

Skills test 1

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Audio script  01

1 I've never made a tree-house before. I went with my dad to buy the things that we were going to need. We have lots of wood and lots of bags of nails. I think Dad's bought too much paint, but that's OK – we can use it for something else. We already had a hammer and two saws – a big one and a little one – but we had to get some rope. The only thing we haven't bought are the windows. It'll be cold without glass!

2 I arrived at the theater early, and I looked at the stage before the play started. It was really interesting. There were two sets of stage lights, and three wonderful costumes for the actors to wear. There was a big box of stage make-up on the stage – all the colours were amazing! I also saw two brooms – I think they need to clean the stage before the play starts. And there were three scripts lying on the floor – I think the actors were learning their lines just before I came in!

2 1 X 2 X 3 ✓ 4 X 5 ✓ 6 ✓ 7 X 8 X

Audio script  02

Tina: Sally hasn't learned her script and it's the play tomorrow evening!

Laura: Really? How can she possibly learn all those words in time?!

Tina: I don't know. Mrs Nolan says that she's like this every year, and that she always performs perfectly.

Laura: That's not really true. I saw her in a play last year and she kept forgetting her words.

Tina: What happened?

Laura: They brought her the script on stage!

Tina: Let's hope she's learned her lines this time then.

Tina: Oh no! I've just heard that Sally's broken her leg. She was getting ready at home, and she had put on her costume and all her make-up, and then she ran too fast and fell down the stairs! There's no one to play her character.

3 1 tools 2 saw 3 nails 4 hammer 5 tape measure 6 roller 7 stage

4 Possible answers:

1 Last weekend we had a fantastic parade.

2 There were a lot of beautiful floats.

3 Many people wore interesting costumes.

4 Lots of children were dancing on a float.

5 There was a band playing music.

6 Some people stood on stilts.

7 We also saw a clown juggling with balls.

8 Some children wore wonderful make-up.

5 Possible answers:

1 Do you like going to the theater?

Yes, I do. / No, I don't.

2 What was the best play you've ever seen?

It was a play by Shakespeare.

3 What did you like in it?

I liked the costumes very much.

4 Have you ever acted in a play?

Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.

5 Do you like wearing costumes?

Yes, I love wearing costumes.

6 How do you feel when you speak in front of other people?

I am a bit / very nervous.

7 Do you like parties?

Yes, I do. / No, I don't.

8 What was the best party you've ever been to?

It was my best friend's birthday party last year.

9 What did you do at the party?

I sang karaoke.


Skills test 2

1 1 Environment 2 over 100 3 litter 4 pollution 5 clean 6 planet 7 town centre 8 parks 9 pollution 10 wildlife

Audio script  05

Our class is taking part in a school project called 'Our Environment'. We have designed questionnaires to give to people in the street. We're going to talk to one hundred members of the public, mainly about their views on litter and pollution. We hope that when we talk to people they will also give us their ideas on how to clean up the planet. Obviously, we can start by keeping areas like the center of town and the parks clean. But what about after that? What suggestions do people have for reducing pollution and looking after wildlife?

2 Patty: a, b, c George: g

Audio script  06

My sister is really into recycling. She helps my mom recycle all the food, and even takes her clothes to the recycling center. I think it's an excuse for her to buy more clothes! One strange thing is she doesn't recycle cans, though I suppose she doesn't use that many cans. She's careful not to throw away plastic, though. My brother George doesn't see the point in recycling things like cardboard or glass. He does read lots of magazines, so Mom makes him take them all to the recycling center.

3 1 b 2 d 3 a 4 c

4 1 d 2 2 a 3 c 4 f 5 e 6 b

5 Possible answers:

1 They take empty ³ bottles to a recycling center. ⁵ 2 They throw away litter.

3 They ⁴ clean up playgrounds. 4 They travel by bus. 5 Children ride or walk to school. 6 They put solar panels on houses. / They build eco houses.

6 Possible answers:

In picture A there are three birds, but in picture B there are two birds.

In picture A the birds are flying in the sky, but in picture B they are sitting in the tree.

In picture A there are no people, but in picture B there is a boy near the enclosure.

In picture A there are four monkeys in the tree, but in picture B there are three monkeys.

In picture A there are two penguins, but in picture B there are three penguins.

In picture A the penguins are eating, but in picture B they are swimming.

In picture A the penguins are next to the pool, but in picture B they are in the pool.

Skills test 3

1 1 d 2 a 3 e 4 c 5 f 6 g 7 b

Audio script  09

Ian: Look at Jake. I'm surprised he can run. How is he?

Terry: He's OK. The bandage on his head looks worse than it is.

Ian: How did it happen?

Terry: He ran into the boy at the goal, Fred.

Ian: I thought Fred was the captain?

Terry: No, the captain's John. He's that one there, with his arm in a sling.

Ian: And who's the player with the short, black hair? He doesn't look like an athlete.

Terry: No, Bob doesn't eat very healthy food.

Ian: What about that boy over there. He looks very fit!

Terry: Ah, that's Ray. He's always exercising!

Ian: Wow! The player kicking the ball, he can run very fast!

Terry: That's Marvin, he's from Canada. He's amazing!

Ian: Right. So the man over there is the coach?

Terry: Yes, that's Steve.

2 1 b 2 a 3 c 4 a

Audio script  10

1 Mark is training to be a top athlete, so he knows it's important to start the day with a good breakfast. He usually has some fruit, for example melon, along with some cereal and eggs. He doesn't usually have toast. In fact, he doesn't eat much bread at all.

2 Every day, he arrives at the training field at about 9:15. He gets changed and then has to do a special exercise to make his arms and legs warm. It's very dangerous to run around without preparing your body first. His coach starts the training session at about ten o'clock, and with an hour break for lunch at one, he trains until four. He gets very tired, but it'll be worth it.

3 At the moment, he can run 100 meters in ten seconds, but he knows that he must improve to compete at the top level. Mark says: "There have always been good athletes from the U.S.A. and Jamaica, but who knows where the good runners will come from in future: with better training, my future rivals could come from anywhere."

4 As far as hobbies go, Mark admits that playing sports is the last thing he wants to do after a hard day's training. While his friends like to go and play basketball and soccer, Mark is perfectly happy spending time in the kitchen trying out a new recipe. He's actually a pretty good cook.

3 1 c 2 e 3 a 4 f 5 h 6 d 7 g 8 b

4 Possible answers:

1 My dad had tickets for the big soccer game.

2 His best friend is the coach. 3 Unfortunately, our team didn't play well. 4 Our team's captain was amazing. 5 He scored three goals. 6 Finally, our team won the trophy. 7 All the fans were really happy. 6 It was the best soccer game I've ever seen.

5 Possible answers:

1 What food do you like? – I like pizza.

2 Do you live in a house or in an apartment? – In an apartment. 3 Do you have a backyard? – No, we don't. 4 How do you travel to school? – By bus.

5 What are your favorite sports? – Soccer and basketball. 6 What do you do on Saturdays? – I go swimming and I visit my grandparents.

6 Children's own answers.

Skills test 4

1 a 7 b 3 c 2 d 5 e 1 f 6 g 4

Audio script  13

I had a dream last night that I was in space. It started when a boy of about my own age woke me up and asked me to go with him. I noticed that the time was exactly midnight. It didn't seem strange in my dream that I should follow someone that I didn't know. I very calmly followed him downstairs. I don't remember walking through the door, but the next thing I was aware of I was on a space ship. The boy took me to a room with a small machine in it. It was a little bit like a car and a little bit like a plane. We got on and flew into space! We landed on a strange planet with lots of unusual rocks. The boy broke a piece of one of the rocks and gave it to me to eat! It was like chocolate and pizza together! Then we flew back to the space ship. When I said I wanted to go home, someone opened the door. I realized that I was looking down at Earth from a long way away. I started to fall, and that's when I woke up. It was 9 o'clock and the sun was shining. Everything was normal.

2 1 me 2 Dad 3 Paul Green 4 Jennifer Kelly
5 make-up artist 6 directorAudio script  14

Int: When did you first realize that you wanted to be famous?

Man: When I was little, I used to go with my parents to the theater. They were both actors, so we often went behind the scenes to meet the people in the play.

Int: Did you meet any famous people?

Man: My dad introduced me to the great actor, Paul Green. He was dressed as a knight! There were lots of other stars as well – Jennifer Kelly was a queen! The make-up artist was standing next to her, putting on her make-up. But it wasn't just the actors. I loved being among all the costumes. It was amazing. I remember the director, too. He always wore a hat. He never liked to have small children like me getting in the way, but I didn't care.

3 1 True 2 False 3 False 4 False 5 True 6 True
7 False 8 False

4 Possible answers:

- 1 There are two archeologists in a cave.
- 2 There are some coins and jewelry in pots.
- 3 One man is looking at a coin.
- 4 The other man is looking at some carvings.
- 5 There are some steps in the cave.
- 6 The steps go to a door.
- 7 There is a statue in the cave.

5 Possible answers:

- In Picture 1, a boy is playing soccer.
In Picture 2, he is looking for his ball. He sees

something that sparkles.

In Picture 3, he picks it up. It is a bracelet.

In picture 4, he is showing the bracelet to an archeologist.

In picture 5, the bracelet is sold at an auction.

In picture 6, someone is paying a lot of money for the bracelet. The boy is happy.

Skills test 4 Fluency Time!

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	Tara	Mark	Lisa	Rob	Polly	Joe
voicemail	✓			✓		✓
text		✓	✓		✓	

Audio script 15

1 Girl 1: Wait a minute! I have a message from Tara.

Girl 2: Did she text you?

Girl 1: No. She left me a voicemail. I'll listen to it later.

2 Boy 1: Hold on. I have a message from Mark.

Boy 2: Did he text you?

Boy 1: Yes, he has just messaged me. He wants me to call him.

3 Girl 1: Oh, great. I have a message from Lisa.

Girl 2: Did she text you?

Girl 1: Yes, she did. She wants me to go to the movies with her.

4 Boy 1: Sorry. Hold on a minute. I have a message from Rob.

Boy 2: Did he text you?

Boy 1: No. He left me a voicemail.

5 Girl 1: Oh look! I have a message from Polly.

Girl 2: Did she text you?

Girl 1: Yes, she did. She wants me to go to her house and listen to some music. Sounds good!

6 Boy 1: I have a message from Joe.

Boy 2: Did he text you?

Boy 1: No. He left me a voicemail. I think he wants me to help him with his homework.

2 Audio script / answers 16

Rob: Oh! I have a message from Mark. He left me a voicemail.

Lisa: What did Mark's voicemail say?

Rob: He asked me to meet him in the park for a game of soccer.

Lisa: Hold on a minute! I just got a text. Tara has messaged me.

Rob: What did her text say?

Lisa: She wants me to go to her house for pizza tonight. Great!

3 1 What did Polly's text say? 2 What did Mark's voicemail say? 3 What did Ben's text say? 4 What did Max's voicemail say? 5 What did Rob's text say? 6 What did Lisa's voicemail say?

4 1 Rob text me 2 Tara left me a voicemail

3 Lisa text me 4 Joe left a voicemail

5 Polly text me 6 Mark left me a voicemail

7 Emma text me