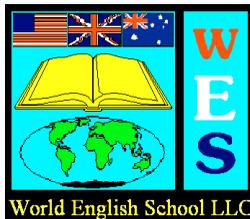


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Introduction

Best English Tests are some of the better tests I have compiled in the past several years. They cover various exam topics of most standard language testing schemes and are suitable for building your vocabulary. More important is that they were the ones many of my students found the most interesting.

The tests in this book are intended for those who want to improve their English comprehension and pass a language exam that has similar tests to measure lexical and grammatical understanding of candidates. It is best to view the book as a vocabulary builder and not merely as a test bank.

If you prepare for either the intermediate **TELC** (www.telc.net) or **ECL** (www.ecl.hu) language exam, it is important that you try to complete the various tests without using a dictionary or any outside help within about **15-20 minutes each**. When a test is completed, you should first look up the words that you have not understood and decide whether you still like your answer(s) or not. You should check out the key at the end of the book only when you are sure that you have the final answer and know the vocabulary of the text.

Don't do more than two to four tests at a single time. If you do more, you will get more tired and will tend to have more mistakes.

Not too many of these tests are of the EU level B1 difficulty, but all of them are suitable for you (with considerably more use of your dictionary) if you are at least on level A2.

I hope you will enjoy the book and will learn many new pieces of interesting information. When you have completed this volume, perhaps, you may want to continue with our *Tests 4 Fun* books.

I wish you a lot of joy and success with your endeavors to learn English.

Dr. Ervin Nemeth



Bicycle Ambulances Hit the Streets

A fleet of six bicycle ambulances, complete __1__ flashing blue lights, sirens and heart-starting defibrillators, hit the streets of London.

The brainchild of paramedic and former British BMX bike racing champion, Tom Lynch, the two-wheeled ambulances __2__ sent to emergency calls in __3__ London at the same time as their four-wheel counterparts, the ambulance service said.

Trials conducted in 2000 __4__ Lynch himself revealed the bicycles are __5__ to arrive first in 88 percent of cases.

In a third of calls, the bicycle paramedic was also able __6__ the patient at the scene and cancel the full ambulance response, freeing up much needed capacity __7__ more serious cases.

“Bicycles are the ideal __8__ to __9__ slow-moving or stationary traffic so that medical treatment can be given quickly before other help arrives,” Lynch said.

The bicycle ambulances will be targeted primarily at those patients whose conditions are classed as neither serious nor immediately life threatening, the ambulance service said.

However, they will also attend nearby where patients are __10__ to require urgent medical assistance.

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|--------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. a. of | 5. a. like | 9. a. cut through |
| b. with | b. likely | b. cut in |
| c. together | c. liked | c. cut into |
| 2. a. was | 6. a. treating | 10.a. believing |
| b. is | b. treat | b. thinking |
| c. will be | c. to treat | c. believed |
| 3. a. centre | 7. a. for | |
| b. middle | b. from | |
| c. central | c. in front of | |
| 4. a. by | 8. a. street | |
| b. for | b. road | |
| c. to | c. way | |





Doctor Left Surgery Patient to Visit Bank

A Massachusetts doctor __1__ been suspended for leaving a patient on the operating table midway through spinal surgery __2__ he could deposit a check at his local bank, authorities said.



The state board of medicine said David Arndt, an orthopedic surgeon, posed “an immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare” after he left the patient __3__ month with an open incision in his back.

Arndt left behind a surgeon __4__ was not qualified to complete the surgery, according to board documents. After his 35-minute trip to the bank, Arndt returned to the operating room and finished the surgery __5__ a few hours.

The patient, who was anesthetized during the procedure to re-stabilize his spine, apparently did not suffer __6__ harm from Arndt's absence and was able to recover in the intensive care unit of Mount Auburn Hospital.

The board suspended Arndt's license to practice medicine __7__ Massachusetts, but he will have a chance to appeal the decision. According to a board investigator, Arndt acknowledged he had “exercised remarkably horrible judgement.”



Arndt explained to the investigator he __8__ been waiting for his paycheck because he had to pay some overdue bills, and had been hoping to finish the surgery before his bank closed for the day.

The procedure took longer __9__ he expected, however, and Arndt decided to make a break for the bank midway through surgery. Arndt, a graduate of Harvard Medical School, was not available __10__ comment on his suspension.

- a. any b. lost c. had d. for e. have f. who
g. so that h. within i. then j. what k. than l. has
m. in n. some o. last



Driver Leaves Trail of Destruction

A woman __1__ for almost 12 miles on the wrong __2__ of a French motorway Sunday, causing seven collisions involving 18 vehicles as __3__ traffic swerved to __4__ her, police said Monday.



Lioness Baffles Experts by Adopting Oryx

A grown lioness __1__ baffled experts in Kenya by adopting a baby oryx, a kind __2__ antelope Africa's top predator likes to eat, lost its companion onto a hungry male lion with a strictly traditional diet.

The lioness came across the oryx shortly after it was born two weeks __3__ in Samburu National Park, finding it lying in wait for its mother who had gone to search for food, staff at the nearby Samburu lodge said on Monday.



Defying nature, the lioness __4__ adopted the oryx, giving it affection and protection from other predators as if it were her own cub, though strangely still allowing the mother oryx to come and feed her calf occasionally before scaring her away.

“The baby oryx was very __5__ to the lioness,” Patrick Muriungi, a receptionist said. “Once, there was a leopard which wanted to kill the oryx, and the lioness was really protecting the calf.”

On Sunday, the lioness -- __6__ by a lack of food after two weeks of protecting “her” baby -- led the oryx to the river to drink.

“By bad luck a male lion was somewhere behind the bushes,” Muriungi said. “When the lioness went to take a nap, the baby oryx was playing __7__ and it was caught by the male lion. The baby was killed.

“The lioness roared. She was very angry. She went around the male lion about 10 __8__ roaring, and then the lioness disappeared. Then the male lion took the carcass down by the tree and ate half of it. The lioness has not been seen __9__.”

Nature expert Vincent Kapeen told that the lioness may have adopted the calf because she was feeling lonely. “What is baffling is __10__ the relationship lasted so long,” he said.

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|----------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| a. who | b. quickly | c. weakened | d. what | e. of | f. why |
| g. fast | h. weekend | i. ago | j. close | k. round | l. around |
| m. times | n. because | o. since | | | |

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following text, then circle a, b, or c.



Barbie Turns Wild, Gets a Tattoo

Barbie's finally changed her image – she's even gotten a tattoo.

In a recent experiment by Mattel to test local creativity, 20 design students in Hong Kong were given two days to dress up the famous doll and the results certainly have turned heads.

42-year-old Barbie was shown to the media in 20 outfits.

One of the most eye-catching was an off-the-shoulder, bare-backed dinner gown – with a remarkable dragon tattoo running down her entire back.

“I want her to look sexy and mysterious. Barbie has a very healthy image, but there must be other sides to her,” said Wingo Wong, a design student at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, who called his creation “Tattoo Barbie.”

Parents, however, need not worry their children may be tempted by the less-than-healthy Barbie as toy giant Mattel Inc has no plans to mass produce her.

“The project is about creating and imagination. Mattel was very impressed and very happy with the designs, but production is not the main focus,” said associate professor Peter Dean of the School of Design at the university.



1. Design students
 - a) dressed up like Barbie dolls.
 - b) gave Barbie a tattoo.
 - c) imaged.
2. People
 - a) were surprised by the results.
 - b) gave Barbie two days.
 - c) were tested.
3. Barbie had a tattoo
 - a) under a dinner gown.
 - b) on the shoulder.
 - c) on the naked back.
4. Wingo Wong
 - a) wants to look sexy and mysterious.
 - b) is healthy.
 - c) is a student.
5. Tattoo Barbie
 - a) will be sold in Hong Kong.
 - b) won't be sold.
 - c) will be produced in Hong Kong.



Tweet, google voted top words

Members of the American Dialect Society have voted “tweet” the 2009 and “google” the .



“Both words are, in the end, products of the , where every person has the ability to satisfy curiosity and to broadcast to a select following, both ,” said Grant Barrett, head of the society's New Words Committee.



Tweet used as a noun is a sent via the social networking service Twitter.com. Tweet used as a verb is the . Google used as a verb means the and derives from “Google,” the U.S. corporation specializing in Internet search.

Dialect society members at the 20th annual words of the year vote.

The 119-year-old society includes linguists, etymologists and other word *aficionados* who believe changes in language are “normal, ongoing and entertaining,” the society .



- a) word of mouth
- b) act of sending such a message
- c) Information Age
- d) voted in Baltimore
- e) said in a release
- f) word of the year
- g) word of the decade
- h) via the Internet
- i) Informatics Age
- j) short message
- k) act of searching the Internet

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
F								

Decide whether the statements are true, false or not mentioned in the text. Mark them in the table as in the example.



Briton plans to walk to India without money

A man is planning to walk to India without using money, relying on the goodwill of people along the way or working for bed and board, he said. Former dotcom businessman Mark Boyle, from Bristol, aims to end up at Mahatma Gandhi's birthplace after the 9,000-mile trek, which he reckons, will take him about two and a half years.

"I've got some sunscreen, a good knife, a spoon, a bandage... no Visa card, no travellers' cheques, no bank accounts, zero. I won't actually touch money along the way," the 28-year-old told BBC radio.

Walking between 15 and 45 miles a day, he plans to work his way down through France, Italy, eastern Europe, Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan before reaching Gandhi's birthplace of Porbandar on India's west coast.

On his blog, Boyle said he was setting off Wednesday. "I will start writing a new chapter in my life. From this point on I endeavour to never touch money again," he wrote in his blog.

Describing the trip as a "pilgrimage", he told the BBC he aims to demonstrate what he calls a "harvest philosophy" in which people can live by sharing skills rather than using cash.

"My mum and dad always speak about a time in Ireland when people came together and took in the harvest together, and no money changed hands," he said in his soft Irish accent.



"It was your friend John down the street or Mike round the corner and everyone came together and chipped in. But now my folks tell me back home that they don't even know anybody in the street any more, the door's always locked.

"My message is, we've got to get back to a time where actually we've got to open those doors and get back to a more communal way of living," added Boyle, who describes himself as a "freeeconomist".

Having travelled in Asia before he believes he should be all right there, but admits that the initial phase of leaving Britain and travelling through Europe could pose more problems.

“I think it'll be a mixed response... some people will use their nicest French to tell me they're not interested... some people will be going 'this is amazing I can't believe what you're doing',” he said.

A potential obstacle could come early on when he has to cross the Channel to France.

“I'm going to walk up the guy behind the counter and just explain what I'm doing, and say it as passionately as I can to him and show him how much I really care about what I'm doing.”

If that doesn't work he will simply try again and again. “If I've got spend two and a half years to show one person the conviction of what I'm doing then it's two and a half years well spent,” he said.

	True	False	Not in the Text
0. Mark thinks that people will help him get to India.	X		
1. Mark made money on the Internet.			
2. Mark will protect himself from the sun.			
3. Mark will walk every day.			
4. Mark will write a blog on his trip.			
5. People demonstrate a “harvest philosophy.”			
6. John will come together with Mark.			
7. There may be fewer problems in India than in Europe for Mark.			
8. Mark will speak French in Europe.			
9. Crossing the Channel might not be easy.			
10. Perhaps Mark will walk for two and a half years.			

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