

G R A M M A R

Read the news story. Choose the correct answers or, if there is a gap, write one suitable word (an article, a preposition, an adverb, etc.).

TWO HIKERS LOST IN THE WESTERN TATRAS (ROHÁČE)

Two hikers are reported to have gone missing close to (1) _____ summit of Baníkov (2,178 m), (2) _____ highest mountain in Roháče. One Slovak and one Czech tourist failed to return by nightfall, leading to fears that they (3) *may be forced* / *may have been forced* to spend the night on the mountain.

(4) _____ conditions when they set off yesterday morning were fairly good, by afternoon (5) _____ weather had got much worse. Thick clouds quickly covered the whole (6) _____ the area and there was such (7) _____ sharp drop in temperature that (8) _____ surface of the Roháčske lakes began to freeze within (9) _____ few hours. Blizzards began in the evening, with a great deal (10) _____ snow, roughly about 5 feet, falling above 1,000 metres.

Friends of (11) _____ two walkers, surprised not to have heard from (12) _____ of them, think their mobile phone (they only had one) (13) *might* / *can* have become unusable for (14) _____ reason. Their friends, who are staying at Zverovka chalet, believe they (15) *called* / *would have called* them to say they were all right if their phone (16) *has been* / *had been* working properly. Jozef Hron of the mountain rescue service admits he is worried they (17) *could have had* / *should have had* an accident. However, he insists that they are experienced hill walkers who (18) *would* / *wouldn't* have found shelter if they (19) *had been forced* / *would be forced* to stay on (20) _____ mountain last night.

Mountain Rescue teams began looking for them early (21) _____ morning, but had to call off the search due to worsening weather. Mr Hron, the head of the team said: 'They (22) *must* / *can't* have had an easy time up on the mountain. Once the snow starts, there is very (23) _____ time to get down safely. And the cold affects (24) _____ walker very badly, no matter how experienced. Our biggest worry is that one or (25) _____ of them (26) *may* / *will* have slipped and fallen. Our job would be a lot easier if the weather (27) *will* / *would* clear. And if only we (28) *would* / *could* make mobile phone contact, that would give us their position.'

In the meantime, the walkers' friends continue to hope they will be found safe and (29) _____ and the rescue team are planning to go back out on (30) _____ search soon.

Total Points: _____ / 15 pts
(0.5 pt per answer)

V O C A B U L A R Y

A. Replace the verbs in *italics* with the correct form of *GET* and a particle from the box. You may use some of them more times.

at	out	over	round	through	up
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1. John hasn't *recovered from* the shock of losing the game yet.

2. Many people *spend* too much money when they go to a fairground.

3. My boss never stops *criticising* me.

4. We *continued* to chapter four at last week's book club.

5. Once the truth *became known*, the teacher's reputation was ruined.

6. George *passed* the exam, but with a very low mark.

7. What I'm *suggesting* is that the money may have been stolen.

8. They could successfully *avoid* this problem by trying another approach.

9. She kept trying to *talk on the phone* to someone in the accounts department.

10. Mother put the presents on top of the wardrobe, where the children can't *reach* them.

_____ / 5 pts (0.5 pt per answer)

B. Choose the most appropriate word by circling a letter to complete the following sentences.

11. I find it difficult to ___ with my job and four children at the same time.
a) meet b) face c) cope d) conform
12. If you ___ into the queue, people will get angry with you.
a) get b) pass c) pull d) push
13. It was a difficult task but she pulled it ___ successfully.
a) off b) on c) along d) away
14. You ___ have bought any sugar as we've got plenty already.
a) should b) needn't c) had not need to d) did not need
15. They play video games just to ___ themselves.
a) make fun b) please c) amuse d) have fun

_____ / 5 pts
Total: _____ / 10 pts

READING COMPREHENSION**Read the text carefully and then complete the required tasks:****MADRID**

Madrid is in metamorphosis. Although its history as a human settlement dates back to the Paleolithic period, Madrid, a city with little more than 400 years of history to its name, is still a youngster when compared to other Spanish cities. Tourism accounts for much of the change in this city of broad boulevards, restful parks, and sparkling fountains. Tourists come in droves, like invaders – over the mountains and out of the skies. Although it may tax the friendly nature of the Spaniards on some occasions, the citizens of Madrid are still some of the most hospitable people in Europe.

The Spanish National Railways, RENFE, have completed a comprehensive program of modernizing their rolling stock, rights of way, and terminals. Madrid's shining Chamartin Station is the **1** _____ of the program. Its facilities and conveniences surpass those of even the most modern European air terminals. Spain's growing armada of **2** _____ Talgo trains, with their complete articulation, low centre of gravity, and interior spaciousness, glides in and out of Chamartin Station. The Talgo even changes its track **3** _____ automatically while crossing the border into neighbouring France.

RENFE's high-speed AVE (Alta Velocidad Española) trains were inaugurated in April 1992 for the opening of EXPO '92 in Seville. Like the French TGV, AVE trains cruise at 186 miles per hour. These 329 passenger trains even have headsets with music channels, TV monitors and movies. Ray pass holders must pay a supplement of 15 to 40 percent, depending on class, to ride the AVEs. Seat reservations are required. Instead of a five- or six-hour trip to Andalucia, you can now take day excursions to Cordoba (two hours, twenty minutes) from Madrid. AVE trains depart from Madrid's refurbished and modernized Atocha Station. The RENFE telephone number for information and reservations is 328 90 20.

Madrid has an excellent underground and bus system. The Metro runs from 0630-0130 and buses 0600-2400. For a taxi in Madrid, call 04 05 12 13 or 04 45 90.

Madrid has two main railway stations – Chamartin and Atocha. They are connected by underground trackage, and you may travel from one to the other on "Apeadero cercanias" trains or any through train scheduled to stop at both. The Atocha Station has a special underground terminal, Atocha Apeadero, for such traffic.

Madrid's Main Station – Chamartin

You get the feeling that you are arriving at an international airport, rather than a railway station, when you ride the escalator up from the train level into Madrid's sparkling Chamartin Station. The station is located in the suburbs of Madrid; but the RENFE Apeadero system, Metro line No. 8 (pink), the bus service, or taxis will get you to your final destination within the city with minimal inconvenience. All public transportation is available either right in, or adjacent to, the station and marked plainly with pictograms.

Money exchange facilities are located opposite track Nos. 17 and 18. The sign reads Caja España, and it is open Monday through Friday from 0830-1400. Banco Bilbao, across from track No. 12, offers longer hours of service. It is open Monday through Sunday from 0800-2200 but is closed for lunch from 1415-1500. ATM service is available right next door.

Hotel reservations can be made under the INFORMACION Y RESERVA HOTELLERA sign opposite track Nos. 6 and 7. The office is open 0730-2300 daily. A nominal charge is made for each reservation. Madrid is a large city, so be certain that you ask for lodging near one of the rail terminals or close to public transportation.

Train information is available in the middle of the station, between the entrances to track Nos. 9 and 10, and is staffed by a bevy of cute, well-informed señoritas. It is open daily from 0830-2000. Be sure to take a number to reserve a place in line.

Train reservations are obligatory in Spain for all express and international trains. It is best to make a reservation at least a day in advance, but if it is not possible until your day of departure, allow at least two hours for this. Reservations should not cost more than twenty euros and credit cards are accepted. Tickets and reservations may be purchased between track Nos. 9 and 10 at one of 22 windows. To reserve a place in line, take a number at the machine labelled RECOJA SU TURNO. Once you receive your reservation ticket, be sure to check that the date (fecha) and departure time (hora salida) are correct. Don't forget to ask which *via* (track) your train is leaving from. A point-to-point ticket bought in Spain (other than local trains) includes a seat reservation, thus eliminating the need to validate your ticket – a step necessary in many other European countries.

Madrid's "Expo" Station – Atocha

Within the Atocha Station, refuge from the heat and noise can be found in its pleasant botanical garden in the main entrance hall. As you enter, you will see twelve clearly marked windows where you can purchase tickets and make reservations. Next door, you will find the train information office, which is open daily from 0630-0030. Across the way,

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you will see the sign INFORMACION Y RESERVA HOTELES PENSIONES, where for a small fee you can make hotel reservations from 0800-2200. Across from the hotel reservations office, there is a money exchange office with a sign reading EXACT CHANGE, open daily from 0830-2215. The Atocha Station has fifteen tracks. Overhead is a large digital bulletin board. Lockers are available for a max of 24 hours.

A. Three words have been extracted from the text. Choose from the box and write them in the appropriate spaces according to their meaning. You will not use two of the words provided.

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B. The following statements are TRUE of FALSE according to the information in the text. Circle the correct option.

4. AVE trains leave from Madrid's "expo" station. T / F
5. The underground railway in Madrid has longer working hours than buses T / F
6. Ticket offices at Atocha Station are situated in the middle of the station. T / F
7. You can make a reservation through a "Fecha" machine. T / F

C. Answer the following questions concisely and precisely (briefly and specifically).

e.g. What is the earliest possible time to make a hotel reservation and where?

Full answer: 07:30 at Chamartin Station

8. Are seat reservations obligatory for all trains in Spain?
9. Can you exchange money at Chamartin Station at 2:30 pm?
10. What is the latest possible time to make a hotel reservation and where?

Total points: _____ / 10 pts

L I S T E N I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N

Complete the following sentences using the appropriate words you have heard in the text. You will hear the text twice.

1. The word for the earthquakes that follow a major quake is _____ (plural).
2. The epicentre is the area _____ the focus.
3. The deepest focus of an earthquake can be _____ km.
4. The majority of earthquakes occur at a depth up to _____ miles.
5. The waves which cause major damage to buildings and structures are called _____ waves.
6. The primary or secondary waves which go through the layers can also be called _____ waves.
Primary waves have a push-pull movement; they push – (7.) _____ – and pull – (8.) _____ – the rocks.
9. _____ waves travel through the liquid core of the earth.
10. There are two main scales for measuring the strength of an earthquake: the Mercalli Scale and the _____ Scale.

Total points: _____ / 5 pts (0.5 pt per answer)