

Questions 16–20

Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Digging into the past

Last year, Kate Marshall was given a very exciting opportunity – to help her father, who's a history lecturer, at a historical site! He was leading a team to dig up and explore the area.

When they arrived, though, the site wasn't quite what Kate had expected.

16 ☐ D So the first job was to remove it all and prepare the land for digging. Says Kate, 'Dad had me I'd have to work so hard as soon as we got there!'

But when the site was completely cleared, the team found pieces of ancient pots on the ground. However, they weren't as exciting as everyone had thought. Kate's dad told them that the important pots were still buried in the ground. And because no-one had touched them for centuries, the team would learn far more about the area's history – but first they would have to dig deeper. Says Kate, 17 ☐ F But we all knew Dad was right.

The site was divided into small squares, with a leader for each square, who told everyone how to dig. 'It wasn't as easy as it sounded, either,' Kate reports. 'Instead of just digging great big holes, we all had to dig really carefully, and remove small amounts of soil each time. 18 ☐ C So it made sense.'

'My friends at home were really interested in what I was doing,' Kate explains. 'They kept texting me asking what I'd found. 19 ☐ G But actually, we were looking for ordinary, everyday objects that could tell us about the people who'd lived in the area centuries ago.'

In the end, though, Kate wasn't disappointed by what she found. 'One day, when I was digging away, I found a stone with a strange shape. 20 ☐ A Someone had obviously made it hundreds of years ago, and it was really important. So Dad cleaned it up, and said it would go to the nearby museum. So I was happy. At last, I'd found something interesting!'



Exam Practice Test 1

Reading Part 5

Questions 21–26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

TIP

Look at the words just before and just after each gap.

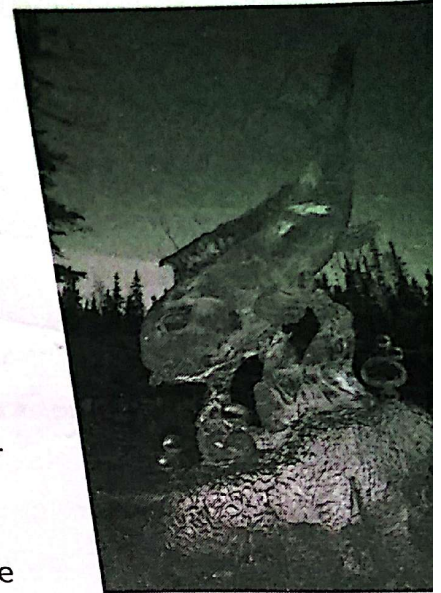
TIP

Try each of the 4 words in each gap. Which has the right meaning and also fits the grammar of the sentence?

Many cities have parks for people to enjoy. And it's very (21) to find wonderful sculptures in them. However, some sculptures found in Fairbanks, Alaska, aren't quite the same as in other cities. When the temperature (22) at the end of winter, they all disappear – because they're made of ice!

Fairbanks has been the home of the World Ice Art Championships for over 20 years, and artists from many different countries come to create spectacular ice sculptures. The ice is brought from a lake (23) near the sculpture park. It's said to be so clear that visitors can read a newspaper through it – even though the individual pieces are over one metre (24) !

Visitors also have the (25) to make their own ice sculptures if they wish, at special classes. There is also a children's play park, too, where (26) everything is made of ice, including sculptures of animals. It's a great place to visit!



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| 21 A usual | B general | C common | D familiar |
| 22 A develops | B rises | C grows | D builds |
| 23 A located | B arranged | C contained | D attached |
| 24 A heavy | B large | C strong | D thick |
| 25 A occasion | B benefit | C opportunity | D ability |
| 26 A totally | B absolutely | C completely | D fully |

^{H/W} 2 In pairs, fill in gaps 1–4 using one word for each.

For many young people, spending time as an exchange student abroad can be the (1) most exciting experience of their lives. In (2) order to being lots of fun, it helps teenagers learn about a different way of life as they (3) to the customs in another country. They also become more confident when they realise that they can handle most problems on (4) their own.

VOCABULARY ADV. LINKING EXPRESSIONS

Questions 27–32

For each question, write the correct word. Write **one** word for each gap.

TIP

Begin Part 6 by quickly reading the whole text to find out what it's about.

TIP

In some cases more than one word is possible for a gap, but you must only write one.

H/w.

Hi Anna,

I've just been to the museum in our city. That was my first visit, believe it or (27) not ! I wanted to collect some information for our class history project. We have to hand it (28) over soon, don't we?

I went to the Ancient History section, (29) where the museum keeps all its ancient Egyptian stuff. It was really interesting! There were some amazing statues of various animals, so I drew some pictures of them and then (30) did some research about them online when I got home.

I've still got some work to do on my project, so I'll need to go back to the museum again some time soon. In fact, (31) why don't we go together? I don't think you've been there before, (32) have you? I'm sure you'll find something that you could use for your project.

See you soon!

Sally