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7-8 form

Listening

Time: 20 min

Task 1. Listen to the podcast about the London underground system. For tasks 1 – 10 choose the best answer (A, B, or C). You have 5 minutes after the first listening to do these tasks. Then you have to listen to the text again. Then you have 3 minutes to correct your answers and transfer your answers to your answer sheet.

1. Where did the first underground railway in the world run?
 - A. Paddington to the City of London
 - B. Oxford Circus to Marble Arch
 - C. deep underground
2. How did the railway company build the railway?
 - A. they used steam engines
 - B. they dug a trench in the middle of the street and put the railway at the bottom
 - C. they bored a hole deep under London
3. Building the railway was controversial. Why?
 - A. it would make it easier for ordinary people to get to work
 - B. the building work caused chaos in London's streets
 - C. it damaged houses and other buildings
4. The first trains on the underground were pulled by
 - A. horses
 - B. electric engines
 - C. steam engines
5. Traveling on the new underground railway was popular with people..
 - A. ..who suffered from asthma.
 - B. ...who needed to travel to work in London
 - C. ...who liked steam engines
6. How did we celebrate the 150th birthday of the Underground?
 - A. Prince Charles travelled on an Underground train for the first time in his life
 - B. a steam engine pulled a special train at a railway museum
 - C. the Post Office issued special commemorative stamps
7. If I want to travel on the Underground from a station in north London to the centre of the city, I need to a train that is
 - A. southbound
 - B. northbound
 - C. eastbound
8. When you get on an Underground train, you should
 - A. ...mind the gap between the train and the platform
 - B. ...carry a dog
 - C. ...shake hands with everyone else on the train
9. When you travel on an escalator you should...
 - A. ...be a tourist
 - B. ...run up the escalator
 - C. ...stand on the right-hand side
10. What does "dogs must be carried on the escalator" really mean?
 - A. If you have a dog, you must carry it on the escalator, so that the escalator does not injure it
 - B. If you don't have a dog, you must use the stairs and not the escalator
 - C. the British are mad.

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Reading

Time: 20 min

Read the text about MI6 then do these exercises to check your understanding.

MI6: The British Secret Intelligence Service

Would you like to be a secret agent and work undercover? Do you think the job in reality would be similar to how it's shown in films? You might have heard of MI6 through the man known as 007. James Bond doesn't exist, of course, but what about MI6?

What is MI6?

MI6 is very real. It is an organisation that recruits agents who collect 'human intelligence', or information, from countries around the world in order to protect the security of the UK. The official name for MI6 is the Secret Intelligence Service, or SIS.

How old is MI6?

MI6 has recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. The agency started life in a small rented office in London in 1909 but it wasn't officially recognised by the British government until 1995!

Where is MI6?

The agency has its present headquarters in a huge building at Vauxhall Cross on the banks of the river Thames in London. The building is shown in a recent James Bond film *The World Is Not Enough*. In the film, a bomb, hidden in a suitcase full of money, explodes inside the MI6 headquarters.

MI6 agents

The first chief of MI6 was Sir Mansfield Cumming. He always signed his name as 'C' in green ink. This tradition is continued today by Sir John Sawers, the present chief, who also signs documents with a green 'C'. John le Carré, famous for his spy novels, is a former MI6 agent. He changed his name from David John Moore Cornwell because agents weren't allowed to publish books under their own names.

Secret Missions

During the Second World War (1939-1945), MI6 communicated with agents through coded radio messages broadcast on the BBC. MI6 was also involved in the work of the code breakers who collected important enemy information at Bletchley Park in the south of England. Modern computers didn't exist at that time and the code breakers had to use huge noisy machines to help them break the codes.

MI6 online

MI6 now has an official website where anyone can learn about its history, read a glossary of Secret Intelligence Service words, have a virtual tour or even apply for a job.

Task 2. Check your understanding: true or false. Circle T (True) or F (False) for these sentences (11 – 18). Transfer your answers to your answer sheet.

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| 11. The Secret Intelligence Section is MI6's real name. | T | F |
| 12. The British government officially recognised MI6 in 1995. | T | F |
| 13. The present chief of MI6 signs documents with a 'C' in green ink | T | F |
| 14. John le Carré worked for MI6. | T | F |
| 15. MI6 sent coded messages to agents during the Second World War. | T | F |
| 16. The former MI6 agents are allowed to publish books under their own names. | T | F |
| 17. The agents of the MI6 might be considered the predecessor of the contemporary hackers. | T | F |
| 18. Only agents can access the MI6 website. | T | F |

Task 3. Check your understanding: matching. Match the two halves and write A – F to the numbers 19 - 24.

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| 19. You might have heard of MI6 through the man known... | A. for a job on the MI6 website |
| 20. John Le Carre is famous ... | B. with agents through coded radio messages. |
| 21. MI6 communicated ... | C. as 007. |
| 22. MI6 was also involved ... | D. at that time. |
| 23. Modern computers didn't exist ... | E. for his spy novels. |
| 24. You can apply ... | F. in the work of the code breakers. |

Task 4. Check your grammar: gap fill – prepositions. Complete the gaps (25 - 30) with a word from the box.

for	for	as
at	in	with

25. I would love to be involved ___ writing a spy film.
26. He really wants to apply ___ a job with MI6.
27. 007 is famous _____ saying 'the name's Bond, James Bond'.
28. The government communicated _____ the agents by secret messages.
29. Her real name is Stefani Joanne Germanotta but she's known ___ Lady Gaga. She isn't a spy!
30. Didn't they have mobile phones _____ the time?

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Sociocultural competence

Time – 10 min

Task 1. Match the bird idioms (31 - 40) and the definitions (A - J).

31. A swan song	A. If people are watching this way, they are all waiting to take advantage of someone or attack someone who is in difficult, weak or desperate situation.
32. A dove	B. If you ..., you can repeat the words, but you do not understand the meaning.
33. A hawk	C. Someone who often goes to bed late because they prefer to do things at night.
34. Like vultures	D. The last time that a famous person does something for which they are famous.
35. As bold as a coot	E. To be a very sad and disappointed about something.
36. learn something parrot-fashion	F. If something is ..., it is no longer important or popular any more.
37. As sick as a parrot.	G. To have absolutely no hair on your head.
38. As dead as a dodo	H. In politics, someone who believes in using peaceful methods to solve problems.
39. a night owl	I. Someone who really likes seeing and experiencing art, theatre, music, etc.
40. a culture vulture	J. In politics, someone who believes in using force and violence to achieve something, rather than using more peaceful or diplomatic methods.

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Use of English

Time – 10 min

Task 1. Circle the incorrect word in each sentence (41 - 50), and then rewrite it correctly on the line. Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

41. Lucy wheres her sandals to the beach. _____
42. Lee's hat blue off her head. _____
43. Grant are going swimming in his pool. _____
44. I bought perfume on sail for my mother. _____
45. Lisa and Pam eated dinner with us. _____
46. We had applesause for a snack. _____
47. The park were closed when we got there. _____
48. This summer Christy will go two India. _____
49. Frank go to see the doctor every year. _____
50. Robin little sister just turned five years old. _____

Task 2. Choose the correct word (A or B) to complete each sentence (51 - 60) . Transfer your answers to your answer sheet.

51. Nancy _____ opened her birthday present.
A. happily
B. happy
52. Please, use a yardstick to _____ the tube.
A. measure
B. measured
53. Polly _____ to the finish line and won first place.
A. sprinted
B. sprinting
54. Children under 11 are not _____ on the roller coaster.
A. aloud
B. allowed
55. The _____ built an anthill in our yard.
A. aunts
B. ants
56. Luckily, _____ grocery store is still open.
A. the
B. an
57. The audience _____ excited when the play started.
A. were
B. was
58. We really _____ stay up late.
A. shouldn't
B. haven't
59. That movie was the _____ movie I have ever seen.
A. worse
B. worst
60. Carmen finally _____ her book report last night.
A. finishes
B. finished

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Writing

Time – 30 min

Write your own version of the story based on the picture. Describe events in your story in an entertaining way. Don't forget the steps to a good short-story:

- *title;*
- *introduction (Introduces characters, setting, time, weather, etc.);*
- *initiating action (The point of a story that starts the rising action);*
- *rising action (events leading up to the climax/turning point);*
- *climax (the most intense point of the story/turning point of the story);*
- *falling action (your story begins to conclude);*
- *resolution / conclusion (a satisfying ending to the story in which the central conflict is resolved – or not).*

You don't have to write your short-story in order. Move backward or forward from the starting idea (it may or may not be the beginning of the story), and ask "What happens next?" or "What happened before this?"

You should write 120 - 150 words.

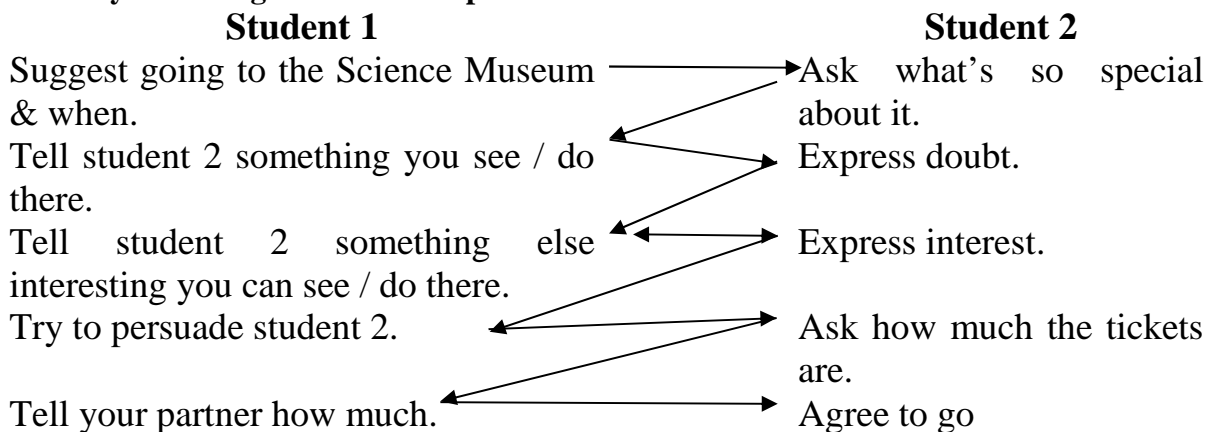


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Speaking (5 min to prepare)

You want to persuade your friend to go to the Science Museum. Use the information in advert to act out your dialogue. Follow the plan.



Science Museum, London

ASTONISHING SCIENCE!

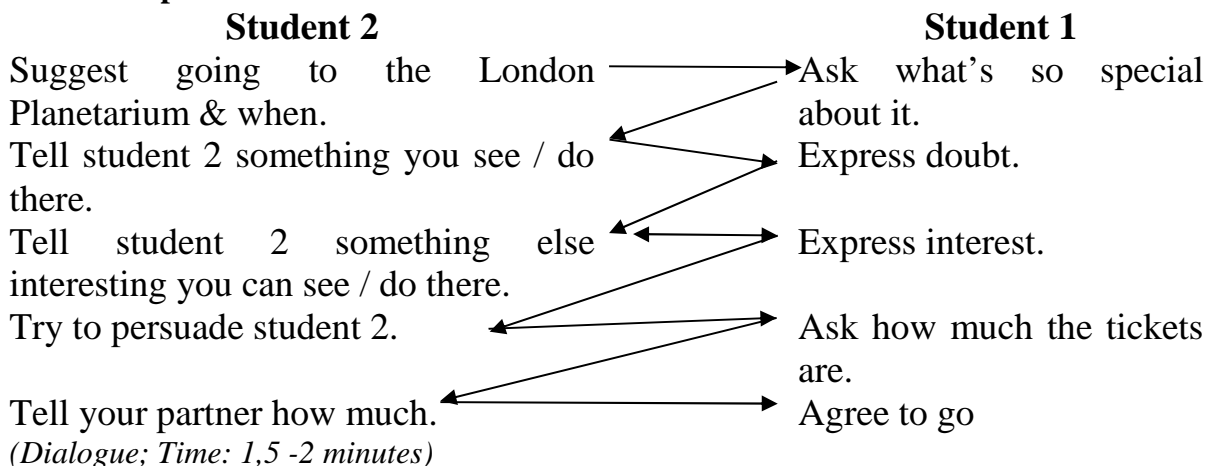
-] medicine, computing, space, telecommunications & much more!
-] interactive exhibits museum tours science shows
-] IMAX cinema (DEEP SEA 3D, BORN TO BE WILD, FLY ME TO THE MOON)
-] flight simulator

FREE entrance! www.sciencemuseum.org.uk

(Dialogue; Time: 1,5 - 2 minutes)

Task 2

Your friend is going to persuade you to go to the London Planetarium. Act out your dialogue. Follow the plan.



(Dialogue; Time: 1,5 - 2 minutes)

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Speaking (5 min to prepare)

Student 2**Task 1**

Your friend is going to persuade you to go to the Science Museum. Act out your dialogue. Follow the plan.

Student 1**Student 2**

Suggest going to the Science Museum & when.	→	Ask what's so special about it.
Tell student 2 something you see / do there.	←	Express doubt.
Tell student 2 something else interesting you can see / do there.	←	Express interest.
Try to persuade student 2.	←	Ask how much the tickets are.
Tell your partner how much.	←	Agree to go

(Dialogue; Time: 1,5 - 2 minutes)

Task 2

You want to persuade your friend to go to the London Planetarium. Use the information in advert to act out your dialogue. Follow the plan.

Student 2**Student 1**

Suggest going to the London Planetarium & when.	→	Ask what's so special about it.
Tell student 2 something you see / do there.	←	Express doubt.
Tell student 2 something else interesting you can see / do there.	←	Express interest.
Try to persuade student 2.	←	Ask how much the tickets are.
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(Dialogue; Time: 1,5 - 2 minutes)

London Planetarium

Come on our 'tour bus' of the universe!

-) See advanced digital spacecrafts & telescopes projected onto a huge dome.
-) Fly into the heart of the sun, see the birth of a star & land on Mars!

Tickets: adults £6, children £4 (Book now: www.rmg.co.uk)

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