

Preparation 3 | Vocabulary [I]

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

- 1 Mangroves vary in height according to their species and grow not only on the coastline, but also along coastal estuaries should conditions be **favourable**. It is in the Indo-Malay region that the widest variety of mangrove species can be found.

a convenient
b suitable
c harmful

- 2 There are certain important developmental capabilities that have to be **mastered**. These are physical – crawling and then walking, for example – and social. Making friends would be the most appropriate example.

a learnt well
b controlled
c examined

- 3 Although technology does not, at present, allow us to **engineer** our genes so that we can ensure a life free of illness or be born with a particular talent such as athletic or artistic ability, one day all this may be possible.

a invent
b train
c alter

- 4 The library has decided to invest in ten to twelve computers and a range of educational software, as well as in the region of fifteen hundred new **volumes**. Of these, there would be an equal balance of fiction and non-fiction.

a books
b levels
c collections

- 5 The spread of the English language has come about partly as a result of globalisation but, unfortunately, the dominance of some languages **inevitably** leads to the death of others.

a probably
b certainly
c surprisingly

- 6 The people whose language is being threatened may be in a poor position to preserve it themselves, so that's when an effort has to be made on their behalf, usually by the **relevant** government bodies with linguists working alongside them.

a important
b unrelated
c appropriate

- 7 The earliest evidence which we have of smallpox **attests** that it has been around for a very long time. The mummified body of Pharaoh Ramesses of Egypt, who is known to have died in 1157 BC, exhibits a rash consistent with smallpox infection.

a shows
b checks
c disproves

- 8 The government has already enforced **stringent** measures as far as tobacco advertising is concerned. Cigarettes and similar products are much less widely advertised nowadays. There is also the additional taxing of tobacco products.

a flexible
b practical
c strict

- 9 There are also programs in which **interaction** with dolphins helps children with physical problems, as well as a range of other examples. What they all have in common is the belief of their organisers that being around animals can have a positive effect on health.

a support
b communication
c movement

10 What happens is that the burning of fossil fuels produces not only the carbon dioxide responsible for global warming, but also tiny particles of ash, soot and other pollutants. This kind of pollution, which differs from carbon dioxide in that it is visible to the naked eye, actually **reflects** sunlight back into space.

- a displays
- b produces
- c redirects

11 In the 1940s, with the invention of the aqualung, the world underwater became much more accessible to divers, but it wasn't until 1960 that this breathing **apparatus** was used as a means of exploring a shipwreck.

- a device
- b method
- c function

12 The **development** of a new marina or harbour, for instance, could suddenly threaten the stability of a wreck that has survived for centuries. In such cases, archaeologists must act quickly and carry out their work before it is too late.

- a discovery
- b construction
- c improvement

13 It is highly likely that in the distant future, technology will allow parents to choose the physical characteristics that their children will be born with. For many this is a frightening **prospect** and a great many ethical and social issues have been raised by the idea.

- a experience
- b possibility
- c opportunity

14 The situation is quite different from one in which scientists might manipulate the genes in order to provide parents with a child with a **specific** set of characteristics such as green eyes and blond hair.

- a detailed
- b general
- c particular

15 The sensors hidden beneath its fur and whiskers **trigger** movement in the seal-type robot. It can open and close its eyes and move its flippers too. According to its inventors, it can even recognise seven different languages.

- a cause
- b control
- c restrict

16 However, people arriving from countries where the disease was more common occasionally started **small-scale** epidemics. For example, in 1947 a businessman from Mexico brought the illness to New York City, sparking panic.

- a safe
- b weak
- c minor

17 The problem with Unified Cornish was that it lacked communicative efficiency and over the years a number of **variations** were suggested. For example, replacement orthographies – or spelling systems – had been put forward.

- a changes
- b features
- c similarities

18 As young children familiarise themselves with the computer, the adult working with them should reduce the amount of support they give until they reach a point where all that is called for is occasional **intervention**.

- a explanation
- b involvement
- c prevention

Preparation 3 | Vocabulary [III]

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

1 Dreams carry a coded message about the need to look at something or someone in a different way. Only rarely do they have a literal meaning – dreaming about crashing your car, for instance, is probably a warning that you're yourself too hard.

- a driving
- b steering
- c handling

2 The origins of the humble aspirin go back thousands of years. It is, of course, a(n) drug, but the same substance can be found in the bark of certain willow trees.

- a fake
- b synthetic
- c artificial

3 Parents also often find that children have acquired a certain amount of knowledge to the computer through exposure and observation prior to their first try.

- a belonging
- b spreading
- c pertaining

4 The last natural case of this terrible and illness occurred in 1977, but by then it had managed to kill millions of people – an estimated 300 million people in the twentieth century alone.

- a virulent
- b mild
- c poisonous

5 These can breed in any stagnant water that may have in the building. This could be in the ventilation ducts, in the insulation, or even in carpeting.

- a polluted
- b soaked
- c accumulated

6 However, in 1978 a medical photographer at the University of Birmingham in England contracted the disease and died. It is still not clear exactly how she had been with the virus.

- a cured
- b infected
- c passed on

7 The problem, which was first observed in the 1960s, was not formally as a medical condition by the World Health Organisation until 1982.

- a denied
- b recognised
- c respected

8 We found it would not be to place all the large stands around the periphery with the smaller ones centrally located, so we devised this elongated S shape.

- a practical
- b visible
- c impossible

9 Not only was Bass able to make a thorough archaeological assessment of the wreck, but he also demonstrated that marine archaeology was feasible and that the standards could be just high as they were on land.

- a such
- b so
- c as

10 But can we be sure? Granted, we know from the map of the area today that industrialisation has had an, especially to the west, but will that continue?

- a issue
- b impact
- c incident

11 I'm concerned about the lack of participation in extra-curricular activities this year. The numbers are very, especially when compared to previous years.

- a pleasing
- b overwhelming
- c disappointing

12 As these statistics show, reading has by no means diminished as a leisure activity. Not only has it its dominant position, but there has also been a slight increase.

- a maintained
- b given up
- c placed

13 Robot therapy is the work of the National Institute of Advanced Science in Japan and is on the recognised properties of animal therapy.

- a based
- b created
- c offered

14 What staff at the National Institute of Advanced Science have is actually a seal-type robot, called *Paro*. It's actually a model of a baby harp seal, native to the north-east of Canada.

- a found out
- b made up
- c come up with

15 Furthermore, there is the potential health risk by infectious diseases that may be carried by the animals and the possibility of aggressive behaviour such as biting or scratching.

- a taken
- b posed
- c faced

16 They offer the purchasers companionship that would otherwise be lacking from their lives and are said to play a vital role in combating feelings of isolation, thus mental and physical health.

- a damaging
- b including
- c boosting

17 Archaeologists working under the sea, just like those on land, are and knowledgeable. However, they often face dangers related to the environment in which they work.

- a amateur
- b skilled
- c inexperienced

18 Many countries in the world have a dwindling birth rate and an aging population. Estimates that over the next ten years or so in Japan, over 25% of the population will be 65 years old or over.

- a predict
- b prescribe
- c presume

Preparation 3 | Grammar

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

1 Many countries view wind turbines as an effective long-term solution to the numerous environmental problems causing by the burning of fossil fuels.

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2 Tribes in Africa, who still live in much the same way as their ancestors do, have a tribal language that is understood exclusively by them.

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3 When the wind blows and the blades on the wind turbine turns, the rotor spins like a propeller. It is the energy from this rotation that the generator uses to produce electricity.

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4 In fact, where complex societies developed in the past, a grain of some kind was very more often than not the first large-scale agricultural product cultivated.

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5 Children demand a set routine, and if any step in the process are overlooked, they find it impossible to sleep. This familiar pattern actually tells the body it is time to wind down.

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6 The three groups that set out that day were made up mostly of inexperienced climbers, who have paid the experienced group leaders to guide them up the mountain.

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7 More and more people are heading off into the mountains hiking – which is good, in many ways. But if you are inexperienced and wants to do some exploring, take a guide.

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8 The fact that the majority was not skilled climbers or in suitable physical condition to survive Everest seemed to have been overlooked by both parties involved.

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Preparation 3 | 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 Action painters were interested in the execution of the painting, and the results where often violent – products of the automatic creative urge felt within.

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2 Well, they say that he was developping chemical and biological weapons, so if they hit a laboratory, anything's possible.

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3 Global Action Plan is already succesfully helping households in Europe and North America to reduce household waste by 38%.

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4 It wasn't the kind of stage fright that would afflict me later in my career, when there would be occassions when I'd be overwhelmed by panic while waiting in the wings.

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5 However, you can at least familiarise yourself with their viewing habits. Then just interveen whenever common sense dictates.

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6 So they find this run-down but central neighbourhood, and begin to filter in. Cafés, art galleries and a resturant or two spring up, and suddenly it's the hip new neighbourhood.

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7 Many grandparents who were called on to look after their grandchildren felt they were not treated with any respect despite the responsability they had taken on.

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8 To reach the 29,028-foot summit had long been a dream for the climbers, most of whom had payed thousands of dollars for the experience of a lifetime.

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Preparation 3 | Capitalisation

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

- 1 Professor Charles Lewis will discuss the events leading up to the last Ice Age.
 - a. Professor
 - b. Charles
 - c. Age
- 2 South West England will have a mild night with temperatures around 16° Celsius.
 - a. South
 - b. West
 - c. Celsius
- 3 We stayed at the Jamaica Inn. Breakfast and dinner were included in the price.
 - a. Jamaica
 - b. Inn
 - c. Breakfast
- 4 Is Donald Trump still the President of the United States of America?
 - a. President
 - b. States
 - c. America
- 5 The Channel Tunnel is a railway line which runs under the English Channel, connecting England and France.
 - a. Tunnel
 - b. English
 - c. Channel
- 6 The Holy Roman Emperor Theodosius banned the Olympic Games in 393 AD.
 - a. Holy
 - b. Olympic
 - c. Games
- 7 I've just finished a book called *Six Moon Summer* by S M Reine. It's about a young girl called Rylie.
 - a. Moon
 - b. Summer
 - c. Rylie
- 8 The season premiere of the *Big Bang Theory* is on this Monday evening.
 - a. Big
 - b. Theory
 - c. Monday
- 9 This year, we are going to have Christmas dinner at the Red Lion Restaurant.
 - a. Christmas
 - b. Red
 - c. Lion
- 10 Emperor Qin Shi Huang ordered the construction of the Great Wall of China.
 - a. Emperor
 - b. Great
 - c. China



Preparation 3 | Punctuation

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

1 Paternity leave is the one area where there might be cause for complaint. Father's get very little leave when their child is born – just a day or two in some countries.

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2 Its trunk emerges from the sea and its branches reach up to the sun. What enables these trees to flourish in salt water is their specially-adapted root system which filters out salt?

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3 A chart like this would be very comprehensive, but it could be rather difficult for the average reader to process the information. With the pie chart, you dont have that problem.

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4 Researchers generally concur that children under three year's of age should not use computers, for the reason that the experience would not be conducive to learning.

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5 Shelters exist in numerous locations throughout our cities and offer an invaluable service. However; the demand for emergency shelter is much higher than availability.

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6 Improvements in the countrys infrastructure since 2000 have led to a greater influx of tourists. Prior to this date, few tour operators had shown an interest in the country.

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7 What also plays a role is the amount of outside air which the ventilation system provides? Where this amount is too low, the health of the building's occupants cannot be maintained.

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8 Fortunately, global dimming did eventually make it's way into mainstream climatology and now most scientists who are aware of the problem accept the facts as undeniable.

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Preparation 3 | Listening

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

Choose the best response to each question or statement.

- 1 Are you and Dave still good friends?
 - a. Yes, I've got lots of great friends.
 - b. Yes, I've met Dave a couple of times.
 - c. Yes, we spend a lot of time together.
- 2 What's that new book about?
 - a. It's an exciting detective story.
 - b. It's available at the book shop.
 - c. It's quite long – it took me weeks to finish it.
- 3 I don't want him to find out about the broken window.
 - a. I don't know how it got broken.
 - b. I don't blame him at all.
 - c. He won't hear it from me.
- 4 Can you give me a hand with these heavy boxes?
 - a. You're welcome.
 - b. No problem.
 - c. Do you have any boxes?
- 5 What's the new teacher like?
 - a. He's got a lot of experience.
 - b. He seems a bit strict.
 - c. He's about forty with short brown hair.
- 6 We should leave early tomorrow.
 - a. That would mean less traffic.
 - b. It's a four-hour journey.
 - c. I didn't know you were leaving.



IDIOMATIC ENGLISH

1 Match the idioms with their meanings.

- 1 be in two minds
- 2 see eye to eye
- 3 break the bank
- 4 set the record straight
- 5 let something slide

- a agree with somebody
- b ignore a problem, etc. without trying to improve or stop it
- c tell people the truth about something
- d be unable to decide what to do
- e cost a lot of money

2 Replace the words in bold with the correct option.

A strapped for cash

B a recipe for disaster

C well-off

D two heads are better than one

E kill two birds with one stone

- 1 Is it true that the family next door used to be **rich**?
- 2 I can help you – **working together means we will solve it quicker**.
- 3 Having so much alcohol at the party is **very likely to end badly**.
- 4 This will help you get fit and save money. You can **do both things with one action**.
- 5 I doubt Lucy will be able to come. She is **out of money**.

ADVERBS

Choose the correct answer.

- It's not far from here. It will take us twenty minutes to get there.
 - basically
 - approximately
- The police should enforce the new law.
 - vigorously
 - recently
- I plan what I am going to eat on a basis.
 - healthily
 - weekly



PHRASAL VERBS

Choose the correct word.

down ♦ in ♦ off ♦ out ♦ up

- Before your flight you should **check** at the desk if you have not done so online.
- They wanted it to be a secret so they made sure the information did not **come**
- I hadn't seen Bill for years, then one day he just **turned** at my house.
- We will **pay** the debt by giving them a little bit of money every month.
- Dave asked Liz to have dinner with him, but she **turned** him
- The teacher told us to **hand** our projects at the end of the week.

IDIOMATIC EXPRESSIONS

Fill in the correct verb.

come ♦ have ♦ get ♦ keep ♦ make ♦ pay ♦ take

- Please make sure that you **attention** as this is an important announcement.
- During the summer, we **a lot of time on our hands** to do as we want.
- Some of the children misbehave, but very few **it to extremes**.
- It took me a long time to **up my mind** about which phone to buy.
- I will tell you what I know but **it to yourself**.
- Does Jake **on well with** his little sister?
- Take a first-aid kit with you – it might **in handy**.
- People who **an eye for detail** are often very artistic.

PREPOSITIONS

Choose the correct preposition.

- The Smith family **depends in / on** financial assistance from the government.
- I had never **heard of / for** Elvis Presley before I read the article.
- Read the question carefully and make sure that what you write is **in / on topic**.
- I am sure that Tim will **succeed in / on** his exams this year.
- We do buy more things than are on the list **in / on occasion**.
- Wearing a school uniform doesn't **appeal to / at** most young people.
- Those who break the rules a lot are **on / in a minority**.
- Even if you disagree, you should not **resort to / in** insults in a debate.

Preparation 3 | 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 What we see in the Haka, which the All Blacks rugby team perform before each game, is a war dance which used to be carried out by Maori warriors just before going into battle. So it's use is not merely traditional or colourful – it has a specific purpose: to prepare the warriors for battle or, in this case, the players for a game. If we look at any succesful sportsperson, we see that this ability – to rouse the fighting instinct from within – are present in all of them, in one form or another.

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Why do the All Blacks perform the Haka?

- a. to prepare themselves mentally for a game b. to prepare themselves for battle c. to become successful sportspeople

2 Whether a fan of boxing or not it is difficult not to be a fan of the charismatic Muhammad Ali, regarded by many – including him – as the greatest boxer of all time. Ali was baptised Cassius Clay and won the Olympic gold medal in the light-heavyweight division under that name. He turned professional and beat Sonny Liston in 1964 to take the world heavyweight titel. Around that time he became a Muslim and took the name Muhammad Ali.

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Why did he change his name?

- a. He won a gold medal. b. He changed religion. c. He became a professional boxer.

3 If we take my example of the child, and looks at its nails, for instanse, we might find white spots on them. From these we know that the child had a deficiency of calcium at some stage in the past. If we were to measure the rate of growth of the nails we could even calculate when the child had had the deficiency. So, in terms of language, the words are the calcium spots through which we can discover the nature of a society and the ways it has changed over time.

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What is the main topic of the text?

- a. the symptoms of calcium deficiency b. what language shows about a society c. the growth rate of children's nails

4 Orchids come in numerous shapes, all complex, and there many scent's are intoxicating. They are one of the commonest flowering plants on earth and they are one of the very most developed. There are species native to Europe, but the ones generally prized are those that are most common in the steaming tropics. They are notoriously difficult to grow, and even if great skill and care are used, failure will follow many times before the one delicate success. But it will be worth it.

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Which orchids are considered the most valuable?

- a. The ones that take a long time to grow. b. The species developed in Europe. c. Species that come from the tropics.

5 Julius Caesar was told 'beware the Ides of March' and he should have heeded this advice. But what were the 'Ides' of March. Well, the Ides of any month in the Roman calendar was the day mid-month that corresponded to the full moon. So Caesar was being warned to be careful at the time of the full moon in March. Full moons has always been ominous signs used by poets and the like, and I suppose Shakespeare was no different.

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8**Grammatical:**

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Spelling:

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What was Julius Caesar told to beware of?

- a. the advice of the Romans b. poets like Shakespeare c. the full moon in March

6 Touch is our most expressive form of communication. It may indicate sympathy, compassion, anger, love – a whole range of feelings. Shiatsu therapy works on the principle that a cared, well-intended touch evokes a heightened sense of well-being in the recipient. It is primarily a preventative therapy and as such is used to maintain good health. That said, it's effectiveness in relieving certain injuries and conditions such as back pain and migraine should not be underestimated.

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8**Grammatical:**

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Punctuation:

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Spelling:

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What is Shiatsu mainly used for?

- a. to maintain good health b. to express different feelings c. to treat back pain and migraines

7 Paragliding is a relatively new sport, so it's not surprising that there is some confusion about what it actually entails. I suppose it's best be described as a cross between skydiving and hang-gliding. Unlike the former, you're not falling but floating. The parachute you're attached to is similar to the ones used by skydivers and because it is about thirty feet above your head, you have the sensation that its just you floating through the air, being carried along by the curenents.

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8**Grammatical:**

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Punctuation:

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Spelling:

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What does the writer say about paragliding?

- a. It's like floating on the water. b. It has no relation to hang-gliding. c. It requires a special type of parachute.

8 For keen birdwatchers, the Danube delta in Romania is a paradise on earth. The delta covers about 3,000 square kilometres in all, of which only nine per cent are permanently above water. Millions of bird's winter here, or stop over during their spring and autum migrations to far-flung corners of the world, hence the unique concentration of different species. Favourite with most visitors to the area, though, has to be the native pelican.

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8**Grammatical:**

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Punctuation:

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Spelling:

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The bird population in the Danube delta is

- a. made up of many species. b. made up of native pelicans only. c. constant all year round.

9 The Y2K or Millennium Bug caused widespread panic during the final years' of the 20th century. The problem was that back when computer memory was precious, programmers used to keep dates used in programs to a minimum, using, say, '81' instead of '1981'. This practice, unfortunately, continued despite it no longer being necessary, which meant the internal clock on every chip in every device were going to switch to '00' at midnight on 31st December, 1999.

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The Millennium Bug was caused by the continued use of

- a. inaccurate clocks. b. a shortened date. c. insufficient memory.

10 Some computer analyst's were buying homes in the middle of the desert, installing generators and stockpiling enough canned food for six months, in the anticipation of blackouts in all major cities triggering riots, looting and anarchy. These were educating men, getting ready to go back to a basic existence of hunting and trapping. At the same time, you had these cults predicting the end of the world. And then, at midnight, 31st December, 1999, nothing happened!

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Why were some people stockpiling food?

- a. They thought the world would end. b. They wanted to live a simple life. c. They were expecting anarchy.



ARTICLE

One of the options in **Task 1** could be an article. A good article should address the reader directly and gain their interest from the start.

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

A new cultural centre has recently opened in your area. You think it is a great addition to your town as it provides something for all ages. Write an article for a magazine, reviewing your experience at the cultural centre.

- Your ideas could include:
- The children's corner.
 - Book events for everyone.
 - Music, dance and theatre focus.
 - Art classes and exhibitions.

You'll Never Believe What's Hiding in Our Town Centre

Would you be surprised to learn that a cultural centre had opened in the town centre? I know I was, so I went along to check it out and was absolutely amazed by what I discovered.

Books and more!

If you like reading and listening to stories, or even writing your own, then you are going to love this feature. There is an enormous library within the centre, filled with books that have been written by local writers - past and present. Every day, there is an opportunity to read your own work to members of a reading group who will give you their opinion and some advice. In addition, there is 'story time' for the kids, although adults are more than welcome to stay and listen too. I know I did.

What a performance!

Throughout each day there are various live performances by local artists - musicians, singers, dancers and actors. You not only get to watch them, but you can also join in. There are numerous opportunities to improve your own talents in these areas as a team of experts is always on hand to give you encouragement and advice. So if you see yourself as the next Taylor Swift, now's your chance.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder!

For those wanting something a little more refined, there is a whole host of art-related exhibitions which change every few weeks. You can view paintings by local artists, some of whom are quite famous, check out some amazing street art and even try your hand at creating your own masterpiece.

There are many more things going on at the centre, far too many for me to cover here, so why not get down there and experience it for yourself? You won't be disappointed.

MODEL ANSWER

b Choose the correct answer.

- The article is written in
 - a formal, informative style.
 - a semi-formal, conversational style.
- What can be said about the article's title?
 - It confuses readers so they ignore the article.
 - It grabs the reader's attention so they read the article.
- What does the short introduction do?
 - It lets the reader know what to expect.
 - It tells the reader exactly what they will read.
- What do the subheadings do?
 - They break up the text into sections, making it easier to read.
 - They give the reader further information.

2 Informal phrases and sayings can help you produce a lively, interesting article. Tick (✓) the sentences which would be best for a magazine article about a competition for bands in a local café.

- 1 Throughout the evening there was a lot of foot-tapping going on and plenty of singing along, which at times was far more entertaining than the band on stage.
- 2 The people were of various ages and the atmosphere was quite subdued. It was difficult to get a seat near the stage.
- 3 There are some vegetarian dishes available, but the majority of the food is aimed at young people.
- 4 The scoring is difficult to get your head round at first, but once you get into the swing of it, it's quite good fun.
- 5 There's some great stuff on the menu; the finger-licking chicken wings are definitely worth a try.
- 6 Some bands were capable of bringing tears to your eyes, but for all the wrong reasons.
- 7 If you enjoy different styles and standards of music, you might find something that is of interest to you.
- 8 This is a fabulous place to spend an enjoyable evening with friends, so why not head down there and experience it for yourself?

Using a variety of adjectives can help make an article more interesting to read. Adjectives are either **weak** (gradable) or **strong** (ungradable). We use 'very' with weak adjectives and 'absolutely' with strong adjectives.

'Good' is a **weak** or gradable adjective – it can be measured (e.g. fairly good – good – very good).

'Brilliant' is a **strong** or ungradable adjective. Things can't be 'fairly brilliant' or 'very brilliant' as brilliant already means very good, so we say 'absolutely brilliant'.

3 Choose the correct adjective to complete the sentence.

- 1 The food was absolutely **tasty** / **delicious**.
- 2 The second band to play was absolutely **good** / **brilliant**.
- 3 Some of his jokes were very **funny** / **hilarious**.
- 4 It was very **interesting** / **fascinating** to watch the reactions of the audience.
- 5 Although the musicians were good, the singer was absolutely **bad** / **awful**.



4 Which of the following can you use to help you write an interesting article? Tick (✓) the appropriate boxes.

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| 1 a catchy, memorable heading <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 subheadings to draw the reader's attention <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 formal language <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 clear and interesting points about the topic <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 informal / colloquial phrases <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 address the reader directly <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 precise, detailed information <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 cover the topic in great detail <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 a rhetorical question in the introduction <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 include plenty of facts <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 words / phrases such as to sum up, nevertheless, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 end the article by giving the reader something to think about <input type="checkbox"/> |

Preparation 3 | Speaking

PART 2

1 Read the sentences below and write A (for Apologising) or E (for making an Excuse) after each one.

- 1 I left my homework on the bus.
- 2 Sorry. It's all my fault.
- 3 Please don't be mad at me.
- 4 I woke up feeling really ill.
- 5 I can't tell you how sorry I am.
- 6 I had to take my grandma to hospital.
- 7 Please excuse my lateness.
- 8 I had too much on.
- 9 I'm just really, really busy.
- 10 I can't apologise enough.



2 Work in pairs. Student A, you are a student. Your normal route to school was flooded and you have arrived late for class. Explain to your teacher what happened. Student B, you are Student A's teacher. Student A, you start.

Student A

- apologise
- explain the problem
- say why your case is special
- apologise again and say you'll leave yourself more time next time

- ask why he / she was late
- say everyone else arrived on time
- tell student not to let it happen again
- accept student's apology

Student B

3a Tick (✓) the phrases which are used to make a complaint.

- 1 I'm afraid it's just not good enough.
- 2 I simply forgot to do it.
- 3 What are you going to do about it?
- 4 I demand to speak to the manager.
- 5 I completely forgot.
- 6 This kind of thing is unacceptable.
- 7 Oh no, it completely slipped my mind.
- 8 Something must be done about this.

4 You bought some yoghurt from a supermarket, but when you opened it, it was mouldy. You go back to the supermarket and demand your money back. Make notes about what you would say.

Ideas:

- explain problem
- express your dissatisfaction
- refuse replacement – ask for refund
- offer receipt

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b What is the purpose of the other phrases?

- a to say that you don't believe something
- b to say you didn't remember to do something

PART 3

1a Look at the picture and answer the questions.

- 1 What is happening in this photo?
- 2 Why do people use alternative treatments like this?
- 3 Would you ever use alternative medicine?



b Look at these advantages and disadvantages of conventional medicine and write A (for Advantage) or D (for Disadvantage) next to each one.

- 1 Antibiotics have saved millions of lives.
- 2 We have forgotten old methods of natural healing.
- 3 We can carry out organ transplants.
- 4 Some medicines have serious side effects.
- 5 It can be expensive in some countries.
- 6 Doctors train for many years and use scientifically-proven methods.

2 Persuading / Trying to convince: Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Please let me give
- 2 Why don't you let
- 3 Are you really sure
- 4 Come on, he has done
- 5 I really think it would be
- 6 Are you sure you won't reconsider



- a you can't change your decision?
- b a pity if nobody else was allowed to give a presentation.
- c your decision? I will work very hard.
- d the presentation – I would like to try.
- e it before so it should be my turn now.
- f me explain my ideas on the subject?

3a Giving your opinion:

Fill in the correct word to complete the sentence.

of ♦ in ♦ as ♦ to ♦ on ♦ from

- 1 my mind, school uniforms show that all students are equal.
- 2 my point of view, we should be allowed to wear whatever we want.
- 3 I am the opinion that school uniforms are beneficial for everyone.
- 4 My view the matter is that young people should be allowed to express themselves.
- 5 As far I'm concerned, school uniforms help students to learn about discipline.
- 6 my opinion, children would be worried about being fashionable.



b What is your opinion on school uniforms?