

Day 1 – Answers

PRONUNCIATION TIPS

C. We can hold a meeting on Tuesday at 10.

verb noun noun noun

D. negative auxiliary verb

We can't hold a meeting on Tuesday at 10.

verb noun noun noun

E.

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DICTIONATION

1. All living organisms have to adapt to changes in environmental conditions.
2. The African Lions are classed as endangered species.
3. Undoubtedly, continued economic growth threatens the environmental stability of the planet.
4. They are trying to raise money for conservation.
5. The theory has far-reaching implications for the future of the planet.

Day 2 – Answers

Dictation

1. The food team leader carries a pager, which can be alerted for serious food hazard warnings.
2. The course is of three years' duration.
3. Anxiety can interfere with children's performance at school.
4. In olden times, the main tools of navigation were a compass, a map and the stars.
5. Repetitive tasks can be done by robots and similar devices.
6. About a quarter of the world's jet fuel is used by military aircraft.
7. You should notify the police of that crime.

Day 3 – Answers

FEATURES OF SPOKEN ENGLISH

Exercise 1. banana, American, beautiful, evolution, corporate

Exercise 2.

1. Sounds disappear: bank serves /k/ ; corporate clients /t/ ; effort to /t/
Sounds link: in an effort
2. Sounds disappear: should deal /d/ ; with the /ð/ ; problem more /m/
3. Sounds disappear: foodpoisoning /d/ ; causad by /d/ ; polluted water /d/
4. Sounds disappear: Let me /t/ ; know when /w/ ; want to /t/ ; get back /t/ ; back to /k/
5. Sounds disappear: Did the /d/ ; corporate bankruptcies /t/ ; of our /f/
Sounds link: number of ; climb over ; over a ; period of

DICTION

1. Tonight's program focuses on the way that homelessness affects the young.
2. Take two spoonfuls of cough medicine.
3. Place all the ingredients in a mixing bowl, and gradually add water.
4. Various stolen items were found.
5. Can you recommend a hotel in San Francisco?
6. Her room was clean and tidy.

Day 4 – Answers

Dictation

1. His name was Hansen, a common name in Norway.
2. He was duplicating some articles in the photocopy room.
3. He slowly inserted a small key into the lock.
4. Mowing lawns and taking out the trash are jobs for the tenant.
5. Many local businesses offered to contribute to the school rebuilding fund.
6. What is the potential pollution from landfill waste disposal?

Day 5 – Answers

PRONUNCIATION TIPS

Exercise 1

Reading #1

So, while/ photocopiers have/ made our/ lives easier, they have/ contributed to problems of/ waste disposal.//

Reading #2

So,/ while photocopiers have made our lives easier,/ they have contributed/ to problems/ of waste disposal.

Exercise 2

(A) The sentence/ is/ a set/ of words/ standing/ on their own/ as a sense unit.//

Pause before conjunctions, relative pronouns, wh-words.

(B) Most modern course materials/ include/ cassettes/ of listening texts.//

Pause after long subjects, objects and complements.

(C) I ate spice-rubbed ham,/ mashed potatoes,/ and a Christmas pudding/ for Christmas dinner.//

Pause before prepositions.

Pause and change our voice when you see a punctuation mark such as a comma, period, question mark, or an exclamation mark.

Lists: Rising intonation + falling intonation

(D) The bookstore/ on our campus/ sells cards.// In fact/, they have the best cards around.//

Pause after such transitions (=words or phrases used to connect one idea to the next)

as but (contrast), for example (example), first of all/ secondly (order), therefore/ thus/ so/ as a result (result), moreover/ furthermore (addition), in fact/ namely (identification).

(E) Each module/ is composed/ of several separate units.//

Answer Key:

The photocopier is now essential/ in today's office.// But/ what did we do/ before the photocopier?// The most common method/ of duplicating reports, letters, and memos/ was by using carbon copy paper/ inserted between white pages.//

This was an efficient way/ of getting an exact copy/ of the document, but/ only one copy.//

We are now used to making more copies/ than we really need.// As a result,/ unused copies are thrown/ in the trash.// So,/ while photocopiers have made our lives easier,/ they have contributed/ to problems/ of waste disposal.//

DICTATION

1. A severe drought ruined the crops.
2. He faces six months in jail and a heavy fine.
3. The local residents were angry at the lack of parking spaces.
4. The judge imposed the death penalty on both men.
5. Some factories were closed to conserve energy.
6. Millions of viewers tuned in to Radio Australia to learn the election results.

Day 6 – Answers

SLASH READING REVIEW

Answer Key

The following is a public service announcement,/ brought to you by Capital Radio.// Because of the drought,/ government officials are asking all city residents/ to conserve water.// Residents are asked/ not to wash their cars, fill their swimming pools, or water their gardens/ until further notice.// Right now,/ the government is asking residents/ to do this/ on a voluntary basis.// However,/ if the situation becomes severe,/ it is possible/ that fines will be imposed.// Stay tuned to Capital Radio/ for all the latest updates.//

DICTATION

1. He walked out on to the balcony where he rested his arms on the railing.
2. Thongs are open shoes which are held on your foot by a V-shaped strap that goes between your big toe and the toe next to it.
3. Thirty-five thousand spectators watched the final game.
4. Our light towers use state-of-the-art technology to achieve superior illumination.
5. A baseball diamond is the field upon which the game of baseball is played.

Day 7 – Answers

SAMPLE QUESTION 1

brainstorm vocabulary

ball park/ baseball stadium/ caps/ spectators/ filled/ multi-story buildings/ daylight/ beautiful/ well maintained/ baseball diamond/ players/ T-shirts/ sunglasses/ etc.

STRATEGY 1: START WITH AN INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE - WHERE**1. INTRODUCTION: WHERE**

Exercise A

1. I'm not sure but the people are at a lake side café. (d)
2. The pedestrians on a street are waiting for the lights to change. (e)
3. In this picture I can see some shoppers at a supermarket. (b)
4. The people are jogging in the park. (f)
5. This picture shows a baseball diamond seen from the stands at night. (a)
6. In this picture I can see some people walking in a China town. (c)

DICTIONARY

1. I was a natural athlete as a kid.
2. She was employed on a temporary basis.
3. A puddle is a small pool of liquid, especially rain water.
4. The need for villagers to control their own destinies has prompted a new plan.
5. The storm caused landslides and flooding in the area.
6. Major restoration work will begin next month.

Day 8 – Answers

STRATEGY 2: USE SPECULATIVE LANGUAGE

Exercise

1. probably, most likely, possibly, perhaps
2. I think/ In my opinion/ In my view
3. probably, most likely, possibly, perhaps
4. may, might, could
5. I think.....or something
6. looks like
7. seems/ looks
8. seems like/ is likely that
9. appears/ seems

SAMPLE QUESTION 2

Sample Answer

This picture seems to be a scene of a temporary road closure. The police might have closed the road due to flooding. I can see rain water on the road. It is likely that the heavy rain may have prompted the road closure. In the middle of the picture there is a 'ROAD CLOSED' sign. How long are the roads likely to be closed for? I'm not sure but it looks as though motorists have to wait for a long time!

DICTION

1. An arcade is a covered walk with stores along one or both sides.
2. A skyscraper is a very tall building, usually designed for office and commercial use.
3. He is leaning against the railing.
4. They had his coffin draped with a union flag at his funeral.
5. A wall sconce is a light fixture affixed to the wall.
6. A canopy bed, commonly called a four-poster bed, features a tall post at each corner that supports a covering made of material or netting.

Day 9 – Answers

SAMPLE QUESTION 3

Sample Answer

I think this picture shows an arcade or something, because the passage is covered. In the center of the picture, I can see a woman and a girl walking together. It is likely that the woman is the girl's mother, because they have similar hair and the girl is wearing clothes similar to her mother. The way they walk looks almost identical, too. On the right-hand side of the picture, I can see a man leaning against a supporting pillar. He is wearing blue jeans and a T-shirt. Perhaps he is smoking. It seems like he is enjoying his cigarette.

STRATEGY 3: ANALYZING THE PICTURES – WHAT / WHO AND WHERE

Exercise B

Sample Answer

This picture seems to show an expensive-looking hotel room. There is a canopy bed in the middle of the picture creating a dramatic focal point in the room. White lace fabric or netting is draped across the upper space between the posts. In the top left-hand corner, I can see two wall sconces providing indirect lighting. At the top right, there is another wall sconce. In the bottom left-hand corner, there is a settee (or sofa) with arms made of what looks like marble. There are some cushions on it.

Exercise C

Sample Answer

In this photo, I can see a mountain in the background and a boat in the foreground. The central focus of this picture is the city's modern skyscrapers. There is a tall tower in the middle of the picture.

DICTIONARY

1. Pumps are women's plain shoes with no fasteners.
2. He has a rather chubby face with freckles.
3. Smoking ages the skin prematurely, causing deep wrinkles.
4. The town residents must wait for the flood waters to recede before they can deal with the terrible mess left behind.
5. Are you in the queue for tickets?
6. A vest in American English is a piece of clothing like a coat without sleeves that reaches to the waist.

Day 10 – Answers

SAMPLE QUESTION 4

Sample Answer

In this picture, there are soldiers standing in a line. They are waiting to board an airplane. They are all wearing army combat uniform. They are carrying army gear. I think the photo was taken very early in the morning or at dusk.

Exercise 1

1. Who is carrying a green bag? - B
2. Who is walking beside the streetcar? - F
3. Who is wearing a blue skirt? - C
4. Who is not looking at train? - A
5. Who is wearing an orange pants? - A
6. Who is wearing a belt? - E
7. Who is taking a picture? - E
8. Who is wearing white sleeveless blouse? - C
9. Who is being carried by someone? - D

Exercise 2

Sample Answer

I think the man used to have black hair but now his hair has turned gray, almost white. He is quite tall. He is wearing a black shirt and short pants. He is also carrying a green bag that I mentioned earlier. He is looking at the coming streetcar.

DICTIONARY

1. A payphone is a telephone which you need to put coins or a card in before you can make a call.
2. Broadband penetration is another key factor, expected to reach 75 % across Western Europe by next year.
3. Rarest species are most at risk of extinction.
4. He took a key from his pocket and inserted it into the lock.
5. He tried to tuck his shirt inside his trousers.
6. The study of the bones in a human is an example of anatomical study.

Day 11 – Answers

SAMPLE QUESTION 5

Sample Answer

This picture seems to be a scene of a woman talking on the phone. She is using a fixed phone, which is connected to other phones or to a computer by wires usually located in a house. Due to the increase in mobile phone use, fixed phones are not being used as much as before. But they are still useful if you don't have a mobile phone and needed for making a line of strong Internet connection. In this picture she seems to be smiling and therefore she looks happy. I wonder who she is talking to. Maybe to her boyfriend. I'm not sure but they might be talking about going out on a date later.

STRATEGY 5: Analyzing the pictures - WHO (2)

- ☑ She is talking on the phone. × She talks on the phone.
- ☑ She looks happy. × She is happy.

- ☑ He could be a scientist. × He is a scientist.
- ☑ I think the woman is the girl's mother. × The woman is the girl's mother.

SAMPLE QUESTION 6

Sample Answer

I think this picture shows a consulting room of a clinic. The man in the middle is wearing a white coat that I believe belongs to a doctor. So he must be a doctor. And the woman on the right-hand side is also wearing a white coat, but she must be a nurse. And the child on the left-hand side must be a patient. The doctor seems to be examining the patient. The patient who is wearing a long pale blue shirt and dark jeans is sitting on the chair. He is opening his mouth to show. What is going to happen next? Perhaps the doctor is going to give medical advice to the patient.

DICTION

1. A dandelion is a wild plant with a bright yellow flower which later becomes a white ball of seeds that are blown away in the wind.
2. Academic ability is not the sole criterion for admission to the college.
3. An unhappy family life may impact children's learning.
4. What experience do you have that is relevant to this position?
5. The song was dull and repetitive.

Day 12 – Answers

SAMPLE QUESTION 7

Sample Answer

This picture shows a girl sitting on the grass in the garden. She may be a preschooler. She has long blond hair. She's wearing a pretty polka dot long-sleeve shirt. She looks as if she is observing something on the grass. Maybe she is about to pick up some wild flowers. Or it could be that she is just watching insects. It might be spring because she is wearing long sleeve shirt even in the sun.

STRATEGY 6: Language

Exercise

1. The dress which she is wearing is new. (Or The dress that she is wearing is new.
The dress she is wearing is new.)
2. The picture which he is looking at is beautiful. (Or The picture he is looking at is beautiful.)
3. There is a boy who is wearing a striped T-shirt and shorts.
4. The picture shows a grocery store where we can see a woman who is holding a shopping basket.

DICTION

1. Employees get together and brainstorm ideas.
2. A Ferris wheel is a very large upright wheel with seats on it for people to ride on in an amusement park.
3. He was only ten when he strapped on a guitar for the first time.
4. Check and adjust the brakes regularly.
5. The rain isn't too bad — it's only drizzling.
6. A crosswalk is a specially marked place for people to walk across a street.
7. He began to read in a calm, confident voice.

Day 13 – Answers

SAMPLE QUESTION 8

Sample Answer

This photo shows a man who seems to be a solo singer guitarist because he is on his own without any other band members and has his guitar. It looks like he is in a hall. I think he is about to perform because he is adjusting a microphone. He could be performing at a private party. He is probably in his twenties. He has a beard and moustache. He is wearing a T-shirt.

SAMPLE QUESTION 9

Sample Answer

This colored photo shows a street scene. There are many people in the picture. They are walking across a busy crosswalk. It's probably in the spring or the fall, because some people are wearing jackets and light coats. It must be starting to drizzle because some pedestrians are walking under their umbrellas and some are not. In the background there are some large buildings.

DICTIONARY

1. Traffic cones are usually cone-shaped markers that are placed on roads to temporarily redirect traffic in a safe manner.
2. The spacesuits were made of very reflective material, in order to reduce solar heating.
3. A playground is a place with a specific design for children to be able to play there.
4. A pickup truck is a light truck with an open-top and low sides and a tailboard for cargo access.
5. We are seeking a spacious modern home in a quiet yet convenient locations.
6. They had installed a new phone line in the apartment.

Day 14 – Answers

SAMPLE QUESTION 10

Sample Answer

This picture shows an office where a businessman is working at his desk. I can see a computer on his desk and headset on it. So, I think he is working on his computer. In fact, he is looking at the screen now. He could be an executive in a business corporation because he seems to have a very spacious office just for himself. He is wearing a suit. On his desk I can see what seems like a telephone.

SAMPLE QUESTION 11

Sample Answer

This picture shows a playground. We can see a lot of children accompanied by adults. This playground seems to be surrounded by trees. It looks like a part of a park. The main focal point in this picture is the big slope. There could be slides, sandboxes, and so on, but we cannot see them in the picture. It's a beautiful blue-sky day and everyone seems to be enjoying. It must be sunny because we can see shadows formed by the sun's light. Judging by the clothes they are wearing it's probably in the early summer.

SAMPLE QUESTION 12

Sample Answer

This colored photo shows a road work scene. There are several people in the picture. They are paving the road. They are all wearing red caps and T-shirts. One man is wearing a reflective safety jacket which allows him to be seen and keep him safe. They are also wearing heavy duty shoes. We can see a road paving vehicle.

DICTIONARY

1. Please wait here with our bags while I hail a taxi.
2. Students used a set of purpose-build on-line tools for grammar learning.
3. Her gray hair was tied back in a bun.
4. A pedestrian is a person who is walking, especially in a town, rather than traveling in a vehicle.
5. In a seaside town, the promenade is the road by the sea where people go for a walk.
6. The car blocked the pathway of the pedestrian.

Day 15 – Answers

SAMPLE QUESTION 13

Sample Answer

This black-and-white photo shows a street scene. In the foreground we can see a woman hailing a taxi. She is raising her right hand to attract taxi drivers' attention. She is wearing a coat and a pair of high-heeled shoes. She is carrying a small bag in her left hand. I think she might be on her way to a party or something. In the background we can see a lot of pedestrians and some skyscrapers.

SAMPLE QUESTION 14

Sample Answer

This colored photo shows a coastal promenade, because we can see the land meets the beach and the sea. This long, open, level walkway seems to be made of weather-resistant wooden pathway. It allows people to walk for recreational purposes whatever the state of the tide, without having to walk on the beach. In the middle there are some people sitting and chatting. They could be tourists. It's a beautiful day. On the left-hand side of the photo there are some building. They could be condominiums. There are also lampposts along the walkway. I'm not sure but each lamp may have light-sensitive photocells to activate automatically, since we cannot see any wires attached.

SAMPLE QUESTION 15

Sample Answer

This colored photo shows a park where we can see a public skate park, which is a purpose-built recreational environment made for skateboarding. We can see two people riding skateboards. The man in the center is now jumping from the ground. He is wearing dark pants and a short sleeve shirt. He is also wearing a straw hat. The skateboarder on his left is wearing knee pads for joint protection. She is wearing a T-shirt and short pants. She is also wearing a cap. It's sunny. People here look as if they are enjoying both the nice weather and skateboarding.

DICTION

1. Eating disorders are conditions defined by abnormal eating habits.
2. Bulimia is a disorder characterized by eating in an uncontrolled way and purging (=vomiting).
3. Anorexia is an illness in which a person does not eat, or eats too little, because they fear becoming fat.

4. Junk food is a derisive slang term for food that is of little nutritional value and often high in fat, sugar, salt and calories.
5. If someone is obese, they are extremely fat.
6. If someone is on death row, they are in the part of a prison which contains the cells for criminals who have been sentenced to death.