
Practice Test 1

Listening Section Instructions

The listening section of the test (questions 1 - 30) is divided into four parts. Instructions and examples are provided at the beginning of each part. All questions are worth one point.

Part 1

In this part of the listening section (questions 1 - 10), you will hear ten short conversations. After each conversation you will hear a question that is also written in your test booklet. You must choose the correct response from the three answer choices, A, B, or C written in your test booklet and darken the appropriate circle on your answer sheet.

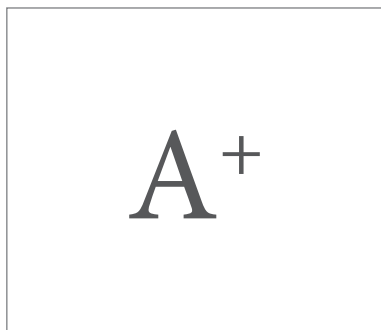
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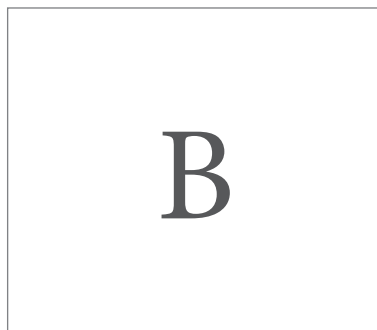
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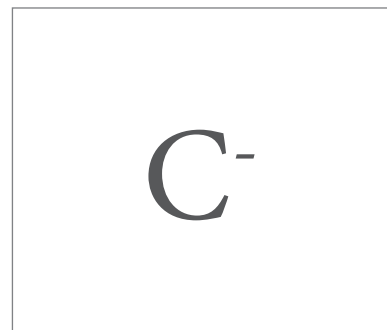
What are Amy's grades like this semester?



A



B



C

The correct answer is A. Do you have any questions? ● B C

Now, we will start Part 1 of the listening test.

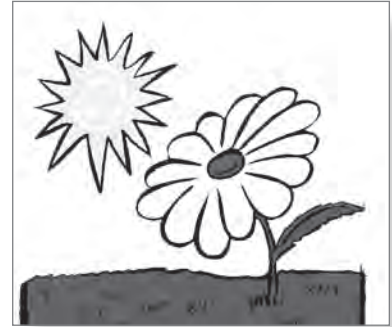
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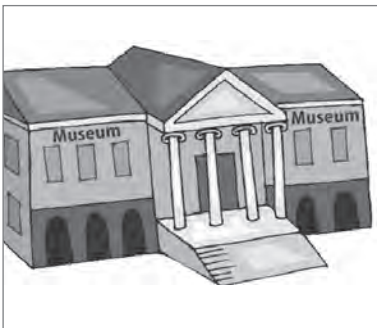


B



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2 What is the National Library next to?



A



B



C

3 What did the woman watch on TV?



A



B



C

4 How is the man going to spend the holidays?



A



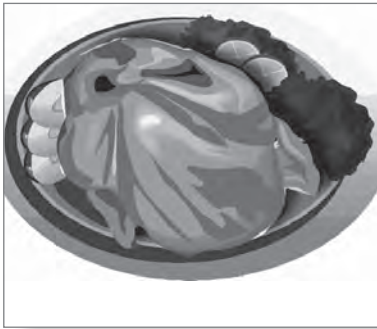
B



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5 What will they have for dinner tonight?



A



B



C

6 What occasion are they discussing?



A



B



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7 Which computer are they discussing?



A



B



C

8 Which class is the girl taking?



A



B



C

9 What is wrong with Alex?



A

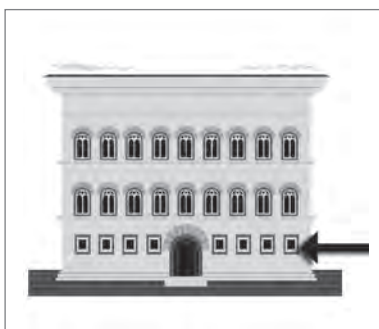


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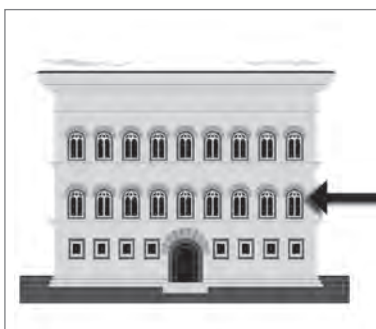


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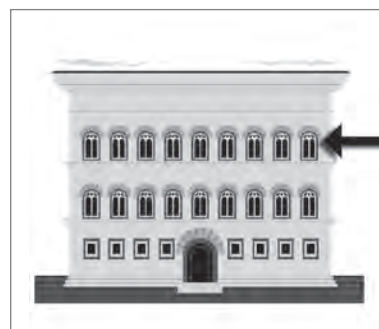
10 Where is the gym?



A



B



C

Part 3

In this part of the listening section (questions 20 – 25), you will hear an interview in three parts. After each part, you will hear two questions that are also written in your test booklet. You must choose the correct answer from the three choices, A, B, or C in your test booklet, and darken the appropriate circle on your answer sheet. You will hear each part only **once**.

You are going to hear an interview between a teenage female American football player and a magazine reporter. Now listen to the beginning of the interview followed by an example question.

Example: You hear:

You see:

What will Peter ask Viviane about?

- A her grades
- B her future career
- C her experience on the team

The correct answer is C A B

Do you have any questions?

Now, get ready to listen to the rest of the interview.

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| <p>20 When did Viviane first play American football?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A in elementary school B in junior high school C in senior high school | <p>24 What does Viviane believe about playing American football?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Most girls can do it. B It is a difficult sport. C Some boys find it hard. |
| <p>21 What does Viviane say about her family?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Her sisters have no problem with her playing football. B Her family does not have traditional beliefs. C Her family does not encourage her to play football. | <p>25 What does Viviane believe about playing professional American football?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A She will not enjoy it. B She will not get hurt. C She will not make much money |
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- 22** What would Viviane do when she heard bad things about female American football players?
- A defend herself
 - B go home and cry
 - C nothing
- 23** How does Viviane compare to her team players?
- A She is slower.
 - B She is smaller.
 - C She is weaker.
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Grammar, Vocabulary and Reading Section Instructions

This section consists of 75 questions. You should complete the GVR Section in **70 minutes**. All items are worth one point.

Grammar: 25 questions in total.

Choose A, B, C, or D to complete the sentences.

Example: What time tomorrow?

- A will meet
- B we are to meet
- C will be meeting
- D are we meeting

The correct answer is D. A B C D

Vocabulary: 25 questions in total.

Choose A, B, C, or D to complete the sentences.

Example: My cousin is with us for a couple of weeks.

- A living
- B seeing
- C moving
- D staying

The correct answer is D. A B C D

Reading Comprehension: 25 questions in total.

Part 1: In this part, there are four short texts on a similar theme. Answer the questions that follow by choosing the best answer from A, B, C or D based on the information given in the texts.

Example: You are reading a website in which kids review movies. Choose A, B, C, or D to answer the questions based on the information given in each text. Remember to darken the appropriate circle on your answer sheet.

A Frank & Rachel

Reviewer: Georgette (Age: 14) - Rating: ★★★

Summary: There is a kid named Frank and he is the fastest runner in his class. One day a new girl named Rachel moves next door to Frank and she's ...

Likes: When Frank and Rachel become great friends.

Dislikes: I disliked the part where Leslie hit her head hard.

C Megagon

Reviewer: Jonathan (Age: 13) Rating: ★★

Summary: This movie is about a boy who lives with his uncle in a quiet village. One day he finds an egg from which a dragon comes out ...

Likes: I liked the idea of the dragon story.

Dislikes: Parts of the movie almost bored me to death!

B Whatever you say

Reviewer: Leslie (Age: 12) Rating: ★★★★★

Summary: Wilma was born with a terrible weakness. She has to do whatever someone tells her to ...

Likes: The part where Wilma does not do what they tell her to do.

Dislikes: What is there to dislike!?

D Prince Bambam

Reviewer: Linda (Age: 11) Rating: ★★★★★

Summary: This was a good movie about an evil witch who wants to rule the magical world. Two brothers, their sister and their cousin are trying to ...

Likes: I love stories about witches. I liked it so much I went out and bought the book the next day.

Dislikes: I thought there were too many battles.

Example: **Which movie ...** is also a book?
is about an animal?

The correct answer is D. A B C D

The correct answer is C. A B C D

Parts 2, 3, & 4: In this part, there are three different passages, each followed by five questions. There are 15 questions in total. Choose the answer from A, B, C, or D based on the information given in each passage.

Example: Noah Webster was born in Connecticut. He graduated from college there in 1778. He wanted to study law, but he could not afford it. Instead, he took a job as a teacher at an elementary school in West Hartford to support himself and his family. Teaching made him realize that what he really wanted to do was to teach children.

What is true about Noah Webster?

- A He worked as a teacher.
- B He came from a rich family.
- C He was born in West Hartford.
- D He graduated from law school.

The correct answer is A. A B C D

- 31** Students are expected to come to class
A timely
B in time
C on time
D at the time
- 32** They managed to finish the work my not being there to help.
A even if
B in spite
C despite
D although
- 33** Manual went to the graduation party and Fred.
A so did
B nor did
C also do
D does too
- 34** Don't worry ! I pay since you forgot your wallet.
A will
B have
C am to
D must
- 35** I'm ordering food, you like anything?
A do
B will
C would
D should
- 36** Eva wears stylish clothes that all my friends think she's a model.
A so
B too
C such
D enough
- 37** I can't believe you asleep during such an exciting movie!
A fall
B fell
C falling
D is fallen
- 38** I met a cousin of at the party last night.
A you
B your
C yours
D yourself
- 39** I haven't decided to do for my vacation.
A how
B what
C when
D where
- 40** Did you remember the electricity bill?
A to pay
B paying
C having paid
D to have paid
- 41** Temi is hungry because she hasn't eaten lunch.
A yet
B still
C even
D already
- 42** My favorite pastime is music videos.
A watch
B to watch
C watched
D watching
- 43** In the winter, it is cold to go out without a jacket.
A so
B very
C such
D too
- 44** Before learning French and Italian, she only English.
A speak
B spoke
C spoken
D speaking

- 45** Chewing gum while onions will keep you from crying.
 A peel
 B to peel
 C peeled
 D peeling
- 46** If you pay in cash, we will offer you 10% discount.
 A further
 B a further
 C the further
 D much further
- 47** This month, the Art Gallery museum paintings of international artists.
 A it shows
 B will show
 C is showing
 D going to show
- 48** Your files by the secretary right now.
 A copied
 B are to copy
 C are copying
 D are being copied
- 49** The reporter asked the president where to school.
 A went he
 B he went
 C did he go
 D had he gone
- 50** Different parts of the world their own local cuisine.
 A has
 B have
 C has had
 D are having
- 51** The new science magazine will be very useful to anyone in inventions.
 A interests
 B interesting
 C interested
 D interestingly
- 52** It's my best friend's birthday tomorrow, so I to buy a nice present.
 A will
 B must
 C need
 D would
- 53** So, how often do you go?
 A ski
 B to ski
 C skiing
 D for skiing
- 54** I believe it's important to listen to sides of the argument.
 A both
 B every
 C either
 D neither
- 55** If I could speak Italian, I for the tour guide job.
 A will apply
 B would apply
 C had applied
 D will have applied

VOCABULARY Test 1

- 56** I usually get work at five and then go to the gym.
A off
B out
C into
D over
- 57** The best of advice I received from my father was never go to bed angry.
A type
B item
C size
D piece
- 58** I'm not really looking to our weekend training seminar.
A out
B over
C ahead
D forward
- 59** What was the final in last night's Wild Cats game?
A total
B point
C count
D score
- 60** My dog has a nasty habit of cars.
A barking
B fetching
C chasing
D grabbing
- 61** Mario's Restaurant traditional Italian food.
A gives
B dines
C serves
D reserves
- 62** I can't study with all the you are making!
A talk
B noise
C sound
D scream
- 63** Please be, you are not allowed to talk in the library.
A calm
B quiet
C ready
D relaxed
- 64** Lora didn't out of her hotel room by noon and paid an extra fee.
A put
B take
C make
D check
- 65** Would you have a job in an office or work outdoors?
A like
B enjoy
C rather
D prefer
- 66** All newspaper articles are introduced with
A contents
B headlines
C conclusions
D introductions
- 67** A 15-year-old girl was the winner of the ballet
A dance
B rehearsal
C production
D competition
- 68** of rare Picasso paintings can be seen at the Modern Art Museum.
A An event
B A collection
D A performance
C A demonstration

- 69** My grandparents are so that they bought me a car for my eighteenth birthday.
- A curious
 - B unusual
 - C generous
 - D intelligent
- 70** Computer skills are a basic for the job.
- A want
 - B need
 - C requirement
 - D employment
- 71** Could you me to check my e-mail again before we leave?
- A notice
 - B remind
 - C excuse
 - D surprise
- 72** The Giant Timber Bamboo tree is known to up to nearly a meter a day.
- A rise
 - B raise
 - C grow
 - D develop
- 73** I didn't manage to finish the online IQ test because I out of time.
- A fell
 - B ran
 - C went
 - D stayed
- 74** You will need to change the light bulb.
- A a step
 - B stairs
 - C a ladder
 - D an elevator
- 75** The elevator is out of, please use the stairs.
- A use
 - B work
 - C order
 - D function
- 76** Sorry I'm so late, but I got in heavy traffic.
- A held up
 - B caught on
 - C turned over
 - D taken around
- 77** I need a and thread to sew the loose button on your shirt.
- A pin
 - B nail
 - C ring
 - D needle
- 78** Visitors must not the animals.
- A give
 - B play
 - C feed
 - D shout
- 79** The nature park lies on the between two countries.
- A line
 - B path
 - C track
 - D border
- 80** According to the, our train should have arrived an hour ago.
- A diary
 - B account
 - C calendar
 - D timetable

Part 1

You are reading family restaurant reviews to decide where to go with some friends and their children. Answer the questions that follow by choosing the best answer from A, B, C or D based on the information given in the texts.

A Al's Pizza Palace

Located right near the market, this is a great place for the whole family. Al's Palace has terrific pizza and salads, but what really made it special for our kids was the kid-sized play kitchen. While we were waiting for our pizza, our kids played with pizza dough, rolling pins, and other kid's kitchen equipment. They were within view and having fun while we enjoyed a grown-up conversation. Also, all the ingredients are fresh because they're locally produced. There's no need to book a table because the place is huge. Next door you'll find Manilla Fun House, a small toy store, where you can pick up something to keep your children busy and well behaved during your meal.

B Garfield's Restaurant

When you want a grown-up meal, but you have young kids, Garfield's is a great choice. This modern restaurant, overlooking the river, is very "baby friendly". The menu is inexpensive (most starters are \$5) and it has plastic kiddie plates, knives and forks, even plastic cups and a baby chair at every table. Be sure to ask for a seat by the window so that you and your little ones can enjoy the cargo boats and cruise ships going up and down the river. It's a popular place on the weekend so it's a good idea to make a reservation first.

C Macintyre Bakery

Known as one of the best bread bakeries in the country, this is the perfect place to grab a sweet snack to go or enjoy a leisurely breakfast or lunch in. Macintyre's also has sandwiches and salads, making it a great place to fill up your picnic basket for the nearby park. But perhaps the most exciting thing is that it has an open kitchen where you can watch the sandwiches being prepared - that's a lot more entertaining than it sounds! Call ahead if you would like to arrange a picnic lunch.

Breakfast and lunch only.

There are also Macintyre's stores in the University Village and Ludon.

D Tap House Eatery

This kid-friendly neighborhood place is where parents can have a drink and a bite to eat while kids play with the hundreds of toys and books available. This place is full of things for kids to do! Nearly every table has at least one kid eating noodles, or fish and chips. The place is alive with little ones from 5 pm when the doors open, until about 8 pm. After 9 pm, you'll find only adults enjoying the peace and quiet. Friday is the big night for your kids to see and be seen. Seating is at long communal tables.

Which restaurant ...

- | | |
|---|--|
| 81 is near a toy shop? | 86 has a great variety of toys for kids? |
| 82 has more than one location? | 87 allows customers to watch food being made? |
| 83 allows kids to pretend to cook? | 88 does not allow children in after a certain time? |
| 84 does not serve food in the evenings? | 89 does a reviewer suggest booking a table for? |
| 85 does a reviewer recommend for its view? | 90 does a reviewer recommend for very young children? |

Part 2

You are reading a blog page about university entrance examinations. Answer the questions that follow by choosing the best answer from A, B, C or D based on the information given in the passage.

In many countries, success on university entrance exams is essential for students whose future careers require a college education. While nearly everyone agrees exams are useful for making admission decisions, not everyone agrees that the exams are fair.

Entrance exam supporters say that because everyone takes the same exam, and because the criteria used to score the exams are the same for everyone, the results are indeed fair. Everyone, supporters claim, has the same chances of doing well. Any differences in scores must be due to differences in what students know.

Supporters also claim that students who do poorly on the entrance exams will probably not succeed in college. They add that a student's grades in high school, another criterion often used for college admission decisions, do not necessarily show what students have learned, because teachers do not all use the same grading methods.

Opponents of university entrance exams insist that society puts too much importance on **them**. As a result, critics say, the exams put too much stress on students. Students know that their future depends on doing well on the exams. Many cannot handle the stress, and panic during the exam. Thus, their exam scores do not accurately show what they have actually learned.

Critics also point out that the exams do not clearly identify the smartest students; rather, they identify students who can memorize information easily, and those whose parents can afford to send their children to after-school exam preparation classes.

Clearly, there should be criteria for admitting students into colleges and universities. However, the existing exam system has to be improved. Beyond improving the exams, emphasis should be placed on learning in stress-free classroom environments. After all, if students cannot learn successfully, then there is no point in testing what they have been taught.

- 91** What does the author suggest about exams in the first paragraph?
- A Most people think they are fair.
 - B Most students have taken one.
 - C Most students do not like them.
 - D Most people think they are useful.
- 92** What is claimed about high school grades?
- A They are fairer to use than exam grades.
 - B They should not be compared to exam grades.
 - C They might not show what students have learned.
 - D They provide more information about students than exams do.
- 93** What is suggested about teachers?
- A They are not supporters of university exams.
 - B They grade students using different methods.
 - C They are the best judges of students' abilities.
 - D They do not have enough time to teach students.
- 94** What does "them" in paragraph 4, sentence 1 refer to?
- A students
 - B opponents
 - C test scores
 - D entrance exams
- 95** What does the author indicate is important?
- A talking with parents
 - B reducing students' stress
 - C preparing students for exams
 - D identifying the smartest students

Part 3

You are going to read an email from one friend to another. Choose the best answer from A, B, C, or D based on the information in the email.

Hi Tom,

You're probably wondering about my dinner party. Well, I can't believe I spent days looking through my cookbooks for the 'perfect' recipes. You'd warned me not to cook anything new and to choose simple recipes, but you know me. I never listen to good advice!

I hate to admit it, but the recipes I chose were meant for people with better cooking skills than mine. You should've seen how I panicked when my guests started arriving and nothing was ready. To make matters worse, I felt that the food tasted awful and didn't look good enough.

Of course, I was dead tired from being in the kitchen all day. I had promised to prepare a special meal, but nothing turned out the way I wanted it to.

I kept apologizing all night, but everyone told me to stop worrying as everything was delicious. I thought they were just being polite. Jim Martins (you met him at my house when you visited me last year) kept teasing me that I should enter a cooking competition. But I was only thinking about whether my guests actually enjoyed the food.

Well, I had some leftovers for lunch today, and to tell you the truth, it didn't taste that bad! I am not sure why I acted as if the dinner party was meant to be some kind of cooking test instead of a chance to get together and have a meal with some friends. Well, I doubt I'll have another dinner party any time soon, but when I do, I'll take your advice and keep things simple. I really learned my lesson this time.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Anne Marie

- 96** What did Anne Marie do before the dinner party?
- A She planned the menu.
 - B She asked Tom for advice.
 - C She bought new cookbooks.
 - D She borrowed Tom's recipes.
- 97** What did Tom advise Anne Marie to do?
- A allow more time for cooking
 - B enter a cooking competition
 - C serve her food on nice plate
 - D prepare food she has made before
- 98** Why did Anne Marie panic?
- A The guests arrived early.
 - B The food was not enough.
 - C The food was not ready on time.
 - D The guests were better cooks.
- 99** Why was Anne Marie disappointed?
- A She had not kept her promises.
 - B She had not cooked the perfect meal.
 - C She had not improved her cooking skills.
 - D She had not started cooking early enough.
- 100** What does paragraph 4 mainly focus on?
- A Jim's jokes
 - B a polite guest
 - C Anne Marie's feelings
 - D cooking competitions

Part 4

You are reading a text about bottled water sold in the United States. Answer the questions that follow by choosing the best answer from A, B, C or D based on the information given in the passage.

Bottled Water – Why Pay?

Americans love drinking bottled water. They bought more than 5 billion gallons of it last year. Most people who buy bottled water think it's better than what comes out of their water taps at home. The average consumer believes that the water in bottles comes from beautiful mountain springs, or from pure underground wells. But that's where they're wrong.

Over the past decade, companies that sell bottled water have been buying water from city water supplies. The water is filtered, bottled, and sold at an enormous profit. In other words, many consumers are paying a lot for something they already get free.

Of the 5.2 billion gallons of bottled water Americans bought last year, 2.5 billion – almost half – was filtered city water. The rest came from springs, wells, and other natural sources. Ten years ago, only 450 million gallons came from city sources.

Bottled water companies are finding it harder to get fresh water from natural sources. At the same time, many cities need money to pay their bills, and are happy to sell their water at a profit. Additionally, water companies often build water plants near a city's water source, creating jobs and providing income for the city.

Consumers should be concerned about this issue for two reasons. Firstly, paying extra for something that's available free in most cities is a waste of money. Secondly, each year millions of plastic bottles are thrown away, creating an enormous environmental problem.

For most people, the smart decision is to give up bottled water and drink free tap water instead. After all, chances are they're the same thing anyway.

- 101** What do most people not know about bottled water?
- A It is often dangerous.
 - B It is becoming cheaper.
 - C It is healthier than tap water.
 - D It is often the same as tap water.
- 102** How much bottled water was sold in the U.S. last year ?
- A 450 million gallons
 - B 2.5 billion gallons
 - C 5 billion gallons
 - D 5.2 billion gallons
- 103** How might a bottled water company help a city?
- A by creating jobs at the plant
 - B by lowering the cost of tap water
 - C by expanding the city's water supply
 - D by paying for water cleaning systems
- 104** What is one problem associated with bottled water?
- A poor water quality
 - B waste from plastic bottles
 - C reduced fresh water supplies
 - D increased costs to communities
- 105** What does the author suggest that people do?
- A avoid using plastic bottles
 - B drink more water each day
 - C stop drinking bottled water
 - D check the quality of their water



END OF THE GVR TEST. DO NOT TURN TO THE NEXT SECTION.

WRITING Test 1

This part of the test consists of two writing tasks. **You must do both tasks.** Your writing will be assessed on the following criteria: the development and organization of the points given for each task, the range and accuracy of the language used, and the connection between sentences and paragraphs. **You have 50 minutes to complete both tasks.**

Task 1

Your friend who lives in Finland has just written to you about her high school experience. In her email she asked you to tell her about high schools in your country.

Write an email to your friend telling her about going to high school in your country.

You must develop briefly **all** of the following points below:

- Say when school starts and finishes
- Say what subjects you enjoy(ed) most and why
- Say what you generally like(d) about high school
- Say what you generally dislike(d) about high school

You should start your email with: *Dear Aira,*

You should finish your email with: *All the best,
(your name)*

Your email should be between 80 - 100 words.



Task 2

You have just read the following competition advertisement in a magazine. Write an email to the editor of the magazine describing the most beautiful place you have visited.

You must develop briefly **all** of the following points below:

- Say what and where it is
- Say when you last visited it
- Describe what you did there
- Say why you think it is beautiful

You should start your email with: *Dear editor,*

You should finish your email with: *Best regards,
(your name)*

Your email should be between 80 - 100 words.

Most beautiful place you have visited

C o m p e t i t i o n

Have you ever visited an extremely beautiful place?

Share it with our readers and win a trip to New York.

Email your entries to our editor at beautifulplace@BCCE.com