

## **District Contest for English Learners**

### **Listening Comprehension**

Mr. Smith traveled a lot on business. He sold different machines to farmers. It was not really a very exciting job, but Mr. Smith was very interested in farming and he was very satisfied with his job.

He had a big car, but he also liked to go by train sometimes too, when the weather was bad. He liked to sit comfortably in a train and look out of the window.

One winter evening it was very late when Mr. Smith arrived at a small railway station. The journey by train that day had not been at all interesting and Mr. Smith was cold, tired and hungry. He wanted a good simple meal, a hot bath and comfortable bed.

While he was walking to the taxi he said to a man who was also walking there: "This is my first visit to this place. I would like to know how many hotels you have here?"

The man answered: "We have two".

"And which of the two is better?" Mr. Smith asked.

The local man answered: "If you go to the first, you will be sorry you didn't go to the second."

## Test on Listening Comprehension

### 1. Mark the sentences as False or True

- 1) Mr. Smith traveled a lot on business.
- 2) He sold different toys to children.
- 3) He didn't have a car.
- 4) He also liked to go by train when the weather was bad.
- 5) When he arrived at a small railway station he was not tired at all.

### 2. Choose the right variant

- 1) Mr. Smith was very interested in farming and he was very satisfied with
  - a) his house
  - b) his job
  - c) his family
- 2) He liked to sit comfortably in
  - a) a bus
  - b) a train
  - c) at the cinema
- 3) While he was walking ...
  - a) to the school
  - b) to the bus station
  - c) to the taxi
- 4) Mr. Smith said to a man: "I would like to know ..."
  - a) if you are happy
  - b) how many hotels you have here
  - c) if you have a flat
- 5) One winter evening, when he arrived at a small railway station ...
  - a) it was early morning
  - b) it was Sunday
  - c) it was very late

### 3. Complete the sentences

- 1) Mr. Smith sold different ... to farmers.
- 2) One winter evening Mr. Smith arrived at ...
- 3) He wanted a good simple meal, a hot bath and comfortable ...
- 4) If you go to the first, you will be sorry you didn't do to ...
- 5) Mr. Smith traveled a lot on...

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**Lexical Grammar Test**

**1. Choose the right form of the verb to complete the sentences.**

It was a beautiful Sunday morning. All the shops (1. to be) closed and a lot of people (2. to walk) along the streets, so I (3. to be) very surprised when I (4. to see) a young girl near the shop. She (5. to have) a big brown bag in her hand. I ( 6. to say) to her: “You (7. to think) they (8. to be going) (9. to open) the shop for you today?”

**2. Put the articles where necessary.**

- 1) What ... high rock! I've never seen such ... high rocks before.
- 2) This place has ... very picturesque scenery.
- 3) She has ... long and beautiful hair.
- 4) They are such ... funny creatures, aren't they?
- 5) I hate ... cold weather.

**3. Insert the right preposition where necessary.**

- 1) Have you read any books ... geography?
- 2) The devotion of these people ... their country is wonderful.
- 3) Did you notice ... what room his girl entered?
- 4) Please, don't argue ... me.
- 5) The path ran ... the forest and we walked ...it.

**4. Use the right words to complete the sentences.**

- 1) I'd like you ... join in our game.
- 2) Do your parents let you ... sit up late?
- 3) Why wasn't Kate allowed ... go to her?
- 4) It's not easy to look ... young animals.
- 5) Does Ann take ... her mother or her father?

**5. Choose the word you think is right.**

- 1) He opened a ( can, tin) of coke.
- 2) The food will be ( spoiled, ruined) is you don't keep it cool.
- 3) I'm always ( boring, bored) when I watch them.
- 4) We could see the trees on the other ( bank, shore) of the lake.
- 5) Let's stay here ( a lot, a bit) longer. I like the performance (a lot, a bit).