

District Contest for English Learners

Listening Comprehension

David's story

A funny thing happened to me last Friday. I went to London to do some shopping. I wanted to get Christmas presents, and I needed to find some books for my course at college. I caught an early train to London, so by early afternoon I had bought everything that I wanted when I got to the station. I found out that my train had just gone. I had to wait an hour before the next one. I bought an evening newspaper and went to the station café. At that time of the day it is nearly empty, so I bought a coffee and a packet of biscuits. There were plenty of empty tables and I found one near the window. I sat down and began doing my crossword.

After a few minutes a man sat down opposite me. There was nothing special about him, except that he was very tall. In fact he looked like a typical city businessman. I didn't say anything and carried on with my crossword. Suddenly he opened my packet of biscuits, took one and popped it into his mouth. I couldn't believe my eyes! I was too shocked to say anything. Anyway, I didn't want to make a fuss, so I decided to ignore it. I just took a biscuit myself and went back to my crossword. After a couple of minutes I casually put out my hand, took the last biscuit and looked on the man. He was looking at me angrily. Then he stood up and hurried out of the café. I felt easier and decided to wait 2 or 3 minutes before going myself. I finished my coffee, folded the newspaper and stood up. And there, on the table, where my newspaper had been, was my packet of biscuits.

Test on Listening Comprehension

I. Mark the statements below as “true” or “false”.

1. David bought everything he wanted in the afternoon.
2. He had to wait for an early train to London.
3. That time of the day wasn't busy for the station café.
4. David found a table in the centre of the room.
5. The man took a biscuit out of David's pocket and popped it into his mouth.
6. When David saw the man take the biscuit he was too shocked to say anything.
7. The man hurried out of the café without saying a word.

II. Choose the right variant.

1. A funny thing happened to David ...

- a) Last Sunday b) Last Friday c) a month ago

2. David went to London to get ...

- a) some Christmas presents b) some birthday presents c) some magazines

3. David had to wait before the next train because ...

- a) he had come too early b) his train had just gone c) his train was delayed

4. David put his newspaper ...

- a) on the packet of biscuits b) on the table c) on the chair

5. A man sat down ...

- a) opposite David b) at the nearest table c) far from David

6. The man looked like ...

- a) a typical city businessman

- b) a typical city teacher

- c) a typical city farmer

7. David decided to ignore the fact the man had eaten his biscuits because ...

- a) he wanted to eat

- b) he didn't want to make a fuss

- c) the biscuits were untasty

8. David found out his own packet of biscuits ...

- a) on the table b) under the newspaper c) on the chair

III. Complete the sentences

1. David felt ... when the man had left.
2. David sat down near the window and began doing ...
3. David was too ... to say anything.
4. He was looking at me ...

District Contest for English Learners Grammar Test

I. Use the correct tense-forms of the verbs in brackets.

1. Jim isn't here at the moment. He (to go) to the shops.

2. If he (not to come) soon I am not going to wait.
3. I (to be) fond of Alice but I (not to see) much of her lately.
4. You ever (to be) to this picture gallery? – I (to be) here last year
5. Please don't make so much noise. I (to study) now.
6. My grandmother (to come) to see us this weekend. She always (to bring) us nice presents.

II. Choose the right article if necessary.

1. What ... lovely children.
2. This morning I bought ... newspaper and ... magazine. ... newspaper is in my bag, but I don't know where ... magazine is.
3. It was ... beautiful day. ... sun shone brightly in ... sky.
4. Is it ... big theatre? – Yes, it's ... biggest theatre in the city.
5. Independence Day is ... biggest national holiday in ... Usa.
6. ... large river-boat went down ... Mississippi on its way to ... New Orlean.

III. Choose the suitable preposition.

1. If the weather keeps fine we can go (into/in/to) the country tomorrow.
2. The meeting has been put (up/of/over) again.
3. They have waited here (since/from/at) ten o'clock.
4. Can you explain (for/to) me what you mean?
5. The man sitting opposite me kept looking (to/on/at) me.
6. May I introduce myself (to/for/with) you?

IV. Choose the suitable pronoun.

1. He looked at my pictures and didn't say (something/anything/nothing).
2. My sister has spent so (many/much) money on her clothes that she has none left for her holidays.
3. His composition is much more interesting than (your/yours) or (my/mine)
4. There isn't (some/any) cheese in the fridge but there is (some/any/no) sausage.
5. (Some/any) people are early risers.

V. Choose the appropriate word.

An Englishman and his wife come to Rome. After dinner the Englishman (goes/comes) for a walk. He walks in the streets of the beautiful city, he (looks/watches) at the houses, listens (at/in/to) songs, but he can't understand (something/anything/nothing) as he doesn't know Italian.

It gets (late/lately) and the Englishman decides (to go/to come) back (to home/at home/home).

As it is dark in the street, he runs into a man. He says, "I am sorry", but (a/the) man doesn't (say/tell) (something/anything/nothing).