

Skills Test Unit 4 Test A

Name: _____

Everyday English

1 Complete the dialogue with the phrases (A–E).

- Sam** Look, it's raining again. It always rains on Saturdays!
- Rose** ¹ _____ ? We can go to the new sports centre.
- Sam** I went swimming yesterday. ² _____. What do you think?
- Rose** ³ _____ , but I don't have my trainers with me.
- Sam** Oh, I see. ⁴ _____ ? I can lend you my skates.
- Rose** ⁵ _____ ! Let's go.

- A That sounds great
- B Why don't we go swimming
- C Well, what about going ice-skating
- D That's a great idea
- E I'd prefer to go bouldering

Mark: __ / 5

Listening

2 🎧 Listen to a radio programme. Complete the sentences with *Anne, Bill* or *Carole*.

- 1 _____ is doing winter sports in the mountains.
- 2 _____ says it's raining today.
- 3 _____ likes bird-watching at weekends.
- 4 _____ says there are a lot of people where he / she is.
- 5 _____ is watching a TV programme about animals.

3 🎧 Listen again. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Anne is listening to the radio on the internet. ____
- 2 Anne is calling from Yorkshire. ____
- 3 Bill is staying in a hotel. ____
- 4 Bill is going to go zorbing today. ____
- 5 Carole can see people in canoes and some children mountain biking. ____

Mark: __ / 10

Reading

Spiders!

There are over 43,000 species of spiders worldwide. These eight-legged creatures are on every continent except for Antarctica. Most spiders are predators: they eat other spiders or insects. Some large spiders also eat small animals – for example, frogs, lizards and even birds. There are also tropical spiders that don't eat animals. They eat parts of plants, such as flower buds. There's a 'vegetarian' spider in Central America which feeds on parts of acacia trees.

Spiders usually catch insects in their webs, but many like hunting. There's a spider that is a really good hunter. It's called the huntsman spider. I want to find out more about the huntsman spider, so I'm here with Chris Richardson, an expert on spiders. I'm watching him film a documentary about spiders for the BBC. Chris, can you tell us what is happening?

'We are watching a huntsman spider right now. It's hiding under a leaf, waiting for an insect to come near it. It's not moving at all. It has to stay still so that the insect doesn't get frightened and run away. Huntsman spiders often wait for many hours in one place,' he adds. 'A small insect is coming closer to our huntsman spider. What's it doing? It's still waiting patiently ... Wow, did you see that? The huntsman spider quickly jumped on the insect and bit it!'

We asked Chris: 'Are there many dangerous spiders?' 'Yes, there are! There are some dangerous spiders around the world that can kill people, such as the mouse spider and the black widow spider, but most spiders are scared of people and run away when they see humans. Tarantulas dig a small hole in the ground and hide away from danger; others climb on trees or hide under rocks.'

'Some spiders are good mothers,' says Chris. 'They look after their babies well. Let me show you a film we took yesterday... Can you see the spider sitting on what looks like a white bag? It's a female huntsman spider. There are up to two hundred eggs in the bag, which is called a sac. She sits on the sac and doesn't eat for three weeks. Can you see another spider carrying something on its back? That's a female wolf spider. She carries around a hundred babies on her back until they mature and climb off. Spiders are everywhere! Maybe there's one climbing the wall, making a web or hiding somewhere in your room right now.'

4 Read the text and decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Spiders are on all continents. _____
- 2 Not all spiders are predators. _____
- 3 Chris is filming tarantulas for his documentary. _____
- 4 When huntsman spiders hunt, they wait for many days in the same place. _____
- 5 The huntsman spider jumped on an insect. _____
- 6 According to Chris, most spiders are dangerous and will attack people. _____
- 7 Tarantulas often hide in the ground in a dangerous situation. _____
- 8 There are around one hundred eggs in the female huntsman spider's sac. _____
- 9 The female wolf spider carries about a hundred baby spiders on her back. _____
- 10 According to Chris, spiders are everywhere. _____

Mark: __ / 10

Writing

5 Write a description of a photo of an activity you do. Remember to use the present continuous to describe what is happening in your photo.

Follow the plan:

Paragraph 1: Introduce the photo and describe what is happening in it.

Paragraph 2: Remember to say where things are happening in the photo.

Paragraph 3: Include any other important information.

Paragraph 4: Write a conclusion.

Mark: __ / 15

TOTAL MARKS: __ / 40

Challenge!

6 Complete the dialogue with the correct answers (a–c).

Sarah Hi, Jen. How are you?

Jen I'm fine! Today I'm visiting my sister in Eastbourne and we're cycling to the beach. It's great here! We do¹ _____, surfing and diving during the week, and ² _____ weekends we go on trips to towns and small villages around Eastbourne. The weather is fantastic here. It's ³ _____ and hot every day. There are many children ⁴ _____ in the parks at the moment. What are you doing?

Sarah I'm at home. I'm studying for my exams. I don't like maths, and I'm not into history. I ⁵ _____ studying! It's cold, windy and ⁶ _____, so I'm staying inside today. At the moment, I'm watching a wildlife documentary about the sand cat. It's a wild cat that lives in the ⁷ _____ of northern Africa and some parts of Asia. It doesn't mind really cold or very hot weather and can live in temperatures from -5°C to 52°C! It can also live a long way from water.

Jen That's interesting! Where does it sleep?

Sarah It digs holes in the sand. It's a predator – it eats small animals and birds. One of them ⁸ _____ for some food now. It's running very quickly! Anyway, how about going white water rafting when you get back?

Jen That's a great idea!

1 **a** canoe **b** canoeing **c** go canoeing

2 **a** at **b** in **c** on

3 **a** sunshine **b** sunny **c** sun

4 **a** play **b** playing **c** plays

5 **a** 'm not like **b** 'm not liking **c** don't like

6 **a** rain **b** rained **c** raining

7 **a** deserts **b** desserts **c** desert's

8 **a** looks **b** to look **c** is looking