

Скромный этап ВОШ
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Part 1

Listening

Task 1

You will hear an interview with a singer called Nick Parker who plays in a band called *Krispy* with his sister Mel.

For each question, choose the correct answer **a**, **b**, or **c**.

1. When Nick and Mel were younger,
 - a. they studied music at school.
 - 3 b. their father took them to live concerts.
 - c. their mother encouraged them to play music.
2. When Nick and Mel started writing music together, they
 - a. disagreed about the style they should have.
 - b. didn't want to be the same as other bands.
 - 3 c. were influenced by different kinds of music.
3. The band *Krispy* was started after
 - a. Nick began studying at music school.
 - b. two other musicians heard Nick and Mel playing.
 - c. Nick and Mel advertised for the band members.
4. In the band's first year together,
 - 3 a. concert audiences liked their music.
 - b. they signed a recording contract.
 - c. their national tour was very successful.
5. What does Nick say about life in the band today?
 - a. The other members look after him and Mel.
 - b. He's pleased to have the chance to travel.
 - c. There's no opportunity for them to relax together.
6. What disappointment has the band had?
 - a. They haven't yet had a number one single.
 - b. Their first album sold under a million copies.
 - c. A health problem delayed their album recording.

Part 2

Reading

Task 1

Read the money-saving stories.

Are the statements (1-6) **TRUE (T)** or **FALSE (F)**?

1. Amy, London.

I like to keep fit but I don't want to fork out on an expensive gym. Everything's expensive in London, but there are lots of parks. So I bought some running shoes, and started to go running in the park. I also walk to school now. I save money and get fit at the same time.

2. Billy, Southampton.

I wanted to change my bedroom and get a new desk, so I was checking out prices of bedroom furniture online when I found a website called *Freecycle*. Freecycling is when a person gives away things they don't need. I found a perfect small wooden desk for my bedroom, and it was free!

3. Rani, Bristol.

Every time I go to a supermarket, I get a plastic bag. Every time I do exercise I have some water. Every time I go to a restaurant I have some cola. In future I'm going to buy a "Bag for Life" and drink tap water. I'll save money, and help the environment too.

4. Martin, Cardiff.

My farther earns a lot of money, and he saves most of it, but he isn't mean. He buys my mum some flowers every Friday, and when he travels he always brings mum some perfume and some chocolates. But he has taught us to be quite frugal. His advice is, when you want to buy something, ask yourself two questions. First, do you really need it? And secondly, can you get it cheaper somewhere else?

5. Julie.

I love designer clothes and the latest fashions, and I really want a cool pair of Gucci sunglasses. I need to save money, so here's some advice for people like me – don't go shopping! Don't go to shopping centres, and don't use online shopping sites. They are dangerous!

T? F?

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- 1. Amy goes to an expensive gym. T
 - 2. Billy wanted to buy a desk online. F
 - + 3. Freecycling is an online furniture shop. F F
 - + 4. Rani is worried about the environment. T
 - 5. Martin's farther is mean. T
 - + 6. Julie hates shopping. F

Task 2

Read the text and questions below.

For each question, mark the correct letter a, b, c or d.

THE BUSINESSMAN

There is a story going round at the moment about a well-known journalist who went to interview Jack Parrish at a smart New York restaurant. The journalist was late, but fortunately, when he arrived, he found the great man was not yet there. On the way to his table, the journalist noticed a colleague from his paper and stopped to chat to her. After fifteen minutes, a waiter approached him. "There's some young man at the door who says he's supposed to be having lunch with you. I think he's trying to be funny, because he says his name is Jack Parrish!"

But of course it was. The twenty-four-year-old is becoming famous for the fact he doesn't look like the owner of one of the world's most successful computer companies. His manner is polite, his voice is quiet and his clothes are clearly not expensive. Two years ago, when he started his own company, no one had heard of him. Friends say that he hasn't changed at all. He hasn't even moved out of his parents' house. So what does he do with his money? It's all used for business. But some people in the computer world are getting nervous – and they are right. It won't be long before someone in another company picks up the phone to hear that quiet voice saying that he's the new boss.

- 1. Someone could find out from the text
 - a. how Jack Parrish runs his business.
 - b. what Jack Parrish said in an interview.
 - c. how to get a job in Jack Parrish's company.
 - d. what the writer thinks Jack Parrish will do next.
- 2. How did the journalist pass the time while he was waiting?

- a. He phoned his office.
 - b. He talked to another journalist.
 - c. He talked to a man at the next table.
 - d. He interviewed a woman in the restaurant.
3. The waiter thought the young man at the door of the restaurant
- a. was a journalist.
 - b. was behaving rudely.
 - c. was not as old as he said he was.
 - d. was pretending to be someone else.
4. What is the writer's attitude to Jack Parrish?
- a. He is more important than he appears.
 - b. He is a good example for young people.
 - c. He should be more careful how he runs his business.
 - d. He would be an interesting person to work for.
5. Which of these headlines does the writer expect to see soon?
- a. Too much success too fast – was that the end of Parrish's luck?
 - b. Jack Parrish doesn't worry about money – he gives it away to old friends.
 - c. And the new owner of our top computer is Jack Parrish!
 - d. SPEND, SPEND, SPEND – how Jack furnishes his new million-dollar home.

Part 3

Use of English

Task 1

Are animals intelligent?

Circle the correct words.

Rats can learn (1) to perform/performing tricks, cats seem (2) sense/to sense what we are feeling. Dogs know when their owners are coming home and anyone who has swum with (3) a/the dolphin will tell you that these animals are (4) more/most intelligent (5) of/than most people think. Clearly, animals can (6) to learn/learn and (7) remember/to remember. However, they lack language and (8) a/the ability to understand what they are and they therefore can't really (9) be/being considered "intelligent" creatures.

Studies carried out on chimpanzees and gorillas suggested that they are able (10) to learn/learn symbols and sounds. But are they actually using them (11) communicate/to communicate? No one knows. In (12) the/a late 1960s, (13) an/the American scientist tried (14) to find/finding out if various animals understood what they actually were. He painted (15) a/the red dot on their faces and put them in front of a mirror. If an animal touched (16) a/the red spot, it was, according to (17) a/the scientist, actually recognizing itself in (18) a/the mirror. Besides humans, only chimpanzees and orangutans passed this test.

Part 4

Writing

Write a story. Your story must begin with this sentence:

"I woke up knowing it was the most important day of my life."

Write between 100-150 words