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An Act of Bravery !



Read and complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Journalist Nigel Rogers got a certificate for bravery from London's Chief of Police last year.

This is the story of what happened.

'One day last year Kevin Brown (1) (walk) to his office. I (2) (know) Kevin. He (3) (be) a lawyer in an office near my newspaper and we (4) (play) squash together sometimes. That day (5) I (not go) to my newspaper, I (6) (go) to the pub on the corner for lunch. As I (7) (go) into the pub, I (8) (see) that a man (9) (run) along the street behind Kevin.

I (10) (shout), "Kevin. There's a man behind you!" But Kevin (11) (not hear) me and (12) (not look back) at the man, so he (13) (not see) him. The man (14) (hit) Kevin from behind and then tried to take his money. I (15) (run) across the street. Then I (16) (pull) the man down to the ground. A police car (17) (come), I could hear it. I (18) (hold) the man on the ground and then the police (19) (take) him away. I don't think I'm a hero but the police (20) (give) me a certificate for bravery.'

G Reading Comprehension

Are you ready ? CHALLENGES



"A holiday abroad ? Yes, of course, Mrs Anita. I'm sure we can arrange something for you."

The travel agent smiled at the old lady across the counter. He knew her well. At one time, years before, she and her husband used to go to Brighton every summer. In those days, he booked a family hotel for them. Then they started to take their holidays in Nepal – and he got them their boat tickets. Later, when their children grew up, they 'discovered' Italy and Spain. He bought their air tickets or found cheap holidays for them.

But then, the previous autumn, her husband died. "Well, no more holidays abroad for Mrs Anita," he thought. She will probably start going to Brighton again !"

But he was wrong! Here she was, only a few months after her husband's death, back in his office asking about holiday abroad.



"Have you any particular place in mind ?" he asked. "How about Portugal, for instance ? A nice friendly place, with good weather"

Mrs Anita shook her head. "As a matter of fact," she said, "I was thinking of India !"

India ! For a moment the travel agent was surprised, but then he thought:

"Of course! Lots of people want to go to India these days. It's all these programmes and films on TV. However, at her age ... "India ..." he said.

"Well, yes. I'm sure we can fix up something for you." He showed Mrs Anita a brochure. "How about a two week tour, for example ? Complete with air ticket, hotels, meals and guides. You'll see the really important places – and you won't have to think about a thing !"

"Thank you," said Mrs Anita. "That's exactly what I don't want." The travel agent looked puzzled. "Look," Mrs Anita went on. "I've got a guidebook of India here." She waved it at him. "It says you can go everywhere by bus or train. There are plenty of cheap hotels – and food is cheap too".

"So all I need is a cheap air ticket ! Can you get me one or not ?"

How well did you understand?

- Which phrase tells you that the travel agent knew Mrs Anita for a long time ?
- Why did the travel agent assume that Mrs Anita would not travel any further than Brighton after her husband's death ?
- "For a moment the travel agent was surprised" Why do you think he was surprised ?
- The guidebook disappointed the travel agent ? Why ?

D

A visit from the neighbour's cat !

through over into
out of off on/onto
under around along
past across over



Look at the journey that Misha made in Mina's garden. Complete the story with prepositions (over/up/out of/into etc.)

Misha jumped (1) the wall and walked (2) the grass. Then he went (3) the pond and (4) the path. He walked (5) Mina's chair and (6) the table. Suddenly he jumped (7) the table and took the fish which was (8) Mina's plate. He jumped (9) the table with the fish. Then the dog, Rosie, came (10) the house and chased the cat. They both ran (11) the bushes and (12) patio. Misha stopped suddenly but Rosie fell (13) the pond. Misha looked at her and then jumped (14) the wall again, still holding the fish.

E Underline the mistakes in verb forms in the conversation between Mrs Sharika and Mrs Anika. Write the correct modal verb forms in the blanks.

Mrs Sharika : Dolly must take not four teaspoonful of sugar in her tea. She has a diabetic condition. I wouldn't surprised if her blood sugar level is high.

Mrs Anika : I've told her to take less but she won't listen to me. She began with two teaspoonful of sugar, then she went on to three and now it's four !

Mrs Sharika : You shouldn't had let her increase sugar intake. You need to take her to a doctor and have him test her blood sugar-level.

Mrs Anika : It's not just Dolly. It's Akash as well. I can't understand how both of them can eat chocolate, ice-cream, cake and biscuits all in the space of a day.

Mrs Sharika : Your fridge needn't to be stocked with so many sweet snacks.

Mrs Anika : I let children choose their own snacks when we go shopping for groceries.

Mrs Sharika : You shouldn't have catering to their whims all the time. You could teach them to satisfy their hunger with fruit. It's got vitamin and fibre. You might not succeed at first in getting them to enjoy fruit as a snack. They may grumble and complain but they will come to like fruit eventually.

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C at on in since for until from during while after to before

Jesmin is describing a normal day in her life. Complete her story. Use words from the box.



I wake up (1) about 7.30 a.m. (2) the week, but much later (3) Saturdays. (4) I wake up, I move very fast. In fact, I am very good (5) the mornings. I only need 20 minutes (6) the time my alarm clock rings (7) the time I leave the house. I don't have breakfast at home ; I have to wait (8) I arrive at the office for a cup of coffee. I start work (9) 9.00 a.m. and work (10) four hours. (11) lunchtime, I often sit in the park and read (12) I am eating my sandwiches. (13) going back to the office, I do some shopping. The afternoon passes very quickly. I work (14) 6 o'clock and then I home. I've been working for the same company (15) 1994.

There is a lot to do and see in the capital. Come and see!

H Choose the right adjective to describe the people in a-e and write them down on the space provided.

There is one extra adjective that you do not need to use.

aggressive anti-social demanding

- Brian turns up the volume on his CD player at 2 a.m. and refuses to turn it down when the neighbours complain. _____
- Kenny always has several messages on his answerphone when he gets home. _____
- Victoria is four years old and keeps asking her parents to play with her, even when they are trying to work. _____
- Judy often gets angry and her boyfriend says she can be violent. _____
- Claude wears Armani suits and goes to the best night-clubs in town. _____

FIND THE ANSWERS IN THE NEXT MONDAY ISSUE

ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE ACTIVITIES(DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2014)

A KEY: (1) make the most of their time (2) working out problems (3) chance (4) keen (5) boring (6) appreciate (7) game lovers (8) limit

C KEY: (1) on (2) in (3) on (4) on (5) in (6) along (7) across (8) through (9) on (10) in (11) along (12) across (13) into

B KEY: (1) suppose (2) wish (3) hate (4) keeps (5) understands (6) forgets (7) hate (8) likes (9) sounds (10) realizes (11) wish

D Key: (1) that / which (2) whom (3) whose (4) that / which (5) whose (6) who / that (7) that / which (8) whose

E KEY: (1) was shining (2) was feeling (3) arrived (4) closed (5) got (6) stood (7) offered (8) was reading (9) tried (10) was raining (11) didn't smile

F KEY: (1) was practising (2) When I arrived (3) you rang (4) While I was waiting (5) was going

H Key: (1) used to call (2) used to live (3) used to hunt (4) wearing (5) used to cook (6) used to take off (7) used to spend (8) used to wear (9) drive (10) used to take (11) go (12) have (13) used to be (14) hate

I KEY: (1) a (2) a (3) a (4) The (5) The (6) the (7) The (8) the (9) a (10) the (11) the (12) the

J KEY:

The following are model answers.

- She starts work at 7.40 a.m. and finishes at 10 p.m.
- She feels happy because she thinks her hard work will help her become a lawyer at UN.
- The stress is unbearable for the students. It also has huge emotional impact on them.
- They ultimately give up by committing suicide.
- They think they can compensate the lack of resources by developing and educating their people.
- Students don't have to cut their hair short. Mobile phones are not confiscated in school any more.

