

S P E A K I N G – R O L E P L A Y

Student A

You have been asked to prepare a short speech introducing different historical personalities such as Cleopatra, Alexander the Great, Sir Francis Drake, etc., in your English seminar. You would like to discuss their significance on the basis of the following statement 'Our view of history is influenced by prevailing social attitudes'. Try to persuade your teacher about your opinion.

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Teacher

In your English seminar, you asked your students to prepare a short speech introducing different historical personalities, such as Cleopatra, Alexander the Great, Sir Francis Drake, etc. You wanted them to discuss these figures' significance but one of your students have decided to present their opinion on the basis of the following statement 'Our view of history is influenced by prevailing social attitudes'. Try to return their attention to the significance of the mentioned historical figures.

S P E A K I N G – P I C T U R E S

Look at the pictures related to different dress codes. Discuss all the pictures, focusing on:

- probable reasons for choosing such an outfit/costume
- advantages and disadvantages of being dressed properly for the depicted events
- your attitude to this saying 'Your image speaks volumes' in relation to the events shown in the pictures



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 a text about the Cornish town of St Ives. Fill in the gaps in the statements (01-05) with one, two, or three words. You will hear the text only once.

A natural beauty

Wide open skies and dazzling seascapes have made the Cornish town of St Ives enduringly irresistible to visitors. Situated north of Penzance, St Ives is bathed in an almost Mediterranean light, giving its wide sandy beaches extra appeal. This seaside paradise doesn't rely solely on its beaches to attract visitors – there's something for everyone beyond the sands.

It's no coincidence that the Tate St Ives art gallery sits on the seafront, the gleaming white building home to a display of the history of art influenced by St Ives. It offers fantastic views over the beautiful Porthmeor Beach, not least from its café on the top floor, with a rooftop terrace open during the warmer weather. Porthmeor is well known for surfing – fun to watch over a cup of tea and cake, while the more adventurous can take part via its surfing school. Or if you're feeling artistically inspired, sign up to a course at the nearby St Ives School of Painting, which offers courses on everything from Japanese woodblock printing to capturing the landscapes in watercolour or oils.

In contrast with the tranquillity of the waves, St Ives has a bustling town centre with shops, craft centres, and galleries in abundance. Many a happy afternoon can be spent wandering through the narrow cobbled streets and seeing picturesque views almost everywhere you look.

If you are a hearty walker up for a challenge, take the five-mile South West Coast Path to the village of Zennor, where you'll find a medieval carving of a mermaid in the parish church of St Senara. Or head to the 700-year-old Tinnars Arms pub at the heart of the village.

While in the town of St Ives, be sure to stop by another beacon of artificial achievement – The Leach Pottery. Founded by Bernard Leach and his Japanese colleague in 1920, the pottery museum offers a fascinating insight into the old ways of creating utilitarian but beautiful household ware.

And for a peaceful haven to come home to, Una St Ives offers architect-designed lodges and villas tucked away in its secluded resort, along with the clubhouse where you can indulge in a swim, work out in the gym, or relax with a spa treatment. While the lodges are all fully equipped with kitchens, you'd do well to visit the resort's superb restaurant, Una Kitchen, which serves a seasonal Mediterranean-inspired menu, including fresh Cornish wood-roasted hake, mackerel from St Ives Bay, and salt-and-pepper squid, along with crowd-pleasing burgers and wood-fired pizzas.

There's a lot to do in St Ives. But there are also wide skies, shimmering lights, and a glorious sea. So make sure you also spend time sitting, watching and absorbing the natural beauty of this happiest of seashores. Just watch out for the cunning seagulls, who have perfected their own art of snatching the food from your very hands...

A N S W E R K E Y

GRAMMAR – 15pts

01 are overlooked 02 drenched 03 has been 04 didn't fully understand / hadn't fully understood
05 is run 06 has become 07 Being 08 to grow 09 to find 10 are / have been harvested
11 are becoming 12 knowing 13 is made 14 doing 15 will be working

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

01 sustainability 02 biodegradable 03 vegetative 04 unknown 05 underground
06 alternatives 07 keystone 08 layers 09 Meanwhile 10 skincare 11 planetary 12 solutions
13 household 14 landfill 15 compostable 16 difference 17 forefront 18 unsurprisingly
19 renewable 20 revolutionary

READING COMPREHENSION – 10pts

01 J 02 E 03 L 04 D 05 G 06 A 07 M 08 I 09 F 10 B

VOCABULARY – PROGRESSIVE TEST

For example: go along with somebody/something – to agree with somebody/something, to go ahead
– to start to do something, etc.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION – 5pts

01 rooftop terrace 02 woodblock printing 03 cobbled 04 medieval carving (of a) mermaid
05 seagulls

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