

Preparation 4 | Vocabulary [I]

Choose the best word or phrase to replace the word in bold.

- 1 A good firewall will prevent most attacks. But what do you do if a virus, worm or even a cookie has got into your system? This easy-to-follow guide will show you how to identify suspicious files and **isolate** them.

a quarantine
b copy
c save

- 2 A mangrove forest **constitutes** a complex ecosystem. The leaves of the mangrove, when they fall and decompose, provide essential nutrients for the marine environment. It is not only marine life living in the mangrove forest itself that benefits, as the creatures found there form part of extended and complicated food chains.

a requires
b represents
c develops

- 3 Back in the sixteenth century, an act of parliament was passed called the *Act of Uniformity*. At that time, many Cornish people neither spoke nor understood English, but they were forced to **adopt** it. Those protesting often paid with their lives.

a reject
b analyse
c accept

- 4 The disease continued to spread around the globe. It reached Japan in the sixth century and **swept** through Europe in the eleventh and twelfth centuries. As travel became more common, the virus spread around the world, bringing suffering and death to hundreds of millions of people.

a struggled
b wandered
c raced

- 5 It not only responds to a variety of stimuli such as sight, sound, touch and temperature thanks to its in-built sensors, but also has a particular daily rhythm. In other words, it could be **perky** in the morning but later exhibit signs of readiness for a midday nap.

a irritable
b lively
c sleepy

- 6 Every three-year-old is different, with varying interests and capabilities. We should never make assumptions about a child's readiness to learn any new skill solely on the basis of their age; they don't fall into **neat** categories.

a regular
b ultimate
c theoretical

- 7 The inventors have **cited** a number of reasons why the implementation of animal therapy can be difficult. Some of the people coming into contact with the animals may suffer allergic reactions, for example.

a argued against
b ruled out
c pointed out

- 8 However, in 1960, an archaeologist by the name of George Bass determined to explore a shipwreck in Turkish waters. The wreck dated back to the Bronze Age and constituted a **significant** archaeological find.

a profitable
b disturbing
c noteworthy

- 9 And even if they are **suitably** qualified, you could find yourself in the difficult position of being the boss during working hours and then reverting to the role of friend or relative as soon as you close up shop.

a fully
b appropriately
c professionally

10 After questioning the 770 people working there, it was found that the system did appear to be effective in reducing symptoms of SBS. For instance, the number of people reporting **respiratory** difficulties fell by 40% and the figure for those reporting irritation of the eyes, nose and throat dropped by a third.

- a mental
- b breathing
- c learning

11 Although the underwater archaeologist works in different conditions from his or her **counterpart** on land, they follow some of the same procedures. An initial survey of the site to be investigated must be carried out, involving measurements, mapping, photography and video footage.

- a equivalent
- b assistant
- c partner

12 It is during the early years of trading that a small business is most **susceptible**. In fact, it has been estimated that about twenty per cent of all new businesses fold in their first year and fifty per cent before the first three years are out.

- a intimidating
- b profitable
- c vulnerable

13 Polluted clouds have a larger number of water droplets than unpolluted ones and this makes them much more reflective. So here we have another **cause of** sunlight being reflected back into space rather than reaching the earth's surface.

- a reason for
- b effect on
- c ration of

14 The gradual **withdrawal** of assistance achieves two goals. Firstly, the child learns to take responsibility for what they are doing and, secondly, they gain confidence from the realisation that they are capable of successfully operating a computer.

- a increase
- b rejection
- c removal

15 However, the bodies recovered from wrecks are of particular interest as they are invariably those of young men in their prime. **Conventional** archaeology tends to uncover the remains of the elderly or diseased.

- a Modern
- b Traditional
- c Revolutionary

16 The health authorities organised the mass vaccination of anyone who had not yet been inoculated, and, as a result, only two people actually **succumbed to** smallpox – one of whom was the man who had brought it to the city in the first place.

- a suffered from
- b complained of
- c died of

17 Revived Cornish, in other words, is a **viable** means of communication. In fact, there are in the region of 3,500 speakers of Cornish today. A significant number of people under the age of thirty have been brought up to speak it, along with English, of course.

- a practical
- b obsolete
- c declining

18 There is some evidence to suggest that global dimming is letting up a bit, but nothing **irrefutable**, unfortunately. Of course, it would tie in with the fact that there has been some reduction in air pollution in recent years, in particular that caused by heavy industry.

- a indisputable
- b visible
- c official

Preparation 4 | Vocabulary [III]

Choose the best word(s) to complete the sentence.

1 With the exception of the chess club, what concerns most people is the drop in interest in activities that provide exercise. They were once the most popular.

- a. dramatic
- b. slight
- c. varied

2 Technology, at present, is not advanced enough to make this possible and even if it were, serious ethical issues may prevent it ever being

- a. implemented
- b. examined
- c. researched

3 It takes a less position on the packaging. In fact, you could say it has been obscured by the brand name. Although it doesn't particularly need to be in a central position, it does need to be visible.

- a. complex
- b. predictable
- c. prominent

4 Nursing and medical costs look set to unless a means of enhancing the quality of life for the elderly is found. And this is what Paro Insurance supposedly will achieve.

- a. stabilise
- b. revive
- c. skyrocket

5 For example, we know that free divers in Roman times cargo from a shipwreck situated twenty metres under the surface of the sea off the south coast of France.

- a. reported
- b. salvaged
- c. abandoned

6 This may occur when the ventilation, heating and air conditioning systems are not effective enough in air around the building.

- a. blocking
- b. creating
- c. distributing

7 Excavations on land often involve burial sites of some kind and the human remains which are are of great significance. The same is true of marine archaeology.

- a. disturbed
- b. uncovered
- c. respected

8 Here, the for timber and agricultural land has caused the destruction of an estimated five million acres of forest each year since 2010.

- a. demand
- b. respect
- c. request

9 A recent survey has indicated that twenty-four per cent feel like they are not valued members of society. Thirty-six per cent complained that they feel out of with the society that we live in.

- a. time
- b. touch
- c. control

10 There are some homes being built now – in cold countries – that need no more than a traditional wood-burning stove to heat an entire house. The part of which is not letting any heat escape.

- a. trickiest
- b. easiest
- c. most dull

11 We're going to be discussing some of the common mistakes that are made by people decide the time is right for them to set up a business of their own, and how to avoid making them.

- a. which
- b. who
- c. when

12 The timber rattlesnake is a large snake which usually measures from three to five feet in length. Having said that, one has been found that measured seventy-four inches; in other words, in of six feet.

- a. front
- b. terms
- c. excess

13 Despite its reputation, the timber rattlesnake is a calm creature and, when encountered by a human in the wild, will usually remain completely in the hope that it will escape notice.

- a. defenceless
- b. selfless
- c. motionless

14 In addition, if you should choose to close the business at some point in the future, you stand to make a profit from the sale of the property – provided it in value, of course.

- a. appreciates
- b. respects
- c. declines

15 Rattlesnakes are, of course, The poison is produced by a gland behind the eyes, and it is here that it is stored until the snake strikes.

- a. noisy
- b. venomous
- c. aggressive

16 In this section of your business plan you must also give details to cash flow and anticipated profits. There's nothing to be gained by being over-optimistic about the latter point.

- a. pertaining
- b. according
- c. irrelevant

17 Snakes, of course, shed their skin and it is after the first time this occurs that the young timber rattlesnakes' colour changes. Some, however, the grey colour.

- a. adjust
- b. outgrow
- c. retain

18 Research and planning are vital to the success of a business venture for the simple reason that they will whether or not the idea is viable.

- a. indicate
- b. understand
- c. assume

Preparation 4 | Grammar

Read the text and find the grammatical error. Write the correction in the space provided.

1 A distinct advantage that the open-plan office offers to the department manager are the cooperative spirit it promotes between colleagues.

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2 You should unplug your mobile phone charger when your phone is fully charged or when it's not attaching to your phone.

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3 Losing the few trees we had around the city have caused a great deal of damage. In this hot climate, greenery is so important.

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4 The timber rattlesnake is yellow, grey or brown, very more often than not with a pattern of bands or rings in black. The brown timber rattlesnake may also have an orange stripe.

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5 A recent survey has indicated that the majority of elderly people is facing age-related problems such as isolation, health concerns and financial difficulties.

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6 It's easy enough to tell them to pull their socks up, but if you were to put you in their position, then you might be able to understand their problem.

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7 The technology for other options, such as wave and tidal power, have not yet been developed sufficiently to be put to commercial use.

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8 At first, a young child will be fascinated simply by using the mouse, moving it around to click on various images just to see what will be happen next.

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Preparation 4 | Spelling

Read the text and find the word that has been spelt incorrectly or spelt correctly but used incorrectly. Write the correctly spelt word in the space provided.

1 New alternative remedies should be scientifically tested and, if they work, should become part of the body of knowledge we call medicine.

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2 I meet a lot of couples where both partners want to make the relationship work – they're both already committed, and then my role is a much easier one.

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3 So to say 'I sense one of you has recently lost a father-figure who caused you sorrow as well as happiness' is a statement guaranteed to get a number of positive responses.

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4 Your child could have a special gift that remains unexploited for years, when they should be going to a school that will help them develop it.

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5 We started campaigning to save the rainforest in this region several years ago. Fortunately, we've managed to slow down the rate at which the trees are being cut down.

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6 Fewer people have the time to go home for a leisurely lunch, and the siesta, once a respected institution, is beginning to carry a stigma.

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7 It is important, however, to avoid making unrealistic threats that you cannot carry out. Your child is more likely to respond positively to a reasonable approach.

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8 We all need the reassurance that we're doing okay. It's easy to lose sight of the wider picture in this job, and that can have negative consequences.

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Preparation 4 | Capitalisation

Which word should always be spelt with a capital letter? [See *Capitalisation Guide*, page 259.]

- 1 During his time in the Royal Navy, Captain James Cook discovered several islands in the Pacific Ocean.
 - a. Captain
 - b. Cook
 - c. James

- 2 Information about the Country and Western Festival can be obtained from the Irish National Tourist Board.
 - a. Western
 - b. Irish
 - c. National

- 3 New Year's Eve is on a Saturday this year.
 - a. Year
 - b. Eve
 - c. Saturday

- 4 I instinctively knew something bad had happened when I saw Mum and Uncle John waiting outside the school.
 - a. Uncle
 - b. John
 - c. Mum

- 5 Go to the Tools menu in *Microsoft Word* and select Language from the drop-down menu.
 - a. Microsoft
 - b. Word
 - c. Language

- 6 History was taught by Mr Brown that year, who proved to be instrumental in my choice of career.
 - a. History
 - b. Mr
 - c. Brown

- 7 Sherlock Holmes lived in a house on Baker Street in London.
 - a. Holmes
 - b. Baker
 - c. Street

- 8 Have you ever been to Venice Beach? It's on the West Coast.
 - a. Venice
 - b. West
 - c. Coast

- 9 The NHS (National Health Service) is the publicly-funded national healthcare system for England.
 - a. National
 - b. NHS
 - c. Health

- 10 The BBC World Service broadcasts news to all corners of the globe.
 - a. Service
 - b. World
 - c. BBC

Preparation 4 | Punctuation

Read the text and find the punctuation error. Write the correct punctuation in the space provided.
[See *Punctuation Guide*, page 260.]

1 It's impact on the landscape is the basis of the strongest objection, but protest against wind farms is not confined to just that.

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2 However these developmental gains will not necessarily be achieved through simply allowing a young child access to a computer and providing some help with the basics.

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3 According to recent estimates on homelessness and poverty, on any given night in the USA, between 700,000 to two million people dont have a roof over their head.

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4 There could be a variety of causes, depending on the location of the structure and the situation of the buildings air intake vents and windows.

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5 The country's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) has certainly experienced a slump. Since 2015, it's growth rate has been fluctuating between one and two per cent.

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6 A typical family of four uses in the region of 700 gallons of water a week. This is estimating that each family member would shower for about 5 minute's per day.

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7 I can see that would be the case if a large number of documentaries were being watched, but is that the case. Or does awareness increase as TV viewing decreases?

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8 Much concern has been voiced about computers being the main cause of problems relating to isolation and alienation. In light of this, how careful do we have to be!

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Preparation 4 | Listening

GRAMMAR

Choose the correct sentence.

- 1 a. You shouldn't worry for it so much.
b. You shouldn't worry about it so much.
c. You shouldn't worry from it so much.
- 2 a. He is looking like his father.
b. He looks very much like his father.
c. He likes looking his father.
- 3 a. When will they arrived?
b. When will they arriving?
c. When will they have arrived?
- 4 a. How much money does he make?
b. How many money does he make?
c. How much moneys does he make?
- 5 a. If I were you, I would go home early.
b. If I were being you, I would go home early.
c. If I were you, I had gone home early.
- 6 a. She often goes the wrong turn.
b. She often does the wrong turn.
c. She often takes the wrong turn.



IDIOMATIC ENGLISH

Match the idioms with their meanings.

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| 1 beat around the bush | | a. in addition to other bad things that have happened
b. be always thinking about something
c. avoid or delay talking about something
d. be able to understand something |
| 2 have something on the brain | ..... |  |
| 3 get your head round something | ..... |  |
| 4 to top it all off | ..... |  |

VERBS

Fill in the correct verb to complete the sentence.

access ♦ attend ♦ enforce ♦ monitor ♦ sacrifice ♦ scrap

- 1 I think they should tuition fees at universities.
- 2 Many parents their children's Internet use.
- 3 From what age should young people be able to the Internet?
- 4 To succeed as a professional sportsperson, you have to a lot.
- 5 It is necessary for you to the new rules if you want them to be effective.
- 6 At university, you will lectures and do a lot of self-study.



PHRASES

1 Match the phrases with their meanings.

- 1 on your way
 2 by the way
 3 in your way

- a. blocking your path
 b. travelling towards a particular place
 c. used to introduce another subject

2 Fill in the correct word to complete the phrase.

once ♦ quite ♦ worth

- 1 I haven't seen Jim for a while – at least three months.
 2 I don't know if it's your while going – it might be a waste of time.
 3 I only visit my grandparents every in a while – usually every few months or so.



ADJECTIVES

Choose the correct answer.

- 1 If something is **spectacular**, it is
 a. highly impressive b. extremely expensive
 2 If a place is **disgusting**, it is
 a. distasteful b. agreeable
 3 If you are **dependent** on something, you
 a. enjoy it b. need it
 4 If something is **tasteless**, it is
 a. spicy b. without flavour
 5 If something is **definitive**, it is
 a. conclusive b. unclear
 6 If you are **appalled**, you are upset by something
 a. unpleasant b. peaceful
 7 If you find something is **decent**, it is of
 a. average quality b. good quality
 8 If somebody is **oblivious**, they are what is happening.
 a. unaware of b. worried about



PHRASAL VERBS

Complete the phrasal verb in the sentence with a word from the box.

for ♦ into ♦ off ♦ out ♦ up

- 1 They wanted to **point** the mistakes he had made.
 2 The police will **look** the disappearance of the 45-year-old businessman.
 3 After three years, he decided to **give** trying to become a professional footballer.
 4 She decide to **look** a new house in the town.
 5 If he has lost his job, how is he going to **pay** his debts?
 6 If you are going sailing, **look** for changes in the weather.

Preparation 4 | Reading

You are going to read some short extracts. Each extract contains a grammatical error, a punctuation mistake and a spelling mistake (the word will either be spelt incorrectly or spelt correctly but used incorrectly). Find the mistake and write the correction in the space provided. Then answer the question that follows the text by choosing the correct answer (a, b or c).

1 In 1963, Sir Edmund Hillary, the man who first conquered Everest, headed an expedition to hunt for the elusive *yeti*. Hillary and his Sherpa guide, Tenzing Norgay, had found giant footsteps during their ascent of Everest ten years earlier. Despite a ten-month stay in the mountains: the group failed to come up with any convincing evidence. However, one of the group, Desmond Doig, later claimed that the expedition has been so badly organised that it hadn't had any chance of succeeding.

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7	Spelling:	
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The purpose of the 1963 expedition was to

- a. climb Everest.
- b. find a mysterious creature.
- c. prove Doig was wrong.

2 A more experienced person might be able to get away with this kind of thing, probably because they'd know how to use the prints to their advantage. What we've seen here this evening, I think, would be suited to something of a more modern spirit – not so retrospective? That said, though, the collection is without doubt the product of a creative and self-assured personality, someone who might just has the drive to succeed if he chanel his talents in the right direction.

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What is the purpose of the talk?

- a. to condemn
- b. to judge
- c. to educate

3 An urban myth is a highly captivating and plausible oral narrative told widely as a true story, even though this isn't actually the case. It's one of those stories that start off with something like 'You'll never guess what happened to a friend of mine – well, a friend of a friend really.' Or it could be a second cousin or your aunt's neighbour, but its never a first person account. They are still convinsing which is one of the reasons they are such a tempting area of study for a folklorist.

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An urban myth

- a. is based on a true story.
- b. seems to be believable.
- c. is no longer of interest to folklorists.

4 Given the fact that people nowadays are better educated regarding oral hygiene and that there is a growing trend, or obsession almost, with appearance, it isn't surprised that many new techniques are likely to flood the field of cosmetic dentistry in the near future. More and more people are prepared to undergo lengthy and costly treatments such as capping; crowning, veneering, straightnting and whitening in search of the perfect smile.

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Many people

- a. are willing to improve their appearance.
- b. are demanding more affordable dental care.
- c. are becoming aware of the cost of dental care.

- 5 Traditionally, oral folklore is defined as material that get verbally transmitted in different versions in the tradition of various social groups. Urban myths display the same characteristics – they pass from person to person, and variants of them will inevitably be found at different times and places. The argument that an urban myth is too recent to be granted the status of folklore just doesn't hold water, as many of the stories have been proved to be decades, even centuries, old.

Why can an urban myth be considered folklore?

- a. They are not passed on to different people. b. Few variations exist. c. They are not new.

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Grammatical:

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Punctuation:

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Spelling:

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- 6 At a dental school in London, it has been discovered that bacteria that live in the mouth, which ultimately cause decay, can be kept at bay by regular rinsing with a mouthwash containing certain antibodies. But as these antibodies are produced by human cells, collecting them is an expensive and time-consuming matter? A breakthrough was made when it was discovered that the genes which produce these antibodies can be transplanted into a food source and thus be readily available.

What will the solution involve?

- a. collecting antibodies b. putting antibodies in food c. changing antibodies genetically

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- 7 What could be more tantalising than a story that promises a grisly end? There's also some appeal in the fact that its related face to face. I mean, a mediocre ghost story can become quite thrilling when told on a stormy night around a campfire, can't it. What makes an urban myth so fascinating to the listener is that it involves an ordinary person – it follows that it could happen to me or you – giving the impression that the story might have some basis in fact.

What interests people about urban myths?

- a. Factual reports are always used. b. They are told at night. c. They seem as though they actually happened.

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Punctuation:

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Spelling:

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- 8 You'd be forgiven for thinking Singapore can't offer a really authentic taste of the Orient. It has, after all, been condemned for undervaluing its historical legacy and neglecting its architectural treasures in the name of progress. But while there's no escaping the fact that the modern city is somewhat sterile, you only have to dig a little deeper to find that taste of Asia you're looking for. Amongst the towering skyscrapers and amazing shopping centres is pockets of great interest.

What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- a. Singapore is not authentic. b. Visitors must explore to find special places. c. The modern city is of great interest.

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Grammatical:

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Punctuation:

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9 Different versions of each myth evolve as they are adapted by those which relate them. Nevertheless, they do have a fixed central theme. In many stories, we find that the villain comes from an ethnic minority that's perceived by some in the area where the story is circulating to be a thret to their society. If we look back over the centuries we'll find a version of the same story with the villain coming from whatever social minority was perceived to constitute a danger to society at that time.

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What is said about the villains?

- a. They are always an old character.
- b. They usually come from a minority.
- c. They come from a group considered dangerous.

10 There is no greater symbol of modern life than the skyscraper. Towering high above street level, visable first on every skyline, it is a symbol of the city it stands in and of metropolitan life in general. Like a rocket it points to the sky, as if waiting for take-off. Like a modern Tower of Babel, its a monument to ambition, for the privilege of having the tallest building in the world, an honour which were held for many years by New York's Empire State Building, completed in 1931.

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What is the main purpose of the text?

- a. to encourage taller buildings
- b. to outline the history of skyscrapers
- c. to explain the symbolism of skyscrapers



Preparation 4 | Writing

REPORT

One of the options in **Task 1** could be a report. A report is factual and presents the reader with relevant information. Reports are written in a formal style with frequent use of the passive and linking words / phrases.

1a Look at the following writing task and the MODEL ANSWER that follows:

Recently, there have been a number of complaints about the school canteen. The head teacher has asked you to write a report about the canteen so that ways can be found to improve it.

- Your ideas could include:
- how lunchtime is organised
 - range of food and drink available
 - seating arrangements

To: Mr Clinton
From: Macy Stewart
Subject: School Canteen
Date: 19th May

The purpose of this report is to assess the school canteen and look at ways it can be improved in order to help it function more efficiently.

How lunchtime is organised

Presently, lunchtime runs from 12.30 to 1.15 for all students. This means that the canteen has to deal with over 300 hungry students in the space of 45 minutes. Consequently, the queues can become extremely long and those students at the back have very little time in which to eat their meal. Making the lunch break longer or giving each year a different time slot could help improve this situation.

Range of food and drink available

There is very little variation in the menu - one dish containing meat and one vegetarian dish. This results in a number of students not eating as they like neither of the dishes. However, there are a great variety of desserts, with at least six to choose from each day. Adjusting the menu would make a huge difference as would adding some healthy options such as fruit and salad.

Seating arrangements

Basically, there are not enough tables or chairs in the canteen to adequately seat all diners. Many are left with no option other than to eat standing up or to stand around holding their tray until a seat becomes available. There is ample room to add at least a further ten tables which would help to ease the problem.

Recommendations

On the whole, it seems that the canteen is in desperate need of reorganisation. I would recommend staggered times for the students, a change of menu and additional seating being added. These changes would not only benefit the students but the school as a whole.

MODEL ANSWER

b Choose the correct answer.

- Who will read the report?
 - the head teacher
 - the canteen staff
- What is the purpose of the report?
 - to see what problems there are with the canteen
 - to complain about the canteen
- What does the information at the beginning of the report do?
 - states what the problems are
 - states the purpose of the report
- What do the subheadings do?
 - organize the information
 - give additional information

2 Fill in the correct word to complete the phrases which are used to end a report. in ♦ on ♦ up

- 1 the whole, it seems that ...
- 2 All all, it appears that ...
- 3 To sum, it is fairly obvious that ...
- 4 conclusion, it would appear that ...

3 You should write in a formal style in a report. Tick (✓) the most appropriate sentence for a report each time.

- 1 a. Someone comes in to clean the rooms every day.
- b. The rooms are cleaned on a daily basis.
- 2 a. The hotel provides nightly entertainment for its guests.
- b. There's lots of things to do in the evening.
- 3 a. There's plenty of meals without meat on the menu.
- b. The menu has a wide range of vegetarian dishes.
- 4 a. Room service is available, but it is quite costly.
- b. They bring food and drinks to your room, but you have to pay a lot for it.



4a Positive and negative points can be presented in the same paragraph. Which of the following present positive points (P) and which present negative points (N)?

- 1 The towels and sheets are not changed on a daily basis.
- 2 The service is slow and the menu is not very imaginative.
- 3 The hotel is in an extremely picturesque location.
- 4 Transport is required to get into the town centre.
- 5 The rooms are extremely comfortable.
- 6 The waiters in the restaurant are very pleasant and extremely polite.

b Now join each positive sentence with the corresponding negative one, using a word from the box.

although ♦ despite the fact that ♦ however

- 1 The hotel is in an extremely picturesque location,, transport is required to get to the town centre.
- 2 the rooms are extremely comfortable, the towels and sheets are not changed on a daily basis.
- 3 the waiters in the restaurant are very pleasant and extremely polite, the service is slow and the menu is not very imaginative.

5 Look at the exam task and then fill in the correct information to complete the beginning of the report.

Your class is going to go on a trip to a museum. Your teacher has asked you to visit one of the museums in your area to see if it is a suitable place to visit and to write a report about it.

To:

From:

Subject: Museum Trip

Date:

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PART 2

1 Here are some possible destinations for a school trip. Look at the notes and answer the question.



£20 per person
Two-hour coach trip
Many exhibits

Science Museum



£5 per person
20-minute walk
Tour guide available

Castle



£15 per person
45-minute coach trip
Some information on each species

Zoo

Discuss which one would be best for a class trip. Talk about the cost, distance, educational value and how enjoyable you think each trip would be.

2 Tick (✓) the expressions which are used to say politely that somebody is wrong.

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| 1 Unfortunately, the reality is ... | | 6 I'm sorry, but that's just not right. | |
| 2 That's a load of rubbish. | | 7 You might want to reconsider what you're saying. | |
| 3 I'm afraid you're mistaken. | ..... | 8 That's completely wrong. You don't know what you're talking about. | ..... |
| 4 Well, I'd say that isn't always the case. | ..... |  |  |
| 5 What on earth are you talking about? | ..... |  |  |

3 Making suggestions:

a Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 Why not to arrange a party?
- 2 Why do you come to my house tomorrow?
- 3 I suggest you that we go out for a meal later.
- 4 How about to order a pizza to eat while we're watching the film?

b Choose the correct answer.

- 1 I really want to make it up to you. How about **to go** / **going** to the cinema on Saturday as my treat?
- 2 I feel really bad. Why don't we **go** / **going** out for a meal later?
- 3 To make it up to you, I want **buy** / **to buy** you a present.
- 4 I suggest we **watch** / **watching** it together next week.



PART 3

1 Look at the following statements about shopping locally. Write F (for For) or A (for Against) next to each one.

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| 1 It supports the local economy. | 7 Chain stores would lose customers. |
| 2 Local shops can be more expensive. | 8 Builds a better community. |
| 3 No need to drive so it reduces pollution. | |
| 4 Fresh, better quality foods. | |
| 5 Smaller selection of products. | b Which do you prefer – local shops or large chain stores and supermarkets? Give reasons to support your answer. |
| 6 Better, more personalised service. | |

2 Presenting an argument:

Tick (✓) the phrases which you would use to present your side of an argument.

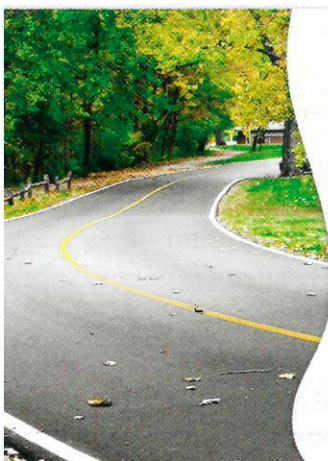
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| 1 But don't you think ...? | |
| 2 Could you be more specific? | |
| 3 Surely you don't believe ... | |
| 4 Well, look at it like this, ... | |
| 5 I can't help thinking the same. | ..... |
| 6 But on the other hand, ... | ..... |
| 7 Perhaps you have a point there. | ..... |
| 8 But there are other considerations. For example, ... | ..... |
| 9 Yes, but isn't it possible that ...? | ..... |
| 10 I have the same opinion. | ..... |



3 Asking for permission:

Complete the sentences with **would** or **could**.

- it be possible for me to go to the cinema tonight?
- I use your laptop for a while?
- you mind if I left a bit early?
- I was wondering if I borrow your ruler.
- it be all right if I came home at midnight?
- Do you think I go cycling with John on Sunday?



4 Work in pairs. Student A, you are a teenager. You want to have a party for your 16th birthday. Persuade your mum / dad to allow you to have it at home. Student B, you are Student A's mother / father.

- ask permission for a party
- following Saturday night
- about 20-30 people
- 1 a.m. – 2 at the latest
- thank parent and agree to rules

Student A

- When?
- How many people?
- Until what time?
- Agree, but set some rules.

Student B

