

S P E A K I N G – R O L E P L A Y

Student A

During your stay at an American college, you spent a lot of time travelling across the country and did not study too intensively. You have failed a final examination and will not be given your diploma. Your parents spent too much money and you cannot imagine travelling home without having graduated. You have decided to visit your professor to convince them to let you write the examination again.

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Teacher

Your student spent more time travelling across the country than studying your subject matter. They have failed the final examination and will not be given their diploma. You have decided to teach this student a lesson, although you know that travelling across your country can provide students with knowledge and experience.

S P E A K I N G – P I C T U R E S

Look at the pictures related to the places where people are expected to live. Discuss all the pictures, focusing on:

- probable conditions under which people live there
- advantages and disadvantages of living in these places
- the quotation “Where you are is who you are. The further inside you the place moves, the more your identity is intertwined with it. Never casual, the choice of place is the choice of something you crave.” (*Under the Tuscan Sun* by Frances Mayes)



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 five texts about Britain's most magical sites. Match the statements (01-07) with the mentioned sites (A-E). Two statements do not match with any site. You will score 1 point for each correct answer. You will hear the text only once.

Tigh Nam Bodach, Perthshire, Scotland

Far away beyond Loch Lyon, 11.3 kilometres west of Cashlie in Glen Lyon, a ritual has taken place at the shrine of Tigh Nam Bodach twice a year for as long as anyone can remember. Inside a low stone structure with a turf roof are stones of almost human shape and size. On 'Beltane', which is the ancient name for 1 May, these stones are brought out and placed in front of the shrine. There they stand and keep watch over the land until they're taken back into the shrine at 'Samhain' (1 November) for the winter. The figures are said to represent the Bodach, an old man, and the Cailleach, the Celtic goddess who presides over the land and brings the changing season.

Cadbury Castle, Somerset, England

The ancient hill fort known as Cadbury Castle, half a kilometre from South Cadbury village in Somerset, is believed by many to be the site of King Arthur's legendary Camelot. Archaeologists have confirmed that the Iron Age hill fort was occupied sometime in the fifth or sixth century, when King Arthur is thought to have lived. His legend is still important in modern culture – indeed, some people insist that he never died. There's a story that Cadbury Castle is where Arthur and his court lie sleeping in a hidden cavern beneath the hill, ready to awake and return at the hour of Britain's greatest need.

Llyn Barfog, Gwynedd, Wales

In a lonely spot in the hills above the Dyfi estuary, Llyn Barfog is said to have been home to the Afanc, a monster that terrorized the area, attacking animals and people, until finally King Arthur got rid of it. Some say he dragged it from the lake using magical chains, other say he killed it, while yet others claim he took it to Cadair Idris and released it into the waters of Llyn Cau. On a stone beside a footpath leading to Llyn Barfog, you can see a hoof print said to have been made by King Arthur's horse during his battle with the Afanc. The lake is reached by a mile-long trail from Happy Valley Road carpark, about three kilometres north of Aberdovey.

Bowerman's Nose, Devon

The impressive granite pile of stones known as Bowerman's Nose looks like an ancient megalithic idol, watching over the landscape towards Hameldown Tor. Standing on Hayne Down, close to the village of Manaton, it appears to be so unnatural that it was believed in the past to have been created by the druids. Its base is almost perfectly square, while on top of the column is a grim 'face' that appears to be wearing a cap. Local legend offers an alternative origin for this monumental stone: a hunter named Bowerman offended some witches by interrupting their ceremony while chasing a hare (which was really a witch). To punish him, they turned the hunter to stone, and his dogs became the rocks of Hound Tor.

Nevern Churchyard, Pembrokeshire, Wales

The churchyard of St Brynach's Church at Nevern is famous for its ancient carved stones as well as for its 'bleeding' yew tree, which stands in an avenue of yews that form a green tunnel leading to the church door. The trees are believed to be 700 years old. The bleeding yew tree produces red sap that looks like blood. Usually, sap dries up, but this tree has been 'bleeding' for as long as anyone can remember. Beside the church stands a four-metre-high Celtic cross covered in intricate designs. It dates from the 10th or 11th century and is known as St Brynach's Stone. There's a legend that every year, on St Brynach's Day (7 April), the first cuckoo of spring would land on top of the stone and sing, and mass could not be held until this had happened.

A N S W E R K E Y

GRAMMAR – 15pts

01 was / had been accepted 02 was not/wasn't attending 03 to merely spoil / merely spoiling
04 was slacking off 05 bring 06 don't like 07 was going to help 08 had/'d ever heard
09 was being 10 was being replaced 11 would still need 12 will/'ll always be 13 was missing
14 bringing 15 don't get

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

01 filmmakers 02 screenwriter 03 viewpoint 04 shot 05 cutaways 06 transitions
07 formalism 08 ambitious 09 enduring 10 choice(s) 11 performance 12 redo 13 format
14 cinematography 15 critics 16 de-aging 17 curiosity 18 response 19 denominator
20 laughter

READING COMPREHENSION – 10pts

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

VOCABULARY – PROGRESSIVE TEST

e.g. drop off – decrease in number or amount
drop out – quit a course
drop through – come to nothing, produce no results

LISTENING COMPREHENSION – 5pts

01 D 02 B 03 X 04 A 05 X 06 E 07 C

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