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In this article, we have 100+ Duolingo English Test practice questions and high-scoring, model answers for you to study with. You may wish to print these out and fold them over so that the example question is on one side and the model answer is on the other side. Alternatively, you can just answer the question and then scroll down when you have finished to reveal the example response. Either way, with these cue cards you can practice



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👉 As you gain more familiarity with the questions, try using a timer to make sure you are answering the questions within the time limits set by Duolingo.



(1-17) "Read and Complete" Questions and Answers

"Read and Complete" questions appear 4-6 times throughout the test and count towards your Literacy and Comprehension subscores. You are given 3 minutes to fill in all the blanks.

1. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #1 

02:46 

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

European Space Agency's Mission to Mars

The European Space Agency has been long planning to s e an unmanned mission t Mars. The project aims t gather valuable d a about Mars's geological h i s t , and the existence of p o s s life forms. The mission, h o w e , has been frequently delayed d u to technical issues and budget c o n s t r .

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Practice Question 1



02:13

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

European Space Agency's Mission to Mars

The European Space Agency has been long planning to send an unmanned mission to Mars. The project aims to gather valuable data about Mars's geological history, and the existence of possible life forms. The mission, however, has been frequently delayed due to technical issues and budget constraints.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Sample Answer 1

2. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #2 🕵️

02:55

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

The Life and Legacy of Amelia Earhart

From a young age, Amelia Earhart was fascinated by their idea of flight. After becoming the first woman to fly across the Atlantic, she decided to undertake an around-the-world flight. She disappeared during this final flight, over the Pacific Ocean, but her legacy as a pioneer aviator lives on.

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02:37

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

The Life and Legacy of Amelia Earhart

From a young age, Amelia Earhart was fascinated by t h e idea of flight. After
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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Sample Answer 2

3. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #3

02:59

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

The Renaissance and its Impact on Europe

The Renaissance was a cultural movement that profoundly affected E u r o p e
intellectual life in t h e early modern period. Beginning in I t a l y , and spreading to
t h e rest of Europe by the 1 6 t h century, its influence affected
l i t t e r a t u r e , philosophy, art, politics, science, r e l i g i o n , and other
aspects o f intellectual inquiry.



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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Practice Question 3

02:59 ▶

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

The Renaissance and its Impact on Europe

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intellectual life in the early modern period. Beginning in Italy, and spreading to
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the rest of Europe by the 16th century, its influence affected

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Literature, philosophy, art, politics, science, religion, and other
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aspects of intellectual inquiry.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Sample Answer 3

4. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #4 IT

02:59 ▶

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

Transportation in Venice

The city of Venice, Italy, is known for its unique transport system. Since it's built on islands with canals, there are no cars in Venice. Instead, people get around by walking, or by using boats called gondolas. The gondola drivers, known as gondoliers, skillfully navigate the narrow waterways.



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Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Sample Answer 4

5. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #5 

02:59 ▶

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

Handling a Child's Tantrums

When dealing with a child's tantrums, it's important to remember t h e x p e r i e n t e n s e intense emotions and may n o t know how to handle t h e. Stay calm and composed, offer c o m f o r m a c and reassurance, and acknowledge t h e e feelings while setting clear and c o n s i c o n s i c o n s i boundaries.

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Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Sample Answer 5

6. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #6 ⚡

02:59 ▶

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

The Great Barrier Reef and its Challenges

The Great Barrier Reef, located off the coast of Queensland, Australia, is the largest coral reef system in the world. It spans over 2,300 kilometers and is home to countless species of marine life. Unfortunately, due to climate change and pollution, the reef has been experiencing significant bleaching events.



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02:18 ⏴

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Model Answer 6

7. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #7 📜



02:59

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

Mount Everest: The Perilous Allure

Mount Everest, located in the Himalayas, is the highest p e a k above sea level g l o b a l l y. Many climbers a t t e m p t to reach i t s summit, but not all s u c c e e d due to harsh weather conditions, a l t i t u d e sickness, and avalanche r i s k s. Despite the danger, the a l l u r e of conquering the world's tallest mountain remains irresistible to many.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Practice Question 7

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Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Model Answer 7

8. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #8 🖥

02:53 ⏸

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

Continuing Education in Technology

In the fast-paced world of technology, keeping your s k i l l s up to date c a n be a challenge. Coding l a n g u a g e s change and evolve, a n d what was o n c e the industry standard may n o longer be relevant. It's e s s e n t i a l to keep learning a n d adapting to stay ahead in t h e tech industry.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Practice Question 8

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Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Model Answer 8

9. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #9

02:52

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

NASA's Exploration of Mars

In the 1960s, the American space agency N A began planning missions t Mars. Scientists believed t h the red planet m i g have water, a n possibly even life. B the early 2000s, several unmanned s p a c e had landed on Mars, s e n d back valuable d a about its a t m o s and geology.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Practice Question 9

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Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

NASA's Exploration of Mars

In the 1960s, the American space agency NASA began planning missions to Mars.
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By sending back valuable data about its atmosphere and geology.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Model Answer Question 9

10. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #10 🎨

02:52 ⏸

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

The Impact of the Industrial Revolution on Urbanization

One of the most significant outcomes of the Industrial Revolution was the dramatic increase in urban population. People moved to cities in search of job opportunities. This led to overcrowding, poor sanitation, and resulted in health problems. The government had to intervene and enforce new housing policies.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Practice Question 10

01:28 ⏴

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

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11. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #11 

02:52 ⓘ

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

The Debate on Organic Farming

The popularity of organic farming has grown significantly over the p a s t few decades. Advocates argue it i s better for the environment and t h e health of c o n s u m e r s. However, critics argue t h a t organic farming is l e s s efficient, producing less food per a c r e and therefore requiring more l a n d.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Practice Question 11

01:31 ⓘ

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

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12. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #12 

02:58 

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

The Impact of Global Warming

Global warming is a significant issue that affects us **a l l**. It is primarily a **r e s u l t** of greenhouse gases produced **b y** human activities. Over the **p a s t** century, these activities have **r e s u l t e d** in a considerable increase **i n** the earth's average temperature, **l e a d i n g** to devastating effects on the **e n v i r o n m e n t**.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Practice Question 12

02:40 

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

The Impact of Global Warming

Global warming is a significant issue that affects us **a l l**. It is primarily a **r e s u l t** of greenhouse gases produced **b y** human activities. Over the **p a s t** century, these activities have **r e s u l t e d** in a considerable increase **i n** the earth's average temperature, **l e a d i n g** to devastating effects on the **e n v i r o n m e n t**.

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13. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #13 🐾

02:58 ⏴

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

The Plight of the Australian Koala

The Australian koala is an iconic species, well-loved for i t unique appearance a n behavior. However, t h species is currently facing a s e r i threat due to h a b i loss and climate change. Efforts a r being made to preserve their n a t u habitats and create conservation p l a to ensure their survival.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Practice Question 13

02:26 ⏴

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

The Plight of the Australian Koala

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Model Answer 13

14. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #14 ☕

02:54 ⓘ

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

The History of Coffee Cultivation

The cultivation of coffee first took place i southern Arabia. The earliest credible evidence of coffee-drinking appears i the middle o the 15th century in two monasteries in Yemen. Coffee beans w e exported from Ethiopia to Yemen, where they were used t prepare the b e v e known today.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Practice Question 14

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Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Model Answer 14

15. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #15 

02:51 

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

The Importance of Libraries

The local library isn't just a place where y o can borrow books. I also provides a quiet s p a for reading, s t u d, or working. L i b r a often host events, such as a u t readings and book c l u. Many libraries also offer online r e s o u, including e-books and a c a d databases.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Practice Question 15

01:19 

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

The Importance of Libraries

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Model Answer 15

16. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #16 🎅

02:54 ⓘ

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

The City in a Snowstorm

On most days, the city streets are filled w i n g bustling people, honking cars a n d street vendors selling t h e i r wares. But when a snowstorm h i c k , everything changes. The streets become q u i e t as a blanket of s n o w covers the city, transforming it into a w i n t e r wonderland.

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Practice Question 16

01:26 ⏴

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

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transforming it into a w i n t e r wonderland.
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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Model Answer 16

17. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #17 ❄️

02:54 ⓘ

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

Roald Amundsen's Historic Arctic Expedition

During the 1920s, there was an enormous i n t e in exploring the Arctic regions. O n of the most famous expeditions w a led by the Norwegian e x p l o r e , Roald Amundsen. Despite the h a r weather conditions, h i team managed to reach the N o r Pole, making history and inspiring f u t generations of e x p l o r e .

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Complete" Practice Question 17

01:29 ⓘ

Type the missing letters to complete the text below.

Roald Amundsen's Historic Arctic Expedition

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(18-34) "Fill in the Blanks" Questions and Answers

18. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #1

00:12 ⏸ ⏹

Fill in the Blanks #198

Medium

Complete the sentence with the correct word

After much effort and dedication, he finally achieved his much-desired w .

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00:00 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #198

Medium

Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

After much effort and dedication, he finally achieved his much-desired w i n .

w i n

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 1 Answer

19. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #2

00:13 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #197

Hard

Complete the sentence with the correct word

After many struggles and challenges, the team finally achieved their t r i .

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 2



00:08 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #197

Hard

⟳ Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

After many struggles and challenges, the team finally achieved their t r i u m p h.

t r i u m p h

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 2 Answer

20. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #3

00:09 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #196

Very Hard

Complete the sentence with the correct word

His arrest was not an admission of guilt, but a formal i n d i c [] [] [] signaling the beginning of legal proceedings.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 3



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Fill in the Blanks #196

Very Hard

 Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

His arrest was not an admission of guilt, but a formal indictment signaling the beginning of legal proceedings.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 3 Answer

21. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #4

00:14

Fill in the Blanks #195

Very Easy

Complete the sentence with the correct word

My bicycle has a flat tire and fixing it has been a real p r o _____ for me.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 4

00:17 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #195

Very Easy

⟳ Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

My bicycle has a flat tire and fixing it has been a real p r o b l e m for me.

p r o b l e m

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 4 Answer

22. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #5

00:13 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #194

Easy

Complete the sentence with the correct word

He pursued his passion for writing and became a well-known j o u r n a l i s t in the newspaper industry.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 5



00:09 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #194

Easy

⟳ Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

He pursued his passion for writing and became a well-known j o u r n a l i s t in the
j o u r n a l i s t
newspaper industry.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 5 Answer

23. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #6

00:13 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #193

Medium

Complete the sentence with the correct word

Despite her tough exterior, she was a very k i person at heart.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 6



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Fill in the Blanks #193

Medium

Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

Despite her tough exterior, she was a very k i n d person at heart.

k i n d

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 6 Answer

24. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #7

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Fill in the Blanks #190

Very Easy

Complete the sentence with the correct word

In order to access the advanced features of this program, you must first learn how to u _____ it properly.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 7



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Fill in the Blanks #190

Very Easy

⟳ Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

In order to access the advanced features of this program, you must first learn how to u s e it
properly.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 7 Answer

25. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #8

00:13 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #188

Medium

Complete the sentence with the correct word

Before the storm hit, the authorities tried to w a the public about the potential danger.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 8



00:08 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #188

Medium

⟳ Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

Before the storm hit, the authorities tried to w a r n the public about the potential danger.

w a r n

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 8 Answer

26. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #9

00:07 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #187

Hard

Complete the sentence with the correct word

When she fell ill during her travels, she immediately sought help from a local

p h y s i c i a n .

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 9



00:04 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #187

Hard

⟳ Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

When she fell ill during her travels, she immediately sought help from a local

p h y s i c i a n.

p h y s i c i a n

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 9 Answer

27. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #10

00:15 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #186

Very Hard

Complete the sentence with the correct word

The news report focused on the dangerous ideologies of the e x t r a c t o r who orchestrated the violent protests.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 10



00:02 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #186

Very Hard

⟳ Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

The news report focused on the dangerous ideologies of the e x t r e m i s t who
orchestrated the violent protests.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 10 Answer

28. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #11

00:11 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #185

Very Easy

Complete the sentence with the correct word

The cat hid u n the couch when it heard a loud noise.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 11



00:09 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #185

Very Easy

⟳ Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

The cat hid u n d e r the couch when it heard a loud noise.

u n d e r

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 11 Answer

29. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #12

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Fill in the Blanks #182

Hard

Complete the sentence with the correct word

Despite their strong friendship, Sarah and Mike often c o n f over their differing political views.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 12



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Fill in the Blanks #182

Hard

⟳ Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

Despite their strong friendship, Sarah and Mike often c o n f l i c t over their differing political views.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 12 Answer

30. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #13

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Fill in the Blanks #181

Very Hard

Complete the sentence with the correct word

Every Saturday, John spends a few hours mowing his l a to keep it neat and tidy.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 13



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Fill in the Blanks #181

Very Hard

⟳ Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

Every Saturday, John spends a few hours mowing his l a w n to keep it neat and tidy.

l a w n

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 13 Answer

31. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #14

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Fill in the Blanks #180

Very Easy

Complete the sentence with the correct word

When he accidentally stepped on her foot, he quickly exclaimed, ' s o ! I didn't see you there.'

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 14



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Fill in the Blanks #180 Very Easy

⟳ Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

When he accidentally stepped on her foot, he quickly exclaimed, ' s o r r y ! I didn't see
' s o r r y !
you there.'

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 14 Answer

32. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #15

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Fill in the Blanks #179 Easy

Complete the sentence with the correct word

She bought a new dress from the s h in the city center.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 15



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Fill in the Blanks #179

Easy

Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

She bought a new dress from the s h o p in the city center.

s h o p

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 15 Answer

33. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #16

00:08 ⏴ ⏵

Fill in the Blanks #178

Medium

Complete the sentence with the correct word

His confident manner and well-thought-out presentation made a very good

i m p r e on the interview panel.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 16



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Fill in the Blanks #178

Medium

Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

His confident manner and well-thought-out presentation made a very good

i m p r e s s i o n on the interview panel.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 16 Answer

34. "Fill in the Blanks" Cue Card #17

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Fill in the Blanks #176

Very Hard

Complete the sentence with the correct word

My grandmother gave me her b e l necklace, which has been in our family for generations.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 17



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Fill in the Blanks #176

Very Hard

⟳ Solve again

Complete the sentence with the correct word

My grandmother gave me her **b e l o v e d** necklace, which has been in our family for
generations.

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Duolingo English Test "Fill in the Blanks" Practice Question 17 Answer

(35-51) "Read and Select" Questions and Answers

"Read and Select" questions appear 4-6 times on the test, and they also count toward your Literacy and Comprehension subscores. You will have 1 minute to select all the *real* English words from the list presented.

35. "Read and Select" Cue Card #1



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Read and Select (new format) #1965

Very Easy

Is this a real English word?

guited

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 1

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Read and Select (new format) #1965

Very Easy

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

guited

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: not real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 1

36. "Read and Select" Cue Card #2



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Read and Select (new format) #1964

Easy

Is this a real English word?

inscide

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 2

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Read and Select (new format) #1964

Easy

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

inscide

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: not real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 2

37. "Read and Complete" Cue Card #3



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Read and Select (new format) #1963

Medium

Is this a real English word?

calm

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 3

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Read and Select (new format) #1963

Medium

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

calm

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 3

38. "Read and Select" Cue Card #4



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Read and Select (new format) #1962

Hard

Is this a real English word?

raggete

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 4

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Read and Select (new format) #1962

Hard

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

raggete

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: not real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 4

39. "Read and Select" Cue Card #5



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Read and Select (new format) #1961

Very Hard

Is this a real English word?

unpostair

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 5

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Read and Select (new format) #1961

Very Hard

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

unpostair

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: not real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 5

40. "Read and Select" Cue Card #6



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Read and Select (new format) #1960

Very Easy

Is this a real English word?

thoud

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 6

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Read and Select (new format) #1960

Very Easy

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

thoud

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: not real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 6

41. "Read and Select" Cue Card #7



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Read and Select (new format) #1958

Medium

Is this a real English word?

magic

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 7

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Read and Select (new format) #1958

Medium

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

magic

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 7

42. "Read and Select" Cue Card #8



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Read and Select (new format) #1957

Hard

Is this a real English word?

receptinuit

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 8

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Read and Select (new format) #1957

Hard

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

receptinuit

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: not real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 8

43. "Read and Select" Cue Card #9



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Read and Select (new format) #1956

Very Hard

Is this a real English word?

pronounced

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 9

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Read and Select (new format) #1956

Very Hard

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

pronounced

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 9

44. "Read and Select" Cue Card #10



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Read and Select (new format) #1955

Very Easy

Is this a real English word?

pool

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 10

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Read and Select (new format) #1955

Very Easy

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

pool

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 10

45. "Read and Select" Cue Card #11



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Read and Select (new format) #1954

Easy

Is this a real English word?

instantment

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 11

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Read and Select (new format) #1954

Easy

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

instantment

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: not real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 11

46. "Read and Select" Cue Card #12



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Read and Select (new format) #1951

Very Hard

Is this a real English word?

shatter

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 12

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Read and Select (new format) #1951

Very Hard

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

shatter

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 12

47. "Read and Select" Cue Card #13



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Read and Select (new format) #1950

Very Easy

Is this a real English word?

jelleter

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 13

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Read and Select (new format) #1950

Very Easy

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

jelleter

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: not real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 13

48. "Read and Select" Cue Card #14



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Read and Select (new format) #1949

Easy

Is this a real English word?

semet

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 14

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Read and Select (new format) #1949

Easy

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

semet

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: not real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 14

49. "Read and Select" Cue Card #15



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Read and Select (new format) #1948

Medium

Is this a real English word?

parmine

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 15

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Read and Select (new format) #1948

Medium

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

parmine

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: not real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 15

50. "Read and Select" Cue Card #16



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Read and Select (new format) #1947

Hard

Is this a real English word?

tension

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 16

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Read and Select (new format) #1947

Hard

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

tension

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 16

51. "Read and Select" Cue Card #17



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Read and Select (new format) #1946

Very Hard

Is this a real English word?

municulting

✓ Yes

✗ No

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Practice Question 17

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Read and Select (new format) #1946

Very Hard

⟳ Solve again

Is this a real English word?

municulting

✓ Yes

✗ No

Answer: not real word

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Duolingo English Test "Read and Select" Model Answer 17

👉 Were any of the "real English words" in these lists unfamiliar to you? If so, you may want to make a note of their spelling and definition so you can revisit them later.



(52-68) "Write About the Photo" Questions and Answers

"Write about the photo" questions require writing a description of the picture in response to the image on the screen in 1 minute. These questions count towards your Literacy and Production subscores and come up three times on the test. As a reminder, you should always try to write more than one sentence in response.

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52. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #1 🐻



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Write a description of the image below for 1 minute.



Your response



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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 1

The woman appears to be walking her pet dog, and both parties seem to be gazing into the distance. Because there is a boat behind the woman and dog, it is likely that they are at a harbor, surveying a body of water. The dog has a **fluorescent** orange collar, thick grey fur, and a long **snout**. The woman has short, brown hair; a **canary** yellow **raincoat**; and wears a **stoic** expression. The sky is light grey, suggesting that it is a cold, rainy morning.

Word count - 85

53. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #2 ☀



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Write a description of the image below for 1 minute.



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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 2

A smiling young woman poses for the photograph, with her arms **outstretched**, seemingly emphasizing the natural beauty of her **surroundings**. She sits cross-**legged** on a wooden boat sailing down a river. Given the camera around her neck, we can infer that she is **sightseeing**, perhaps on a vacation. Her shorts, the sunshine, and rich foliage indicate that it is a summer day, or perhaps that she is in a country with a hot climate.

Word count - 74

54. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #3 🙏



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Write a description of the image below for 1 minute.



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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 3

Two **Buddhist** monks, adorned in traditional orange and yellow robes and **sandals**, appear to be **meandering** through a park. Their tranquil **demeanor** suggests they are in no rush to get to their destination; perhaps they are **leisurely** making their way back to their monastery. They appear to be engaged in conversation because the monk on the right has his head turned towards the other, indicating that he is listening carefully. As it is bright outside, and the leaves on the trees are green, it is likely a spring or summer morning.

Word count - 91

55. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #4



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Write a description of the image below for 1 minute.



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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 4

A man resplendent in a black suit and tie **scrutinizes** the time on his **wristwatch**. His formal clothing and briefcase suggest that he is a businessman en route to work and his concerned expression suggests that he is running late - probably due to the **tardiness** of the train pulling in behind him! The tightly grasped coffee, abundance of natural light, and **sunglasses** all signify that it is morning; despite the light, the **wizened leafless** trees reveal that the season is winter.

Word count - 80

56. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #5 🎃



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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 5

A young child is **sprinting** frenetically through a park or forest. The leaves on the ground and trees are **ablaze** with **vibrant** orange, suggesting that it's autumn -- the fading light indicates that dusk is swiftly approaching. Her open mouth, urgent pace, and the absence of others denote a sense of **eerie** doom -- perhaps she is running away from a **malevolent** presence or towards assistance.

Word count - 64

57. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #6 🍷



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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 6

A woman beams as she **delicately** adds a block to a precarious Jenga tower. There is a leg in the periphery of the frame, hinting that she is **unwinding** with a loved one, perhaps her spouse. Both individuals are dressed in **comfy** attire, perhaps **pyjamas**, and there is wine on the table, and cozy lamps light the room -- it is likely a laxadaisical Saturday night in. It's possible they are **revelling** in each others' company and completing the puzzle in order to recover from a **hectic** work week.

Word count - 88

58. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #7 🎉



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Write a description of the image below for 1 minute.



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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 7

A young man is inquisitively surveying a greenhouse or **botanical** store with a **fluffy** kitten perched on his shoulder. The natural light streaming through the windows implies it is morning. As the young man contemplates his next purchase or decides the plant needs his **nourishment next**, he remains **oblivious** to the kitten's intentions! The adorable **feline** is curiously **scrutinizing** a nearby object just outside of the frame. Perhaps it is contemplating an **audacious** leap from his companion's shoulder, ready to wreak charming, but **mischiefous havoc** on some **greenery**.

Word count - 88 words

59. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #8 



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Write a description of the image below for 1 minute.



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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 8

A young woman and a **skydiving** instructor look up to the camera during their descent to document the experience. They are both smiling indicating that they are enjoying the experience, this is **corroborated** by the woman's "thumbs-up" gesture. The ground below them is rich green, indicating that they will be landing somewhere pastoral and **bucolic**.

Word count - 55

60. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #9 🐶



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Write a description of the image below for 1 minute.



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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 9

A woman and her **canine** companion sit in a cozy, yellow **armchair**. The woman is casually **perusing** a magazine and the dog is looking directly at the camera - he has his mouth wide open and ears pricked suggesting he is **enthused** by the photographer. Because the woman and dog are intimately sharing the seat and in such close proximity we can infer they are tremendous companions to each other. The sunshine peeking through, informal attire, and bare feet indicate the woman and dog are in their home.

Word count - 87

61. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #10 🐾



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Write a description of the image below for 1 minute.



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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 10

A person is surfing a **gargantuan** wave at sunset. They are most likely riding ocean waves, given the **turquoise** hue and vast **expanse** of water in the distance. The person looks extremely focused, and their firm stance suggests they are an expert at the sport -- they might be at the beach to master or **hone** their skills further.

Word count - 58

62. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #11



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Write a description of the image below for 1 minute.



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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 11

A professionally dressed woman gently massages her forehead and temples, her elbows resting on the table, likely located in a board room. She is **encircled** by paperwork, her countenance stern and stressed, despite the massaging; it's as if she is trying to remain composed. Besides her are two men clad in **impeccable** black suits, presumably her colleagues. It is implied that the woman is **overburdened** by work and the requests being made either side of her.

Word count - 76

63. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #12 🧑



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Write a description of the image below for 1 minute.



Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 12

The image depicts two young girls communicating through a **makeshift** tin can telephone. The girl on the left is whispering into the cup while her companion is listening **intently**; given their solemn expressions and covert communication methods, perhaps they are exchanging secrets. Both girls are **reclining** on the grass denoting their intimate but casual relationship. The fact that they are outside and wearing **sleeveless** shirts suggests it is a spring or summer afternoon.

Word count - 73

64. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #13 🎭



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Write a description of the image below for 1 minute.



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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 13

The photo displays what looks to be the commencement of a yoga class. The two prominent women in the frame are looking ahead, perhaps towards an instructor, and listening actively. They have **unwavering** focus as if they are trying to absorb the instructor's every word so they can replicate the instructor's poses later. The clean **hardwood** floors, gym attire, and yoga mats suggest that this is taking place in an **upscale** studio during daylight hours.

Word count - 75

65. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #14



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Write a description of the image below for 1 minute.



Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 14

A man and a woman are standing and brushing their teeth. Their intimate proximity, casual pajamas, and the private, **pedestrian** act they are performing imply they are a cohabitating or married couple. Given that the scene is a reflection in a mirror illuminated by overhead light we can **glean** that they are in the bathroom at their shared home and that they are preparing for slumber as part of their **nighttime regimen**.

Word count - 72

66. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #15 🧼



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Write a description of the image below for 1 minute.



Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 15

A young woman is feeding a horse from her hands amidst the woodland. She dons sturdy cowboy boots, indicating her awareness of appropriate attire and **footwear** for **equestrian** pursuits. The horse radiates **tranquility**, as does his counterpart, implying they have a pre-established, comfortable relationship. Sunlight filters through the trees and the woman wears a **gossamer** pink dress suggesting that it is a refreshing spring or summer morning.

Word count - 67

67. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #16 😊



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Write a description of the image below for 1 minute.



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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 16

A woman lays with her eyes shut in her bed. She is quite **pallid** hinting that she might be sick or **melancholic**. This is **corroborated** by the amount of natural light in the room, suggesting she is slumbering although it is day time. As her head is resting on her arm, it is possible she may be awake and just shutting her eyes to rest. The bedsheets, pillows, and her **pyjamas** are all **pristine** white showing that she **meticulously** takes care of her home.

Word count - 84

68. "Write About the Photo" Cue Card #17 🎉



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Write a description of the image below for 1 minute.



Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Write about the Photo" Practice Question 17

A young man stands **stoically atop** a rock on a **mountainside**, seemingly **enamored** by the view. He holds a camera, suggesting that he was previously taking photos but is now stepping back to **seep** in Mother Nature's majesty. The mountain is dusted with snow and he is wearing a knitted hat, suggesting the mountain is in a place with a polar climate. He appears small and alone in the vast **expanse**, highlighting that this has been no small feat for him, but that he is determined to continue his voyage.

Word count - 90

(69-85) "Interactive Reading" Questions and Answers

"Interactive Reading" questions form part of your Literacy and Comprehension subscores. There are two sets of "Interactive Reading" questions, and each set has six questions. As you have two sets of questions and 7-8 minutes to complete them, you should aim to spend approximately 1 minute on each question.

69. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #1



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PASSAGE

Emily, an **1** marine biologist, had recently **2** to a coastal town to start her internship at a well-known ocean conservation organization. Upon joining the organization, she discovered their **3** beach cleanup event was just weeks away. **4** to participate, Emily volunteered to help organize the event and spread the word in the community. She created flyers, posted on social media, and **5** local schools to educate students about the importance of keeping the oceans clean and the impact of human activities on marine life.

Select the best option for each missing word.

1 Select a word ▾

2 Select a word ▾

3 Select a word ▾

4 Select a word ▾

5 Select a word ▾

6 Select a word ▾

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Practice Question 1



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Emily, an **1** aspiring marine biologist, had recently moved **2** to a coastal town to start her internship at a well-known ocean conservation organization. Upon joining the organization, she discovered their **3** annual beach cleanup event was just weeks away. **4** Eager to participate, Emily volunteered to help organize the event and spread the word in the community. She created flyers, posted on social media, and **5** even visited local schools to educate students about the importance of keeping the oceans clean and the impact of human activities on marine life.

Select the best option for each missing word.

1 aspiring

2 moved

3 annual

4 Eager

5 even

6 visited

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Model Answer 1

70. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #2



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Emily, an aspiring marine biologist, had recently moved to a coastal town to start her internship at a well-known ocean conservation organization. Upon joining the organization, she discovered their annual beach cleanup event was just weeks away. Eager to participate, Emily volunteered to help organize the event and spread the word in the community. She created flyers, posted on social media, and even visited local schools to educate students about the importance of keeping the oceans clean and the impact of human activities on marine life.

Together, they collected hundreds of pounds of trash, contributing to a healthier marine ecosystem and a cleaner coastal environment.

Select the best sentence to fill in the blank.

- Emily was surprised to find a hidden treasure chest on the beach.
- When the day of the beach cleanup arrived, Emily was thrilled to see a large turnout of people from the community, including many students she had spoken to.
- Emily decided to take a day off and relax before the event.
- She bought a new swimsuit for the beach cleanup event.

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Practice Question 2



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When the day of the beach cleanup arrived, Emily was thrilled to see a large turnout of people from the community, including many students she had spoken to.

Together, they collected hundreds of pounds of trash, contributing to a healthier marine ecosystem and a cleaner coastal environment.

Select the best sentence to fill in the blank.

Emily was surprised to find a hidden treasure chest on the beach.

When the day of the beach cleanup arrived, Emily was thrilled to see a large turnout of people from the community, including many students she had spoken to.

Emily decided to take a day off and relax before the event.

She bought a new swimsuit for the beach cleanup event.

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Model Answer 2

71. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #3



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PASSAGE

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Click and drag the text to highlight the answer to the question below.

What event was Emily eager to participate in?

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Practice Question 3



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PASSAGE

Emily, an aspiring marine biologist, had recently moved to a coastal town to start her internship at a well-known ocean conservation organization. Upon joining the organization, she discovered their annual beach cleanup event was just weeks away. Eager to participate, Emily volunteered to help organize the event and spread the word in the community. She created flyers, posted on social media, and even visited local schools to educate students about the importance of keeping the oceans clean and the impact of human activities on marine life. When the day of the beach cleanup arrived, Emily was thrilled to see a large turnout of people from the community, including many students she had spoken to. Together, they collected hundreds of pounds of trash, contributing to a healthier marine ecosystem and a cleaner coastal environment.

Click and drag the text to highlight the answer to the question below.

What event was Emily eager to participate in?

their annual beach cleanup event

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Model Answer 3

72. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #4



PASSAGE

Emily, an aspiring marine biologist, had recently moved to a coastal town to start her internship at a well-known ocean conservation organization. Upon joining the organization, she discovered their annual beach cleanup event was just weeks away. Eager to participate, Emily volunteered to help organize the event and spread the word in the community. She created flyers, posted on social media, and even visited local schools to educate students about the importance of keeping the oceans clean and the impact of human activities on marine life. When the day of the beach cleanup arrived, Emily was thrilled to see a large turnout of people from the community, including many students she had spoken to. Together, they collected hundreds of pounds of trash, contributing to a healthier marine ecosystem and a cleaner coastal environment.

Select the idea that is expressed in the passage.

- The ocean conservation organization where Emily works focuses solely on educating students about marine life and does not organize any beach cleanup events.
- Emily, an aspiring marine biologist, volunteers to help organize a beach cleanup event and successfully raises awareness about ocean conservation in her community.
- Emily's efforts to spread awareness about the beach cleanup event are unsuccessful, resulting in a low turnout and minimal impact on the coastal environment.
- Emily moves to a coastal town to study marine life and ends up starting her own ocean conservation organization.

Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Practice Question 4



PASSAGE

Emily, an aspiring marine biologist, had recently moved to a coastal town to start her internship at a well-known ocean conservation organization. Upon joining the organization, she discovered their annual beach cleanup event was just weeks away. Eager to participate, Emily volunteered to help organize the event and spread the word in the community. She created flyers, posted on social media, and even visited local schools to educate students about the importance of keeping the oceans clean and the impact of human activities on marine life. When the day of the beach cleanup arrived, Emily was thrilled to see a large turnout of people from the community, including many students she had spoken to. Together, they collected hundreds of pounds of trash, contributing to a healthier marine ecosystem and a cleaner coastal environment.

Select the idea that is expressed in the passage.

The ocean conservation organization where Emily works focuses solely on educating students about marine life and does not organize any beach cleanup events.

Emily, an aspiring marine biologist, volunteers to help organize a beach cleanup event and successfully raises awareness about ocean conservation in her community.

Emily's efforts to spread awareness about the beach cleanup event are unsuccessful, resulting in a low turnout and minimal impact on the coastal environment.

Emily moves to a coastal town to study marine life and ends up starting her own ocean conservation organization.

Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Model Answer 4

73. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #5



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PASSAGE

Emily, an aspiring marine biologist, had recently moved to a coastal town to start her internship at a well-known ocean conservation organization. Upon joining the organization, she discovered their annual beach cleanup event was just weeks away. Eager to participate, Emily volunteered to help organize the event and spread the word in the community. She created flyers, posted on social media, and even visited local schools to educate students about the importance of keeping the oceans clean and the impact of human activities on marine life. When the day of the beach cleanup arrived, Emily was thrilled to see a large turnout of people from the community, including many students she had spoken to. Together, they collected hundreds of pounds of trash, contributing to a healthier marine ecosystem and a cleaner coastal environment.

Select the best title of the passage.

- Emily's Beach Cleanup Efforts
- Ocean Conservation: A Global Perspective
- The Effects of Climate Change on Coastal Towns
- Marine Biology: Career Opportunities

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Practice Question 5



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PASSAGE

Emily, an aspiring marine biologist, had recently moved to a coastal town to start her internship at a well-known ocean conservation organization. Upon joining the organization, she discovered their annual beach cleanup event was just weeks away. Eager to participate, Emily volunteered to help organize the event and spread the word in the community. She created flyers, posted on social media, and even visited local schools to educate students about the importance of keeping the oceans clean and the impact of human activities on marine life. When the day of the beach cleanup arrived, Emily was thrilled to see a large turnout of people from the community, including many students she had spoken to. Together, they collected hundreds of pounds of trash, contributing to a healthier marine ecosystem and a cleaner coastal environment.

Select the best title of the passage.

Emily's Beach Cleanup Efforts

Ocean Conservation: A Global Perspective

The Effects of Climate Change on Coastal Towns

Marine Biology: Career Opportunities

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Model Answer 5

74. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #6



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PASSAGE

In the small town of Greenwood, there was a **1** bakery that **2** locals and tourists **3** with its delicious pastries and bread. The bakery, called 'A Taste of Heaven', had been run by the same family for generations. Mrs. Carol Thompson, the head baker, had **4** the art of baking from her grandmother, who had been taught by her own grandmother. Carol's specialty was her **5** cinnamon rolls, which people would line up for **6** in the morning.

Select the best option for each missing word.

1 Select a word

2 Select a word

3 Select a word

4 Select a word

5 Select a word

6 Select a word

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Practice Question 6

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PASSAGE

In the small town of Greenwood, there was a **1** famous bakery that **2** attracted locals and tourists **3** alike with its delicious pastries and bread. The bakery, called 'A Taste of Heaven', had been run by the same family for generations. Mrs. Carol Thompson, the head baker, had **4** learned the art of baking from her grandmother, who had been taught by her own grandmother. Carol's specialty was her **5** scrumptious cinnamon rolls, which people would line up for **6** early in the morning.

Select the best option for each missing word.

1 famous

2 attracted

3 alike

4 learned

5 scrumptious

6 early

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75. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #7

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PASSAGE

In the small town of Greenwood, there was a famous bakery that attracted locals and tourists alike with its delicious pastries and bread. The bakery, called 'A Taste of Heaven', had been run by the same family for generations. Mrs. Carol Thompson, the head baker, had learned the art of baking from her grandmother, who had been taught by her own grandmother. Carol's specialty was her scrumptious cinnamon rolls, which people would line up for early in the morning. She mixed the dough using a secret family recipe and prepared the rolls every day before the bakery opened. With their sweet aroma and melt-in-your-mouth flavor, the cinnamon rolls were the pride of Greenwood.

Click and drag the text to highlight the answer to the question below.

What is the name of the bakery in Greenwood?

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Practice Question 7



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PASSAGE

In the small town of Greenwood, there was a famous bakery that attracted locals and tourists alike with its delicious pastries and bread. The bakery, called 'A Taste of Heaven', had been run by the same family for generations. Mrs. Carol Thompson, the head baker, had learned the art of baking from her grandmother, who had been taught by her own grandmother. Carol's specialty was her scrumptious cinnamon rolls, which people would line up for early in the morning. She mixed the dough using a secret family recipe and prepared the rolls every day before the bakery opened. With their sweet aroma and melt-in-your-mouth flavor, the cinnamon rolls were the pride of Greenwood.

Click and drag the text to highlight the answer to the question below.

What is the name of the bakery in Greenwood?

'A Taste of Heaven'

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Model Answer 7

76. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #8



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PASSAGE

In the small town of Greenwood, there was a famous bakery that attracted locals and tourists alike with its delicious pastries and bread. The bakery, called 'A Taste of Heaven', had been run by the same family for generations. Mrs. Carol Thompson, the head baker, had learned the art of baking from her grandmother, who had been taught by her own grandmother. Carol's specialty was her scrumptious cinnamon rolls, which people would line up for early in the morning. She mixed the dough using a secret family recipe and prepared the rolls every day before the bakery opened. With their sweet aroma and melt-in-your-mouth flavor, the cinnamon rolls were the pride of Greenwood.

Click and drag the text to highlight the answer to the question below.

What is Carol's specialty?

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Practice Question 8

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PASSAGE

In the small town of Greenwood, there was a famous bakery that attracted locals and tourists alike with its delicious pastries and bread. The bakery, called 'A Taste of Heaven', had been run by the same family for generations. Mrs. Carol Thompson, the head baker, had learned the art of baking from her grandmother, who had been taught by her own grandmother. Carol's specialty was **her scrumptious cinnamon rolls**, which people would line up for early in the morning. She mixed the dough using a secret family recipe and prepared the rolls every day before the bakery opened. With their sweet aroma and melt-in-your-mouth flavor, the cinnamon rolls were the pride of Greenwood.

Click and drag the text to highlight the answer to the question below.

What is Carol's specialty?

her scrumptious cinnamon rolls

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Model Answer 8

77. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #9

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PASSAGE

In the small town of Greenwood, there was a famous bakery that attracted locals and tourists alike with its delicious pastries and bread. The bakery, called 'A Taste of Heaven', had been run by the same family for generations. Mrs. Carol Thompson, the head baker, had learned the art of baking from her grandmother, who had been taught by her own grandmother. Carol's specialty was her scrumptious cinnamon rolls, which people would line up for early in the morning. She mixed the dough using a secret family recipe and prepared the rolls every day before the bakery opened. With their sweet aroma and melt-in-your-mouth flavor, the cinnamon rolls were the pride of Greenwood.

Select the idea that is expressed in the passage.

- Mrs. Carol Thompson is a renowned chef who travels the world teaching others how to bake her famous cinnamon rolls.
- Mrs. Carol Thompson recently inherited the bakery and is learning to bake for the first time, using her grandmother's recipes as a guide.
- The bakery in Greenwood is struggling to attract customers due to the lack of variety in their pastry offerings.
- A Taste of Heaven, a famous bakery in Greenwood, is known for its delicious cinnamon rolls made by Mrs. Carol Thompson using a secret family recipe.

Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Practice Question 9



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PASSAGE

In the small town of Greenwood, there was a famous bakery that attracted locals and tourists alike with its delicious pastries and bread. The bakery, called 'A Taste of Heaven', had been run by the same family for generations. Mrs. Carol Thompson, the head baker, had learned the art of baking from her grandmother, who had been taught by her own grandmother. Carol's specialty was her scrumptious cinnamon rolls, which people would line up for early in the morning. She mixed the dough using a secret family recipe and prepared the rolls every day before the bakery opened. With their sweet aroma and melt-in-your-mouth flavor, the cinnamon rolls were the pride of Greenwood.

Select the idea that is expressed in the passage.

- Mrs. Carol Thompson is a renowned chef who travels the world teaching others how to bake her famous cinnamon rolls.
- Mrs. Carol Thompson recently inherited the bakery and is learning to bake for the first time, using her grandmother's recipes as a guide.
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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Model Answer 9

78. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #10



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PASSAGE

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Select the best title of the passage.

- The History of Cinnamon in Baking
- Exploring the World's Best Bakeries
- A Taste of Heaven: Greenwood's Famous Bakery
- Carol Thompson: A Biography

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Practice Question 10

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PASSAGE

In the small town of Greenwood, there was a famous bakery that attracted locals and tourists alike with its delicious pastries and bread. The bakery, called 'A Taste of Heaven', had been run by the same family for generations. Mrs. Carol Thompson, the head baker, had learned the art of baking from her grandmother, who had been taught by her own grandmother. Carol's specialty was her scrumptious cinnamon rolls, which people would line up for early in the morning. She mixed the dough using a secret family recipe and prepared the rolls every day before the bakery opened. With their sweet aroma and melt-in-your-mouth flavor, the cinnamon rolls were the pride of Greenwood.

Select the best title of the passage.

- The History of Cinnamon in Baking
- Exploring the World's Best Bakeries
- A Taste of Heaven: Greenwood's Famous Bakery
- Carol Thompson: A Biography

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Model Answer 10

79. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #11

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PASSAGE

Gregory was a computer programmer who was 1 about 2 video games. He spent his days working at a major game development company, but his true dream was to develop his own game that would captivate players 3 the world. In his spare time, Gregory 4 on his project, brainstorming ideas and writing code late into the night. After years of dedication, he had 5 created a 6 concept for a game that would blend adventure and strategy elements.

Select the best option for each missing word.

1 Select a word ▾

2 Select a word ▾

3 Select a word ▾

4 Select a word ▾

5 Select a word ▾

6 Select a word ▾

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Question 11



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PASSAGE

Gregory was a computer programmer who was **1** passionate about **2** creating video games. He spent his days working at a major game development company, but his true dream was to develop his own game that would captivate players **3** around the world. In his spare time, Gregory **4** worked on his project, brainstorming ideas and writing code late into the night. After years of dedication, he had **5** finally created a **6** unique concept for a game that would blend adventure and strategy elements.

Select the best option for each missing word.

1 passionate

2 creating

3 around

4 worked

5 finally

6 unique

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Model Answer 11

80. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #12



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PASSAGE

Gregory was a computer programmer who was passionate about creating video games. He spent his days working at a major game development company, but his true dream was to develop his own game that would captivate players around the world. In his spare time, Gregory worked on his project, brainstorming ideas and writing code late into the night. After years of dedication, he had finally created a unique concept for a game that would blend adventure and strategy elements. He shared his ideas with some of his colleagues, who were eager to join him in his endeavor. Together, they launched a Kickstarter campaign to secure funding and bring their game to life.

Click and drag the text to highlight the answer to the question below.

What was Gregory's true dream?

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Question 12

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PASSAGE

Gregory was a computer programmer who was passionate about creating video games. He spent his days working at a major game development company, but his true dream was to develop his own game that would captivate players around the world. In his spare time, Gregory worked on his project, brainstorming ideas and writing code late into the night. After years of dedication, he had finally created a unique concept for a game that would blend adventure and strategy elements. He shared his ideas with some of his colleagues, who were eager to join him in his endeavor. Together, they launched a Kickstarter campaign to secure funding and bring their game to life.

Click and drag the text to highlight the answer to the question below.

What was Gregory's true dream?

to develop his own game that would
captivate players around the world.

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Model Answer 12

81. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #13

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PASSAGE

Gregory was a computer programmer who was passionate about creating video games. He spent his days working at a major game development company, but his true dream was to develop his own game that would captivate players around the world. In his spare time, Gregory worked on his project, brainstorming ideas and writing code late into the night. After years of dedication, he had finally created a unique concept for a game that would blend adventure and strategy elements. He shared his ideas with some of his colleagues, who were eager to join him in his endeavor. Together, they launched a Kickstarter campaign to secure funding and bring their game to life.

Click and drag the text to highlight the answer to the question below.

What did Gregory and his colleagues do to secure funding for their game?

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Question 13



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PASSAGE

Gregory was a computer programmer who was passionate about creating video games. He spent his days working at a major game development company, but his true dream was to develop his own game that would captivate players around the world. In his spare time, Gregory worked on his project, brainstorming ideas and writing code late into the night. After years of dedication, he had finally created a unique concept for a game that would blend adventure and strategy elements. He shared his ideas with some of his colleagues, who were eager to join him in his endeavor. Together, they launched a Kickstarter campaign to secure funding and bring their game to life.

Click and drag the text to highlight the answer to the question below.

What did Gregory and his colleagues do to secure funding for their game?

they launched a Kickstarter campaign

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Model Answer 13

82. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #14



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PASSAGE

Gregory was a computer programmer who was passionate about creating video games. He spent his days working at a major game development company, but his true dream was to develop his own game that would captivate players around the world. In his spare time, Gregory worked on his project, brainstorming ideas and writing code late into the night. After years of dedication, he had finally created a unique concept for a game that would blend adventure and strategy elements. He shared his ideas with some of his colleagues, who were eager to join him in his endeavor. Together, they launched a Kickstarter campaign to secure funding and bring their game to life.

Select the best title of the passage.

The Impact of Video Games on Society

Gregory's Journey to Create His Dream Video Game

The History of Video Game Development

Top Strategies for Successful Game Design

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Question 14

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PASSAGE

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Select the best title of the passage.

The Impact of Video Games on Society

Gregory's Journey to Create His Dream Video Game

The History of Video Game Development

Top Strategies for Successful Game Design

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Model Answer 14

83. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #15

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PASSAGE
<p>Dr. Eliza Hughes was a renowned archaeologist who specialized in studying ancient civilizations and their impact on modern societies. Her latest project took her to the heart of the Amazon rainforest, where she led a team of researchers in the excavation of a recently discovered temple. The temple was believed to have been built by a long-lost civilization that had mysteriously vanished centuries ago.</p> <p>The discoveries were groundbreaking and promised to shed new light on our understanding of the ancient world.</p>

Select the best sentence to fill in the blank.

- She also had a passion for photography and documented the beautiful landscapes around the temple.
- Dr. Hughes enjoyed birdwatching in her free time and often spotted rare species in the rainforest.
- As they delved deeper into the temple's secrets, Dr. Hughes and her team unearthed intricate carvings and artifacts that hinted at a complex belief system.
- Dr. Hughes was an avid reader and often spent her evenings immersed in books about ancient civilizations.

Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Question 15



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PASSAGE

Dr. Eliza Hughes was a renowned archaeologist who specialized in studying ancient civilizations and their impact on modern societies. Her latest project took her to the heart of the Amazon rainforest, where she led a team of researchers in the excavation of a recently discovered temple. The temple was believed to have been built by a long-lost civilization that had mysteriously vanished centuries ago.

As they delved deeper into the temple's secrets, Dr. Hughes and her team unearthed intricate carvings and artifacts that hinted at a complex belief system.

The discoveries were groundbreaking and promised to shed new light on our understanding of the ancient world.

Select the best sentence to fill in the blank.

- She also had a passion for photography and documented the beautiful landscapes around the temple.
- Dr. Hughes enjoyed birdwatching in her free time and often spotted rare species in the rainforest.
- As they delved deeper into the temple's secrets, Dr. Hughes and her team unearthed intricate carvings and artifacts that hinted at a complex belief system.
- Dr. Hughes was an avid reader and often spent her evenings immersed in books about ancient civilizations.

Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Model Answer 15

84. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #16



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PASSAGE

Dr. Eliza Hughes was a renowned archaeologist who specialized in studying ancient civilizations and their impact on modern societies. Her latest project took her to the heart of the Amazon rainforest, where she led a team of researchers in the excavation of a recently discovered temple. The temple was believed to have been built by a long-lost civilization that had mysteriously vanished centuries ago. As they delved deeper into the temple's secrets, Dr. Hughes and her team unearthed intricate carvings and artifacts that hinted at a complex belief system. The discoveries were groundbreaking and promised to shed new light on our understanding of the ancient world.

Click and drag the text to highlight the answer to the question below.

What did Dr. Hughes and her team find in the temple?

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Question 16

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PASSAGE

Dr. Eliza Hughes was a renowned archaeologist who specialized in studying ancient civilizations and their impact on modern societies. Her latest project took her to the heart of the Amazon rainforest, where she led a team of researchers in the excavation of a recently discovered temple. The temple was believed to have been built by a long-lost civilization that had mysteriously vanished centuries ago. As they delved deeper into the temple's secrets, Dr. Hughes and her team unearthed intricate carvings and artifacts that hinted at a complex belief system. The discoveries were groundbreaking and promised to shed new light on our understanding of the ancient world.

Click and drag the text to highlight the answer to the question below.

What is Dr. Eliza Hughes' area of expertise?

ancient civilizations and their impact on modern societies.

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Model Answer 16

85. "Interactive Reading" Cue Card #17

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PASSAGE

Dr. Eliza Hughes was a renowned archaeologist who specialized in studying ancient civilizations and their impact on modern societies. Her latest project took her to the heart of the Amazon rainforest, where she led a team of researchers in the excavation of a recently discovered temple. The temple was believed to have been built by a long-lost civilization that had mysteriously vanished centuries ago. As they delved deeper into the temple's secrets, Dr. Hughes and her team unearthed intricate carvings and artifacts that hinted at a complex belief system. The discoveries were groundbreaking and promised to shed new light on our understanding of the ancient world.

Select the best title of the passage.

- Exploring the Depths of the Amazon Rainforest
- Modern Societies and the Amazon Rainforest
- Dr. Hughes' Discovery of a Lost Civilization
- The Mysterious Disappearance of Ancient Civilizations

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Question 17



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PASSAGE

Dr. Eliza Hughes was a renowned archaeologist who specialized in studying ancient civilizations and their impact on modern societies. Her latest project took her to the heart of the Amazon rainforest, where she led a team of researchers in the excavation of a recently discovered temple. The temple was believed to have been built by a long-lost civilization that had mysteriously vanished centuries ago. As they delved deeper into the temple's secrets, Dr. Hughes and her team unearthed intricate carvings and artifacts that hinted at a complex belief system. The discoveries were groundbreaking and promised to shed new light on our understanding of the ancient world.

Select the best title of the passage.

Exploring the Depths of the Amazon Rainforest

Modern Societies and the Amazon Rainforest

Dr. Hughes' Discovery of a Lost Civilization

The Mysterious Disappearance of Ancient Civilizations

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Duolingo English Test "Interactive Reading" Model Answer 17

(86-120) "Writing Sample" Questions and Answers

"Writing Sample" questions only come up once on the Duolingo English Test and add to the Literacy and Production subscores. These questions ask you to construct a short essay in response to the prompt. While only 50 words and writing for at least three minutes are required to answer the question, we recommend that you use the full five minutes and write at least 150 words to get a high-scoring response.



Simple Strategy for Writing & Speaking (Duolingo English Test)



86. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #1

04:30

Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Describe the geography of the country where you currently live. How does the geography of the country affect its people and its culture?

Your response

Word count: 0

The response needs to be at least 50 words.

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The geography of the United States exerts a profound influence on its people and culture in many ways. Specifically, the fact that it is close to other countries, has a variety of landscapes, and contributes significantly to global warming has shaped American culture.

Firstly, the USA's immense size situates it in close proximity to a multitude of other countries. Consequently, the USA houses immigrants and **expatriates** from across the world and is frequently described as a "melting pot" of diverse cultures. For instance, the USA's **adjacency** to Mexico has led to the incorporation of elements of Mexican culture in American culture: particularly Mexican **cuisine** and the Spanish language, in the states that border Mexico.

Secondly, the sheer size of the United States means it encompasses a wide variety of **terrains** and climates, which in turn forge a plethora of lifestyles. Alaska, for example, has polar climates, is **geographically** isolated from the continental US, and is surrounded by oceans and seas. As such, **Alaskans** are heavily involved in the fishing and **tourism** industry and lead a relatively subsistence lifestyle. This lifestyle contrasts **drastically** with the lifestyle in Nevada, which can be characterized by water conservation efforts, outdoor activities, and desert-themed arts and events – the result of its unique environment and **scorching** climate.

Lastly, in part due to the United States' monumental size, it is one of the most significant **contributors** to global warming. The **pernicious** effects of climate change have led to floods, droughts, and forest fires in the USA, which substantially degrade its people's quality of life and housing. Contributions to global warming have also **bolstered** the amount of research, funds, and studies dedicated towards protecting the earth.

Arguably, global warming has also precipitated a culture of political division between citizens who are **staunch** supporters of policies reducing carbon emissions and those who **gainsay** them.

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We are adding more questions soon!

Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Environmental conservation is a global concern. Discuss the importance of protecting the environment and share steps you take or would recommend to reduce waste and conserve resources.

Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 2

Safeguarding the environment should be a priority for everyone. The importance of environment protection cannot be **overstated** because the depletion and pollution of our natural resources are already leading to disastrous effects on our climate, resulting in natural disasters that affect all of Earth's inhabitants.

One highly effective strategy to conserve natural resources and reduce waste is by taking short showers instead of **lengthier** ones or baths. Water is a finite resource, and by curbing the amount we use for personal hygiene, we take an important step towards a **greener**, more sustainable planet.

An equally vital strategy for waste reduction is to degrade or eliminate our meat consumption. The meat industry's breeding practices are not only highly **detrimental** to animals but also pose significant environmental hazards. Too many people remain unaware of the CO₂ emitted from cattle **defecation**, but the **overpopulation** of cattle for meat production has a lot to answer for regarding the depletion of the ozone layer.

Lastly, we can reduce waste and conserve resources by becoming **mindful** consumers, buying only what we need and using products entirely or attempting to repair them before purchasing another. **Recycling** materials when they are fully used also allows them to be repurposed into other objects.

The **catastrophic** effects of human life on Earth are growing more urgent by the day and will soon be **irreversible**; it's everyone's responsibility to reduce their carbon footprint to ensure our Earth is inhabitable for the generations to come. As stated, a good start to individually reduce our waste and conserve resources is by taking shorter showers, reducing meat intake, and **reevaluating** purchasing and disposal habits.

88. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #3

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Education is vital for personal and societal growth.
Discuss the importance of education in your life and share your thoughts on the current education system in your country.

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 3



Education not only opens opportunities that would otherwise be closed, but it also broadens one's **mindset** and understanding of the world around them.

The higher education system in the United States is typically governed by a liberal arts philosophy, the idea that one should explore multiple subjects in addition to their primary area of study. I appreciate this educational philosophy because the academic disciplines doesn't just appear in a vacuum, they are highly interlinked. Learning in a way that appreciates the connection between subjects has been important for me for integrate and connect some of my more **disparate** interests and skills - allowing me to thrive in both areas without having to sacrifice one.

Education in the USA is extremely expensive, particularly high-quality tertiary education. This concerns me because everyone is deserving of an education, and education is often the only pathway out of poverty. Achieving a scholarship to study changed my life, giving me opportunities, networks, and knowledge that I wouldn't have otherwise gained.

Finally, the education system in the U.S. highly encourages and values **extracurricular** activities and sports which isn't the case in many other countries. I feel that this is a great mindset to have, because then admissions committees look at the "whole" person **comprehensively**, not just their scores on a test. Further, extracurriculars certainly foster social skills and skills that can be applied in the **workplace**, which is a great way to equip students for real-world scenarios and their future careers. I certainly found that my extra-curriculars helped to shape the social, leadership, and practical skills I needed in my line of work.

As such, education is important to me because it provides opportunities, helps to prepare me for the workplace and pursue multidisciplinary studies -- although the US education system isn't without its **pitfalls**.



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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Many cities have introduced bike-sharing programs. Discuss the benefits and drawbacks of such programs. Do you think they are a positive addition to urban life?

Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 4

Bike-sharing programs have recently been introduced to cities across the globe. Overall, I think they are a positive addition to urban life considering their low carbon emissions, inexpensive prices, and ability to elevate their users' health.

One benefit of bike-sharing programs in cities is that it is far better for the environment. Bikes, unlike cars and trains, do not require fossil fuels to run. As such, when citizens utilize shared bikes this can reduce the negative environmental impact that often comes with urban **settings**. In turn, **bikers** will also save more money than they would have using a car or public transport for their **commutes**.

Another benefit of bike-sharing programs is that it encourages exercise and healthy habits. Having easy access to a bike is likely to make a lot of city-**dwellers** engage in physical activity, helping citizens to improve their mental and physical wellbeing and potentially extend their **lifespan**.



A **drawback** of bike-sharing programs is that they may lead to more **biking** accidents. The more bikers on the road in a busy metropolis, the more opportunities for dangerous collisions with motor vehicles. In turn, **pedestrians** are also more likely to get hit by a bike if there are more of them available. As such, the city must ensure it creates plenty of bike lanes if they are implementing a bike-sharing program.

In conclusion, I believe that bike-sharing programs are a positive addition to urban life helping its inhabitants exercise more, save money, and reduce their carbon footprint. However, it's important to remember to bike safely and **responsibly**.

90. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #5

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Team sports and individual sports are popular recreational activities. Compare the benefits of participating in team sports versus individual sports. Which do you prefer and why?

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 5

Team sports are advantageous because they are highly social. When young children engage in team sports, they will likely learn how to cooperate and work with others in ways that they wouldn't have from individual sports. Team sports are also a fantastic way to make friends and acquire social skills.



Being on a team for your sport of choice is also extremely motivating because you have others who simultaneously rely on and inspire you. By contrast, in individual sports, all motivation must come from within. If you want to remain a valued member of the team becoming **lax** is not an option!

However, a favorable aspect of individual sports, and why I personally prefer it, is that you can train for competitions based on your own schedule and needs. In this way, sports can fit into your lifestyle more seamlessly and practice can be tailored to your own areas of weakness. In a team, everyone's needs have to be balanced. In individual sports, your training needs and goals are the only priority.

Individual sports also require self-reliance and mental **resilience**. When you can't rely on others to "carry" the team, then you end up working even harder and taking on failures more personally. This can make a person mentally tougher and more **intrinsically** motivated, which we know from sport psychology research makes it more likely they will succeed in their endeavors.

As such, while team sports are inherently more social and motivating, individual sports foster mental **toughness** and training can be tailored to the individual's preferences, needs, and schedules. Therefore, I would choose **partaking** in an individual sport over a team sport any day.

91. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #6



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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Music has a significant impact on our lives. Describe the role of music in your life and how it influences your emotions. Share your favorite music genre and why.

Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 6

Music provides a distraction from the hustle and noise of everyday life. Whether I am working at my job, working out at the gym, traveling, or just relaxing, I always have my **headphones** in so that I can listen to my favorite music. Music has a big influence on me and my emotions in these moments, making **duller** moments more interesting. Part of the reason one of my favorite music genres is hair metal is because it is very lively and fast-paced, thus it can get my **adrenaline** pumping in otherwise **mundane** instances.

Music can also provide a bonding moment between friends, family, and acquaintances. Some of my favorite hair metal bands were introduced to me by my father. Overlaps in our music taste have become shared interest between us and we connect over it frequently. It also often encourages my dad to share memories and stories from when he was young and listening to these bands, which can be interesting and **enjoyable** for me to hear.



Finally, music can be matched to your emotions and a great way to mitigate negative feelings. If I am stressed due to an incoming deadline at work, I can put on relaxing

music to balance out the stress I feel at work. If I am lifting weights, I can listen to energetic music so that I am motivated to lift more. Music can influence the way a person feels in a particular moment and balance out any negative emotions they may be feeling with positive ones.

92. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #7

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Volunteering is a way to give back to society. Discuss the benefits of volunteering and how it helps individuals grow. Describe a volunteering experience you've had or know of.

Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 7

Volunteering is a great way to gift one's time in order to help those less fortunate than them. Though volunteering contributes to helping other people, it also helps build character for the person who is volunteering their time.

One of the main benefits of volunteering is to cultivate **empathy**. By volunteering one's time, one can learn of the many different obstacles that people suffer in their lifetimes that the volunteer may have not had to overcome in theirs. Meeting people who battle hunger, homelessness, or other financial hardships allows the volunteers to put themselves in the **metaphorical** footsteps of those in need.



Another benefit of volunteering that helps the volunteer grow is learning a strong work ethic. Working a full day at a young age in order to help others can teach young

people responsibility before they enter the **workforce**. It is important to learn these skills and serving others who need the help is a great way to understand the importance and **payoff** of one's hard work.

I volunteered to build homes in **Kentucky** when I was in high school. Meeting the people of an area where I was not from allowed me to **empathize** with people in hard situations as well as learn to work long hours towards a common goal.

Finally, and most importantly, volunteering has the power to transform the lives of the people in the community. By providing people less fortunate with your resources – be it time, money, energy or all three – you can make an invaluable difference.

93. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #8

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Social media platforms have become popular means of communication. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of using social media. How has it impacted your personal life or the society?

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 8

There are a **plethora** of advantages and disadvantages to the **popularization** of social media platforms.

Firstly, because most users only post images or videos themselves on their best days this has led to a society that constantly compares itself to perfection. Particularly for young women, who are subject to **unattainable** beauty standards, this can be



extremely **detrimental** to one's self-esteem. Indeed, it has been shown that social media usage can **exacerbate** various mental health disorders.

Another negative aspect of social media is that it reduces our attention span. Because we have a plethora of content now at our **fingertips** -- often emotionally salient media -- we have become somewhat addicted to **mindless** scrolling. Not only does this waste time, but as with any addiction, it makes it harder to go without one's phone for a significant portion of time. This has affected me personally because I found that, before becoming **mindful** of my social media usage, I spent any spare time I had scrolling on my phone particularly when I was doing **mundane** tasks like waiting for a bus.

However, social media does allow individuals to find and join communities of like-minded individuals, supporting **niche** interests and hobbies. For example, there are plenty of accounts willing to support new **dilettantes** in learning arts and crafts skills and those users can provide a lot of support **burgeoning** artists -- I have benefitted from this first hand.

Another positive of social media is that it has been **pivotal** in raising awareness about various social, political, and environmental issues. Without social media, movements like #BlackLivesMatter and #MeToo might not have made such significant traction so quickly. It's a great way to not only educate people on these matters but reach a lot of people with the potential for action all at once.

In summary, social media can be a great tool for learning a new skill or rallying support for a benevolent cause -- however, users should remain **diligent** of how it impacts their mental and cognitive health. If you find yourself comparing yourself to someone else on social media or turning to it whenever your brain is **unoccupied** it might be time to take a break!



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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Global warming is a pressing environmental issue. Discuss its causes and potential solutions. What steps can individuals take to help mitigate climate change?

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 9

Global warming is primarily caused by human activities such as the burning of fossil fuels, deforestation, and industrial production. However, as humans cause global warming, we can also attempt to reverse it both on a micro and macro level.

As stated, one significant **contributor** to climate change is the burning of fossil fuels. Burning fossil fuels **emits** greenhouse gasses which trap heat from the sun, subsequently warming the earth. One potential solution to this is for countries to invest in and implement **renewable** energy sources such as wind and solar panels. On an individual level, someone might consider driving an eco-friendly car or walking/**biking** to work. An ambitious person might also try to implement solar panels on their own property to generate energy!

Deforestation also hinders attempts to mitigate global warming as cutting down trees reduces the Earth's ability to absorb carbon dioxide. One potential solution to this is simply to stop chopping down these trees via conservation efforts, we might also consider **reforestation**. Given that it's usually larger institutions that are cutting down this natural resource, the best thing for an individual to do is to support reforestation

and conservation efforts by becoming a **stalwart proponent** of such efforts through **activism** and voting.

Another cause of climate change is industrial processes. Factories in particular release greenhouse gasses at **extortionate** rates. One potential solution to this is an international agreement preventing emissions from companies reaching too high a level. On an individual level, we can also reduce our purchasing rates, only buying what we need and **recycling** what we don't.

As such, industrial processes, deforestation, and the burning of fossil fuels have seriously damaged the only planet we have. To fix the damage we've caused, politicians should seek to implement renewable energy sources, foster international industry agreements, and support reforestation/conservation efforts. As an individual, you can support these efforts by just being a conscious consumer, reconsidering your methods of transportation, and driving your efforts towards activism and voting campaigns.

95. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #10

04:59 

Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Extracurricular activities are an essential part of a well-rounded education. Discuss the benefits of participating in such activities and share your own experiences, if any.

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Extracurricular activities are one of the most beneficial and **enjoyable** aspects of a college or high school education.

Firstly, extracurriculars are highly social. This can aid young people in making friends, building important social skills, and even helping the wider community. I personally benefitted from this when I joined the school newspaper, before joining I was incredibly **introverted** and **diffident** -- after joining I had more friends and a **newfound** confidence.

Another benefit of extracurriculars is that they provide a safe space to explore your interests and develop your skills. Many people who join a club are merely **dabbling** in the subject, meaning that they are also on the same level as you, taking the pressure off. In turn, one can better understand what they do and don't enjoy and what they are and aren't good at. For example, I not only really **honed** my non-fiction writing skills at the school newspaper by learning from others, but I also learned that this would be a potential career path for me.

Finally, extracurriculars can provide college and career advancement. Having clubs on your resume can be a great way to show employers or admissions committees that you have the skills, leadership qualities, and **teamwork** abilities that they seek. It also shows that you are dedicated to learning and participating in your school's culture. Many people find that their extracurricular activities in college not only provided them with the skills needed to **excel** in the **workplace**, but also interest and impress future employers.

As such, when debating joining an extracurricular club, consider all the benefits you will likely reap: new friends, new skills, and a boost in your career and education prospects.



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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Friendship is an essential aspect of life. Discuss the qualities that make a good friend and share a personal story or experience about a friendship.

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 11

A good friend is supportive, fun, and challenges you.

A few years ago, I had a difficult choice to make and was experiencing some emotional turmoil over the decision. I called my friend and she offered to house me for a week while I figured out what to do. Being reliable in this way, and willing to help at the time I needed it most was extremely meaningful to me and demonstrated just how **supportive** she was no matter what I chose. Support like this from friends is invaluable in times of need because it enables you to focus on what matters in that moment and feel like you have allies in your corner.

Another important, **undervalued** quality in friends is their ability to distract you with fun conversations and activities. During that hard time, I was fairly **despondent** and gloomy, but my friend was able to distract me by making me laugh and taking me to places she knew I'd enjoy. These fun moments shared with friends can be both enriching to life and incredibly important during challenging times.



Finally, a good friend teaches and challenges you. When I was making my decision, my friend didn't just give me "the right answer", but she questioned me intensely about the choices and offered her unique perspective on this situation. This inspired great self-reflection in myself, and I came away from that trip sure about what I was going to do and confident in my decision.

As such, reliable, challenging, fun friendships are integral to leading a fulfilling life. Not only do friends like this support and guide us through life's twists and turns, but they also elevate the good times making them more meaningful and joyful.

97. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #12

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Sports and physical activities are essential for a healthy lifestyle. Discuss the role they play in your life, and share your favorite sport or activity.

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 12

My favorite sport to engage in is long-distance running. This activity is important to me for countless reasons, but in this essay, I will outline the most important three.

Firstly, going for a run or jog through my neighborhood helps to clear my mind. When I'm running, I find my mind is more focused and I can really think through the things that were plaguing me. On the same note, running is a great way to spend quality time



with yourself, because usually I am alone and there aren't any distractions from my thoughts.

Secondly, going for a run is extremely **enjoyable** for me. The act itself releases **endorphins**, but also taking in the view as I run can elevate any bad mood. Running not only encourages me to go outside and enjoy my **surroundings**, but I also get the chance to listen to music and podcasts simultaneously. For these reasons, it becomes something that I look forward to, which is not the case for other sports!

Finally, running has really improved my physical and mental health. Before I started running, I often found that I didn't have an outlet for my stress -- I was also not very fit! Through running, I have discovered a significant improvement in both areas. My stronger, **slimmer** build has also given me an invaluable boost of self-esteem, not to mention more energy and strength to **partake** in my daily activities.

As such, running is my favorite sport and will likely remain so for the foreseeable future.

98. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #13



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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Some students prefer to study alone, while others prefer group study. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of both study methods. Which do you think is more effective and why?

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 13

Studying alone and studying in groups each have their merits and **drawbacks**, and the most effective choice depends on the subject being studied and the nature of the pending assignment.

One benefit to studying alone is that you can **customize** the pace at which you study and the content you focus on. For instance, if you are someone who likes to take long breaks between chapters studying alone is probably the best method because you can determine your own break schedule. **Additionally**, being able to choose to study longer on areas of personal weakness to you and spend less time on subjects already mastered enables you to better target your study time. This might be the best choice for tests and subjects that involve a lot of memorizations, such as a science course, because you can dedicate your time to understanding and remembering the areas that are more challenging to you.

Another advantage of independent studying is that you won't get distracted by your peers. When you are studying in isolation there isn't any temptation to chat to your peers or take a break when you don't need one. This can be beneficial and effective when you have a test coming up very soon and time is limited.



On the other hand, when studying in a group you can benefit from others' strengths. If you are weak in an area, but your study partner is strong in that area they can teach you valuable knowledge and skills. In a group, you can also work out the answers to problems that you wouldn't have been able to work out or would have taken a long time to figure out alone. In this way, we can save time and effort by studying in a group; you can also get other perspectives on a text, which can be helpful in classes that rely on interpretation.

Another advantage to studying in a group is that it provides social interaction and accountability. When we study with others, we have an external **motivator** as well as an intrinsic one and this can make us more determined to complete our outstanding tasks. Further, many people -- particularly extraverts – will find studying less dull and **onerous** when they are in company.

As such, I believe that studying alone and in a group are both highly beneficial, but should be selected based on the task and subject at hand.

99. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #14

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Artists and scientists both benefit society. Compare the contributions of artists and scientists. Which type of contribution do you think is valued more in your culture? Give examples.

Your response



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The response needs to be at least 50 words.



Artists and scientists alike propel our society towards progression and innovation.

Since the dawn of intelligent civilization humans have used and viewed art as a form of understanding the world around them and expressing their emotions -- it is part of human nature. In modern day, artists contribute to society by entertaining us, inspiring us, and providing us with an escape from **quotidian** life. This was most noticeable during the COVID-19 **pandemic**. When people couldn't venture outside, they turned to their favorite movies and music. In turn, the absence of new art and the inability to go to in-person art-related events during the pandemic was **sorely** missed.

Another contribution artists make to society is through the social commentary they provide. One example is the way that Banksy, an artist, uses his art to demonstrate the absurdity of war and over **consumerism**. For example, when he sold a piece for a small fortune, he made sure that it self-shredded upon being sold -- a message against the uber-elite. In commenting on society in this way, artists also heighten our awareness to important issues that require our attention.

Scientists, of course, are equally important. Scientists' work frequently culminates in medical breakthroughs that can save lives. Again, during the COVID-19 pandemic, scientists were the ones that banded together to create a vaccine in rapid time, this ultimately saved the lives of countless individuals and meant that we could eventually return to our normal daily lives.

Scientists also help to create technological advancements. The technology recently developed by scientists and engineers at NASA has made it possible to explore space, an **unimaginable** achievement a hundred years ago. Space exploration is perhaps one of the most important endeavors of **humankind** because it answers questions about who we are and where we came from.

However, whilst both are equally important, I think that artists are more valued in U.S society. Whilst its true many artists don't get compensated fairly and art/music



students are often shunned by their STEM counterparts, the average person would be hard pressed to name 10 modern day scientists. By contrast, ask anyone to name 10 modern day singers, musicians, or artists, and they'd be able to do so in seconds. Further, artists frequently earn much more than our scientists, and reap a greater following. **Furthermore**, during the COVID-19 pandemic we found that celebrities' guidance was more often followed than that of the virologists!

100. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #15

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Traveling can be an enriching experience. Describe a memorable trip you have taken and discuss the impact it had on you, both personally and culturally.

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 15

A few years ago, I took a last-minute trip to Los Angeles. I had never been there before, and unexpectedly, it made a long-lasting personal and cultural impact on me.

Firstly, LA deviated from all my expectations. I expected to see **glamour** and flamboyance at every turn. Instead, there was a lot of **homelessness** and boarded up businesses, even along the Walk of Fame. This was shocking and almost **paradoxical** to me, that **lavishness** and **prodigal** waste could be in such close proximity to widespread poverty. This also showed me that, both personally and as a culture,



humans often view times and places (sometimes times and places they have never lived in) with **nostalgia**. Whilst LA might have once been the **glamorous** place that is shown in movies fifty years ago, in one of the world's **wealthiest** nations, now it is a place in dire need of resources.

Culturally, I did learn a lot about movies from the various cinema museums we attended. This gave me a greater **veneration** and appreciation for the USA's enormous contributions to cinema and explained how movie magic was made throughout history. It was illuminating to discover why people watch American movies across the world, even when the films aren't in their native language! The USA is certainly unique in this area, and as a movie buff, the knowledge I acquired was truly inspiring.

Finally, seeing LA's walk of fame did connect the dots for me on why people clamor to this city and devour all their resources to do so, despite the slim odds. Seeing the names of so many powerful, talented artists in one place helped me grasp why people sacrifice so much to "Make it" in LA, a place **rife** with financial risk and potential turmoil.

As such, the trip taught me a lot historically and culturally about LA specifically and the USA, but it also taught me personally about the dangers of nostalgia. Indeed, there is a reason the term 'nostalgia' derives from the Greek words *nostos* (return) and *algos* (pain).

101. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #16



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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Hobbies and interests play an important role in personal development. Describe a hobby you enjoy and explain how it has contributed to your personal growth.

Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 16

Video games have a reputation for fostering violent behavior and distracting teenagers from their homework, but for the majority of people -- myself included -- they can be a great source of personal growth. Specifically, video games can **bolster** your hand-eye coordination, cognitive functioning, and **creativity**.

Firstly, video games frequently involve quickly using motor skills in reaction to visual **input**. In turn, it has been **corroborated** that hand-eye coordination improves significantly by playing video games. I have also found this to be the case personally. Prior to playing video games, I had quite a poor hand-eye coordination; now I am much more skilled in this area. In my youth, this also taught me that investing time in weaker areas leads to tremendous rewards.

Another area of personal growth I attribute to video games is in cognitive skills. Video games have been shown to boost your spatial navigation abilities, memory, and concentration. This is in part because a lot of video game maps require "cognitive mapping" to progress. Video games may also involve puzzles that require full attention and memory skills. Like hand-eye coordination, I have personally benefitted from

honing these skills through video games; I am much better able to navigate my real-life **surroundings**, for instance.

Finally, video games encourage people to think outside the box. For example, if there is a hard puzzle in a game and your current strategy for completing it isn't working, you must utilize psychological flexibility in your approach and consider other options -- thus, using your imagination to problem-solve. Further, many games also involve a general sense of artistic creativity, for example, in designing characters and/or **storylines**. As such, video games have greatly improved mine and many others' creativity.

In conclusion, whilst video games are often **snubbed** as a hobby, they can be instrumental in acquiring skills that can be applied to real-life **settings** such as adaptive thought and imagination, spatial navigation and memory, and of course, hand-eye coordination.

102. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #17

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Reading books and watching movies are popular leisure activities. Compare the benefits of reading books to watching movies. Which do you prefer and why? Provide examples to support your opinion.

Your response

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While reading books and watching movies are both **enjoyable** and beneficial in their own right, I prefer reading for several reasons.

Firstly, books often include more **intricacies**, details, and information than their **cinematic** counterparts. Consider the Harry Potter series as an example: although the Harry Potter movies are **captivating**, the directors cut a **plethora** of subplots to keep the movies **concise**. As a result, certain aspects of the movies don't fully make sense as viewers lack the explanations and full character development acquired in the written series (i.e. the fate of Gildroy Lockhart).

Another advantage of books is that reading requires utilizing our imagination to fill in the gaps between words. As such, more cognitive skills are being **honed** when reading books compared to watching a movie which can be psychologically profitable in the long term. The use of imagination also means that more complex and **fantastical** plot lines can take place in books, as we can imagine literally anything. By comparison, the cinematic universe has physical and monetary constraints.

Lastly, reading a book takes a plethora of hours whereas a movie is usually only two hours. This means that books can keep you occupied for longer, making them more economically valuable.

In conclusion, I prefer reading books and find them more beneficial than watching movies due to their more detailed narratives, cognitive benefits, and long-lasting engagement.

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104. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #18

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Some people prefer working individually while others enjoy collaborating in a team. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of both. Which do you prefer and why?

Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 18

While both **teamwork** and independent work have their advantages and disadvantages, I prefer working collaboratively over working individually for a multitude of reasons.

An advantage of working in a team is that you can leverage the **expertise**, skills, and knowledge of others. This is particularly beneficial when one is lacking **proficiency** in a specific area. For example, in a **publishing** company writers often work alongside editors because whilst writers likely **excel** in content creation, they may lack the grammatical **finesse** and training that editorial staff have, and vice versa. Another advantage of working in a team is that colleagues may notice an error in your work that you have overlooked. In the content of **publishing**, this might be a **punctuation** error or grammatical rule that the author is unaware of.

It's true that, when working independently, distractions from others are mitigated because you do not have to ensure everyone reaches consensus on an issue, unlike in a team setting. However, this benefit does not compensate for the increased workload when you are the sole employee. When just one person handles a project, all the work is done by one person resulting in a slower completion rate and an elevated risk of burnout.



Therefore, while there are pros and cons to both methods, working in a team is preferable because it means that the skills and insights of others can be incorporated and the burden of the **workload** is shared.

Word count - 239

105. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #19

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Online shopping has become increasingly popular in recent years. What are the advantages and disadvantages of online shopping compared to in-store shopping? Share your opinion.

Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 19

Personally, I favor in-store shopping over online shopping, but there are several advantages and disadvantages to both that are worth considering.

One considerable benefit of in-store shopping is the ability for consumers to physically examine the product. This means **shoppers** can better ascertain the fit and quality of items like clothes and furniture. However, in-store shopping is of limited convenience because stores often have restricted hours and are closed on national holidays; comparatively, online shopping is available around the clock!



In the same vein, online **shoppers** can make purchases from the comfort of their homes, with packages delivered right to their **doorsteps**. Subsequently, online shopping is far less time-consuming and **effortful** - a tremendous bonus for busy individuals. However, it's worth noting that because packages are constantly being delivered to customers' **doorsteps**, the environmental impact of online shopping is **egregious**. Not only do the packages have to be shipped to consumers via an **amalgamation** of fossil-fueled transportation methods but they also have to be packaged in a way that they won't break during transit leading to increased usage of plastic-heavy containers and other shipping materials.

In conclusion, while online shopping is indisputably more convenient, its environmental impact alongside the inability to assess an item's quality/fit **digitally** means that I will remain partial to in-store shopping at least until online stores significantly **ameliorate** their carbon footprint.

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106. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #20

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Traveling abroad can be a life-changing experience. Describe the benefits of traveling to another country and the lessons one can learn. Share any personal experiences if possible.

Your response

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International travel is **replete** with benefits including but not limited to, personal growth, heightened language **proficiency**, and a broader worldview.

Partaking in overseas excursions usually requires stepping outside of one's comfort zone. Consequently, sojourners typically undergo substantial personal development. This is because challenging oneself is the most effective way to gain self-insight, and travelers are bound to encounter numerous challenges along the way! I personally experienced this on a solo trip to Berlin. Initially, I was nervous about traveling alone for the first time, but being alone in a new country and city helped me gain independence and a more **lucid** understanding of where my interests lay now that others' preferences weren't part of the equation. **Moreover**, becoming lost in new territory -- whilst uncomfortable -- taught me vital navigation and self-advocacy skills.

The second advantage to a voyage abroad is that there is nothing more immersive than being in a country where the native language is the one you are learning. While in Berlin, I found that my German improved much quicker than it ever had in the classroom.

The final reason is that through traveling somewhere new one acquires a more global perspective through exposure to diverse **viewpoints** and unique experiences. Although I was familiar with World War Two history from an American standpoint, in Berlin I was able to visit monuments, memorials, and museums, thereby developing a more comprehensive historical understanding, particularly of how post-war Germany influenced the modern world.

Whilst these are not all the benefits of studying abroad, one should remember the strides in personal development, language, and globalized knowledge, that they will likely make when contemplating international travel.

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107. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #21



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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Technology has impacted the way people communicate. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of face-to-face communication and digital communication. Which do you prefer and why?

Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 21

There are significant costs and benefits to both digital and face-to-face communication. However, in my personal view, the advantages of **cybernetic** contact **outweigh** the costs.

Digital correspondence is far more convenient than face-to-face interactions. To meet face-to-face, one has to travel, and this is nearly impossible if the other party is located far away or in a different country. The world is growing ever more globalized, and digital communication serves as both a catalyst and an **ancillary** to this trend. It is the **quickest**, easiest way for those who live away from their families, friends, and colleagues to nourish their pre-existing relationships and form new ones.

It's true that face-to-face communication makes it easier to read non-verbal and paraverbal cues. Perceiving tone of voice, body language, and facial expressions can be imperative to prevent the miscommunications that frequently occur in digital communications, such as text. However, **astute** individuals can quickly learn how to express themselves clearly in the digital realm or utilize video chat features.



Further, face-to-face interaction has a severe disadvantage: it can be distracting in some contexts and environments. Since many jobs transitioned to remote work post-**pandemic**, there is less distracting face-to-face conversation in the **workplace**, meaning that work can be completed more efficiently. Texts, emails, or chat pop-ups in the **workplace** can convey messages just as clearly, but don't require immediate response. As such, if one gets a digital message at work, they can **prioritize** finishing their current task before responding, a luxury that is practically impossible in face-to-face **settings**.

For these reasons and more, I prefer digital communication; not only is it more convenient and less distracting, but it also contributes to creating a more well-connected world.

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108. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #22

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Many people believe in the importance of maintaining a work-life balance. Discuss the challenges of maintaining this balance and suggest some strategies to achieve it.

Your response



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A career demands long hours of concentration, including the time spent **commuting** to the workplace. Certain positions also involve a level of emotional labor, such as addressing individuals' concerns in a customer service or **healthcare** roles. On the other hand, maintaining a home, spending time with loved ones, and finding time to relax after long hours of work can also be challenging. This can be particularly difficult for working mothers who are often **unfairly** expected to work as many hours as their spouses, whilst also fully managing the domestic sphere.

One main strategy to maintain a good work-life balance is to **prioritize** certain responsibilities. If there is an essential task that needs to be done at work or home, one should focus on completing that above all else. Smaller, less time-sensitive tasks should be given less **priority** or delegated to a colleague/spouse.

Another strategy is to schedule **recreational** time where a person can fully rest. If someone struggles to relax, they might consider turning off distractions, such as work phones, so they can focus on spending time outside of work doing things that they can enjoy or engaging in self-care. This helps to alleviate any stress caused by **overwork** and prevent burn-out.

Reducing **commute** time or working remotely may also help to relieve stress by increasing the amount of time that one is able to spend on other activities outside of a work environment.

In conclusion, maintaining a work-life balance can be difficult due to the numerous responsibilities involved in maintaining both aspects of one's life, but one can achieve a better balance via prioritization, scheduled relaxation time, and reducing **commute** time.

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109. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #23



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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Choosing a career path is a crucial decision for many individuals. Discuss the factors one should consider when selecting a career. Share any personal experiences or observations.

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 23

Choosing a career path can be one of the most **daunting** choices of one's life because the majority of people spend a good proportion of their lives in the **workplace**. In order to make this important decision, one should consider three major factors: their values, their interests, and their strengths.

Discovering and identifying one's values is vital when selecting a career path; having a career that is meaningful to you and makes an impact in an area you are passionate about will provide you with a sense of purpose and keep you determined for years to come. For instance, I am extremely passionate about health care and aim to make a difference in this field, as such I have dedicated my career to it.

Secondly, your interests should be imperative to your career selection. If you enjoy the work tasks you undertake and the topics fascinate you, you are far more likely to enjoy your job. This is because its human nature to enter a state of "flow" when working on something you are wholly focused on. This is when we are most at peace and at our most creative. To achieve flow and be compensated for it should be the highest aspiration in a career search.



Finally, picking a job that sings to your strengths is crucial when picking a career. For example, someone might be extremely passionate about the way that art impacts their community and they may find "flow" when creating art, but if they aren't **proficient** in any art medium then they are unlikely to succeed in the field; it will be an **uphill** battle and they'd be best to improve their skills first at the very least.

In conclusion, when picking a career it's important to be discerning and engage in some honest self-discovery work. Specifically, one should ask themselves: what are my strengths, what are my values, and where do my interests lie?

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110. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #24

04:57 

Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Online learning has become more common in recent years. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of online education versus traditional classroom learning. Which do you prefer and why?

Your response

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There are several advantages and disadvantages to online and traditional education, but I personally prefer in-person classes because they foster **networking** and allow for hands-on learning.



Traditional classroom learning makes interactions with peers and professors seemless. When able to interact **instantaneously** with individuals in the class, they are bound to get to know you better and quicker. This can be a great way for students to make friends, which studies have shown is crucial in preventing drop-out. The direct interaction provided by in-person classes also opens students up to **extracurricular** opportunities from professors, not to mention immediate feedback and help with challenging topics.

While an in-person education tends to be more costly, and online classrooms often provide the opportunity to complete tasks on your own time (freeing up the opportunity for low-income students to work, for example), there is one major cost of online classrooms that cannot be ignored...

When one is taught online they miss out on hands-on learning, such as laboratory classes for science majors or art studio work for art majors. This means that students may be deprived of the potential to utilize a campus' resources and gain experience that is applicable and **translatable** to the **workplace**. These experiences make someone stand out from the crowd as job candidates post-graduation.

As such, I recommend in-person classes if one can afford to attend, but online classes are still a great opportunity for those who cannot. One should deeply consider the pros and cons of each learning environment listed before choosing one or the other.

Word count - 252

111. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #25



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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Working from home has become more common due to advances in technology. Discuss the pros and cons of working remotely. Would you prefer to work from home or in an office, and why?

Your response



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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 25

Working remotely has its advantages and disadvantages, but overall, I favor working from home for several reasons.

Firstly, working from home eliminates the need for **commuting to the workplace**, saving significant time and money otherwise spent on transportation.

Secondly, working from home promotes a better work-life equilibrium. When working from home, it's possible to do domestic tasks simultaneously, for example, putting clothes in the washing machine prior to a long meeting. Subsequently, more time can be spent outside of work hours relaxing with family/friends and/or on **recreational** activities. Being able to spend more time on rest and recreation is **undeniably** beneficial preventing burn out and fostering a **healthier** lifestyle.

However, there are certain **drawbacks** to working remotely that should be considered. It can be challenging to maintain a work-life balance when working from home because your home is essentially your office and vice versa. Some people can find it tempting, for example, to check their work phone or email during their free time leading to blurred boundaries and half-hearted commitment to both work and home.

life. **Furthermore**, one certainly misses out on the **networking** opportunities and social aspects of working in-person when remote. However, a highly determined individual is still able to network and **socialize** in their own time outside of the work sphere... indeed, as a remote worker they have more time for it!

As such, in my mind the pros of working remotely **outweigh** the cons. Before taking a remote job, however, you should consider your ability to create boundaries between work and home life and whether you are motivated enough to create connections outside of work.

Word count - 266

112. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #26

04:58 

Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Living in a big city has its advantages and disadvantages. Describe the pros and cons of residing in a large metropolitan area compared to a small town. State your preference and why.

Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 26

Life in a small town is considerably more cost-effective than city life. The rent for **minuscule** apartments in many cities across the world is **extortionate**, whereas in a small town you can get a **decadent** home for a fraction of the cost. As such, many people looking to start a family will lean towards a more **bucolic** or suburban lifestyle. Despite this, I am still partial to living in a large metropolitan area for several reasons.



Small towns often have fewer career and **recreational** opportunities. By comparison, in a large city the opportunities are endless: there are a **plethora** of activities one can choose from on the weekend and a multitude of work experiences available because cities tend to have more people and more resources. An **astute** young professional can certainly use these opportunities to their advantage.

However, living in a big city isn't all sunshine and rainbows -- becoming **cosmopolitan** comes with a cost. The crime rates in large cities compared to small towns are **exorbitant**. Further, there is less of a **neighbourly** feel to big cities, meaning that one is less likely to be able to depend on their fellow city **dwellers** to mitigate a crisis.

As such, moving to the city is a great opportunity to broaden networks and horizons, particularly for young, unmarried individuals, but relocators must be prepared to spend much more money on rent and acquire some safety tools and street smarts before the move.

Word count - 239

113. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #27

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Physical exercise is critical for maintaining overall health. Discuss the benefits of engaging in regular physical activity and suggest some ways people can incorporate it into their daily lives.

Your response



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The response needs to be at least 50 words.



Incorporating regular physical exercise into your routine **bolsters** your sleep hygiene, mental health, and physical health. There are numerous ways to engage in physical activity, from choosing to walk rather than drive to work or school, **partaking** in **recreational** sports with friends, or working out at home or in a gym.

One of the most underestimated benefits of physical exercise is the way it **remediates** sleep quality. Exercising before bed promotes a faster sleep onset and deeper **REM** sleep. This is because exercise triggers the release of **endorphins** in the brain, reducing our stress levels, and better equipping us for a good night's rest. One way someone might try to reap these benefits is by going to the gym and/or working out from home an hour or so before bedtime.

Another valuable benefit of exercise is its influence on mental health. As previously mentioned, the **endorphins** released during exercise help to **demote** stress and anxiety. Exercise can also be a great way to make or sustain friendships and bolster one's self-esteem. To gain these social benefits consider joining a sports team or participating in a sports-related activity with a friend.

Finally, exercise also enhances our physical health. Correlational studies show that just twenty minutes of exercise a day can prevent the evolution of diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. Exercise can also **placate pernicious** symptoms of pre-existing disorders such as arthritis, depression, endometriosis, and fibromyalgia. As such, if you wish to **ameliorate** a condition or prevent the development of one, you might try to incorporate exercise in your daily life by simply **opting** for a **brisk** walk to work, school, or the supermarket as opposed to driving.

In conclusion, physical exercise has monumental benefits and can be incorporated into one's lifestyle in plenty of ways, to suit the individual.

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114. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #28



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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Many people have a favorite hobby or pastime that they enjoy. Describe your favorite hobby, why you enjoy it, and explain how it has benefited your life or taught you valuable skills.

Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 28

Whilst I am a **dilettante** in the area, **crocheting** has already significantly enriched my life by becoming a source of stress relief and social interaction. **Crocheting** has also taught me valuable skills, notably patience and **creativity**.

Crocheting is a form of **needlework** that involves looping yarn with a hook to create textile pieces. It is so intricate and time-consuming that there is no man-made machine that can replicate its work unlike other garment-making techniques such as knitting.

As the patterns are so **convoluted**, it requires endless patience to master. However, once mastered the creative opportunities are **limitless**, which is the main reason I enjoy it. Dealing with complex stitches also demands such high attention to detail that it focuses the mind and alleviates the stress of any bad day -- it is almost **meditative!**

Another aspect of **crocheting** that I enjoy and benefit from is the community surrounding it. Like any art form, there are lots of people on social media and in person who are eager to teach you new techniques and share their creations. Finding fellow **crocheters** always provides an instant bonding opportunity in my experience.

Subsequently, I recommend **crocheting** to anyone who wishes to develop their creativity skills, patience, and social network or simply reduce their stress levels. If that isn't enough to convince you - the unique, **handmade** items you can craft (exactly to your tastes) most definitely will!

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115. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #29

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Many people believe that learning from failure is crucial for success. Do you agree or disagree? Provide reasons and examples to support your view.

Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 29

Learning from failure can be even more valuable than learning from success because it helps us to identify our weaknesses and adapt accordingly, build **resilience** and motivation, and develop **empathy** and humility toward others.

When we fail, we are presented with an opportunity for self-discovery; to examine what went wrong, how it went wrong, and why. Subsequently, self-exploration in the face of failure often leads us to target our flaws and prevent the recurrence of mistakes. For example, if someone were to take the Duolingo English Test and score lower than



desired, this can be a great chance to identify and improve their skills in lower-scoring areas.

Failure also promotes **resilience** and motivation; when we fail we want to prove to ourselves that we can do better. As a result, we often become more driven to succeed. The author, Stephen King, is a **paragon** of self-determination. He, and many other authors, were rejected numerous times before a publisher accepted their work, but they responded to these failures with a more dogged drive. He is now exalted **globally** as the "King of Horror".

Finally, failure can make us more **empathetic** and humble. When we fail and overcome failure, we can better understand the failures of others and guide them towards their best selves. Some of the best leaders in the world are those that tried and failed before they succeeded; this is because they use their experiences to relate to the people they supervise. By contrast, some of the worst bosses and leaders are those that demand perfection -- they will never be satisfied because it cannot be achieved, and their workers are more likely to seek superior mentorship elsewhere.

In conclusion, when you fail, try to see it as an opportunity to improve your skills, motivate yourself, and display empathy towards the **shortcomings** of others.

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116. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #30



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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Social media has changed the way people communicate. Discuss the positive and negative effects of social media on relationships. Share your own experiences or observations.

Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 30

The rapid advancement in technology development and social media utilization has **revolutionized** human communication. A significant proportion of interactions now occur in the digital sphere, necessitating thorough examination of the positive and negative effects of social media on relationships.

Social media has nourished some relationships that would have otherwise withered. For instance, I have observed that social media is a tremendous **ancillary** for international students, enabling them to easily maintain communications with loved ones in their native countries in a way that wasn't **achievable** before social media.

Moreover, social media has transformed the job-seeking market. It is now considerably easier to broaden one's professional networks, via LinkedIn. This can be a game-changer when seeking employment because connections with potential employers can be established quickly and from anywhere in the world.

However, social media has led to decreased productivity and lost time. Like most young people, I find that a significant amount of time is **squandered** on **fruitless** social



media **browsing**, time that would be much better spent fostering in-person **interpersonal** relationships.

Further, social media interactions are **rife** with **misinformation**. Anyone can share anything online, leading to non-experts perpetuating harmful **inaccuracies** both **unknowingly** and **maliciously** with the intent to **misguide** and prey on the vulnerable. Consequently, relationships can form or develop based on distorted **judgment**.

In conclusion, one should certainly leverage the benefits of social media interactions, such as global connectivity for leisure and business relationships, while remaining **savvy** to productivity loss and misinformation.

Word count - 239

117. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #31

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Globalization has increased cultural exchange and understanding. Discuss the benefits and drawbacks of globalization. Do you think it is more beneficial or harmful overall?

Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 31



Technology has **catalyzed** globalization, and vice versa. While **globalization** has its advantages and disadvantages, I firmly believe its benefits surpass its **detriments**.

Firstly, globalization has facilitated the **effortless** exchange of ideas, technology, and research. When ideas can be shared in this way, it prevents repeating work that has already been done and instead directs efforts to novelty.

Building upon the work of scientists and engineers **globally** has led to innovation and progress at unprecedented rates; this was evident in the swift, favorable development and **dissemination** of the COVID-19 vaccine.

However, COVID-19 and other **pandemics** would **arguably** not have occurred without globalization: when citizens are traveling between countries, diseases can spread rapidly without constraint. We will likely be **untangling** the **repercussions** of COVID-19 for decades to come.

A common argument against globalization is that it leads to culture loss. **Proponents** of this **viewpoint** argue that as people become "citizens of the world," the countries they visit become enmeshed with their native culture, as the "citizen" become enmeshed with their new culture in a **synergy**. As such, the concern is that each country then becomes **homogenous** leaving rich **tapestries** of culture to expire.

Whilst this might have some truth, I believe that exposure to different cultures and lifestyles propelled by globalization mostly leads to a greater understanding of the world alongside cultural sensitivity and awareness. Consequently, despite the potential for diseases spread and culture loss, the benefits of globalization outweigh the negatives.

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118. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #32



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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Friendships play a significant role in our lives. Explain the importance of having good friends and how they can impact our personal growth and well-being.

Your response

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Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 32

"Friends are the family you chose" is a **platitude** that resonates with many people. Friendships not only provide us with **enjoyable** memories but also impact our personal growth and well-being in countless ways.

Medical studies have demonstrated that loneliness is a killer. Hand-in-hand with this, evidence suggests that having a durable friendship network extends our **lifespan** and provides a buffer against mental health disorders and symptoms. This is in part because friendships reduce our stress and **cortisol** levels and actually, neurobiologically, provide us with a boost of helpful hormones like **oxytocin**. So, the next time your mom tells you to do your homework instead of going to the movies, remind her that hanging out with friends is good for you!

In the same vein, friends can provide us with emotional and practical support in **strenuous** situations. When someone is undergoing a stressful life event, such as **bereavement**, a friend can provide a listening ear or help you navigate the crisis. Upon recognizing that a friend is in distress, a good friend will remind the person to engage in self-care and healthy habits and steer them away from bad choices – invaluable



assistance. A friend is uniquely prepared for this given that most people share things with friends that they wouldn't with family, colleagues etc.

In terms of personal growth, friends can introduce us to new ideas, hobbies, and cultures. In getting to know a new friend, we often explore their interests and point of view, leading us to have a more comprehensive understanding of what we do and don't enjoy and believe in. As such, friendships can be the catalyst for broadening one's endeavors and **mindset**.

Finally, particularly in younger years, making and maintaining friendships can serve as a helpful model for future relationships. For example, a simple disagreement on the playground can be immensely beneficial for developing life-long social skills such as conflict resolution, theory of mind, and cooperation.

In conclusion, friends are indeed the family we choose and are key to our development and learning from youth right through to **adulthood**.

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119. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #33

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

The environment is facing numerous challenges.
Describe one environmental issue that concerns you
and discuss possible solutions to address this
problem.

Your response

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One significantly overlooked environmental issue that concerns me is the problem of free-roaming, **domesticated** cats. Not only does letting pet cats **outdoors** heighten their risk of injury and premature mortality, but it also severely damages the environment in three ways.

Firstly, it's no secret that domesticated cats have a natural instinct to chase prey, but you might not know that in recent years this has led to a drastic reduction in local **wildlife**, including already endangered birds. Such **predatory** behaviors are unnecessary and threaten entire **ecosystems** -- a highly **avoidable** problem given that we can instead give our **furry** companions all they need at home with cat toys and food.

Allowing cats to roam free, without **neutering** them, has culminated in an **overpopulation** of **felines** - a majority of which are homeless. Not neutering cats is highly **unethical** given that most shelters are already **overrun** with **unclaimed** pets and sometimes euthanize perfectly healthy animals to make space. In turn, heightened consumption of the resources needed to power busy shelters contributes to carbon emissions. Consider this a reminder to adopt your next **fluffy compatriot** from a shelter rather than **breeders** and to **neuter** your cats (however much they **sulk** afterwards)!

Finally, when cats are free-roaming, they **defecate** anywhere and everywhere. Improper disposal of pet waste has been shown to lead to water contamination issues, which can cause a **plethora** of diseases and even death for the humans and animals who consume and rely on it as a water source.

In conclusion, it's highly recommended to keep your beloved cats safely inside. Your cat, the environment, and the little bird your cat **chitters** at every morning at 5 a.m. will thank you.

Word count - 276

120. "Writing Sample" Cue Card #34



For this last answer, we're going to show you how entering your own responses into [Arno](#) can help you improve your Duolingo English Test scores.

First, you'll need to create a free account on [duolingo.goarno.io](#). Following this, click the play button next to the question type you want to practice ("Writing Sample" in this case).

A question will appear like the one below and a timer. Write your response in the box until the timer runs out (or pause it if you don't want to time yourself just yet).

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Write about the topic below for 5 minutes.

Many people choose to learn a second language. Discuss the benefits and challenges of learning a new language. Share your personal experiences or observations, if any.

Your response



Word count: 0

The response needs to be at least 50 words.

Duolingo English Test "Writing Sample" Question 34

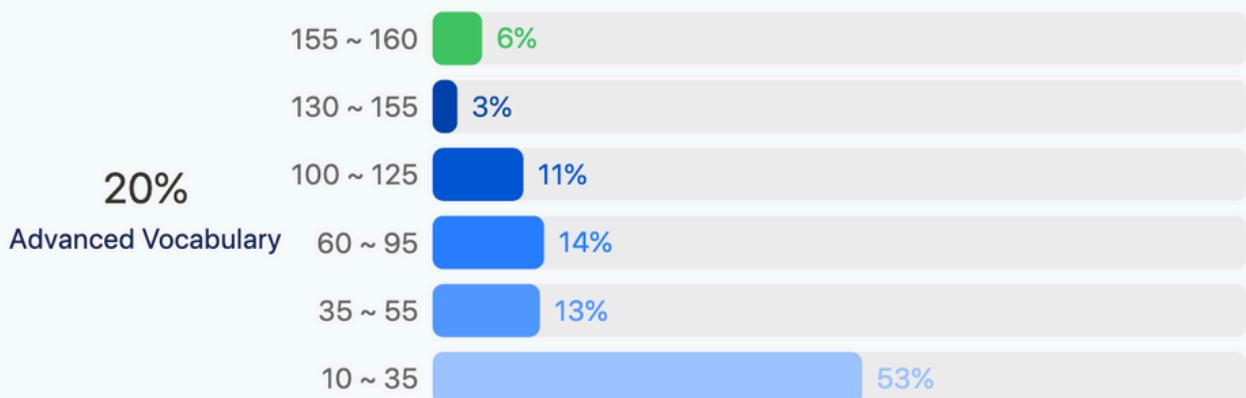
When you are finished, click submit and Arno will instantly score your answer for you and provide grammar and vocabulary feedback.



Estimated Score

130 ~ 145

Vocabulary



Words with a score between 155 ~ 160

Using advanced words with a score above 100 will boost your score!

globalization

proficiency

bilingualism

lingual

bilingual

plethora

menus

moreover

idiosyncrasy

underpin

nuance

limitless

[See grammar feedback](#)

[See vocabulary tips](#)

[See rewritten version](#)

Example of Arno's instant scoring and feedback



Vocabulary Tips

1. acquiring a second language -> mastering a second language
2. prediliction for bilingualism -> preference for bilingualism
3. provide for clients -> cater to clients
4. careers out there -> career opportunities
5. attain a second language -> learn a second language
6. grasp a better understanding -> gain a deeper understanding
7. underpinning e language -> associated with the language
8. limitless benefits -> countless benefits
9. valuable opportunities -> rewarding opportunities
10. start learning a second language -> embark on learning a second language

An example of vocabulary feedback from Arno

👉 Arno doesn't just correct your grammar and vocabulary but explains the reasoning behind the correction so you can learn from any mistakes you have made.



Grammar Feedback

1. "second language candidates who only speak their native language" => "second language over candidates who only speak their native language"

Explain why

5. "patients and there doctors" => "patients and their doctors"

In English, "there" is used to refer to a place or location, while "their" is a possessive pronoun used to show ownership or belonging. In the context of the sentence, we are talking about doctors who belong to or are associated with the patients. Therefore, "their" is the correct word to use. Using "there" instead of "their" is a common mistake, especially because these two words sound the same when spoken. However, they have different meanings and uses in written English.

4. "arent" => "aren't"

Explain why

6. "engage you can interact" => "engage, you can interact"

Explain why

7. "underpinning e language" => "underpinning the language"

Explain why

2. "international collaboratioons" => "international collaborations"

Explain why

3. "THus a multi-lingual" => "Thus, a multilingual"

Explain why

An example of grammar feedback from Arno

👉 Arno also provides a rewritten version of your response to demonstrate the feedback in action!



Rewritten Version

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In the 21st century, employers prefer candidates proficient in a second language over those who only speak their native language. This preference for bilingualism arises because immigration is more prevalent and companies frequently engage in international collaborations. Thus, a multilingual employee is better equipped to cater to clients outside of the usual scope. In my own job search, I've found that some positions specifically require bilingual candidates and won't even consider individuals if they aren't. There are also numerous careers specifically in this area, such as medical translators, who relay messages between patients and their doctors.

Another compelling reason to learn a second language is that it enhances your travel experiences. Not only does it make navigating a new place easier by enabling you to read street signs, menus, and ask for assistance when needed, but it can also make the experience more meaningful. Knowing the local language allows you to interact with locals and get to know their culture more deeply. Moreover, learning another language can help you grasp a better understanding of your own language in contrast, bringing awareness to idiosyncrasies that previously escaped your notice. In the same vein, you will likely develop a rich insight into the culture underpinning the language you are trying to learn from linguistic nuances and expressions used.

In summary, learning a language has limitless benefits and opens the door for valuable opportunities. However, learning a language has been shown to get harder as you age, so it's advisable to start learning a second language as soon as you can.

An example of a rewritten response from Arno

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👉 To get even more Writing Sample example responses, check out our article: [10 High-Scoring Writing Samples](#)

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