



A  Listen to the conversation between Alan and Cecilia. Then read the questions and choose the correct answer.

- 1 What is the main subject of their conversation?
 A funny jokes
 B changes they want to make in their lives
 C going to the gym and drinking less coffee
- 2 Alan is planning to
 A take up yoga.
 B travel and read.
 C be kind to others.
- 3 What is Cecilia's attitude towards social media?
 A It wastes a lot of her time.
 B Her friends on social media drive her crazy.
 C She only uses it for an hour each day.
- 4 What do Alan and Cecilia decide to do together?
 A learn about sea life
 B join relaxation classes
 C reduce their use of plastic

_____ /8 (2 points each)

B  Listen to an interview with Carlos about his research. Then read the questions and choose the correct answer.

- 1 What is Carlos's main area of research?
 A poisonous gases B birds C volcanoes
- 2 What did Carlos use to dream of doing?
 A traveling in Central America B going inside an active volcano C finding a green parakeet
- 3 What is Carlos's opinion of the parakeets' habitat?
 A It's incredibly beautiful.
 B It's very unpleasant for humans.
 C It's really lucky.
- 4 Why does Carlos describe himself as "lucky"?
 A Because he's part of a scientific team in Nicaragua.
 B Because he doesn't have to breathe poisonous gases.
 C Because he's been invited to speak on the radio.

_____ /8 (2 points each)

C Complete the table with the words in the box.

analytical awkward competent creature **frustrating** get publicity have a reputation
intellectual make an appearance musical pond territory time-consuming

Difficulties	Natural World	Talking about Fame	Skill and Performance
<i>frustrating</i>			

_____ /12 (1 point each)

D Choose the correct answer.

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Dear Mei,

Great to hear from you and to get all your news. It sounds like you're having a fantastic time in college.

I have to tell you a funny story. I went to Jose-Antonio's party last Saturday and I met two guys who had an amazing ¹*similarity / individual*. They were named Joe and Sebastian. You almost couldn't tell them apart because they had the same physical ²*attitudes / features*. However, in terms of their personalities, they have completely different ³*builds / characteristics* – Joe was an extrovert and Sebastian was very shy and reserved. I really liked them both and I'll introduce you to them when you're home for the spring break. I have no ⁴*thought / doubt* you guys would get along really well.

I think I'm doing well in school. I did my math ⁵*interpretation / examination* last Friday and it was pretty hard! I had to remember how to ⁶*calculate / ruin* averages in statistics. Luckily it's the only ⁷*assessment / identification* I have to do this semester. I just hope I passed because the results are being ⁸*boasted / announced* next month!

Let's have a video chat next weekend. I'm free Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. Hope to see you if you have time.

Lia

_____ /8 (1 point each)

E Complete the conversation. Use six words from the box.

anxiety break calculate downer dumb fear move musical

- Jim:** You look upset, Ana. Did something happen?
- Ana:** Yes! I just embarrassed myself in front of all my friends and coworkers, and my boss, and ...
- Jim:** Whoa! Slow down! What did you do?
- Ana:** OK, OK. A month ago, I'd just finished teaching my class when the head teacher asked me if I could play a musical instrument. I said, "Yes, I play the piano." Then she asked me if I would play at the holiday party and my ¹ _____ level started to rise. But I overcame my ² _____ and I said "Yes." What a ³ _____ thing to do!
- Jim:** What's wrong with that? It all sounds good so far. You're so good. You were meant to play piano! You've always been very ⁴ _____.
- Ana:** That's nice of you to say, but the truth is I haven't played in years. The concert was this afternoon and it was terrible! I knew I was out of practice. I don't know why I agreed to play. It was a really bad ⁵ _____ on my part. Anyway, it kind of ruined my whole week. It was a real ⁶ _____.
- Jim:** I think you're exaggerating. I'm sure no one even noticed. You play really, really well. I tell everyone I meet how good you are.

_____ /6 (1 point each)

F Match the definitions.

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| 1 the air around the Earth or other planets | A boast |
| 2 extremely good | B fabulous |
| 3 talk proudly about yourself or someone you know | C atmosphere |
| 4 made to look real but not in fact real | D satellite |
| 5 fun or enjoyable | E fake |
| 6 silly or stupid | F argue |
| 7 disagree | G ridiculous |
| 8 an object in space that sends and receives information | H entertaining |

_____ /8 (1 point each)

G Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

could exploring have to provided so than who would

- Nick:** Do you ¹ _____ work this Saturday?
- Su-Li:** No, I have this weekend off! Let's go and do something fun.
- Nick:** Yes, great! We ² _____ go for a hike maybe.
- Su-Li:** OK. I was wondering about the possibility of ³ _____ Great Lakes Park. It's supposed to be absolutely beautiful. Have you been there?
- Nick:** Yes, I have, but not since I was in college. I ⁴ _____ often go walking there on the weekends and I loved it. I was the kind of person ⁵ _____ just enjoyed being out in nature, and I miss it now. Let's do that!
- Su-Li:** Cool. It's much easier to get there by car ⁶ _____ by public transportation so why don't I pick you up at eight a.m.?
- Nick:** Sounds good. The roads can get ⁷ _____ busy later in the day. Are you sure you don't mind driving?
- Su-Li:** No, not at all, ⁸ _____ you do the map-reading!

_____/8 (1 point each)

H Complete the second sentence with one word so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- 1** "The train will be 11 minutes late," the announcer said.
The announcer told the passengers that the train _____ be 11 minutes late.
- 2** I won't be happy unless I hear from you.
I'll be happy _____ I hear from you.
- 3** The boys fight because they annoy one another.
The boys fight because they annoy _____ other.
- 4** "I can do it!" Arturo insisted.
Arturo insisted that he _____ do it.
- 5** It isn't necessary to pay to get into the museum.
You don't _____ to pay to get into the museum.

_____/5 (1 point each)

I Choose the correct answer.

- Server:** Welcome to Katz's. ¹*May / Must* I take your name, please?
- Customer:** Yes, sure. It's Johnson.
- Server:** OK. You have a table for two. It's right over here. Will you be ²*order / ordering* any water for the table? We have sparkling or still.
- Customer:** Thank you. Yes, we'd like a bottle of sparkling. I have a question about the menu. ³*Should / Could* you explain what a "paella" is, please?
- Server:** Oh, sure. A paella is a dish ⁴*that / what* comes from Valencia, in Spain. We make it with rice and seafood. It's ⁵*such / so* popular in this restaurant that the chef makes it fresh every morning. It's delicious!
- Customer:** Great, we'd like ⁶*to try / trying* that then.
- Server:** Of course. Excellent choice! Paella for two coming right up!

____ /6 (1 point each)

J Choose the correct answer.

- 1 The ads have just finished, so I think the movie is *about to / unlikely to* start.
- 2 The company, *that / which* was started by my cousin, sells fashion jewelry.
- 3 Joe missed the last subway train so he was *forcing / forced* to walk home.
- 4 If I hadn't taken your advice, I *didn't / wouldn't* have got the job.
- 5 *If only / Even if* I weren't sitting in this huge traffic jam!
- 6 Working from home enables me *taking / to take* care of my kids.
- 7 Fake news *has been spread / spreads* on social media for years.
- 8 A little *piece / bit* of kindness makes people happier.
- 9 Nobody really likes people who *to boast / boast* about their achievements.
- 10 I just love this beautiful *work / article* of art by Frieda Kahlo.

____ /10 (1 point each)

K Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 Here's one of my shoes but | A everyone will be very relieved. |
| 2 Whenever they find a cure for cancer, | B to see in the dark. |
| 3 It's extremely difficult | C pick up some milk? |
| 4 Weren't you supposed to | D imported. |
| 5 A lot of fruit is | E where is the other? |

____ /5 (1 point each)

L Read the personal statement. Then read the statements and decide if the information is True, False or Not Given.

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Personal Statement

A college graduate, with a BA in Hotel Management, I am a trustworthy, dedicated young professional with a passion for good service. While in college, I had several vacation jobs in local restaurants and hotels which made me realize that I had chosen the right career path. My current job as junior manager at the Tall Trees Hotel in Turnsville has given me hands-on, practical experience in many different aspects of hotel management. In my role as junior manager, I assist with staffing and scheduling, as well as keeping an eye on the hotel's budgets, and dealing with all aspects of customer relations. I now feel ready and excited to take the next step in my hospitality career. My main goals are to manage a larger team of staff and to acquire greater responsibility for the day-to-day running of a hotel. Ideally, I would welcome the opportunity to work for a large chain of hotels in order to gain an insight into the management challenges faced by a big corporation.

I am capable of dealing with a range of complex tasks. I can demonstrate a great track record of building trust with my coworkers and coping with the demands of running a team. In the past few years, I have been promoted twice and I am proud to say that I received the "Employee of the Year" award just last month. I value the recognition that I have so far earned in my job and I am eager to share my experience with younger or less experienced team members. I am extrovert by nature and love to socialize with friends and coworkers. I can honestly say that I have a calm attitude towards difficulties and challenges, and I believe that I would be a valuable team member in any organization.

I am extremely eager to learn new skills. My interests are particularly in the following areas: staff training and development, corporate entertaining, and health and safety.

My resume is attached and I am available for interview on Mondays and Fridays each week. I can provide references on request.

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| 1 Kim currently has a job working in a hotel. | T / F / NG |
| 2 Kim has worked at Tall Trees Hotel since she graduated from college. | T / F / NG |
| 3 Generally, Kim feels she is quiet and reserved. | T / F / NG |
| 4 Kim has had recognition for her work in her current job. | T / F / NG |

_____ /8 (2 points each)

M Read the reviews. Then read the questions and choose the correct answers.

Chuck T: Model XI fitster

What a second-rate purchase! If only I hadn't wasted my money. I bought the Model XI activity tracker to measure the number of calories I burn during exercise. I run three miles every morning, and when my tracker arrived, I was super-excited to test it out and see how accurate it was. When I arrived back home after my run, feeling hot and exhausted, I took a look at my shiny new Model XI. The calories-burned tracker said "27 calories". How is that even possible? It totally ruined my day. I'm certain to have burned at least 500 calories. I even feel thinner!

I'm returning this inferior product for a refund. Save your dollars!

Mel 09: Zorbees super window cleaner

I had wanted an efficient window cleaning machine for ages, but they always seemed to be so expensive that I just couldn't buy one. Then Zorbees came along! At only \$29.99, it's a real bargain. Plug it in, switch it on, and off you go! I used to spend hours cleaning my windows by hand, using torn up newspapers and old T-shirts, to make them look beautiful. If I had had a Zorbees back then, I'd have saved hours of time! I wish I'd bought one sooner. Unless you're the type of person who really enjoys these household chores, do yourself a favor and get a Zorbees right now. You won't regret it. I can honestly say it brightens up my days (and my windows!)

Sanjay: Fabby ball-istic automatic ball launcher

My dog is constantly bringing me balls to play with, but now I have a solution that I'm more than happy to recommend to other dog owners. This imaginative automatic ball launcher keeps Ted busy for hours on end. Just keep in mind the size of ball you need. If it's too big, it won't fit well in the launcher. When I opened the box, Ted seemed unsure what to do, maybe even a little scared, but he successfully learned how to play the game and gets a lot of satisfaction out of it. He's happy because it takes his mind off the fact I'm not home. And I'm happy that I can go to work knowing he's keeping himself busy.

- 1 Who is least enthusiastic about their purchase?
 - A Chuck
 - B Mel
 - C Sanjay
- 2 One person regrets
 - A posting a review.
 - B having a dog.
 - C waiting so long to make their purchase.
- 3 Chuck thinks the Model XI tracker that he bought is
 - A super-excited.
 - B faulty.
 - C exhausted.
- 4 Which item doesn't require a human to operate it?
 - A the Model XI activity tracker
 - B the Zorbees super window cleaner
 - C the Fabby ball-istic ball launcher

_____/8 (2 points each)