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Listening Part 1 Multiple choice

1 0 3.3 You will hear three different extracts. For questions 1-6, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.

Extract One

You hear part of an interview with a university professor talking about blended learning – courses that combine online and face-to-face learning.

- 1 What observation does Professor Yavuz make about her students?
 - A They responded well to her innovative approach.
 - (B) They had a surprisingly self-directed learning style.
 - c They felt the format of the course was out of date.
- 2 Professor Yavuz says that one of the advantages of blended learning is
 - (A) creating more in-class learning opportunities.
 - B letting students progress at their own pace.
 - c giving students greater choice in how they learn.

Extract Two

You hear a woman on a business podcast talking about spreadsheets.

- 3 What does she say about the invention of the electronic spreadsheet?
 - A It allowed people to categorise data in a logical format.
 - (B) It laid the foundation for a revolution in office work.
 - c It shifted workers from one economic sector to another.
- 4 What is her attitude now towards spreadsheets?
 - A Their merits have been overemphasised.
 - B They magnify human error to a dramatic scale.
 - (c) They are stretched beyond their limits.

Extract Three

You hear a tour guide at a planetarium talking about how an animal inspired the design of a telescope.

- 5 Why does he mention the lobster's habitat?
 - A to point out a key vulnerability
 - (B) to highlight a creative adaptation
 - c to illustrate its ability to face adversity
- 6 When the speaker talks about the telescope, he reveals
 - (A) his admiration for human ingenuity.
 - B his delight in newly made observations.
 - c his confidence in the technology's potential.
- 2 SPEAK Have you or someone you know had any experience with blended learning?
 Was it positive or negative? Why?



Pronunciation Stressed modal auxiliaries

- 1 **Q 4.2** Listen to two versions of this sentence. How does the meaning of the sentence change when the speaker stresses the modal auxiliary *could* in sentence 2?
 - 1 I could have passed my driver's test.
- 2 I could have passed my driver's test.
- 2 04.3 You will hear sentences 1–5 twice, once with meaning A and once with meaning B. Decide which one you hear first and which one you hear second.
 - 1 'I will go to the demonstration.'
 - A lagree to go. 2
 - B I'm going and you can't stop me. 1
 - 2 'She might have bought me a birthday present.' 2
 - A I don't know if she bought me one, but I hope so. 1
 - B She didn't, but she ought to have bought me one. 2
 - 3 'We are going to do our homework.'
 - A It's a fact that we're going to do it. 1
 - B You think we aren't going to do it, but that's not true. 2
 - 4 'He would forget some of the students' names.'
 - A He used to do it a lot. 2
 - B It's so typical of him to do that. 1
 - 5 'I could have played football all afternoon.'
 - A I was having so much fun I didn't want to stop. 1
 - B I wanted to play all afternoon, but they didn't let me. 2
- 3 SPEAK Practise reading sentences 1–5 aloud with the two different meanings.

Stressed auxiliaries

Modal auxiliaries (can, could, may, might, must, shall, should, will, would), as well as other auxiliaries (be, do, have), are not usually stressed (except in negatives, short answers and tag questions). But sometimes, to add emphasis or enhance the meaning of a sentence, they are given extra stress.

Pronunciation

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In the first sentence, we don't know the result. In the second, the speaker knows they didn't pass and they are implying they could have passed it if, perhaps, they had had better luck or studied harder.

Vocabulary Partitive expressions with uncountable nouns

1 Choose the correct option to complete the sentence from the Listening task on page 49.

We simply have to get used to those small <u>bouts</u> of anxiety that come from engaging with new people.

- A lumps
- **B** doses
- **c** dabs
- **D** bouts
- 2 Match each sentence beginning (1-10) with an appropriate ending (a-j).
- e 1 The audience broke into a huge round of
- 2 Fake news often contains a small grain of
- g 3 Meeting my future husband was a stroke of
- h 4 He admitted to writing the email in a fit of
- c 5 The radio host didn't provide a single scrap of
- i 6 The community playground was a breath of
- b 7 If you are willing to endure the pangs of
- f 8 The new sales figures provide a **glimmer of**
- a 9 The teachers belonged to the school of
- d 10 The influencer, without the slightest hint of

- a **thought** that says that cooperation trumps competition.
- **b** guilt, a plagiarism-free essay can be yours for £10 a page.
- c evidence to support his outlandish claims.
- d irony, wore a T-shirt that declared 'I love ME.'
- e applause when the speaker took to the stage.
- f hope that the company's prospects are not as dismal as feared.
- g luck; if not for the delayed flight, it never would have happened.
- h anger and regretted his poor choice of words.
- i **fresh air** for parents and a feast for young imaginations.
- j truth, making it easier to digest for busy or distracted readers.
- **3 SPEAK** Work in pairs. Study the sentences in Exercise 2 for a minute. Then cover the second column. Can you remember how each sentence ends?
- 4 Think of a brief story, real or imagined, that contains one of these sentences.

'But then I felt a pang of regret.'

'I could detect a hint of bitterness.'

'At the sight of it, we broke into fits of laughter.'

'Then we saw a faint glimmer of light.'

'It was undoubtedly a stroke of genius.'

5 SPEAK With your partner, take turns telling your stories. Stop at the part of the story that contains the sentence from Exercise 4. Your partners have to guess which sentence fits into your story.

Sentence B sounds more formal and academic because the writer uses nouns to communicate their message.

The adjective organised and verb preceded change to nouns (organisation and predecessor) in sentence B.

Language focus Noun phrases and nominal clauses

- 1 SPEAK Read sentences A and B. Which sounds less personal and more academic? What changes are made to the underlined words?
 - A In my department, the person who preceded me in my role was not very organised.
 - B In my department, my predecessor suffered from a serious lack of organisation.
- 2 Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. You will need to use the noun form of the verbs and adjectives in **bold** as well as change the adverbs in italics to adjectives.
 - 1 When I carefully analysed the data, they revealed that the number of couples meeting online had dramatically increased.

dramatic increase
A careful analysis of the data revealed a ______ in couples meeting online.

- 2 To make an inference, you logically deduce or conclude something from an established fact. logical
 - deduction or conclusion from an established fact. An inference is a
- 3 Last year the government **allocated** health care resources more *efficiently*. Last year there was a more of health care resources.
- 4 Research suggests that people are highly tolerant of small talk when they encounter someone for the first time.

Research suggests that people have a high tolerance for small talk during first encounters

- 5 The article argues that airlines should allow families flying with young children to be able to check more baggage. baddade
 - allowence The article makes an argument in favour of more for families flying with young children.
- 6 If a conversation with a doctor gets too emotionally intense, a patient might refuse treatment

If the emotional intensity of the conversation between doctor and patient becomes too refusal great, this may result in a

- 3 Choose the correct alternative in the following sentences.
 - 1 One quarter of the participants in the drug trial was / were given the placebo.
 - 2 Young trout is /(are)referred to as troutlet, troutling or fry.
 - 3 My sister, together with my parents, (is) / are flying into Buenos Aires today to visit me.
 - 4 Economics(is) are concerned with finding the most logical and effective use of resources to meet private and social goals.
 - 5 The news out of Canada this week(is)/ are both sobering and shocking.
 - 6 The company's CEO, as well as its employees, has / have a vested interest in the success of the joint undertaking.
 - 7 Neither the rechargeable batteries nor the baby monitor itself operates / operate as intended.
 - 8 A corps of volunteer gardeners promotes / promote the selection and planting of appropriate fruit trees.
- 4 Go to Ready for Grammar on page 214 for further rules, explanations and practice.
- Work in pairs. Write a paragraph in a formal style answering the following question: What leads to a successful parent-child relationship? Use at least five of the nouns from the box.

bond camaraderie delight dependence devotion freedom impatience intimacy isolation offspring parenting persuasion quality reasoning respect sociability surroundings sympathy tenderness tranquillity trust undertaking

- 5 SPEAK Compare your ideas with another pair of students. Do you agree or disagree with each other's views?
- 7 Go to the Additional materials on page 201 for practice of word formation with nouns.



READY FOR READING AND USE OF ENGLISH PARTS 5-7

Introduction

In this section, we will focus on the techniques and approaches you should adopt in Reading and Use of English Parts 5, 6 and 7.

Reading and Use of English Part 5 Multiple choice

- 1 SPEAK Work in pairs. What do you know about citizen science?
- 2 Quickly read the text about how citizens are contributing to scientific research. Were any of your ideas in Exercise 1 correct? If not, what did you learn about citizen science?

We're all in it TOGETHER

From NASA to Greenpeace to Médecins Sans Frontières via a host of other organisations both governmental and charitable, citizen science has been taking the world by storm. Its benefits as a research tool are nothing short of startling, but what exactly is this phenomenon and why has it become so widespread? In a nutshell, citizen science is a way of harnessing volunteers from all walks of life to help scientists gather data and answer real world questions, and it has made some surprising discoveries along the way.

An often-cited example is NASA, which uses legions of amateur astronomers to scour the night skies for celestial bodies of potential importance. Contrary to popular belief, it turns out that computers aren't really up to the job of spotting patterns in the stars or changes to gas swirls in nebulae. They may well be a whizz at number crunching and processing colossal quantities of information, but it is the human eye that NASA is after to help them spot anomalies in matters of the universe.

Citizen science features heavily in environmental fields too, not least because of the vast network of volunteers always ready, willing and able to assist. Think of the National Bird Survey from the RSPB in the UK to which over half a million people lend their eyes and ears every year. Yet, in some regions citizen science works not because of the hordes of well-meaning volunteers desperate to play a role in conservation, but because of those who have tended the land for generations and therefore possess knowledge indispensable for scientists who may be working from theoretical rather than experiential data. While the former may be involved as a result of a quilty conscience, the latter has an obvious impetus to join the cause.

One such example worth a closer look is China insofar as it demonstrates how locals and scientists can be brought together by NGOs (non-governmental organisations) effectively. Rightly, local residents can be suspicious of outside scientists advocating complex methods, but this is where citizen science can help bridge the gap between traditional and more scientific practices. While scientists conduct their studies, local residents can still apply their traditional expertise. Much of this, from monitoring wildlife populations to tracking desertification, can be carried out via smartphone apps making setting up initiatives and recruiting participants more straightforward without endless ethics forms clogging up the process.

Technology, as one would expect, plays a vital role in citizen science, probably accounting for its recent exponential growth. Smartphone apps are the obvious game changer, but websites, amateur telescopes and digital cameras feature heavily too. Less obvious is the addition of gamification to the tool set. As the name implies, gamification brings

elements of games to activities which could otherwise be deemed rather dull. *Worms Watch* is a tool which harnesses the power of gamification to provide data to the medical sector. Citizen scientists play a game where they click on a digital worm whenever it lays an egg, providing insight into the human brain and genetics. These digital approaches remove the need for participants to go to a laboratory, thereby saving the researchers from getting bogged down in a sea of time-consuming documentation.

Although historically Europe and North America have dominated the citizen science landscape, the infiltration of contemporary smartphones has accelerated its use in other regions where the urgency of assessing the quality and quantity of wildlife has escalated. *Green Power* is an organisation in Hong Kong focusing on butterflies and their surveys have been invaluable over the last decade. More recently, in 2023, The Pench Tiger Reserve in central India embarked on a large-scale bird survey, the first of its kind, to investigate biodiversity and species density with 125 volunteers recording sightings on an app. Citizen science has even extended its reach to conservation holidays, which levy a fee to take part in projects such as the tropical butterfly survey in Cameroon run by the African Conservation Foundation.

These latest developments are hallmarks of the ever-evolving nature of citizen science, which shows no signs of slowing down or stagnating. The near future will likely see it mature into a more formalised type of investigation as well as harness emerging technologies and social media. Businesses too will want in on the action; after all, citizen science is not that far removed from market research, and this may well ruffle some feathers amongst the scientific community. Whether they will be able to halt its commercialisation remains to be seen, but citizen science is here to stay.

READY FOR READING AND USE OF ENGLISH PARTS 5-7

Introduction

This section guides students through Parts 5–7 of the Reading and Use of English paper. Students should get comfortable doing these tasks quickly, and it is also worth pointing out that they do not need to understand the meaning of every word in order to answer the questions.

Reading and Use of English

- 1 Students discuss the question in pairs to warm them up to the topic of the text. Get brief class feedback.
- 2 Students should get into the habit of quickly skimming the texts in this paper in order to get an idea of what it is about and how the argument develops. This exercise helps them do this by having them focus on an aspect of citizen science. Allow them no more than one or two minutes before getting class feedback.





NEWS TRAVELS FAST

Discussing idioms

be out of the loop. if someone is out of the loop on something they are not up-to-date on a certain matter – they haver 't been included in the process or conversation. This is especially common when related to work matters.

be in the dark - means you do not know about something, but it has the additional meaning that you have absolutely no information about it at all. Perhaps you do not even know that the situation exists. We need to tell the staff soon about the takeover. We can't keep them in the dark for much longer – word will start to get out.

touch base - to briefly get in contact with someone. I'm just writing to touch base. How are you getting on with the project? Will you be able to send it to me soon?

cover all bases - also have all your bases covered. to deal with something thoroughly and prepare for all eventualities. In preparation for the job interview, keep in mind a set of different examples that you can use and adapt for different questions. They might not ask you about all of them but it's good to have all your bases

get something off your chest - get a feeling of relief after finally saying something you've wanted to say for a while. I felt so much better after talking to my dad and getting that secret off my chest

get a monkey off your back - to get rid of something that is a burden or problem. Next week I'll make the final payment on my loan and I'll finally get that monkey off my back!

About English

Sometimes idioms can be used to soften language, for example to say I'm out of the loop is a softer, more polite way of saying nobody told me.

Think about your own language. Do idioms sometimes soften vour speech in the same

Discussing idioms

Discuss the differences in meaning between these idioms:

- be out of the loop / be in the dark
- touch base / cover all the bases
- get something off your chest / get a monkey off your

Idioms Communication

- 1 **© 5.4** Listen to the two conversations and answer the questions.
 - 1 What do you think the contexts are?
 - 2 Which conversation is more polite? How do you know?
- 2 05.4 Listen to the conversations again. Write the idioms you hear next to their meanings.
 - o divulge some information
 - beat around the bush 1 avoid talking about the main point or issue

spill the beans

it was news to me

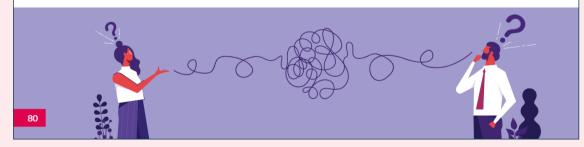
got our wires crossed

catch my drift

- 2 hear something for the first time
- 3 get confused and failed to understand each other
- 4 to understand (despite missing information)
- 3 Use the words in the box to complete the definitions below.

boo to a goose out of the loop something off your chest the wrong end of the stick touch base

- out of the loop 1 When you are you are unaware about information relating to a certain matter.
- 2 When you with someone you make or renew contact with them.
- 3 If you get the wrong end of the stick, you have misunderstood something.
- People who don't say boo to a goose are very quiet, shy people who do not like speaking up.
- To get something off your chest means to tell someone about something that has been bothering or annoying you, making you feel relieved to talk about it.
- SPEAK Look at the meanings and their corresponding idioms in Exercises 2 and 3. Which idioms soften their original meanings? get something off your chest, get our wires crossed, get the wrong end of the stick Decide if the following sentences below could be softened by an idiom and rewrite
- the ones that could.
- Why don't we have a meeting next week to discuss your idea for the article? touch base
- 2 Thw storm warning wasn't very clear and many people were totally confused and went out anyway! got the wrong end of the stick
- 3 This programme really avoids talking about the true issues on the topic of politics.
- I haven't heard anything from the sales team for so long, I have no idea what's going on. I'm completely out of the loop
- Look, I know something's wrong you've been acting completely out of character. Come on, tell me! get it off your chest
- 6 SPEAK Work in pairs. Discuss the following questions.
 - 1 When was the last time you completely got the wrong end of the stick about something? What happened?
 - How often do you touch base with old friends?
 - Do you prefer people to beat around the bush or get straight to the point when discussing important things with you?
 - 4 Why is it important for people to get their problems off their chest? Do you think this is always the right thing to do?



Idioms

- 1 **5.4** Focus students' attention on the image to elicit the topic of the two conversations (miscommunication). Play the audio so students can answer the questions. You may want students to check their answers as a whole class or with a partner.
- 2 5.4 To increase the level of challenge, you could ask students to close their book and listen to the Audioscript a second time, noting any idiomatic expressions they hear and what they mean. When they are ready to complete Questions 1 to 4, they'll be able to check how accurately they decoded the meaning of 137 the idioms from the recording.
- 3 As a quick recap of the idioms in this section, put students in pairs to say a definition of an idiom for their partner to guess and then swap roles.
- 4-5 Tell students to read the About English box and discuss whether idioms soften speech in their mother tongue. Ask students to identify which idioms from Exercises 2 and 3 soften the original meaning before proceeding to Exercise 5.
- 6 In small groups, you could ask students to discuss the questions, encouraging them to extend their answers by recycling some of the useful phrases covered in this unit.

1 The first conversation is informal. It is two people, perhaps friends, discussing another person. The second conversation is a business context where one person has not done something they needed to.

2 The second conversation is more polite. The language is more formal than in the first conversation.

HIGHS AND LOWS

Speaking

1 By now, students will have practised the phrases from the **Useful language** boxes in Units 2 and 4. Elicit some of these phrases and encourage students to use them when discussing Pictures 2 and 4. Next, draw students' attention to the **Useful language** box, which students should try to use when negotiating an outcome related to the images.

To add a further element of challenge, you could project on an IWB or give out copies of the images so students get in the habit of listening carefully to the interlocutor's oral instructions. Put students in pairs and read aloud the exam instructions: First, I'd like you to look at Pictures 2 and 4 and talk together about how effective the different types of employee incentives shown in these pictures would be. You have about a minute for this, so don't worry if I interrupt you.

While students discuss the images, monitor to note any areas for improvement and good use of language to go over during the feedback stage.

2 After the initial one-minute discussion, continue with the interlocutor's instructions: Thank you. Now look at all the pictures. I'd like you to imagine that a website is writing an article about what companies should invest in to improve employee satisfaction. Talk together about the benefits and drawbacks of investing in the things shown in these pictures. Then decide which would have the most positive impact on employees overall. You have about three minutes to discuss this. Once again, monitor and note any good language use to provide feedback at the end of the task.

Once students have finished, you could open up a class discussion and ask if any of the students have these types of incentives at their current or former places of work. What other incentives can they think of? (e.g. gym membership, lunch cards, private healthcare, discounts on certain products, etc.)

Extra activity

Your students need to be able to speculate on visual materials without any preparation time, even if they're not entirely clear about what the images are meant to illustrate! To demonstrate this, source an image related to this unit's theme (e.g. digital nomads, commerce, etc.) and display it so everyone can see it. Ask pairs or small groups to mind map vocabulary linked to the

general topic. Challenge your students to suggest as many sophisticated words and phrases as possible, and then have each group present their top three pieces of vocabulary. This type of activity is useful preparation for this part of the exam as the visual stimuli are connected to the topic students need to discuss fully with a good range of high-level vocabulary.