

1 My life

COMPREHENSION

A

Students' own answers

B

- 1 an introduction to the violin
- 2 impressing a future tutor
- 3 establishing a personal connection
- 4 the physical and mental challenges
- 5 rewarding experiences and motivation

C

- 1 F (He first heard the violin on the radio when he was three years old.)
- 2 T
- 3 F (He says they 'sound a little bit different' every day and that 'you are not sure what voice you will get' each time you play.)
- 4 T
- 5 T
- 6 F (He says that he wants to 'play in as many places as [he] can to as many people as possible')

D

Suggested answers

- 1 Every note he plays on the violin excites or causes strong emotion within him.
- 2 He blocks out everything else when playing, focusing only on what he's doing.

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

A

Students' own answers

B

The speaker uses *sort of* to mean in some way or to some degree. It helps him to highlight how difficult it is to describe the ideas he's talking about.

C

Students' own answers

D

Students' own answers

2 Home is where the wi-fi is

COMPREHENSION

A

Students' own answers

B

Rather than renting or buying a house in New York, David and Elaine move to a different Airbnb property every month.

C

- 1 A year and a half.
- 2 He says he 'wanted to see if it was possible to live in a different neighborhood every month without a home'.
- 3 No; 'all of their stuff' fits into three suitcases.
- 4 She says it's 'super organized' and that it's nice to 'experience some kind of structure' for a month because she is generally not very organized.
- 5 She says that 'Home in many ways is where the wi-fi is.' Rather than a physical place, she believes people feel at home wherever they can log into their social media profiles, download messages, stream music, etc.

D

Students' own answers

E

David: He gets to know the neighborhoods in a different way; he has a different relationship with the neighborhood than he would have had if he hadn't lived there for a month or two.
Elaine: She is more aware of the passage of time and so has more of an incentive to do things because of time passing by.

F

- 1 neighborhoods
- 2 slightly different way
- 3 moving every month
- 4 digital bubble

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

A

Students' own answers

B

The speaker uses *right* as an informal question tag to confirm what has been said in the sentence.

C

- 2 You'll have finished the report by 5 pm, right?
- 3 It's OK to bring a friend to the party, right?
- 4 You've been to Tokyo before, right?
- 5 You're going to drive me to the airport, right?

D

Students' own answers

3 Rising to the challenge

COMPREHENSION

A

Students' own answers

B

- 1 to colonize Mars
- 2 four
- 3 never

C

- 1 b
- 2 c
- 3 a

D

- 1 F (He says that 'a lot of people [leave a legacy] by having a child, having a family')
- 2 T
- 3 F (He says 'we have so many problems that ... it's not possible to solve')
- 4 F (She says 'I believe that there is nobody has this kind of emotional effect on me')
- 5 T
- 6 T

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

A

Students' own answers

B

The speaker uses *something like that* to avoid having to give more examples of what they're talking about.

C

Suggested answers

- 1 The town really needs a gym or something like that, so young people have more to do.
- 2 When I finish college, I'd like to be an economist or something like that.
- 3 I'm not sure, but I think he's an engineer or something like that.
- 4 We could go to the movie theater or something like that – I don't really mind.
- 5 I'm absolutely starving; I'd love a sandwich or something like that.

4 The future of work

COMPREHENSION

A

Students' own answers

B

Students' own answers

C

- 1 boring and repetitive
- 2 minimum-wage workers
- 3 aging population
- 4 47%/forty-seven percent
- 5 super-human speed
- 6 improving

D

Students' own answers

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

A

Students' own answers

B

The ideas are listed in threes to make the argument sound more persuasive; all three ideas are the same part of speech.

C

Suggested answers

- 1 Studying another language can be challenging and frustrating, but also rewarding.
- 2 It's important to teach children to think critically, to be kind to others and to try hard.
- 3 When buying a phone I always think about what I want it to do, how much I can afford to spend and which has the best camera.
- 4 I think that social media makes us less willing to voice our real opinion, encourages us to be less critical and helps reinforce existing beliefs.
- 5 The most important things in life are love, family and health.

5 Power to the people COMPREHENSION

A

Solar panels are shown in the picture. Other forms of renewable energy include: wind power, hydroelectric (electricity generated by water), biomass (electricity generated by burning organic material) and geothermal (electricity generated using heat from inside the Earth).

B

2

C

- 1 1.26
- 2 frustrated

3 Denmark

4 how much energy

5 the science

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

A

Students' own answers

B

The phrase in bold means 'I love' or 'I really like'. Another similar expression is *I'm really into*.

C

- 1 aren't really my thing
- 2 is really into horror movies
- 3 been a big fan of

D

Students' own answers

6 Speech and debate COMPREHENSION

A

Students' own answers

B

They are preparing for a 'Speech and Debate' tournament at Democracy Prep school in the South Bronx, New York.

C

- 1 It's a public-speaking competition in which students from around the US have ten minutes to give a speech or perform a dialogue with a partner.
- 2 A panel of judges decides who is able to 'communicate their story' most effectively and can transport you with their voice and body language alone.
- 3 The chance of a better future – many colleges offer speech scholarships.

D

- 1 T
- 2 T
- 3 F (Lou says that she 'has been given every opportunity to work at the most elite institutions around the world and she still chooses to come to the South Bronx'.)

E

- 1 three days
- 2 good citizens
- 3 finals

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

A

Students' own answers

B

The speaker uses *like* while reporting a conversation. It is a common feature of informal speech, particularly among younger speakers.

C

Suggested answers

- 2 I recently went to a restaurant. The service was terrible so I complained to the waiter.
- 3 I spoke to the doctor recently and she informed me that they would need to run more tests, which I obviously agreed to.
- 4 My boss recently asked me to work overtime on the weekend, but I refused.

7 Homeless heroes COMPREHENSION

A

Students' own answers

B

The man in the picture is Tyler Watts. He has been homeless 'on and off since 2016'. He is one of many people on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles that dress up as famous characters and earn tips by posing for photographs with tourists. Doing so earns Tyler enough money to stay in a hotel at night instead of on the street.

C

- 1 F (Tyler doesn't earn an hourly wage. He makes all of his money through tips.)
- 2 T
- 3 F (He was working as a waiter and customers kept telling him that he looked like Christopher Reeve.)
- 4 T
- 5 F (Christopher had to rent the storage unit when he became homeless.)

D

- 1 He was beaten up by another homeless man who stole his Superman costume.
- 2 He asked people for donations, attempting to raise \$1,000 to buy a new costume, but managed to raise \$8,000 in total.

- 3 Because it makes him feel more like himself and he can do unexpected good deeds for people.
4 He says it has made him a better person and makes him grateful for everything he has.

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

A

Students' own answers

B

In this context, the speaker uses *you know* to emphasize what they're saying.

C

1 b 2 a 3 c

D

Students' own answers

8 True convictions COMPREHENSION

A

Students' own answers

B

- 13/thirteen years
- capital murder
- in 2009
- an investigative team to look into cases of possible wrongful conviction

C

- Steven Phillips and Johnnie Lindsey – both of whom were wrongfully imprisoned.
- Craig Watkins, the Dallas District Attorney
- Yes; he says they want to 'work with [them] to get to the truth'.

D

- are currently imprisoned
- doesn't provide them with sufficient
- much too general
- by multiple eyewitnesses

E

- T
- F (The video features an interview between Christopher Scott and Alonzo Hardy.)
- F (He blames the criminal justice system for his wrongful conviction.)
- T

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

A

Students' own answers

B

The speaker uses *kind of* to mean in some way or to some degree. This

allows them to describe something without being exact.

C

- Can you turn the light on? It's **kind of** dark in here.
- I've **kind of** lost interest in this series to be honest.
- It was **kind of** a last minute decision to go to Thailand.

D

Students' own answers

9 The cutting edge COMPREHENSION

A

Students' own answers

B

- Ben's reasons for changing career
- the focus of the business
- the importance of design
- the properties of the materials
- a wish for the future

C

- He was a graphic designer for about 12 years.
- He wanted to 'get away from the desk' and do something more 'hands-on'.
- Kitchen knives because his wife's a cook and they're both very 'food orientated'.
- The shape, balance, feel and the handle.
- Lots of different types of wood – burls, burrs and spalted woods.
- Blok

D

Hands-on can mean being more involved in decision-making or obtaining by doing something, rather than reading or watching about it. However, Ben may be being more literal here and mean that he wanted to do something more practical that involved making things with his hands.

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

A

Students' own answers

B

The speaker uses a vague time expression because they don't know the exact length of time they worked as a graphic designer or they don't think this information is important.

C

Students' own answers

10 The power of privacy COMPREHENSION

A

Students' own answers

B

Students' own answers

C

- T
- T
- F (He says that 'most of this represents media that you put out yourself', meaning she'd willingly shared it online.)
- T

D

- To see what information can be uncovered about her illegally by people with specialist skills.
- Because, unlike in the US, information security is rarely covered in the media.
- He sends her a fake email from her boss with a link to a copy of the Guardian homepage. Clicking on the link gives him access to her computer.
- Obtain her email address and password; download her files; redirect her browser (i.e. choose which webpage she visits).
- Sending the email to hundreds or thousands of people increases the chances of someone clicking on the link.

E

- personal data
- primary motivation
- hackers

AUTHENTIC ENGLISH

A

Correct definition: 2 to slowly and carefully explain something to someone

B

- I walked my students through the fire alarm procedure.
- I walked my colleague through the details of the document.
- My mom asked me to walk her through the contract.
- She walked us through the basics of employment law.
- I walked my friend through setting up his new computer.