

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences, replacing the underlined words with a suitable word or expression.

- There is a small problem with the passports, but we should be able to sort it out. _____
- The tourists accidentally discovered a suitcase full of money in the museum. _____
- Mum hasn't deliberately broken a glass vase in the souvenir shop. _____
- They had a normal, traditional wedding and she wore a beautiful white dress. _____
- The president sat at the head of the table, as is appropriate for such an important person. _____
- The article was accompanied by an extremely unpleasant photo of the accident. _____
- I've just made one small change to your speech for the conference. _____
- We expect that flight tickets will be more expensive next year. _____
- I'm from afraid we'll have to rewrite the project from the start. _____
- The tour operator failed to inform us that we needed visas to enter the country. _____

Marks: ____ /10

2 Complete the text.

Hi Sam,

I've arrived at the end of my trip across the American continent. That set ¹ _____ in Canada when my passport was stolen seems like ages ago! It's been great, but it definitely don't feel that I'm a run² _____ from reality or a drop-³ _____. I feel a great sense of achieve⁴ _____ and my confid⁵ _____ in myself has gone up. My skills in organiz⁶ _____ have also improved. My ⁷out _____ on life has also changed and I'm more responsible. Anyway, I'll give you a full descript⁸ _____ of all my experiences when I make my dramatic come⁹ _____ to London next week! I'll need to practice because our headmaster wants me to take part in a confer¹⁰ _____ about travel at our old school! See you soon,
Tom

Marks: ____ /10

Reading

3 Read the text and choose the correct answers.

Stephen Hawking

Born on 8 January 1942 in Oxford, England, Stephen Hawking was exceedingly bright and destined to do well intellectually. He wanted to study mathematics, although his father would have preferred medicine, and he was accepted at University College, Oxford. However, mathematics was not available at University College, so he pursued physics instead. Hawking then went on to Cambridge to conduct research in Cosmology. On 1 April 1988 he published *A Brief History of Time*, aiming to explain some of the mysteries of the cosmos to the common man in the street. It remained on the UK bestseller list for 237 weeks.

Stephen Hawking was diagnosed with ALS, a form of Motor Neurone Disease, shortly after his 21st birthday, and these days he uses a wheelchair and is dependent on a computerized voice system for communication. While an illness of this kind implies that the sufferer will be subject to an increasingly restricted way of life, in Stephen Hawking's case the fact is that he continues to successfully combine research into theoretical physics with an extensive programme of public lectures, not to mention his family life. In fact, he has three children and three grandchildren. He clearly relishes the opportunity to have a significant impact on the world he lives in, and says he hopes to make it into space one day.

- Hawking's father made him study mathematics. **T / F**
- Hawking changed to another university. **T / F**
- Hawking's book was a commercial success. **T / F**
- Hawking has had to give up a lot of his work because of his illness. **T / F**
- Despite his illness, Hawking enjoys his family life. **T / F**

Marks: ____ /5

4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- Which factor led to him studying physics at University College, Oxford?

- Was *A Brief History of Time* an academic book?

- How has Hawking's illness affected how he communicates?

- What examples of his work does the text give?

- What ambition does Hawking have?

Marks: ____ /15

Grammar

5 Complete the sentences with the -ing forms of the verbs in the box.

ask be buy explain get leave listen meet complain worry

- 1 It really isn't any use _____ Anne to help you.
- 2 It was awful _____ lost in London.
- 3 It was lovely _____ our cousins again.
- 4 I find it fascinating _____ to his stories about travelling around the world.
- 5 Would it be any use _____ the situation to Kate?
- 6 It's no good _____ about things that you can't change.
- 7 It's the thought of Ben _____ home that upsets my mum.
- 8 Is it worth _____ a new computer? The one you've got is fine.
- 9 The teacher won't change your marks so it's no point _____ to her.
- 10 It was strange _____ at home alone at the weekend.

Marks: __ /10

6 Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets to show emphasis. Do not change the basic meaning.

- 1 You seldom hear of tourists being robbed in my country. (do)

- 2 I get really annoyed when people push in front of me in a queue. (what)

- 3 A car with wings sat on the airstrip. (on)

- 4 I'm not interested in travelling but I like reading books about other cultures. (do)

- 5 The climate of my country is not very attractive to tourists. (truth)

- 6 Having a good command of English means you can travel more easily. (does)

- 7 All my happiest moments have been when I've been on holiday. (never)

- 8 I sometimes worry about travelling alone. (fact)

- 9 Holidays abroad are expensive. That's the trouble. (is)

- 10 A big man in a dark glasses stood at the door. (at)

Marks: __ /10

Language skills

7 Complete the mini-dialogues.

- Max Are you getting ¹_____ for the long weekend?
- Matthew No, we never do anything on these short ²_____. My dad hates being held ³_____ by traffic. We'll just go on an ⁴_____ to the country. What about you?
- Max Me neither. We want to go on an ⁵_____ to the Amazon so we're saving for that.
- Matthew Wow, that sounds great! Are you going to go on a ⁶_____ of Brazilian cities as well?
- Max No. A riverboat will take us on a ⁷_____ up the River Amazon. We'll stop ⁸_____ at small villages and there will be guides who will ⁹_____ us around the villages and then take us on organized ¹⁰_____ into the jungle to see the wildlife.
- Matthew How cool is that! That's what I call a real holiday!

Marks: __ /10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

- Dialogue 1
- A ¹_____?
- B I think the most memorable school trip was when we went to London last year. We visited lots of great places and we had a great time.
- A ²_____?
- B The most disappointing place that I've been to is Stonehenge because you're not allowed to go very near the stones and I wanted to touch them!
- A ³_____?
- B I suppose I'd really like to go to China because I think the culture is so different to ours and I'd like to more about it.
- Dialogue 2
- A Have you ever had any snags when you've travelled?
- B ⁴_____.
- A What's the most surprising place that you've stumbled across?
- B ⁵_____.

Marks: __ /10

Writing

9 Write a letter of complaint about the poor service and bad food that you and some friends received at a restaurant. Write 200–250 words and organize your writing into four paragraphs:

- State your reason for writing.
- Give examples of the poor service that you received.
- Describe the poor food that you were given.
- Explain what action you expect the restaurant to take.

Marks: __ /20

TOTAL: __ /100