

British Section Screening Test 2024

VOCABULARY

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A/ Complete the sentences with a word. The first letter of the word is given. **4pts**

1. It's so hot, I'm **s**_____
2. Let's sit under the trees to get out of the sun, there's a lot of **s**_____ under them.
3. I had a lovely **e**_____, I went diving!
4. I can bike really fast now, it makes me feel **p**_____
5. Many children **c**_____ in tournaments at a young age.
6. Maths is hard but that doesn't **b**_____ me. I enjoy it.
7. If you have problems to **d**_____ with, get some advice.
8. There are very **f**__ people walking outside, it's freezing!

B/ Use the words in capitals to form a **new word** that fits into each blank. **4pts**

1. She felt ashamed of her (BEHAVE)
2. I couldn't believe I had lost, I knew I was theplayer. (GOOD)
3. Sometimes it's not possible to plan, things happen (EXPECT)
4. We didn't play well and were(SUCCESS) in getting through to the finals.
5. Once I got so angry during a match Ibroke my racket. (NEAR)
6. On this cycling course you will be with others of the same(ABLE)
7. The room was large and (SPACE).
8. The ship sank to a of a hundred feet or more. (DEEP)

C/ Complete the gaps with a suitable word from the box:

A GREEN CAR?

yet	allowed	runs	become	apart	mixture	performance	how
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This car (1) on chocolate! Scientists have built a 300kph racing car that uses chocolate as a fuel! The project is designed to show (2) car-making could (3)..... environmentally friendly. The car meets all racing car standards(4) from its fuel. This is a mixture of waste chocolate and vegetable oil, and such 'biofuels' are not (5) in the sport yet. It has to be mixed with normal fuel so that all parts of the car keep working. Carrots and other root vegetables were used to make some parts inside and outside the car. Even the mirrors are made from potatoes! The sides of the car contain a (6) of natural materials from plants as well as other recycled materials. The project is still young, so the scientists have not (7) found out how 'green' the car is. They are planning many experiments to compare its (8)against that of normal racing cars. **4pts**

D/ Match the words on the left with an **antonym** on the right. **3pts**

1	heavy	cheerful	
2	fond of	inappropriate	
3	improve	insufficient	
4	suitable	light	
5	plenty	worsen	
6	wretched	dislike	

USE OF ENGLISH

A/ Complete the sentences below by choosing the correct answer a, b, c or d.

1. The match was cancelledthe rain
a. because b. because of c. despite d. without
2. The homework waseasier than I expected.
a. more b. always c. much d. not
3. Who all the cake? There's none left!
a. ate b. has been eating c. eated d. has eaten
4. A: "Would you mindthe light?" B: "There's enough light outside."
a. turn off b. closing c. turning off d. close
5. The new computer delivered tomorrow? I can't wait!
a. will b. will be c. is d. will be

5pts

B/ Read the text about the Tower of London. For each question, write the correct answer. Use **only** one word in each gap.

7pts

The Tower of London

I think my favourite place to visit in London is the Tower of London. I've been there at (1) three or four times, and I always discover something different every time I go! It's really easy to get to as there are both tube stations (2)..... bus stops nearby, so there is no problem accessing it. The building itself is fantastic and I love (3) photos of it from every angle. If you like history, then this is the place (4) you. It can get very busy though,(5) it's probably best to go during the week when there won't (6) so many visitors.

I learned so much when visiting the Tower, but I think the (7) interesting part is that it used to be a prison as well as a castle – it has such an interesting history!

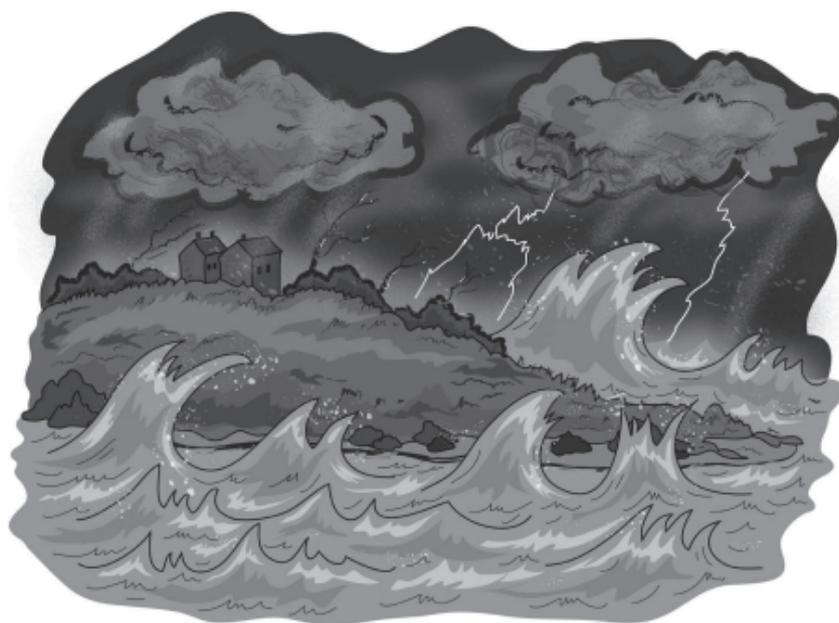
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READING COMPREHENSION

Why the Whales Came

Michael Morpurgo

- 1 Mother was sitting in the kitchen, her chair rocking back and forth. The lamp was on the table beside her and her sewing lay in her lap. I expected a wiggling from her for being out after dark but she looked up vacantly at us as we came in and seemed neither annoyed nor surprised that we were late.
- 5 “Well,” she said, a weak smile on her face. “You’re back.” And then, “I’m afraid your Mr Wellbeloved was right after all, Gracie. I thought he might be, you know. I didn’t want to believe him, no one did, your father least of all; but he’s an educated man, Mr Wellbeloved, he could see it coming.”
- 9 “Right about what, Mother?” I asked. “What’s happened?”
- 10 “Where is everyone?” Daniel asked. “Can’t find anyone at home.”
- 11 “They’ve all gone to a meeting in the church, Daniel. Father’s gone too, Gracie. They called an island meeting as soon as they heard the news this afternoon.”
- 13 “It’s the war, isn’t it?” Daniel said. “They’ve started the war, Gracie, like old Welly Belly said they would.” And Mother lowered her head.
- 15 There was such a storm that first night of the war, a violent thunderstorm that flashed and rolled around the island as if it wanted to uproot it from the sea. The wind moaned and howled horribly through the house. White sheet lightning turned the night to day outside my window heralding each new rumbling crescendo of thunder.



1 Circle the correct option to complete each sentence.

a) At the start of the extract, Mother is:
annoyed anxious busy surprised

b) The narrator is:
Mother Gracie Mr Wellbeloved Daniel

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2 Find and copy one piece of evidence from the first paragraph that shows the story is not set in modern times.

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3 Mother "looked up vacantly at us".

Which word is closest in meaning to "vacantly" in this sentence? Tick one.

angrily happily blankly comfortingly

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4 Look at paragraph 2, which begins "'Well,' she said.'

Find and copy two words or phrases that show Mother is anxious and unsure.

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5 Who do you think "old Welly Belly" is?

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6 Do you think Gracie and Daniel are sister and brother?

Yes No

Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

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7 Number these events to show the order in which they happened – this may not be the order in which you read about them.

Event	Order
Gracie and Daniel came into the kitchen.	
Father went to the church.	
Mr Wellbeloved predicted there would be a war.	
They called an island meeting.	

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8 Look at the paragraph describing the storm. Find and copy four different words and phrases that show how severe the storm was.

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9 Why do you think the writer decided to write a violent storm at this point in the text? Use evidence from the text in your answer.

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