

1 Music on high COMPREHENSION

B

The hot air balloons are used to broadcast music from an orchestra. The project aims to deliver music / an artistic experience to people's bedrooms from the sky.

C

- 1 T
- 2 F (The balloons have been launched from various locations since 2003.)
- 3 F (The balloons only have good vertical control.)
- 4 F (Pete has been ballooning for 25 years.)
- 5 T

D

- 1 he finds it liberating
- 2 the vertical descent can be controlled accurately but the balloon can't steer to a particular landing place
- 3 some sounds travel better
- 4 the world's best surround sound system

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

B

He may be pausing to think or unsure about the best way to describe the landing process.

2 A fine art COMPREHENSION

B

Artwork on a beach in Cornwall, United Kingdom, created by a local artist (Tony Plant) by pulling a rake through the sand on the beach.

C

- 1 F (Tony tells Marcel to just walk and look and see what happens.)
- 2 F (Marcel says he isn't arty.)
- 3 T
- 4 T

D

- 1 fixed idea
- 2 the outcome
- 3 cliff(s)
- 4 (really) lucky
- 5 compelled

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

B

He is saying something personal about himself (he doesn't think he is arty).

C

Suggested answers

- 1 I have to confess that whenever I watch a sad movie, I cry.
- 2 I can't help thinking there isn't enough time to be creative in the modern world.
- 3 I must admit I've never liked your uncle's art very much.

3 Waste not, want not COMPREHENSION

B

The café intercepts waste food from supermarkets, restaurants and households and turns the food into healthy meals. People 'pay what they feel' for the meals.

C

- 1 T
- 2 F (People pay what they feel.)
- 3 F (It is still edible / fit for consumption.)
- 4 T
- 5 F (He was able to help by giving the man food from the kitchen.)

D

- 1 a volunteer weighing a banana
- 2 a volunteer writing on a board
- 3 volunteers clearing wasteland
- 4 bowls of pasta
- 5 someone donating money

E

- 1 steak pie and gravy, cheese toastie
- 2 to lay out veg boxes, so that the community has free access to edible food; to create an urban guerrilla garden
- 3 Hi mate; Joshua
- 4 the heir to the throne
- 5 a society which is less wasteful and more conscious about where food comes from
- 6 cupcakes

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B

It may be used to emphasize that there is no other solution/alternative to what he has just said.

4 Man's new best friend?

COMPREHENSION

B

- 1 a robot with a screen
- 2 a robot with red eyes
- 3 mechanical arms
- 4 two robots by a hole
- 5 a robot with a headset
- 6 a child with a robot

C

- 1 b 2 c 3 a

D

Suggested answers

- 1 Casper: one of the earliest social robots, works with children with autism.
- 2 Inka: robot receptionist that worked at King's College, London. Can spot people and move her eye to lock on to them.
- 3 Kodomoroid: world's first robot newscaster launched in 2014.

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

A

a

B

- 1 b 2 a

C

Suggested answers

- 1 They effectively live with her.
- 2 The game was effectively over.

5 Perform under pressure

COMPREHENSION

C

- 1 luck
- 2 practice
- 3 rammed/filled
- 4 focused

D

- 1 c 2 a 3 b 4 b

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

B

To check if a listener has understood what she said.

C

- 1 to clarify a point
- 2 to check understanding

6 Life on Mars

COMPREHENSION

B

- 1 inhospitable, risky, dangerous, red, barren, desolate, a bright red target
- 2 it is a mysterious planet
- 3 human behavior during isolated, confined, long-duration missions and how it affects health and performance
- 4 the red risks on NASA's list must be resolved

C

- 1 ridiculous
- 2 ancestors
- 3 first astronomers
- 4 applicable
- 5 feed
- 6 warm sand

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

B

We use repetition in spoken English to emphasize the importance of something.

7 The Wild East

COMPREHENSION

C

- 1 four states in the (western) United States
- 2 he grew up in the cowboy business, his father taught him the skills as a child
- 3 everything that is essential for beef production
- 4 they are starting further back in terms of skills, they are not athletic or don't have great physical ability
- 5 people are people even if they have different backgrounds, people want similar things

D

- 1 F (He didn't ponder the decision / He treated it like any other job offer.)
- 2 F (He doesn't have experience or much interest in other work.)
- 3 F (Dakota knows more Russian than Todd.)
- 4 T
- 5 F (There are times when he thinks about going home.)

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

B

To mark a pause or hesitation, perhaps to think about what they are about to say.

C

- 1 Basically I prefer jobs where I'm on my feet or active, rather than kind of sitting at a desk all day.
- 2 So I don't really think I could do a physical job every day. I'd be exhausted you see.

8 Smart clothes

COMPREHENSION

C

A journalist is wearing an age simulation suit to experience what it is like to be an older person.

D

- 1 F (The number of people is growing/increasing.)
- 2 F (He has to go downstairs and buy a cup of coffee.)
- 3 T
- 4 T
- 5 F (The most important part is to empathize with them through direct experience.)

E

- 1 He finds them very difficult to read as he can't see the words clearly.
- 2 No, he just saw two silver coins. He says you just have to trust people to give you the correct change.
- 3 He was nervous. He wanted to get across as fast as possible.
- 4 She says he was putting coping strategies into place. For example, he was using his feet to feel for the edges of curbs.

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

B

To emphasize how much they had to swivel their body.

C

- Suggested answers**
- 1 completely
 - 2 totally

9 Beating busyness

COMPREHENSION

B

Oliver is speaking about the busyness trap – the problem of everyone being too busy nowadays.

D

Solutions mentioned:

- realize that getting it all done is an illusion
- choose what's most important and schedule time for it
- use 'compartmentalized time': put boundaries around parts of time during which you focus on just one thing

E

- 1 c 2 b 3 c 4 b

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

B

to persuade or influence the listener, an answer is not expected

C

Suggested answers

- 1 So how do we make employees happier?
- 2 How difficult was that test?

10 Half a home

COMPREHENSION

C

- 1 Only half the home is built.
- 2 It gives people the opportunity to grow the value of their home like other homeowners.
- 3 It doesn't allow people to grow the value of their homes over time.

D

- 1 F (There are a lot of slums which are self-built.)
- 2 F (The available money cannot provide a middle class standard.)
- 3 T
- 4 F (Later generations have found less available housing, an increased market rate and have been priced out.)

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

B

To emphasize the information at the start of the sentence.

C

- 1 Why more money isn't invested in social housing, I'll never know.
- 2 Twenty thousand dollars the new kitchen cost me.