

LISTENING

Time: 10 minutes

GIVING AND RECEIVING PRESENTS

Task 1

You will hear four people talking about gifts. Read the statements (1-5) below. In boxes 1-5 on your answer sheet write

- T** (TRUE) if the statement is true
F (FALSE) if the statement is false
NG (NOT GIVEN) if the information is not given in the passage

1. Graig and his sisters didn't want to buy an expensive present to their parents.
2. Everyone wanted to listen to the jokes from the book which Vicky received.
3. Vicky was confused while reading the book.
4. Harry was disappointed when he got a present for his birthday.
5. The present appealed to Beth's mother.

Task 2

Complete the information. Use one word in each space.

6. Graig and his sisters tried to find a present for their parents' _____ wedding anniversary.
7. The book contained the _____ jokes one could only imagine.
8. Harry wore the costume a few _____ and then took it off.
9. Beth's mother is _____ to aroma.
10. Beth bought the _____ for her mum.

TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET!

READING

Time: 30 minutes

Task 1

You are going to read four stories about mistakes that people made while doing their jobs.

BAD JOBS!

A. John

My embarrassing incident happened while I was working in my dad's garage for the summer just before university. It was my job to drive a car out so the owner could pick it up. I can't have been paying attention because I reversed it straight into another car that was parked outside! I immediately jumped out to see the damage. The car I was driving had a slight scratch on the bumper but the other car had a really bad dent. It was awful! At that point, Dad rushed over, looked at both cars, and told me it was going to cost me my whole wages that summer. I couldn't believe it - I was ruined. A few minutes later, he admitted that the bad dent was already there - that was why they'd brought the car in. You can't imagine my relief!

B. Daisy

It's funny looking back at it now, but it wasn't funny at the time because my mistake cost me my job. It was actually my very first job, too. I was working as an admin assistant in a busy office. One day, my manager asked me to send some important documents to one of our biggest clients. I got everything together, but I must have been in a hurry because I stupidly printed out the wrong address label and sent it to the client's main competitor instead! It was such an easy mistake to make, but one with really serious consequences. I didn't realise until about a week later, when my manager called me in and told me what had happened. She said it had cost the company a large amount of money and they had to fire me. Thankfully, I got another job shortly afterwards.

C. Rod

Well, my story happened before I'd even started work. I'd been looking for a Saturday job for ages, so I was pleased when I finally got a letter inviting me for an interview. I read the letter so many times ... I really don't know how I confused Tuesday for Thursday, but I did. So, there I was, waiting to see the manager, wearing my smart clothes, only to be told by the receptionist that I might have missed my chance as I was two days late! I felt so embarrassed! I should have read the letter more carefully. Amazingly, I did get the job. But when he told me the hours - eight until six every Saturday and two till four on Sundays, he made me repeat them to him twice, just to be sure I'd got it right!

D. Liz

I still have nightmares over this. It was about ten years ago, and our company was sponsoring a group of local people raising money for charity. They were going to hold a 48-hour karaoke party. We'd paid for the venue, and I was responsible for getting T-shirts made for all of them. The T-shirt company sent me an email with the wording, but I

should have checked it more carefully because when they opened the box just before the event, they realised the shirts said 'Signing for charity!' and not 'Singing'. Luckily, they saw the funny side and didn't make a fuss. I don't think it affected how much money they raised, but I kept calling them to tell them how sorry I was. I'll never make a mistake like that again. At least, I hope I won't!

For each question (11-16) choose the people A-D. The people may be chosen more than once. In boxes 11-16 on your answer sheet write the correct answer. Who

11. made an error which was very expensive for their employer?
12. apologised many times for their mistake?
13. was threatened with a financial punishment for the mistake?
14. says they were doing a part-time job when they made their mistake?
15. was asked to repeat basic information to their employer?
16. lost the job after they had made a mistake?

Task 2

You are going to read an article about the length of summer holidays and what people think about it.

END OF THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS?

In many countries, schools have long summer holidays, with shorter holidays in between. However, a new report suggests reducing the length of school holidays to stop children forgetting what they have learnt during the long summer break. Instead of three school terms, it says, there should be five eight-week terms. There would be just four weeks off in the summer, with a two-week break between the other terms. The annual amount of holiday time would remain the same.

Sonia Montero has two children at primary school and works full time. She supports the idea. 'The kids,' she says, 'have much longer holidays than me and I can't afford to take several weeks off work, so I need someone to take care of them. But nobody wants the work in the summer months – they all have holidays of their own.' Not surprisingly, some young people disagree.

Student Jason Panos, 15, says: 'It's a stupid idea. I really can't imagine staying at school in the summer - I'd hate it. It's totally unfair, too. The people who suggest this had long school holidays when they were young, but now they want to stop us enjoying the summer. They only need to look at places like Spain and America, where they have much longer holidays than here. The kids there don't forget everything they've learnt in a couple of months, do they?'

Nadia Salib, 14, agrees. 'Sure,' she says, 'the first week at school after the summer is never easy, but you soon get back into it. The real problem round here is that kids get bored after so many weeks out of school, and then some of them start causing trouble. But the answer is to give them something to do in their free time, not make everyone stay in school longer. We'd all hate that.'

Read the questions (17-25) below. In boxes 17-25 on your answer sheet write the correct answer A, B, C or D.

17. How long are usually holidays in many countries?
 - A Summer holidays are usually longer than the other holidays.
 - B Summer holidays are the shortest.
 - C The length of all holidays is equal.
 - D The summer holidays are as long as all the other breaks.
18. How many terms are there now in the academic year?
 - A 2 terms
 - B 3 terms
 - C 4 terms
 - D 5 terms
19. Why do the authorities want to make summer holidays shorter?
 - A Children are bored at home.
 - B Children need to study more.
 - C Children fail to remember the school material.
 - D Parents are against long holidays.
20. Why is Sonia in favour of shorter school holidays?
 - A She can't get anyone to mind her children in summer.
 - B She thinks that secondary school holidays are too long
 - C She can't afford to pay someone to look after her children.
 - D She doesn't get any summer holidays in her present job.
21. What does Jason say about long summer holidays?
 - A They can help children forget about school.
 - B. Schools in other countries don't have them.
 - C These days many older people have them too.
 - D They have no effect on children's education.

22. How long are school summer holidays in Spain and America?
 A They are longer than in other European countries.
 B They are the shortest.
 C They are longer than in Great Britain.
 D There are no holidays there.
23. What does Nadia say about young people in summer?
 A They behave badly when they go back to school.
 B Long holidays are very bad for their education.
 C They would like to spend more time at school.
 D Where she lives there is nothing for them to do.
24. Is it difficult for Nadia to return to school after long summer holidays?
 A It is quite hard.
 B It is very easy.
 C It is all the same.
 D She doesn't study at school.
25. What do the students from the article think about shorter summer holidays?
 A They vote for them.
 B They are against them.
 C They are indifferent to this question.
 D They hate summer holidays.

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USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 20 minutes

Task 1

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only ONE WORD in each gap. The first one has been done as an example (0) for you.

What Was the Life Like Before the Mobile Telephone?

Some forty years ago if we wanted to 0) ...make..... a phone call or wait for someone to contact us, we 26) to sit at home or at our desk. There were public phones in the street of course, but it could be hard to find one that was working and there were often long queues to use 27) And of course you had to remember to bring a 28) of coins to pay for the calls. Before the age of 29) mobile phone, our loved ones would sit around worried sick if we were late coming home. There were no quick calls to tell mum that there 30) be additional guests coming for dinner. We would have to depend 31) notes left on fridges or desks to communicate messages. How 32) we survive? The way people communicate now is completely different. It's difficult to have a chat face-to-face with a friend without being interrupted every couple of minutes 33) the ring of the phone. Of course people, could leave their mobile phones at home or just switch them 34) but no one ever does that. We have become communication addicts, unable to spend even a 35) minutes out of contact, in case we miss something important.

Task 2

Pick up from the list a suitable word for each gap. There are some extra words you don't need to use.

pudding	butter	fish	oil	omelette	fruit	vegetable	apple	pear	broth
loaf bread meat cake									

- 36) You can't make a(n) without breaking eggs.
 37) Too much will choke a dog.
 38) Half a(n) is better than no bread.
 39) Never fry a(n) till it's caught.
 40) A(n) A day keeps the doctor away.
 41) One man's is another man's poison.
 42) Too many cooks spoil the
 43) You can't eat your and have it too.
 44) Every has its season.
 45) Too much won't spoil the porridge.

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WRITING

Time: 30 min

This is a part of a letter you have received from your British friend, John:

Last summer my parents, my twin brother and I went to Italy. My parents just love old buildings. Next summer we're coming to visit your town. My parents want to see some historic buildings in your town. And my brother and I just want something funny to do! Can you give me some ideas about where we could go?

Write a letter answering your friend's questions.

Do not forget to:

- greet your friend
- ask him questions about the trip to Italy
- tell him about historic buildings in your town
- say about the events which are usually held in your town in summer
- give advice which event is worth visiting
- remember the rules of letter writing

You should write about **100–120** words.
