

Practice Test 8

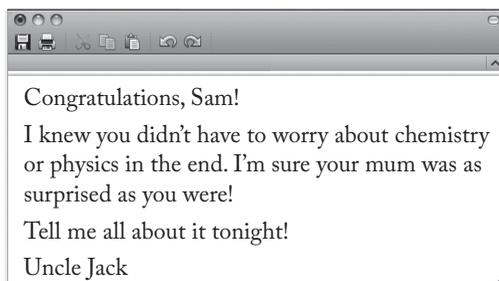
READING PART 1

Questions 1 – 5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Example:

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Who expected Sam to have problems in his exams?

- A only Sam
- B Sam's uncle
- C Sam and his mum

Answer:

0	A	B	C

1

CHOC DRINK
your favourite
chocolate drink

Sugar free – no artificial
colours or flavours

Mix at least one spoon with water
or milk. Drink immediately. Have up
to 3 cups daily, best before meals.
You'll see the difference in no time.

- A You mustn't have *Choc Drink* more than once a day.
- B You have to wait before you drink a cup of *Choc Drink*.
- C *Choc Drink* is a good choice if you're on a diet.

2

How to lift correctly

- ✓ Legs bent, keep back as straight as possible. Keep the object close to your body.
- ✗ Don't put all the weight on the muscles of your back.

Which piece of advice is correct?

- A Try not to bend your back very much.
- B Don't use your leg muscles to lift an object.
- C Hold the object at a distance.

3

Dad,
I'm at Carl's. I'll be back before 4pm, but I might not make it for lunch. I can't call you; no talk-time left on phone! Text me if you want anything from the shops.
Leo

- A Leo's dad can send him a message if he needs to.
- B If Leo needs something, he can text his dad.
- C Leo's dad can have lunch with him before four o'clock.

4

REMEMBER
A SmartPark card is required to pay for daily parking.
SmartPark cards are only available online. Buy before April 30th and get 15% off.

- A Buying a SmartPark card online is 15% cheaper in April.
- B You must buy SmartPark cards in the car park.
- C If you park in the car park every day, you don't need a card.

5

Sue, 6.04pm: What time tonight?
Natasha, 6.06pm: Film starts at 8. Pick me up at 7.15?
Sue, 6.11pm: OK. I'll ring the bell.
Natasha, 6.13pm: Don't forget to bring the jacket I lent you!
Sue, 6.14pm: I won't!

- A Sue will give Natasha a ring when she gets to her house.
- B Sue must remember to lend Natasha a jacket.
- C Natasha reminds Sue about something she borrowed.



Practice Test 8

READING PART 2

Questions 6 – 10

The teenagers below are all looking for a music concert to go to. On the opposite page, there are descriptions of eight concerts for young people. Decide which concert would be the most suitable for the people below. For each question, choose the correct answer.

6



Alexander, who enjoys listening to modern rock, wants to go to a rock concert with his sister. She isn't a big fan of electronic music, and she'd like to go to a rock concert that isn't too loud.

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Ian likes concerts with a lot of instruments, but he isn't very keen on music from Central or South America. He likes modern and classical music and he'd prefer to see a concert in a big theatre.

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Bridget, who is a big fan of The Beatles and rock and roll, finds unplugged concerts boring. She likes collecting souvenirs from the concerts she goes to.

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Wesley is from the UK and he loves listening to music from other countries even though he doesn't understand the lyrics. He'd like to help other people in some way.

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Vanessa is half Spanish. She usually likes watching ballet dancers perform, but this time she'd love to watch a big international star in concert.

Concerts

- A Charity Classics**
Come to the stadium this Thursday evening! Enjoy the sound of the local symphony orchestra. Don't miss this amazing classical music performance live on stage. Be there at 7.30pm. All ticket sales go to *Save the Wildlife*.
- B Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake***
Professor David Elliot is bringing this masterpiece alive to London's Grand Theatre. *Swan Lake* will be played by the Middleton student orchestra this weekend only. There may be no ballet dancers, but the music will make you want to dance. Tickets sold online.
- C Melina Brown unplugged**
18-year-old Melina Brown is on her way to becoming a big rock star. She's performing next Friday at the public youth club. Melina – influenced by rock singers such as Kurt Cobain and Mick Jagger – will play her own songs on her acoustic guitar. Tickets are limited. Get yours today!
- D Stars for Africa**
Paul Alwin of Radioheart and Julie Jones of Heavenly 4 are joining forces for next month's charity concert. They won't be singing their big hits, but traditional African songs with musicians from Senegal. Venue: Ben's Place. Tickets: 18 euros (all money raised will go to charity *Help Africa*).
- E Rock 'n Roll Robin**
American singer Robin King and his band are playing tonight after 9pm in the main square. All you Elvis Presley lovers must not miss it! This is the best tribute band to the King of Rock and Roll! T-shirts, CDs and posters will be available next to the stage. It's now or never!
- F Marco Antonino**
He's been in the Latin music industry for decades, but this is his first concert in London's Wembley Stadium. Marco, the big salsa star, will give six performances this August as part of his world tour. His group of dancers and musicians will amaze you! Don't wait any longer to buy your ticket!
- G Mariziachi Band**
Are you tired of listening to the same kind of music? If so, the Mariziachi Band is here to cheer you up. Their sound is fresh, fun and Mexican! Big hats, colourful suits, huge guitars, violins and trumpets will guarantee a great afternoon. Don't worry about not understanding the Spanish lyrics; the rhythm of the rancheras won't let you sit down! 5.30pm, Music Theatre
- H The Rhythmic Tigers**
'The Beatles' successors are in town,' according to music producer Steve Richards. The Rhythmic Tigers may remind you of The Beatles, but their sound is unique. Electronic, loud and experimental, the five Tigers from London are presenting their new album at the open-air festival this Thursday, 9pm.

READING PART 3

Questions 11 – 15

Read the text and questions below.
For each question, choose the correct answer.

Are personal shoppers a growing fashion?

A day in the life of a personal shopper



'Personal shoppers are in great demand these days,' says Thomas, who has been working as one for the past five years. As we were walking past designer clothes shops, I asked him why he thinks this has happened. He says that there are many people who want to be fashionable, but they don't know where to start. They need a professional to advise them.

But why? I always call my best friend to help me find the perfect dress, not a stranger! 'I can help in three different ways. The first thing I do is help my customer improve their image. I teach them to choose colours and clothes that suit them, and how to use make-up,' Thomas tells me. 'Then I organise the customer's wardrobe; I might even throw away some old clothes.' The third service has to do with actual shopping: the personal shopper and the customer visit shops and buy clothes according to the customer's personality, lifestyle and needs.

Of course, each of the above services costs between 150 and 225 euros! Do many people have this kind of money to spend? 'Most of my customers are rich business people who call me for important meetings or business parties,' explains Thomas. 'However, I also work for people in all kinds of jobs and for retired men and women who want a change of look.' I was quite impressed, but I still didn't see why ordinary people would need someone like Thomas.

We spent the rest of the day shopping. Every time we came out of a shop, we had one more bag. In the end, I went home with a beautiful dress, two pairs of trousers, some lovely tops and a couple of coats. I'd never had a shopping day like this before! I admit that I'd spent more than I usually do, but I wouldn't have found such beautiful clothes without Thomas. I just wish personal shoppers were a bit cheaper!

- 11 What is the writer doing in the article?
- A talking about shopping in expensive shops
 - B finding out what personal shoppers do
 - C describing how she chooses which clothes to buy
 - D explaining the kind of clothes Thomas buys
- 12 Why does Thomas think personal shoppers are mainly necessary?
- A People don't like following fashion.
 - B People have started shopping for designer clothes.
 - C People want to spend less money on clothes.
 - D People need help with choosing the right clothes.
- 13 What does Thomas say about the services a personal shopper offers?
- A The customer can learn things through these services.
 - B The customer can't choose which service to pay for.
 - C They don't depend on the customer's character and preferences.
 - D The third service is more useful than the other two.
- 14 What was the writer's attitude to personal shopping?
- A She didn't understand why people wanted to look different.
 - B She believed it was an important job.
 - C She felt it wasn't essential.
 - D She agreed that these services were necessary.
- 15 How might the writer describe her shopping day with Thomas?

A



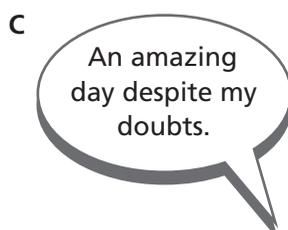
An enjoyable day, and surprisingly cheap.

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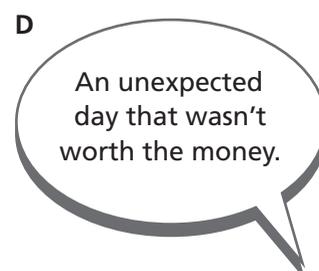
A fun day, but it ended badly.

C



An amazing day despite my doubts.

D



An unexpected day that wasn't worth the money.

READING PART 4

Questions 16 – 20

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.

The coolest hotel in the world

About the Ice Hotel

The Ice Hotel, which is located in a small village in the north of Sweden, was built in 1990 for the first time. It is rebuilt each year from the middle of November. **(16)** — The whole hotel is made of – ice and snow! Every year a team of snow builders, architects, designers and artists gather to create this amazing hotel.



When to come

If you come at the beginning of winter, you'll be able to see parts of the hotel being built and artists sculpting huge blocks of ice. The warmer months of spring and summer are also a nice time to visit this area of Sweden – called Lapland – because night starts turning into day. **(17)** — But, of course, if you come then, you won't be able to stay at the Ice Hotel!

Accommodation

You can choose to sleep in a warm room in a cabin or hotel nearby or a cold room in the Ice Hotel. The temperature inside the hotel doesn't go lower than -8 degrees Celsius. **(18)** — Warm winter clothes and other equipment are included in the price. In the rooms, the beds, furniture and sculptures are all made from ice!

Activities

If you like extreme activities, you can go on a snowmobile tour or discover the wild landscape on a sleigh pulled by dogs. **(19)** — And for those who are feeling romantic, the Northern Lights are an unforgettable sight. If you choose to come in summer, river rafting is the most popular activity. **(20)** — .

- A This means the sun almost never sets.
- B Some visitors also enjoy fishing in the Torne River.
- C It is cold in Lapland all year round.
- D This is because it starts to melt at the end of April.
- E There are lots of reindeer in Sweden.
- F The Ice Hotel doesn't melt all year.
- G However, you'll need special clothes and a hat when you get into your sleeping bag.
- H If you're artistic, then why not try ice sculpting?

READING PART 5

Questions 21 – 26

Read the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Example:

0 A to B for C of D at

Answer: 0 A B C D

We're on the air in 4, 3, 2, 1!

Television is an exciting world (0) ___ be working in! Whether you want to work as a TV presenter, a camera operator, a TV producer or in the lighting department, we have the advice and information (21) ___ you need. You might not be sure yet what job interests you most, but we will help you to decide. Here are some tips before you (22) ___ up your mind.

Making a TV programme is not as simple as it may (23) ___. Many specialists working in different teams are necessary for a successful TV programme. Let's take the job of camera operators, for instance. (24) ___ being behind the camera, their work is essential. They have to know how to use different kinds of equipment, they're responsible (25) ___ setting up the cameras and they must know the script. It can also be a dangerous job because they sometimes have to film scenes that involve fast-moving cars or explosions. Did you know that?

Check (26) ___ our website for more information about other jobs in television. Don't miss the documentary on the process of filming a TV programme, as well as interviews with famous TV presenters, producers and other professionals.

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|----|---------------|---------|-----------|------------|
| 21 | A who | B that | C when | D what |
| 22 | A take | B make | C give | D do |
| 23 | A seem | B think | C say | D see |
| 24 | A Even though | B But | C Despite | D In spite |
| 25 | A for | B of | C at | D in |
| 26 | A in | B out | C for | D to |

READING PART 6

Questions 27 – 32

For each question, write the correct answer. Write one word for each gap.

A Cleanup day

by Jessica Brown

Do you have a nice park in your town? We used to have a lovely park (27) _____ was fun to go to, but people started dropping litter everywhere in the park and lots (28) _____ families stopped going there.

Some friends and I decided (29) _____ have a cleanup day at the park. We put up notices all around town asking (30) _____ volunteers, not really knowing what the response would be like.

We were amazed at how many people offered to help. Over fifty people of all ages turned up on the day. It took us the whole day to pick (31) _____ all the rubbish on the grass and the paths! Can you believe it?!

The hard work was worth it because we now have a nice clean park (32) _____ it's fun to spend time!

WRITING PART 1**Question 1**

You **must** answer this question.

Write your answer in about **100 words** on the answer sheet.

Read this email from your friend Oscar and the notes you have made.

From:	Oscar
Subject:	School project

Dear James,

I heard that you are doing an interesting school project about a famous person from your country. What do you have to do for the project? (*Explain*)

Can you tell me about a famous person from your country? (*Tell Oscar*)

I'd love to see your project when it's finished. (*Offer*)

Reply soon!

Oscar

Write your email to Oscar using **all the notes**.

WRITING **PART 2**

Question 2

Choose one of these questions.
Write your answer in about **100 words**.

You see this announcement in your school English-language magazine.

ARTICLES WANTED!

**WHAT DO YOU DO
WHEN YOU THINK YOU ARE
GETTING A COLD?**

- Write an article telling us what you do when you feel a cold coming on.
- Do you think it's good to stay in bed and rest? Why?
- The best articles answering these questions will be published next month.

Write your **article**.

Question 3

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.

Your story must begin with this sentence:

Jim woke up, looked around and had no idea where he was.

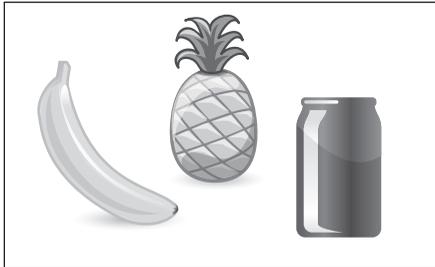
Write your **story**.

LISTENING PART 1

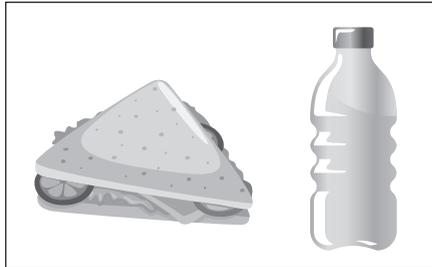
Questions 1 – 7

There are seven questions in this part.
For each question, choose the correct answer.

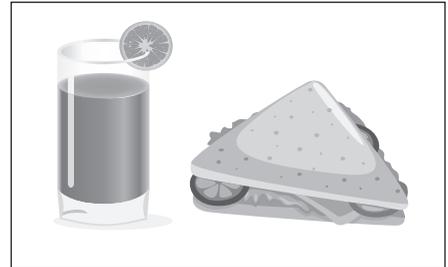
Example: What is the girl going to have?



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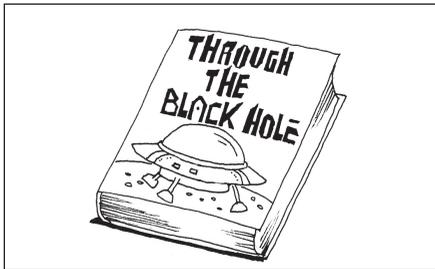


B



C

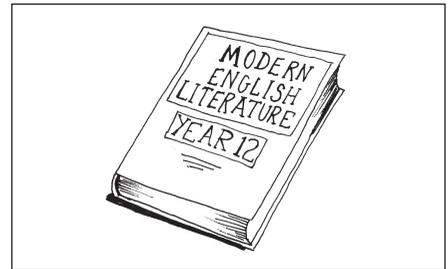
1 What is the girl going to take to the park?



A



B

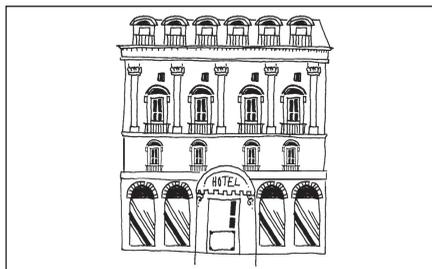


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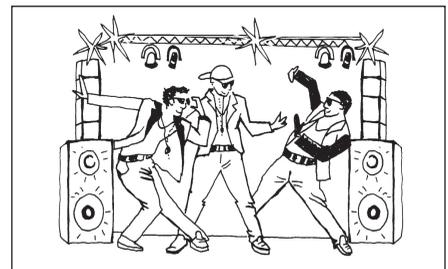
2 What did the singer like most?



A

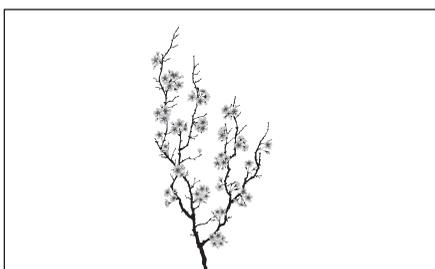


B



C

3 When will they go on holiday?



A



B



C

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4 What exam does the teacher announce for Friday?



A



B



C

5 What time is it now?



A



B



C

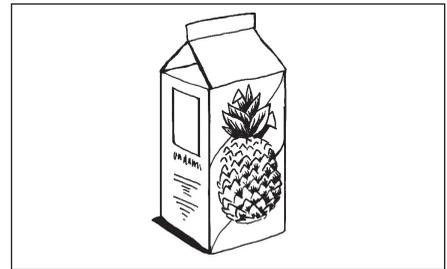
6 What is the girl drinking?



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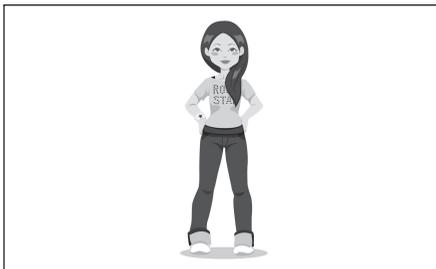


B



C

7 Who is going to take the dog for a walk?



A



B



C

LISTENING PART 2**Questions 8 – 13**

You will hear six short conversations.
For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 8 You will hear two friends talking about a film they've seen.
They disagree that
- A it had a strange ending.
 - B it was interesting from start to finish.
 - C the acting was true to life.
- 9 You will hear a boy telling a friend about a canoeing trip.
How did he feel about it?
- A It made him not want to go canoeing again.
 - B It was more difficult than he expected.
 - C It was easy after all the practice he'd had.
- 10 You will hear two friends talking about a school project.
What advice is given to the girl?
- A to change groups
 - B to do the project on her own
 - C to tell the teacher about the problem
- 11 You will hear two friends talking about a new shopping mall they have been to.
What do they like best about it?
- A the choice of sports
 - B the range of shops and other things
 - C the food outlets
- 12 You will hear two friends talking about learning to play golf.
The boy advises his friend to
- A have more lessons.
 - B play more regularly.
 - C play with someone.
- 13 You will hear two friends talking about a music festival they've been to.
They agree that
- A the choice of food was good.
 - B the event was well organized.
 - C there were too many bands playing.

LISTENING PART 3

Questions 14 – 19

You will hear some advice on how to decorate your bedroom.
For each question, write the correct answer in the gap.
Write **one or two words** or a **number** or a **date** or a **time**.

How to decorate your bedroom

Before you start

Get rid of: (14) _____

Move furniture to: the (15) _____ of the room

Choose: a (16) _____ for your room

Decorating

If you can't change things, be: (17) _____

Avoid: very (18) _____ and dark wall colours

In a corner, place a few: (19) _____

LISTENING PART 4**Questions 20 – 25**

You will hear part of an interview with Stacey Peterson, a young designer who makes theatre costumes. For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 20 How did Stacey start making costumes for the theatre?
- A A director liked one of her designs.
 - B She used to work in a theatre.
 - C A friend encouraged her to start.
- 21 According to Stacey, what's the best thing about her job?
- A It allows her to be very creative.
 - B Famous actors wear her costumes on stage.
 - C She doesn't work with the same people all the time.
- 22 Stacey is worried about the next play because
- A she has to make many costumes.
 - B she will use a new material.
 - C she has got little time to prepare.
- 23 How does Stacey get ideas for her costumes?
- A She surfs on the Internet.
 - B She goes to fashion shows.
 - C She borrows books from a library.
- 24 What would Stacey like to do in the future?
- A start designing something different
 - B continue making costumes, but not for plays
 - C teach students how to make clothes
- 25 Stacey advises anyone who wants to become a costume designer
- A to go to the theatre as much as possible.
 - B to study fashion design at university.
 - C to take photographs of clothes they like.



Practice Test 8

SPEAKING PART 1

2–3 minutes (3–4 minutes for a group of three)

Interlocutor

(Say to both candidates)

Good morning/afternoon/evening.

Can I have your mark sheets, please?

I'm _____ and this is _____.

He/She is just going to listen to us.

(Say to Candidate A)

Now, what's your name?

Thank you.

(Say to Candidate B)

And what's your name?

Thank you.

Back-up prompts

Interlocutor (Say to Candidate B)

(Candidate B), what's your surname?

How do you spell it?

Thank you.

(Say to Candidate A)

And, (Candidate A), what's your surname?

How do you spell it?

Thank you.

How do you write your family / second name?

How do you write your family / second name?

Interlocutor (Ask the following questions. Ask Candidate A first.)

Where do you live / come from?

Do you study English at school?

Do you like it?

Thank you.

(Repeat for Candidate B.)

Do you live in (name of local area)?

Do you have English lessons?

Phase 2

Interlocutor (Select one or more questions from the list to ask each candidate. Use candidates' names throughout. Ask Candidate B first.)

Tell us about your home.

What's your favourite room in your home? Why?

What would you like to change in your home? Why?

What housework do you do to help at home?

Do you think it's better to live in a house or a flat? Why?

Thank you.

Introduction to Part 2

In the next part, you are going to talk to each other.

SPEAKING PART 2

2–3 minutes

Astronauts

Interlocutor
(Say to both candidates)

Now, I'd like each of you to talk on your own about something. I'm going to give each of you a photograph of **astronauts**.

See photo A
on page 159

(Candidate A), here is your photograph. Please show it to (Candidate B), but I'd like you to talk about it. (Candidate B), you just listen. I'll give you your photograph in a moment. (Candidate A), please tell us what you can see in your photograph.

Candidate A (Approximately 1 minute)
(If there is a need to intervene, prompts rather than direct questions should be used.)

- Talk about the people.
- Talk about the place.
- Talk about the other things in the photograph.

Interlocutor

See photo B
on page 159

Thank you.
Now, (Candidate B), here is your photograph. It also shows **astronauts**. Please show it to (Candidate A) and tell us what you can see in the photograph.

Candidate B (Approximately 1 minute)
(If there is a need to intervene, prompts rather than direct questions should be used.)

- Talk about the people.
- Talk about the place.
- Talk about the other things in the photograph.

Interlocutor

Thank you.



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SPEAKING PART 3

2–3 minutes (3 minutes for a group of three)

A school trip

Interlocutor
(Say to both candidates)

See pictures on page 160

Now, in this part of the test you're going to talk about something together for about two minutes. I'm going to describe a situation to you.

(Place pictures on page 160 in front of the candidates.)

A group of students are organizing a summer school trip to a Spanish town by the sea.

Here are some places they could stay. Talk together about the different types of accommodation and say which place would be the most fun for the students to stay in.

All right? Now, talk together.

(Allow the candidates enough time to complete the task without intervention. Prompt only if necessary.)

Thank you.

SPEAKING PART 4

3 minutes

Interlocutor

Use the following questions as appropriate.

- Would you like to have more school trips? (Where would you like to go?)
- What do you need to take when you go on a trip?
- Do you prefer to stay in big hotels or small hotels? (Why?)
- What do you think is the best time of year to go on a trip? (Why?)
- Which do you think is more interesting: staying in the countryside or a city? (Why?)

Select any of the following prompts, as appropriate:

- How/What about you?
- Do you agree?
- What do you think?

Thank you. That is the end of the test.

SPEAKING PART 2

Photograph for Candidate A



Photograph for Candidate B



SPEAKING PART 3

