread and rolls in the shop.
- The cellar was dimly _____, so we had to take a flashlight with us.
- There are drinks and energy bars freely _____ for all the runners who take part in the marathon.
- They have slowly grown _____ to the bad weather that you have at this time of the year.
- The noise downstairs keeps them from falling _____ most nights.
- There's not much going on during the off-season and most of the hotels are standing _____.
- This part of Australia is not a really densely _____ area.
- There are so many activities in the camp so that you never run _____ of things to do.

Use the word in brackets to form a new word that fits into the blank!

1. Janet gave all her _____ to her mother so that she could pay for her father's burial. **(SAVE)**
2. Mr Conwell was _____ and ended the conversation after only 5 minutes. **(PATIENT)**
3. My sister can sometimes be very _____, so just do what she says. **(PERSUADE)**
4. I'm very worried about the _____ of some students. They just don't seem to care about their education. **(RESPONSIBLE)**
5. It was an _____ journey. We experienced a lot of problems but were able to cope with all of them. **(EVENT)**
6. There are a lot of politicians who enjoy _____ and always want to be in the media. **(PUBLIC)**
7. The _____ referee saw the foul and sent the player off. **(OBSERVE)**
8. My mother suffers from _____ panic attacks. **(PERIOD)**
9. _____ were handed out to promote the opening of the new cinema **(FLY)**.

Read the text about how we spend our free time. Decide which of the four words best fits each space. Write the correct word into the space provided.

Free time trends

(1) _____ people all over the world are working longer hours. We also have more leisure time than ever before. After sleeping and working, watching TV is by far the most (2) _____ leisure activity the world over.

The British watch more TV than any other nation in Europe, but they read more too. The (3) _____ majority, eighty-five per cent, read newspapers, and 54% regularly read books.

Two thirds of modern European women work full-time, but they still do the main (4) _____ of the housework too. Husbands help in the household more than they did in former (5) _____. No wonder that many working women say they are stressed and (6) _____.

According to the latest (7) _____ by supermarkets, the average British family spends just 11 minutes preparing for the main evening meal. Almost half of all UK families in the UK eat together only once a month or (8) _____.

More than half of young people in the UK have a fulltime job (9) _____ the age of 19, but the (10) _____ of young Spanish and Italian people do not start full-time work until they are 24.

The average American fourteen-year-old (11) _____ only half an hour a day doing homework, and less than a fifth of them participate in sports, music or have other hobbies. (12) _____, 65 % say they spend their time chatting on their mobiles and (13) _____ out with friends in shopping malls.

In the UK, pensioners are almost twice as active as teenagers, according to (14) _____ research. People over 65 spend nearly two hours a day (15) _____ physical activities such as walking, cycling or gardening. However, surprisingly, people who use the Internet (16) _____ do more sport than people who never use it.

1. In general	Although	However	Despite
2. joint	common	regular	general
3. huge	massive	wide	vast
4. cut	portion	part	piece
5. times	ages	periods	dates
6. alert	sleepy	exhausted	spent
7. inspections	examinations	explorations	research
8. fewer	less	least	smaller
9. with	up to	by	under
10. majority	most	bulk	mass
11. fills	occupies	uses	spends
12. In spite of	Nevertheless	Despite	Instead
13. falling	hanging	running	dropping
14. recent	newest	latest	last
15. exercising	having	making	doing
16. evenly	regularly	completely	wholly

