

ROLEPLAY

Teacher – an inspired youngster

You have been deeply inspired by one of your older friend's achievements, and you want to know more to be able to carry out a similar journey in the future. You need details about the places he/she chose to see, the equipment he/she took and any accidents or injuries he/she had, financing, catering, where he/she slept at night or what he/she experienced with the people in the countries visited.

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Student – a teacher

You have completed a record-breaking journey across five European countries – and you travelled the whole distance of 1,650 km on a skateboard. You started skateboarding just a few years ago when you realized that you hated the job you were doing.

Some inspired youngsters want to know more details about the journey: the places you chose to see, the equipment you took, any accidents or injuries you had, and much more...

PICTURE STORY

Come up with a story based on the picture.



LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

(Please read twice.)

Speaker 1:

There was a big sales conference coming up and our boss called us all to a meeting about it. I was tired, having been out late with my friends the night before, and I don't think I was really listening properly. Anyway, we were all given our products to present and we had to prepare a talk and demonstration to present to the sales force. I decided to work really hard on my own to create a good impression on my boss. On the day of the meeting, one of my colleagues got up first and presented *my* product. I was shocked! I tried to find my boss to find out what was happening. It turned out that I had prepared the wrong talk for the wrong product. I was horrified, and it was my turn next to speak. I had to make an apology in front of my boss. It was terrible. I've always paid attention in meetings since then.

Speaker 2:

Last week I went to the cinema with my friend Becky. I should say at this point that I'm new to the city, having only moved here a couple of months ago. Anyway, we had arranged to meet at ten to seven outside the Odeon Cinema. I was a bit late but there was still plenty of time before the film started, so that wasn't a problem. What was the problem was that Becky didn't turn up. I waited till seven and then rang her on her mobile. "Where are you?" she asks. I told her I was outside the Odeon Cinema and asked her where she was. She said she was outside the Odeon, too. "You can't be," I said. What I didn't know was that there are two Odeons in Oxford and I'd got the wrong one. Luckily, they aren't far apart and so Becky gave me directions to the other cinema. We had a good laugh about it later.

Speaker 3:

We hadn't got any plans for New Year's Eve and my girlfriend and I were wondering what to do. We'd rung a few friends to see if they were at a loose end but everyone seemed to have plans. Finally, I asked a couple we'd met fairly recently – Rob and Rosie – if they were doing anything. I spoke to Rob on the phone and he said they usually got together with a set of old friends from university, but why didn't we pop round for a drink and a bite to eat with them in the evening. So, we turned up about eight-thirty and walked in on a dinner party in full swing! And it was obvious we weren't expected as there weren't any spare places at the table. Anyway, apparently Rob had said New Year's Day on the phone, so we were 24 hours early. They were really nice about it and made us feel welcome, but I felt terrible and just wanted the floor to swallow me up. It was so embarrassing.

Speaker 4:

It was about three months ago, I guess, and we'd been invited to my brother's for the weekend. He'd just moved house so we hadn't been there before. He rang me beforehand and told me how to get to his cottage, which is in a small village in the middle of nowhere. So we set off and didn't bother to check where we were going on the map. We got hopelessly lost because I'd written down the wrong road – I thought my brother had said follow the A214, but he swears he said the A241. Anyway, we got there in the end, but about two hours late.

Speaker 5:

I'd just got this new job in a big advertising agency. I think I'd been there about a week. I got an email from my boss about a departmental meeting. The email wasn't addressed directly to me but seemed to be copied to the people in my department. So naturally, I assumed I should attend. I set off for the meeting, but I didn't know exactly where the room was and I got a bit lost on the way, so I arrived about five minutes late. I walked into the meeting room and everybody stopped talking and stared at me. I just said, "Sorry I'm late." And my boss thanked me quite kindly, but said I needn't be there. I felt awful and turned completely red from embarrassment. It turned out that they needed to discuss what projects they were going to give me! I felt such a fool.

A N S W E R K E Y

GRAMMAR – 15 pts

1 – has 2 – of, 3 – to, 4 – in, 5 – so, 6 – have, 7 – if, 8 – than, 9 – a/any,
10 – been, 11 – to, 12 – as, 13 – an, 14 – but, 15 – this;

VOCABULARY – 10 pts

I. 1/play, 2/make, 3/make, 4/have, 5/say

II. 6/ valley, 7/desert, 8/field, 9/plain, 10/waterfall

READING COMPREHENSION - 10 pts

1A, 2B, 3B, 4C, 5A, 6C, 7B, 8A, 9C, 10A

LISTENING COMPREHENSION 5 pts

1D, 2A, 3E, 4C, 5F

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