



PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION

EXERCISE ONE: MATCHING

Read the following descriptions of cottages in the UK. Answer questions 1-10 below by writing the letter of the corresponding description (A-F) in each of the spaces provided. It is possible to REPEAT one cottage ONCE. There is an example (0) at the beginning. [1 point each = 8 points]

Example: <i>Which cottage would be the best for...</i>	
0. a family of four who love visiting Heritage sites, they have a dog.	A
1. a single mother, with a teenage son and daughter, wants to stay somewhere very different and with some history; the son is a big fan of historic battles.	
2. a family with two grown up sons are looking for a place in the country, they all love swimming but find the sea a bit too cold.	
3. a family, with two sons in their late teens, want to go to a place in the mountains but also near the city as they are shopaholics!	
4. a couple have two sons and a dog are looking for somewhere near the sea and intimate; the couple have problems going up stairs.	
5. a family with a dog want to stay in a modern place near the sea with a very big garden where they can eat out in, weather permitting!	
6. a family with two children are looking for somewhere in the mountains where they can do winter sports.	
7. two couples want to stay somewhere together in the country, they love trekking and can take the car to see anything of interest, as long as it is not too far.	
8. a family with a Husky are looking for somewhere near the sea, they all love being in nature and visiting historic buildings.	

COTTAGE A **Sleeps 4** **Bedrooms 2** **Dogs allowed 2**

- Charming two bedroom cottage with pretty gardens
- Ideally situated to explore the beautiful coast and inland attractions
- Sightseers will enjoy the English Heritage castle at Framlingham, a magnificent 12th century fortress
- Discover the stunning Suffolk Heritage Coast including Southwold with sandy beach and pier
- Spend a day in Aldeburgh with picturesque promenade and high street
- Nature lovers will find RSPB Minsmere well worth a visit

COTTAGE B **Sleeps 6** **Bedrooms 3** **Dogs allowed 1**

- Luxurious detached property nestled in the foothills of the Angus Glens
- Visit the magnificent Glamis Castle the ancestral home of the Queen Mother
- Close to the historic, picturesque village of Kirriemuir birthplace of J M Barrie and Bon Scott
- Easy reach of the buzzing city of Dundee with its excellent shopping and leisure facilities
- Enjoy a trip to Gleshee Ski Centre offering extensive skiing and snowboarding facilities
- Enjoy the wood burner, perfect for cosy nights in

COTTAGE C **Sleeps 4** **Bedrooms 3** **Dogs allowed 1**

- Unique property that features original World War II artwork
- Incredible history as the cottage is located on a former USA Air force combat wing
- A great family property with three bedrooms and enclosed garden
- The character is emphasised with beautiful antique furniture dotted around
- Part of a complex of three other properties in the owners countryside grounds
- Nestled in Norfolk country but with easy access to the coast

COTTAGE E **Sleeps 4** **Bedrooms 2** **Dogs allowed 1**

- Spacious ground floor apartment with vaulted ceilings and within walking distance of the beach
- Beautifully decorated throughout for romantic and family getaways
- Original features including wooden floors
- Wood burner for cosy evenings in
- Short walk to the seafront and promenade
- Within walking distance of the local restaurants, galleries and shops

COTTAGE F **Sleeps 4** **Bedrooms 2** **No Dogs**

- Charming rural property with far reaching countryside views
- Ideally located for walking with many routes right on the doorstep
- Good selection of local pubs within a 15 minute walk
- Short drive from where 'Last of the Summer Wine' is filmed and the town of Holmfirth
- Indoor heated pool
- Shop 1 mile

From: <https://www.holidaycottages.co.uk/>

PART TWO: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

VIDEO ONE: Is drinking caffeine good or bad for you? (BBC Earth Lab)

Watch the video on coffee consumption and fill each space in the following sentences with **ONE** word.
There is an example (0) at the beginning (0). [1 point each = 8 points]

EXAMPLE: (0) The presenter ADORES coffee and needs one every morning.

1. It is not dangerous to drink 400mg of caffeine each day, unless you are ____.
2. Each person's tolerance of caffeine can depend on ____, weight and personal genetics, among other factors.
3. Coffee can keep a person awake but it cannot make someone more ____.
4. One of the effects of increased adrenaline is that more ____ goes to the muscles.
5. Although caffeine may be bad for us, it doesn't mean that ____ is bad for us.
6. Risks of heart disease, dementia and stroke may be ____ by drinking coffee.
7. It is possible to find more polyphenols in coffee than in some ____.
8. Research has shown that the average coffee drinker lives ____ than a non-coffee drinker.

From <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibHxm6IEMLs>

PART THREE: USE OF ENGLISH

EXERCISE ONE: CLOZE TEXT

For questions 1- 10, read the following article on tigers, taken from a zoo brochure, and think of the word which fits best in the gap. Use only ONE word in each gap. There is an example (0) at the beginning. [1 point for each correct answer = 8 points]

Tigers

(0) **Despite** their size, tigers do not live much longer than smaller cats; generally (1) _____ than fifteen years. They are *not* sexually mature (2) _____ three or four years old, and males may not get the opportunity of a territory and with it the chance to mate, until they are much older. Originally thought to be solitary unless a mother is with her cubs (three or four is usual), studies (3) _____ now shown that this is not (4) _____ the case, and males do sometimes stay with their family.

The Bengal Tiger, kept here at Hamerton, has the widest range of any of the surviving races, and (5) _____ found in a number of protected reserves. It is again under massive poaching pressure and (6) _____ number of remaining animals is dropping fast. Eight different races of the tiger (7) _____ to exist, but three have been eradicated by man since the 1950s. Of the remaining five, most no longer exist in the wild in large enough numbers to be viable. Already there are more tigers living in captivity (8) _____ in the wild, all zoos are doing all they can to protect the few that are left.

From: *Hamerton Zoological Park brochure*



PART FOUR: WRITING

TASK 1: Write an email (100 – 125 words)

A group of people from Ireland came to your town at Easter and invited you to stay with them in Dublin next summer.

Write an **EMAIL**, using between 100 and 125 words, asking:

- if it is still possible to stay with them
- about the weather in Ireland
- about places to visit in Dublin

Topic: SPORTS

- **Part 1 (2-3 minutes): Direct questions (individual turn)**

What's your name?

What's your surname / family name? How do you spell / write it?

Where do you live/come from?

Do you study at university, or do you work? What do you study? / Where do you work?

In your free time ... what sports do you like doing? How often do you do this / these sport(s)? Why do you like it / them?

Topic: TRANSPORT

- **Part 2 (1-2 minutes each candidate): Photo description (Individual turn)**

You are going to see pictures of people using different means of transport.

Give picture 2A (family travelling by car) to Candidate A

This is your picture. Look at it, and when you're ready, you have approximately one minute to describe it

Next, Candidate B will be given picture 2B (an elderly couple on a train), and the same procedure will be repeated.

This is your picture. Look at it, and when you're ready, you have approximately one minute to describe it

Once they are done, ask this question if necessary:

What means of transport do you normally use when you are on holiday?



Topic: TOURISM (popular tourist destinations)

○ **Part 3 (3-4 minutes): Dialogue (in pairs)**

Now please have a look at these photos, which show some POPULAR TOURIST DESTINATIONS.

- Imagine that you are organising a holiday together for next summer. In approximately four minutes, try to decide WHICH OF THE DESTINATIONS IN THE PICTURES YOU WILL BE GOING TO ON YOUR HOLIDAY. Try to talk about all the suggestions. You can talk about, for example, the weather, transport, attractions, activities, etc.



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PART ONE: READING COMPREHENSION

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EXERCISE ONE:

1. C	2. F	3. B	4. E	/8
5. E	6. B	7. F	8. A	

PART TWO: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

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VIDEO ONE:

1. pregnant	2. age
3. alert	4. blood
5. coffee	6. reduced
7. vegetables	8. longer
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PART THREE: USE OF ENGLISH

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EXERCISE ONE:

1. less	2. until
3. have	4. always / usually
5. is	6. the
7. used	8. than
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