

Task 1: READING COMPREHENSION

Task 1: Fear of flying

Read the following text and the nine headings (A - I). Choose the heading which best fits each paragraph. There are two extra headings that you do not need to use.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

0. I
It's perfectly rational to be a little tense about flying. After all, you are in a metal tube full of inflammable fuel thousands of metres in the sky. It would be rather unusual not to feel the slightest strain. However, it's a question of degree. If you get extremely worried on flights, it might be worth following some of the advice below.

1. _____
There is a mistaken belief that being near the aisle will take your mind off the fact that you are high in the air. In fact, if turbulence terrifies you, then being next to the aisle will probably make things worse. On the other hand, if you can actually see that the plane is not falling to the ground below, you should feel better.

2. _____
Be careful what you put into your body too. Avoid caffeine because it will just make you feel even more anxious. Similarly, give alcohol a miss. One glass of wine might help you to relax, but any more might dehydrate you and that will make you even more

nervous. For this reason, it's important to drink enough fluids like water.

3. _____
In any case, you should always be realistic. Only lifts are a safer means of getting from A to B. All the evidence suggests that the most dangerous part of your journey is actually the drive to the airport. Keep that in mind while you worry about your plane falling from the sky.

4. _____
Also, remember that flying is normal. Aircraft are strong and stable. They are also well looked after. Everything is well planned. Nothing is left until the last minute. Mechanical faults are extremely rare. If a problem is found, the plane won't be allowed to fly. The ground staff, pilots and cabin crews are all well-trained professionals.

5. _____
Try chilling out. If you feel yourself starting to tense up, sit back in your seat, it doesn't matter if it's by the window or not, take some deep breaths and slowly breathe out.

Alternatively, why not listen to some soothing sounds on your MP3 player? Although if you're going to do that, make sure you wait until the cabin crew tell you that it's safe to use electronic devices.

6. _____
Finally, make sure you have plenty of material to take your mind off things, especially if it's a long journey, as you might have plenty of time on your hands. Save the end of that fascinating novel, take your favourite music with you, watch the in-flight movie or strike up a conversation with a neighbour.

HEADINGS:

- A Give yourself enough time
- B Look at the statistics
- C Try and stick to your plan
- D Take a window seat
- E Try to distract yourself
- F Use relaxation techniques
- G Watch what you consume
- H You're in good hands
- I It's normal to be afraid

Tasks 2 - 6: LANGUAGE IN USE

Task 2: The potato

Read the following text and the options below. Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that best fits each numbered space.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.

The average person (0) A 33 kg of potatoes a year. In fact, potatoes are becoming more and more popular all the time. Even countries like China and India are now leading (1) _____ of potatoes. It is hard to believe that five hundred years ago they were only eaten in the Americas.

So who is responsible for the (2) _____ of the humble potato? The plant originally (3) _____ wild in South America about 10,000 years ago. They formed the basis of the (4) _____ of the Incas, from whom the Spanish obtained them in the sixteenth century. It was sailors returning from South America who brought the potato back to Europe. For instance, Sir Francis Drake (5) _____ it into Britain in 1580. However, it was the Spanish who played the key (6) _____ in the potato becoming popular in Europe. This was because they were the leading European (7) _____ and as their armies fought across Europe, they took the potato with them. The potato soon became very popular because it was cheaper and more filling than other crops. In addition, climate (8) _____ in the eighteenth century encouraged people to plant more potatoes. The potato was one of the (9) _____ for the growth in Europe's population in the nineteenth century. However, in some countries, poorer people relied on it too much, such as in Ireland. (10) _____, there was disaster when the harvest failed. A million died and even more (11) _____ to North America.

Nevertheless, the potato is still an important part of the (12) _____ of most European countries.

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| (0) A consumes | B devours | C spends | D uses |
| (1) A farmers | B manufacturers | C planters | D producers |
| (2) A expansion | B extension | C spread | D stretch |
| (3) A cultivated | B developed | C grew | D raised |
| (4) A diet | B eating | C feeding | D intake |
| (5) A commenced | B established | C introduced | D started |
| (6) A function | B position | C role | D task |
| (7) A command | B power | C ruler | D strength |
| (8) A alteration | B change | C conversion | D difference |
| (9) A causes | B factors | C origins | D reasons |
| (10) A Although | B However | C Therefore | D Yet |
| (11) A deported | B emigrated | C exiled | D expelled |
| (12) A catering | B cuisine | C dish | D kitchen |

Task 3: Woodstock

Read the following text. For each gap 1- 12, think of one word which best fits into the text. Use only one word for each space.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The most famous open-air music festival of all time took (0) place on a farm in the state of New York in August 1969. Originally, Woodstock was a business venture and tickets cost eighteen dollars each. The organisers (1) _____ only expected about 50,000 people to buy tickets. (2) _____ a result, they were surprised when nearly 200,000 were sold. In fact, demand was so great that the organisers realised that they (3) _____ not be able to cope and so the festival became free. Local people were worried about the event and tried to get (4) _____ banned, but this only provided more publicity.

The event itself soon ran into difficulties. Many festival-goers travelled (5) _____ car, which led to enormous traffic jams near the venue. Nevertheless about half (6) _____ million people eventually made it to Woodstock. Conditions at the festival were made worse by the heavy rain (7) _____ turned the fields into mud. However, despite (8) _____ the problems, the festival was considered an enormous success. Given that so many people attended the concert, there were very (9) _____ incidents and the atmosphere was a peaceful one.

The festival (10) _____ four days and thirty-two acts performed. Perhaps the most famous of these was Jimi Hendrix. His version of "The Star Spangled Banner" was (11) _____ become one of the legendary live performances.

The festival could (12) _____ been a disaster, but it passed off peacefully. For many, Woodstock came to represent the ideals of the 1960s.

Task 4: World Book Night

Read the following text and the options below. Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which best fits each numbered space.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

If you could give away a book, which one (0) D ? On 5 March 2011, you might have the chance because it is World Book Night. To celebrate this special occasion, one million specially selected books will be given away.

The 25 titles (1) _____ to be given away by members of the public. The final list includes modern works, but also older classics such as *All Quiet on the Western Front*, which Erich Maria Remarque (2) _____ back in 1929. The 25 books were selected by a committee from a list which (3) _____ by publishers and bookshops. 20,000 people who live in Britain and Ireland will each receive 48 books. It is hoped that by the end of the weekend, they (4) _____ all 48. If someone (5) _____ to be a giver, they have to apply by 9 o'clock on 4 January 2011.

The chairman of the committee said that he (6) _____ the idea for quite a while. He first got the idea while he (7) _____ the publishing industry at a conference in 2009.

However, some people have criticised the event. They don't understand why the organisers (8) _____ so many books at a time when the book industry is in recession. They feel it (9) _____ better if the organisers had chosen another way of promoting reading. Nevertheless, the fact is that at this particular moment in time, a lot of people (10) _____ forward to World Book Night.

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| (0) A) is it | B) was it | C) will it be | D) would it be |
| (1) A) are being chosen | B) are going to be chosen | C) have been chosen | D) will be chosen |
| (2) A) had written | B) had been writing | C) has written | D) wrote |
| (3) A) had been proposed | B) has been proposed | C) is proposed | D) was being proposed |
| (4) A) are giving away | B) will be giving away | C) have given away | D) will have given away |
| (5) A) is wanting | B) wanted | C) wants | D) will want |
| (6) A) had been planning | B) has planned | C) is planning | D) plans |
| (7) A) had been discussing | B) had discussed | C) has been discussing | D) was discussing |
| (8) A) are donating | B) donate | C) had donated | D) had been donating |
| (9) A) had been | B) was | C) will be | D) would have been |
| (10) A) are going to look | B) are looking | C) look | D) will look |

Task 5: Gap Filling

For questions 1 to 10, find one word which is appropriate for all three gaps in each of the following sets of sentences. The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

(0) Teachers shouldn't set their pupils too much homework.

The film is set in Ireland at the start of the last century.

Ivanišević beat Rafter in the fifth set of the men's tennis final.

(1) Ana's really funny. She has a great _____ of humour.

As soon as I went in, I could _____ something was wrong.

It's common _____ to wear a hat and scarf in winter.

(2) England lost in the second _____ of the World Cup.

If you want to watch the film tonight, come _____ my place.

The earth orbits the sun and not the other way _____.

(3) It's very rude of you to _____ at people.

I can't see the _____ in doing such a silly exercise.

That knife has a sharp _____. Be careful with it!

(4) You need a strong _____ to catch a big fish.

We had to wait in _____ before we could go in.

Why don't you drop me a _____ when you get home?

(5) It was a fantastic _____. The final score was 5-5.

Have you noticed how her shoes always _____ her bag?

It was so dark, we had to strike a _____ in order to see.

(6) I can't wait for the next _____ of that magazine to come out.

Everyone agrees that stress is a big _____ in modern society.

I lost my passport and the embassy had to _____ me a new one.

- (7) It took ages us to clean all the dirty _____ off the walls.
Our teacher always _____ our tests as soon as she gets them.
His writing's awful. He never uses question _____ or full stops.
- (8) Nobody can _____ you to do something if you don't want to do it.
The new law will come into _____ at the beginning of the year.
I always wanted to join the police _____ when I was a kid.
- (9) Did you see the size of the engagement _____ he gave her?
Why don't you _____ me if you want to go to the cinema tonight?
So many boxers have died in the _____ that it should be banned.
- (10) There was a really good _____ on channel four last night.
The United Nations have started a _____ to fight child poverty.
You can _____ PCs to do all sorts of things these days.

Task 6: The London Eye

Read the following text. Use the word given at the end of the line to form a word that fits in the same numbered space in the text. Your answer must be ONE word only.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The London Eye is the (0) tallest Ferris wheel in Europe. It reaches a (1) _____ of 135 metres. It is located near the River Thames in central London, and is (2) _____ one of the most impressive tourist attractions in London. Not only that, it is also without doubt one of the most recognisable (3) _____ in the whole country. The enormous wheel takes about half an hour to complete a full revolution. It turns slowly enough for people to get on and off without it having to stop, although it does halt to allow (4) _____ people to board it and get off.

The London Eye was (5) _____ opened in 1999 by the British prime minister. However, it was not open to the public until the following year due to technical (6) _____.

Despite its initial (7) _____ problems, most people would agree that the London Eye has been an enormous (8) _____. In the ten years that it has been in (9) _____, more than thirty million visitors have been on it. Nowadays, for many Londoners, it (10) _____ their city in the same way that the Eiffel Tower represents Paris.

(0) TALL

(1) HIGH

(2) TRUE

(3) SEE

(4) ABLE

(5) OFFICIAL

(6) DIFFICULT

(7) FINANCE

(8) SUCCEED

(9) EXIST

(10) SYMBOL

THIS IS THE END OF THE TEST