

The English Language Competition

YOUR NUMBER: _____

1 For questions 1 to 15 read the text below and decide which answer A,B,C or D best fits each space. The answer for the example (0) is EXPECT.

ACTION SCENES IN FILMS

Modern cinema audiences **(0)** to see plenty of thrilling scenes in action films. These scenes, which are **(1)** as stunts, are usually **(2)** by stuntmen who are specially trained to do dangerous things safely. **(3)** can crash a car, but if you're shooting a film, you have to be extremely **(4)**, sometimes stopping **(5)** in front of the camera and film crew. At an early **(6)** in the production, an expert stuntman is **(7)** in to work out the action scenes and form a team. He is the only person who can go **(8)** the wishes of the director, **(9)** he will usually only do this in the **(10)** of safety.

Many famous actors like to do the dangerous parts themselves, which produces better shots, since stuntmen don't have to **(11)** in for the actors. Actors like to become **(12)** in all the important aspects of the character they are playing, but without the recent progress in safety equipment, insurance companies would never **(13)** them take the risk. To do their own stunts, actors need to be good athletes, but they must also be sensible and know their **(14)** If they were to be hurt, the film would **(15)** to a sudden halt.

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| 1 | A remarked | B known | C referred | D named |
| 2 | A performed | B given | C fulfilled | D displayed |
| 3 | A Everyone | B Someone | C Anyone | D No-one |
| 4 | A detailed | B plain | C straight | D precise |
| 5 | A right | B exact | C direct | D strict |
| 6 | A period | B minute | C part | D stage |
| 7 | A led | B taken | C drawn | D called |
| 8 | A over | B against | C through | D across |
| 9 | A despite | B so | C although | D otherwise |

- 10 A interests B needs C purposes D regards
- 11 A work B get C put D stand
- 12 A connected B arranged C involved D affected
- 13 A allow B let C permit D admit
- 14 A limits B ends C frontiers D borders
- 15 A come B fall C pull D go

2 For the questions 16 - 30, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. Write the words to the table on the following page. The example word (0) is ONE.

THE HORSE IN ART

There is little doubt that **(0)** of the chief roles of the horse in art, just **(16)** in life, is that of our servant and companion. We can have very little idea of **(17)** a horse feels in its natural state. Left to itself, **(18)** is unlikely that it would pull a plough, take a soldier **(19)** a dangerous situation in battle, **(20)** do most of the other things that have attracted painters and writers to the animal ever **(21)** the dawn of history.

The horse is controlled **(22)** the wishes of its owner. When we describe it, we say it has **(23)** virtues and qualities we most admire in ourselves and it is as the symbol **(24)** these qualities that it has so often **(25)** praised by painters and poets. Then we must consider the horse's own beauty, speed and strength. **(26)** truth, the picture we **(27)** most frequently moved by, in both art and literature, is actually a single image that combines all the advantages of the animal and its rider. An outstanding example of **(28)** is provided by the school of sculpture and painting in **(29)** the authority and personality of individuals is emphasised by the **(30)** that they are on horseback.

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3 You are going to read an article about a family trying a vegetarian diet. For questions 22 - 35, choose from the people in the box (A - E). Some of the people might be chosen more than once.

TAKING THE plunge

If you're thinking about the idea of turning vegetarian but are afraid it may be boring or too expensive, think again. Last October, we challenged a typical meat-eating family to go on a vegetarian diet for at least seven days.

GET SET

Sue Kent, 42, said 'I'm quite health conscious when it comes to food, so we'd already started to cut out red meat.' To start the week, and put everyone in the right frame of mind, Sue prepared a family favourite, vegetarian chilli. The rest of the week followed like a dream. 'The recipes all went down extremely well,' says Sue. 'The tomato and pasta soup was popular, as was the pasta with tomato and mozzarella sauce, although I've altered it, using a vegetarian blue cheese sauce because that's one of our favourites. I've carried on doing fish which most of us like.'

ALL CHANGE!

The Kents were so impressed by the flavours and variety of their new food regime that when the week ended they decided to continue on a largely vegetarian diet.

But making the change wasn't

all plain sailing. 'The big drawback is all the preparation involved,' says Sue. 'It takes much longer than before because of all the chopping.'

So do they feel healthier for their new eating habits? 'It's hard to say, but I think on the whole we do,' says Sue. 'I certainly experiment more with my cooking and use many more herbs and spices than I used to. I'm trying out lots of unusual vegetables that I wouldn't have tried before, such as okra. Vegetarian food is so interesting – it's opened my eyes to a whole new world of cooking!'

What's the overall verdict? Here's what each member of the Kent family had to say.

MICHAEL, 46

'I must say I have been quite impressed by some of the recipes Sue has prepared,' says Michael. 'I love curries and other spicy foods, and we have plenty of those. I reckon vegetable curry is every bit as good as meat curry. The one thing I do miss is the chewing you do with meat, something substantial to get your teeth into. If I was out to dinner I don't think I would refuse a steak. I do miss roast lamb but on the whole I think it has been a great success.'

JO, 16

Jo was the main driving force

behind the family trying our plan – and the biggest convert, becoming a strict vegetarian after taking up our challenge.

'Jo used to eat chicken, but she doesn't touch meat or fish at all now,' says Sue. 'She doesn't even miss sausages!'

MARY, 81

Michael's mother was the most hesitant about vegetarianism, but nevertheless she tried everything and liked many of the dishes. However, she did find that too much vegetarian food can affect her digestion.

'It's been quite interesting but I wouldn't like to think I was never going to eat meat again,' she says. 'I prefer simpler, plain foods like egg and cheese or fish to the more exotic foods like okra and peppers. I've never liked herbs and spices either, and I'm not much of a pasta fan.'

SUE, 42

'I'd quite happily never eat meat again, although I'd find it hard to go without fish.'

ROBIN, 2

Robin currently eats fish but he doesn't really care for it so Sue expects he'll be a total vegetarian before long. 'Apart from that, he's not a fussy eater – on a good day he'll eat anything,' says Sue. 'He loves pasta, and vegetable soup goes down well.'

Example (0)

A Sue	B Michael	C Jo	D Mary	E Robin
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Which person:

changed one of the recipes?

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doesn't miss meat at all?

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prefers dishes which are not too spicy?

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likes dishes to have plenty of taste?

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finds the new diet allows less time for doing other things?

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misses some of the foods the family no longer eats?

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has found the experience very rewarding in terms of ideas?

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will probably give up eating fish soon?

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4 For questions 56-65, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your words in the table below the text.

Example:

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THE ABC OF COOKING

It's a **(0)** idea for children to do some cooking at an early age. Generally **(56)** , most children can't wait to help in the kitchen and love getting involved in the **(57)** of their meals. They should be **(58)** to do so, and care should be taken to **(59)** they enjoy the experience. It is important to show them how to do things **(60)** but they shouldn't be criticised too much. Although the finished result may not be quite to your **(61)** , the young cook will undoubtedly find it quite the **(62)** food he or she has ever eaten.

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SPEAK
PREPARE
COURAGE
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TASTY

Kitchens can, of course, be **(63)** places and so the absolute **(64)** of keeping an eye on children at all times cannot be emphasised too **(65)** Sharp knives, for example, should be avoided until children are old enough to handle them safely.

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