

Theme: Family and social life

Test

1 EXAM TASK Read the following text. Three sentences have been removed from the text. Choose from the sentences (A-E) the one which fits each gap (1-3) to obtain a logical and grammatically correct text. There are two extra sentences that you do not need to use.

Last summer I stayed in London with a good friend of mine for several weeks. (1)___ I was feeling a bit depressed because of that and I needed a break from it all.

One day my friend, who was also single, suggested going to a speed dating event in one of the clubs nearby. 'Why not?' I said. I decided not to wear any smart clothes, just jeans and a sports top. My friend took the matter more seriously, though. (2)___

When we arrived at the club, most of the people were already there. The organisers quickly explained the rules. The women would be seated at the tables while the men would move from one table to another, chatting to each of the women for four minutes. A bell would ring to signal the end of each quick date.

It was a funny and interesting experience. Two of the guys seemed to think they were making a huge impression on the girls. What arrogance! Another one was too shy to make a sensible conversation. (3)___ I ticked their names on my list. After the event I learnt that that these guys had also put my name on their lists. I got their email addresses so that we could arrange a time and place for a real date. It wasn't going to be such a bad summer after all ...

- A I wasn't keen on going there with her at first.
- B However, I found three of my dates quite interesting.
- C She'd spent over an hour dressing up before we left.
- D There was no chance I'd like to meet them on a real date.
- E I had just split up with my boyfriend.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct words.

- 1 I have no brothers or sisters, so I'm a(n) _____ child.
- 2 She might be 27 or 28, so she's in her _____ twenties.
- 3 I'm sorry to hear you're ill. I hope you'll get _____ soon!
- 4 After the wedding reception, the bride and _____ went on their honeymoon.
- 5 My sister's much younger than me and my parents usually take her _____ when we have an argument.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct verbs in the box. There are two extra words which you do not need to use.

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- 1 Tom is going to _____ a party next weekend. Would you like to come?
- 2 The dinner's almost ready, so could you _____ the table, please?
- 3 Whenever I'm about to _____ the dog for a walk, she waits near the front door, looking excited.
- 4 He's so jealous! If he doesn't change, I'll _____ up with him!

4 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I was mad at my friend when I found out she'd talked about me **beside** / **behind** my back.
- 2 I left a mess in my room and, my mum told me **up** / **off** for it.
- 3 We stood in a long line of cars, waiting to **cross** / **cut** the border.
- 4 I can use my dad's car, but I have to get his **allowance** / **permission** first.

5 Complete the sentences with the correct words. The first letters have been given.

1 I wouldn't have known this was your younger sister. She has **g**_____ up a lot.

2 Finally, I visited my aunt and uncle last weekend. I'd been looking **f**_____ to seeing them for ages.

3 If you feel stressed out, I think yoga classes would be **p**_____ for you.

4 Well, I stayed with you last summer. Now it's **h**_____ time you visited me.

5 I'm not sure I'd like to study abroad. I think I'd find it very **ch**_____ .

6 In the sentences 1-5 choose the answer (A, B or C) which has the same meaning with the words in bold. Circle your answer.

1 When I was a small girl, my granny used to **look after** me when my parents were out.

A take care of

B worry about

C look for

2 One person in my family I **look up to** is my uncle, who is both a successful businessman and a generous person.

A dislike

B admire

C avoid

4 It's natural to make friends with people you **have got a lot in common with**.

A have known for a long time

B share interests with

C have received help from

5 I'm trying to work out what's happened between Claire and Mark. Do you think they've **fallen out**?

A had an argument

B got engaged

C had an accident

3 I knew he was having some serious problems in his marriage because he **had confided in me** a few months earlier.

A had apologised to me

B had told me secretly

C had stopped seeing me

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