

# preliminary test (part 2)

Write one word only in each space.

A conversation in Oxford:

- A: Hello, Barbara. How are you this morning?
- B: Not bad, thanks. How about you?
- A: Fine. I'm always happy on Fridays.
- B: So am I, usually. But I haven't got anything to do this weekend.
- A: What about going to London? There are some good exhibitions on.
- B: I went to London last weekend. I think I'd probably go out into the country.  
Have you heard the weather forecast?
- A: Last night they said it was going to be wet on Saturday but fine on Sunday.
- B: Can you suggest the weather nice for me to go?
- A: What about the Cotswolds? They're nice and close.
- B: How would I get there?
- A: You could take a train on the Worcester line. Then get out at somewhere like Charlbury and walk back along the Oxfordshire Way footpath to one of the other little stations.
- B: Do you know how often regular normal trains go?
- A: I'm sure not. You'll need to ring British Rail. Or you could ask Amanda. She lives out in that way.
- B: That's a good idea. Thanks for your help.

I did this test without help.

Signature:

Selke Merkel

Date:

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Seline

Dear Jackie Halsall

I'm really looking forward to going to Oxford. I've never been to Oxford before. Actually, to be honest, I didn't choose Oxford to study English, it's a tradition in our school. I attend a bilingual class and it's a custom that every bilingual class travels for three weeks to Oxford.

So about my English skills:

I've been studying English since 4 years in school. Apart from school I'm normally once ~~in~~ a year in the U.S. to be precise in Wilmington N.C. There I've been able to practise a lot.

About one and a half years ago I went to Exeter in a language school for 2 weeks and there my English increased <sup>a lot</sup>. And the most common situation I use English is <sup>while</sup> communicating with my friends from Honduras. I've met them during the 22<sup>nd</sup> World Scout Jamboree. I'm definitely best at speaking because

I've practised that more often than the other skills. I do have some problems with writing because I'm not used to write texts in English. But I hope this will <sup>soon</sup> change.

As I said before, I can't wait to take off.

Greetings from Zurich

Seline Meskel