

GRAMMAR

Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Write the correct form in the space provided.

Every day John **(1)**..... **(walk)** to the park with his dog, Max. He **(2)**..... **(visit)** many parks in the city, but he **(3)**..... **(visit)** this one the most lately because it's peaceful and quiet. Yesterday, he **(4)**..... **(walk)** alone because Max was at the vet. While he **(5)**..... **(walk)**, he **(6)**..... **(think)** about Max.

John **(7)**..... **(live)** in New York now and he loves to travel. John has always travelled a lot. In fact, he **(8)**..... **(be)** only two years old when he **(9)**..... **(fly)** to the US for the first time because he **(10)**..... **(born)** in France. His parents **(11)**..... **(meet)** in Cologne, Germany, after they **(12)**..... **(live)** there for five years.

John's job requires a lot of travel. He **(13)**..... **(work)** for Jackson & Co. for almost two years now, and he is sure that he will be working for them next year as well. In fact, by the end of this year, he **(14)**..... **(travel)** over 120,000 miles! His next journey **(15)**..... **(be)** to Australia.

(John – Traveller (unknown author), <https://studylib.net/doc/7658666/>, adapted)

Total points:/15 pts

VOCABULARY

Read the article below. Use the word given in CAPITALS to form a word that fits in the space.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Fairy Pools

Located on the ...¹... slopes of the magnificent Black Cuillin range, Skye's famous Fairy Pools are beautiful crystal-clear blue pools. Although a ...²... and tranquil Highlands vista, in 1601 the area was the scene of the last of Scotland's clan battles, and one of the ...³... ever recorded in clan history.

The wonder of the Fairy Pools attracts visitors from all over the world, as they make for some great wild ...⁴... for those brave enough to enter the ice-cold waters. For the less ...⁵..., these magical pools make for some fantastic photos.

The road to the Fairy Pools is a narrow, single-track road with passing places and not ...⁶... for buses. The Fairy Pools are located along the road ...⁷... 5 miles from the Glenbrittle. The start of the walk is just off the road opposite the main car park ...⁸... and through a pedestrian gate.

After a ...⁹... funding offer, the car park at the Fairy Pools was completed in 2020 to relieve long-term problems with parking following a ...¹⁰... rise in visitor numbers. The ...¹¹... times are in the summer months from 11am to 1pm. From the car park there are ...¹²... views out towards the Black Cuillins.

The weather can be very ...¹³... on Skye, ...¹⁴... in the Cuillins, so appropriate footwear and clothing is advised. The path can be ...¹⁵... on a wet day and the stones can get ...¹⁶.... The water in the area is ...¹⁷... cold, as the pools are fed by mountain streams. The water of the Fairy Pools is crystal-clear, perfect for ...¹⁸... brave enough to enter the ...¹⁹... waters. It is ...²⁰... to bring a wetsuit for this activity as these beautiful rock pools can be bracing.

(*Fairy Pools* (unknown author), <https://www.isleofskye.com/skye-guide/top-ten-skye-walks/fairy-pools>, edited)

NORTH	01.....	BUSY	11.....
SPECTACLE	02.....	IMPRESS	12.....
BLOOD	03.....	CHANGE	13.....
SWIM	04.....	PARTICULAR	14.....
ADVENTURE	05.....	MUD	15.....
SUIT	06.....	SLIP	16.....
ROUGH	07.....	TYPE	17.....
ENTER	08.....	SWIM	18.....
SUCCESS	09.....	ICE	19.....
SUBSTANCE	10.....	ADVICE	20.....

Total points:/10 pts

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the text and complete the task. There are 10 phrases (A-L) missing from the article. Decide which of the phrases (A-L) best fits into each of the numbered gaps. Two are extra.

The Unseen Hero

Once upon a time, a high school student named Alex lived in the city of Metropolis. Alex was an ordinary teenager with 1)____. He had the ability to become invisible at will.

One day, while walking home from school, Alex noticed a crowd gathered around 2)____. The fire brigade was struggling to control the fire, and there was a rumour that (3)____ was inside. Alex slipped into an alley, activated his invisibility, and dashed into the burning building without (4)____.

Inside, the heat was high, and visibility was near zero due to the smoke. But Alex didn't panic. He remembered 5)____ he'd learned in school and stayed low to avoid the smoke. He followed 6)____ and found the child scared in a corner.

Alex calmed the child down and carried him on his back. He navigated through (7)____, using his other senses to find a safe path. Finally, they reached the entrance, and Alex set the child safely among the crowd before leaving secretly.

The crowd cheered for 8)____, but they were surprised about how the child had escaped the fire. The child spoke of a 'guardian angel' who saved him. The story spread and (9)____ was entitled the 'Unseen Hero'.

Back in the alley, Alex's heart filled with joy. He realised he could use his powers to help others, not just for fun. From that day forward, whenever Metropolis was in danger, the Unseen Hero was always there (10)____.

(*The Unseen Hero* (unknown author), <https://www.write4fun.net/view-entry/221457875>, adapted)

A. a burning building

B. a second thought

C. the mysterious saviour

D. to save the day

E. a trapped child

F. optimism and enthusiasm

G. the flames and smoke

H. the sound of cries

I. the child's safe return

J. the fire safety tips

K. to move abroad to live

L. an extraordinary secret

Total points:/10 pts

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Listen carefully and circle the correct answer. You will score five points.

1 What is the main feature of Eesha's invention – the supercapacitor energy storage device?

- A. The device is smaller than a single human cell.
- B. The device uses silicon or lithium-ion batteries.
- C. The device can store more energy than a battery.
- D. The device can store less energy than a battery.

2 What inspired Eesha to create her device?

- A. She was inspired by the need for faster charging for electric vehicles.
- B. She was inspired by her desire to make technology more environmentally friendly.
- C. She was inspired by the need for more energy storage for laptops and smartphones.
- D. She was inspired by the high energy and power capacity of conventional batteries.

3 What are the environmental features of Eesha's device compared to conventional batteries?

- A. The device uses rare-earth elements like cobalt or nickel.
- B. The device has a higher environmental impact than batteries.
- C. The device requires processing expensive materials.
- D. The device does not require processing earth elements like cobalt or nickel.

4 What does Eesha mean by the "lifespan" of her device?

- A. The lifespan refers to the duration for which the device can function effectively.
- B. The lifespan refers to the time it takes for the device to charge fully.
- C. The lifespan refers to the time it takes to manufacture the device.
- D. The lifespan refers to the time it takes for the device to be sold in the market.

5 What was one of the challenges Eesha faced in her research project?

- A. She had difficulty focusing on specific problems related to health care or education.
- B. She struggled to explore broader topics related to science.
- C. She had difficulty finding reliable sources of financing for her research project.
- D. She had difficulty meeting the criteria and expectations of her project.

Total points:/5 pts

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