

**Olympiáda v anglickom jazyku, 28. ročník, krajské kolo 2017/2018, kategória 2C2**  
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**A N S W E R   K E Y**

**GRAMMAR – 15pts**

01 had not chosen   02 had been fired   03 had happened   04 have had   05 broke  
06 must have been empowered   07 are sacked   08 has been   09 should clinch   10 was hurt  
11 axed   12 had felt   13 matches   14 being rejected   15 will go

**VOCABULARY – 10pts (SPELLING COUNTS!) – 0.5 for each**

01 partial   02 broadband   03 self-driving   04 affliction   05 inability   06 slyly   07 wake-up  
08 co-founder   09 latest   10 offshoot   11 entertainment   12 proud   13 sell-out/sellout  
14 unreasonable   15 catnip   16 being   17 actually   18 genetics   19 requirements   20 outthink

**READING COMPREHENSION – 10pts**

01 J   02 B   03 F   04 M   05 D   06 G   07 L   08 E   09 I   10 C

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION – 5pts**

Statements	Rebecca	Kate
01 Being by yourself before Christmas is painful.		✓
02 Being by yourself enables you to meet new people.	✓	
03 It is easy to get to know new people as everyone is joyful.	✓	
04 Not having anybody to buy presents for means not getting many presents.		✓
05 Being single, you are asked to justify your status.	✓	
06 Santa doesn't give singletons more than a new pair of pyjamas.		✓
07 At Christmas dinner, not having your own kids means sharing a table with other people's kids.		✓
08 At Christmas time, being single limits your rights.		✓
09 Being single lessens the duties you have of dropping in on many relatives.	✓	
10 Being a singleton as Christmas time should be enjoyed.	✓	

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**L I S T E N I N G T A P E S C R I P T (Please read once.)**

**You will hear two opinions concerning being single at Christmas time.**

Rebecca:

What could be more romantic than sharing a bottle of red by an open log fire, kissing as snowflakes fall down on you, and walking hand-in-hand under twinkling lights?

A LOT. Which is exactly why Christmas – ‘specially the six-week countdown – is the best time of the year to be single.

Long gone are dreary dates in the pub, now there’s outdoor ice rinks, Bavarian markets and winter wonderlands – the perfect backdrops to potentially fall in love. Everyone is in good spirits and it’s party season, which means plenty more nights out and opportunities to meet dates. Yes, Christmas can be hard when you’re the only single grown-up left in the family. And if you don’t have kids, you’re at the bottom of the priority list (and, yes, your great-aunt will still ask why you’re not married yet). But what far outweighs all this nonsense is that you only have one family to visit, and therefore only have one set of gifts to buy. Kerching!

When you’re single, it’s OK to be a bit selfish at Christmas. So, go shopping for party dresses, cook lunch with friends, or even spend it abroad. In the New Year, you’ll feel refreshed and open to the idea that, by next Christmas, you may have met someone and will have to endure their family as well as your own. So, I say make the most of being single at Christmas while you can – it’s certainly something to celebrate.

Kate:

Christmas really is the most wonderful time of the year – said no single person ever! While we can just about cope with being by ourselves most of the time, come October, when everyone starts getting into the festive spirit (and it seems to be getting earlier and earlier), not having someone to share this magical time with really hits home.

Who wants to hit the ice rink or drink mulled wine in front of sparkling fairy lights alone? Or worse, as the only single person in a group of couples? Yes, being single at Christmas time really does suck. We have nobody special to buy presents for, which in turn means there will be nothing romantic underneath the tree for us come 25 December – just a new pair of pyjamas from good old Santa. And don’t get me started on Christmas dinner. We older singletons end up being the only adult sat at the kids’ table, as there’s no room with the grown-ups. Like we don’t have the same rights as those with a partner!

Being single is hard, and the constant stream of loved-up couples and families we have to see at this time of year does not make it any easier. Roll on, summer!

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**S P E A K I N G – R O L E P L A Y**

**Student**

Your neighbours came from an English-speaking country and have settled down in the house next to yours. You think that this is great for practising your English, but the first time you get to address them is regarding your parents' complaint concerning the weird noises made by their four children. Your neighbour's children are spoilt and use crying and shouting to get their way. You were addressed to express your parents' and even other neighbours' complaints. On one hand, you want to be polite, knowing that you would like to be friends with them so that you can practise your English; on the other hand, your parents are forcing you to be aggressive to stop the problem. Tell your neighbours that they have to discipline their children or you will report them to the authorities.

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**S P E A K I N G – R O L E P L A Y**

**English teacher**

The crazy neighbours next door are always complaining about everything. They can't seem to tolerate that you have got four children who simply use their voices to attract your attention. You and your spouse are very busy, working hard and travelling a lot on business trips. It's almost impossible to discipline your children, who are looked after by young au-pair girls who are not, perhaps, authoritative enough. Now you are being addressed by the English-speaking adolescent who lives next door, who wants you to discipline your children or says you will be reported to the authorities. Explain to him/her very seriously that if he/she wants you to do it, he/she or the other neighbours should help you take care of your children.

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**S P E A K I N G – P I C T U R E S**

Look at the pictures and choose three cultural issues you consider the most challenging for you and which you would like to be introduced into our culture.

Discuss the following points:

- explain why you have chosen those three;
- say what the advantages and disadvantages of having them incorporated into our culture would be;
- mention if your parents would agree with this choice, why/why not and give reasons.



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