

6 Getting better

Listening Part 1

Look at questions 1-4 in the exam task and for each one answer these questions.

- How many speakers will you hear?
- Will they be female or male voices?
- What is the situation?
- What is the focus, e.g. purpose, place, of the question?

1.08 Now listen and do the exam task.

Exam task

You will hear people talking in four different situations (in the exam you will hear eight). For questions 1-4, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- You hear a woman talking about a recent holiday. What is she still angry about?
A The weather while they were there.
B The room that they stayed in.
C The trip from the airport to the resort.
- You hear a teenage boy and his mother talking. What do they eventually agree about?
A which illness he has
B where he caught the illness
C how long the illness will last
- You overhear a man talking about a journey. Where is he?
A at a railway station
B at a bus station
C at an airport
- You hear a man talking to a doctor's receptionist. What is he doing?
A asking the receptionist for advice
B complaining about the doctor
C trying to make an appointment



Grammar

Relative clauses

- 1 Some of these sentences written by exam candidates contain mistakes. Correct any mistakes and/or add any missing commas.
- The taxi stopped right in front of the place where the game was on.
 - Jim wasn't sure if the person which he had seen in the hospital was Mike.
 - We visited the Swiss Alps, where are famous for winter sports like skiing.
 - I like to play tennis which is a beautiful sport and good for the figure.
 - My sister, who is studying medicine at university, phoned me last night.
 - I don't know who's fault it is. Maybe it's ours, because we became lazy.
 - On the 20th of July when you return we can go swimming together.
 - It is advisable not to make a friend whose hobby is shopping.
 - Apart from her mother who lived miles away nobody had a key to the house.
 - When we arrived at the place which it happened, there was an ambulance there.

- 2 Complete the sentences with suitable relative pronouns. Add commas where necessary. In some cases, more than one answer is possible. Which of the relative pronouns in 1-10 could we leave out?

- The place basketball is played is called a court.
- My mother is a nurse gave me some medicine.
- Do you like the new trainers I've bought?
- Last summer I was in Tarifa I went windsurfing for the first time.
- People live in the city centre have to breathe quite polluted air.
- I'll never forget the day I saw my team win the Champions League.
- This building is now empty used to be a hospital.
- Dr Alexander Fleming was a scientist discovery saved many lives.
- In Antarctica it is always cold there are very few insects.
- My friend Lionel brother also plays in the team is our best player.

Vocabulary

- 1 Replace the underlined words with phrasal verbs formed by adding up to the correct form of these verbs.

dress eat heal ring run speak speed stay tidy use

- Simone telephoned last night to say she wasn't feeling well.
- You'll have to talk more loudly so that everyone can hear you.
- There was a bad cut on my leg but it got completely better after about a week.
- At the scene of the accident, a young man approached quickly and said he was a doctor.
- Will you please put everything where it belongs in your room.
- The leading swimmer had to go faster in the last 20 metres in order not to lose the race.
- There was no need to get up early the next day, so I didn't go to bed until after midnight.
- You'd better finish your food quickly if you want to watch the match on TV.
- We've completely finished all the medicine so we'd better get some more.
- I'm going to wear something special for the prize-giving ceremony.

- 2 Find ten types of sportsperson in the wordsearch.

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Use of English Part 2

Exam task

For questions 1–12, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: 0 TO

Abebe Bikila, double marathon winner

Nowadays we are quite used (0) seeing East African runners winning middle-distance and long-distance races, but this has not always been (1) case. In fact, it was not until 1960, (2) Abebe Bikila won the marathon in Rome, that an African athlete won Olympic gold.

Abebe, (3) father was a farmer, was from a rural part of Ethiopia. He grew (4) in the small village of Jato, but at the age of 14 he walked all the way to the capital, Addis Ababa, in (5) to become a soldier.

The Ethiopian government's athletics coach was looking for new talent, and (6) very long he spotted the young man from Jato. In 1960 Abebe joined the Olympic team as a replacement for long-distance runner Wami Biratu, (7) had been injured playing football, and soon he was on the plane to Rome.

Shortly before the marathon, (8) would both start and finish near the ancient Colosseum, he was unable to find a comfortable pair of running shoes, and so (9) not to damage his feet he decided to run barefoot. This actually seemed to have a positive effect (10) Abebe, who won the race in record time.

Four years later, and this time wearing running shoes, Abebe was in Tokyo, (11) he again won gold. In (12) so, he became the first athlete in history to win the Olympic marathon twice.



Writing Part 1 informal email

1 Look at the exam task instructions, and at the email and the handwritten notes on it. Then answer these questions.

- 1 What do you have to do?
- 2 Is Mr Thompson's email formal, neutral or informal in style?
- 3 What purpose links does he use?

Example: I am writing to give you

Exam task

A group of people in an English-speaking country are planning to spend a week in your town next summer. Read the email you have received from Richard Thompson, the leader of the group, and the notes you have made. Then write an email to Mr Thompson, using **all** your notes. Write your answer in **120–150** words in an appropriate style.

email

From: Richard Thompson

Sent: 19th April

Subject: group visit

Thank you for your message. I am writing to give you some more details about us, and to ask you a few questions.

Our group includes people from different backgrounds, but they all have one thing in common: they love sports! Some are interested in team sports while others prefer individual activities, both indoor and outdoor.

So in order to get an idea of what we can expect in the town, I would like to ask you what facilities are available to the public there. For example, is there a sports centre? A good swimming pool? Football, rugby or hockey pitches? Tennis courts?

Also, we would like to be quite close to the countryside so we can go jogging or cycling there. Which would be the best part of town for us to stay in so that we don't have to travel very far?

Finally, I would like to thank you for all your help. I hope we have not taken up too much of your time.

Kind regards,

Richard Thompson

Which sports?

Describe

Say where and why

No problem because ...

2 Read the model email and answer these questions.

- 1 What two things does Salma thank Mr Thompson for in the first paragraph?
- 2 What does she say she will do in her email?
- 3 In which paragraph, the second or the third, does Salma:
 - a suggest somewhere the group can stay?
 - b ask Mr Thompson about particular sports?
 - c describe the town's sports facilities?
- 4 Which sports facilities does she say are not available?
- 5 Which purpose links does she use in the third paragraph?
- 6 What explanation does she give Mr Thompson in her last paragraph?
- 7 Has Salma written her email in a similar style to Mr Thompson's? Give examples.

Dear Mr Thompson,

Thank you for replying so quickly, and for providing me with more information about your group. I will be happy to answer your questions.

Firstly, on the northern outskirts there is an excellent sports centre which has an Olympic-size pool. Football, hockey and tennis can be played in the park, though not rugby as far as I know. Could you please let me know which other sports would interest the group?

To answer your question about accommodation, I would recommend staying in the north so as to be near both the sports centre and the park. I would also suggest finding a place near the footpath and cycle track there so that you can easily reach the countryside.

I hope this information will be useful. I am currently on holiday, so if I can be of any further help please get in touch.

Best regards,

Salma Desai

3 Write your answer in a similar style to Mr Thompson's email. Try to include some purpose links.