

District Contest for English Learners

Listening Comprehension

London Fog

It was a very foggy day in London. The fog was so thick that it was impossible to see more than a foot or so. Buses, cars and taxies were not able to run and were standing by the side of the road. People were trying to find their way about on foot but were losing their way in the fog.

Mr Smith had a very important meeting at the House of commons and had to get there but no one could take him. He tried to walk there but found that he was quite lost. Suddenly he bumped into a stranger. The stranger asked if he could help him. Mr Smith answered he wanted to get to the House of Parliament. The stranger told him he would take him there. Mr smith thanked him and they started to walk there.

The fog was getting thicker with every minute but the stranger had no difficulty in finding the way. He walked along one street, turned down another, crossed a square and at last after about half an hour's walk they arrived at the Houses of Parliament.

Mr Smith couldn't understand how the stranger found his way.

"It is wonderful", he said. "How do you find the way in this fog"?

"It is no trouble at all to me, sir". "I'm blind".

Vocabulary

Were losing their way-блуждали

Bumped-наткнулся

Stranger-незнакомец

Blind-слепой

Test on Listening Comprehension

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I. Mark the sentences as 'False' or 'True'

1. Mr Smith had a very important meeting at the House of Commons.
2. The stranger told Mr Smith he wouldn't take him there.
3. The stranger had no difficulty in finding the way.
4. He walked along one street, turned down another, crossed a square and at last after about half an hour's walk they arrived at the Houses of Parliament.
5. Mr Smith could easily understand how the stranger found his way.

II. Answer the questions using the right variant:

1. What kind of weather was in London that day?
 - A. rainy
 - B. windy
 - C. foggy
 - D. snowy
2. How did the people move in such weather?
 - A. by bus
 - B. by car
 - C. by taxi
 - D. on foot
3. Where did Mr Smith have a very important meeting?
 - A. At the House of Lords
 - B. At the House of Commons
 - C. At the restaurant
 - D. At St Paul's Cathedral
4. Whom did he meet in the fog?
 - A. A friend
 - B. A stranger
 - C. A driver
 - D. A young lady
5. How much time did it take them to get to the Houses of Parliament?
 - A. a quarter of an hour
 - B. half an hour
 - C. one hour
 - D. an hour and a half
6. What was the weather like when they were walking to the House of Parliament?
 - A. It started raining
 - B. It started snowing
 - C. The fog was clearing
 - D. The fog was getting thicker
7. Why was it easy for the stranger to find the way in a fog?
 - A. He saw everything
 - B. He had a map of the city
 - C. He was blind

D. Somebody told him where to go

III. Complete the sentences

1. Mr Smith bumped into a stranger.
2. Mr Smith answered he wanted to get to....
3. Mr Smith thanked him and they there.
4. The fog was getting ... with every minute.
5. "It is no trouble at all to me, sir", said the stranger. " I".

Grammar Test

I. Identify the tense.

1. Our cat is too fat to catch mice.
2. Our teacher has forgotten to mention the test.
3. I think he will win the race.
4. Did Paul often fight with Lulu in the past?
5. Mark had had long hair by that time.

- A. Present Perfect
- B. Past simple
- C. Present simple
- D. Future Simple
- E. Past Perfect

II. Make up questions to the underlined words.

1. These shoes are too small for me.
2. Coffee is produced in Brazil.
3. The boys promised not to make noise.
4. There isn't much rain in the south of the country.
5. We'll visit granny next week.

III. Put in the correct pronoun.

1. We looked up and saw a strange animal in front of ...
2. It's a pity you didn't bring your camera with...
3. Mark talked to a woman sitting next to ...
4. The old man is no longer able to look after...
5. To be successful in life, you must believe in ...

IV. Choose the correct variant.

1. How long *did you have/have you had* this car?
2. Have you *seen / did you see* this film before?
3. Which places *have you been to / were you* since you arrived?
4. He didn't *call us/ hasn't called* yet.

V. Open the brackets using Past Simple or Present Perfect.

1. You always _____(have) long hair, Jane?- No, when I was young my hair _____(be) short.
2. What _____(happen)? Why is the room full of smoke?- I _____(cook) your dinner, dear.
3. I _____(be) very busy recently.

VI. Using the word given complete the sentences so that the second sentence has a similar meaning to the 1st sentence.

1. Writing in library books is not allowed.
Mustn't You _____ library books.
2. You ought to find a job.
Time It _____ a job.
3. Shall we go to the Chinese restaurant?
About What _____ Chinese restaurant?
4. It is impossible that granny will phone tonight.
May Granny _____ tonight.

VII. Find the mistake

1. I couldn't find him nowhere.

2. Nobody never saw him without his stick.
3. She was sent to Florida in last month.
4. I can pay for me.
5. I'll speak to him as soon as he will come.