


## Listen and read

### I was there!

5a  7.3 Listen to and/or read the eyewitness accounts and match them to the events.

- 1 Spain winning the World Cup, 2010 C
- 2 The launch of the first iPad, 2010
- 3 The launch of the final Harry Potter book, 2007
- 4 The London Olympics Opening Ceremony, 2012

b Are the statements below true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Rod knew what was going to be revealed before the event. F
- 2 He says people were impressed at the event.
- 3 Rod thinks technology wasn't very advanced at that point.
- 4 According to Clare, the event wasn't as good as people had expected.
- 5 She says the best part of the event was when the Queen arrived.
- 6 The banner Clare saw expressed the theme of the show for her.
- 7 Alvaro had bought his ticket a long time before the game.
- 8 He says the players were tired but the spectators were excited.
- 9 Alvaro thinks the team achieved something significant.
- 10 Jess felt lucky to have won the competition.
- 11 The event finished at midnight.
- 12 She didn't want to leave at the end of the night.

- a At the reception, the bride's father made a hilarious     in which he told lots of jokes about when he first met Jim.
- b When the     act came on, the fans went wild and some of them tried to get on the    .
- c The queues for the food     are long, but worth it! The food is amazing, and the children get free    .
- d My favourite part was the 'Animals'     – the people on it were wearing special animal     and dancing as it went past the cheering crowds.
- e The ceremony was beautiful, but when I saw the wooden     with flowers on it it was too much, and I cried, along with the other     there.
- f To celebrate 50 years of marriage, my grandparents had a huge party, with beautiful decorations. They invited lots of     who brought them some wonderful    .
- g In our town we do the same thing every year – a     through the town in the morning and a special meal in the afternoon, but the best thing is the colourful     display in the evening, when it's dark.

b Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

balloons   coffin   costumes   fireworks  
float   guests   headline   mourners   parade  
presents   ~~reception~~   speech   stage   stalls

## Vocabulary

### Special events

6a Match events 1–7 with sentences a–g.

- 1 Fair C
- 2 Carnival
- 3 Anniversary
- 4 Music festival
- 5 Wedding
- 6 Funeral
- 7 Public holiday

## Language focus 2

### Quantifiers

7 Correct the mistake in each sentence by crossing out or adding one word.

- 1 Has everyone got enough of food?
- 2 We know quite few of our neighbours, but not all of them.
- 3 We had a lot fun learning to scuba dive today.
- 4 I think we'll have a plenty of glasses for everyone.
- 5 There are a number reasons why the President resigned.
- 6 There was too much of food for four people to eat.
- 7 Over fifty people applied for the job, but a very few of them had the right qualifications.
- 8 There's a little of space for an extra chair here.
- 9 There are only a few of places where you can buy this type of cheese.
- 10 As any a doctor will tell you, you should eat a balanced diet.

- 8 Complete the gaps with quantifiers from the boxes below.

### Rollerblades

#### The best ★★★★★

##### Racers

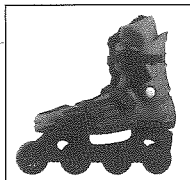
Super-fast and smooth, these skates come in <sup>1</sup> a number of different colours and have <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ extra features, including holes which give <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of ventilation. One small reservation is that there's <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ noise when you go at high speed.



#### The worst ★

##### Grippers

These skates take <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ time to put on – almost ten minutes – and don't provide <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ support. They come in <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ colours – only grey, black or white.



a number of    a great deal of    enough    plenty  
quite a few    too much    very few

### Choc 'n' Nut Ice cream

#### The best ★★★★★

##### Naughty and Nutty

This ice cream is full of flavour and should satisfy <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate lovers. There are <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ nuts and not <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ sugar.



#### The worst ★

##### Nut and Choc

There are <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ nuts in this ice cream, but not many, and <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate. There is also <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ sugar. A real disappointment.



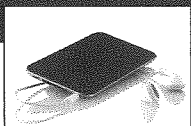
any    plenty of    some    too much (x2)  
very little

### MP3 Players

#### The best ★★★★★

##### Genesis

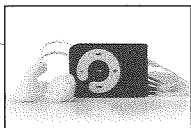
We tried <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ albums from pop to classical and <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ kind of music sounded superb. There are only <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ special features, but these are simple to use. The only problem is that <sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ shops actually have it in stock.



#### The worst ★

##### Horizon

We didn't think <sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the albums played well. It looks quite futuristic but there are <sup>19</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ buttons and flashing lights for our liking.



a few    a number of    any (x2)  
too many    very few

## Wordspot

### take

- 9 Replace the words in bold with a phrase with *take* in the box in the correct form.

it takes    take after    take care of    ~~take off~~  
take notes    take part    take place    take up

take off  
y

- You should **remove** all your jewellery before you go on a sunbed.
- How long **is the journey** to get to the station?
- Mrs Evans has offered to **look after** the cats while we're away.
- I noticed that you **wrote information down** during the presentation.
- I don't think **I'm like** anyone in my family.
- Police reports say the accident **happened** just before midnight.
- My sister's spent a lot of money on equipment since she **started** photography.
- I'd love to **be involved** in a huge demonstration.

## Writing

### A review of an event

- 10a Read the review and match the topics in A with the information the reviewer gives in B. Complete the gaps in B where necessary.

A

- the reason for going b
- how many people were there \_\_\_\_\_
- the atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_
- the reactions of the crowd \_\_\_\_\_
- the highlight(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- the negative(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- whether the reviewer would recommend it \_\_\_\_\_

B

- they loved it
- had seen him on TV and was bought a ticket as a \_\_\_\_\_ present
- some of the jokes weren't \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ and friendly
- yes, even if you're not a big \_\_\_\_\_ of stand-up comedy
- a dance \_\_\_\_\_
- thousands

- b Think of an event you have been to, e.g. a comedy show, a concert or a play. Make notes on the topics in exercise 10a, section A.

- c Write a review of the event.

# A NIGHT WITH JAMIES REECE

I'm not normally a huge fan of stand-up comedy, but I had seen James Reece before on TV, so when my girlfriend bought me a ticket to his show for my birthday, I was actually quite looking forward to the show.

Thousands of people had turned up to see him perform, and the general mood of the crowd was relaxed and friendly – it seemed everyone was in a good mood and looking forward to a few laughs. The show started on time, and from the outset Reece was on top form. He opened with an anecdote about having recently had a baby, and then followed up with a few jokes about recent events in the news. The crowd loved it, applauding the carefully constructed jokes and cheering some of the funniest.

The highlight of the evening was when he did a dance routine, mocking a performer who had recently given a performance on national TV. It was so funny that I was in tears. The one thing I didn't like about the show though was that there were a few jokes I've heard him use before on TV, which was a bit of a shame as I'd expected the material to be new.

Overall though, I'd definitely recommend going to see him if you have the chance. Even if you're not a great fan of stand-up comedy, you'll love the show. What's more, you'll be quietly laughing to yourself for days after, as you keep remembering jokes from the show!


## Language live Awkward social situations

11 Rearrange the words to make responses, then match them with situations 1–5.


- a doesn't / slightest / It / the / matter / in
- b possibly / more / couldn't / any / I / manage
- c again / see / How / to / you / lovely
- d eat / I / afraid / prawns / can't / I'm
- e love / able to / but / I'd / think / to come / I / don't / be / I'll

- 1 Your great aunt invites you to a history lecture, which you are sure will be very boring.  
I'd love to come, but I don't think I'll be able to.
- 2 Your girlfriend's mother offers you another piece of cake, but you don't really like it.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 At a dinner party the host offers you some prawns, but you are allergic to them.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 A woman comes up to you in a supermarket and tells you that you were at school together, but you don't remember her.  
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- 5 Your friend is upset because her puppy chewed your bag while you were at her house having coffee.  
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## Pronunciation Sounding polite

12a  7.4 Listen to some phrases said twice. Which one sounds more polite, A or B?

- 1 I hope I didn't offend you. ☒ A
- 2 How's everything going? ☐ B
- 3 Don't worry, it's not important. ☐ B
- 4 No, really. I couldn't manage any more. ☐ B
- 5 It doesn't matter. These things happen. ☐ B
- 6 I'll call you if I get a chance next week. ☐ B

b  7.5 Listen and practise saying the phrases with polite intonation.