

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 do 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 rather 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 any 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 these trains go?
- A: I'm ^{not} really sure ~~not~~. You'll have to ring British Rail. Or you could ask Amanda. She lives out & this way.
- B: That's a good idea. Thanks for your help.

I did this test without help.

Signature:

N. Post

Date: 14/09/12

preliminary test (part 1)

Student name: Nina Stumpf

Name of the course:

Course start date: 01/10/12

Please do this test [Parts 1 and 2]. It is important that you do it without help and without a dictionary.

Dear Student,

I am pleased to hear that you have enrolled for a course with us. When you begin your course, you will do some tests in the school but I would like to know something about you before you arrive, so please answer the following questions.

How good do you think your English is? Are you best at listening, speaking, reading, or writing? Do you have any special problems with your English? Where have you learnt the English that you know already? Have you ever been to an English-speaking country before? If not, have you been able to practise speaking English in your own country? And, most importantly, why have you chosen to study English in Oxford?

Please forgive me for asking so many questions.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Jackie Halsall [Academic Manager]

Reply to this letter, using 100 - 200 words. Write a normal letter, not just a list of answers

Dear Jackie,

~~Of course, I will answer your questions with pleasure.~~

It is nice to hear from you and I will with pleasure answer your questions. I have no idea how good my English actually is. Probably, it is better than the one of the average Swiss student, at least at listening, reading and writing. So ~~with~~ what is still left is speaking: that is where I have some problems because I am a bit afraid of speaking in English in front of more than two or three persons. I have learnt most of my English at school - that is also where I can practice it the most. I have had English classes for four years now, but already before I was able to understand quite a lot because I travelled a lot with my parents, and although I have been only once to an English-speaking country, very often while travelling the only possibility to communicate with people was to speak in English to each other.

The reason why I am going to study English in Oxford is that I have chosen the bilingual programme at our school, so now I am going to spend three weeks in Oxford together with my whole class. I am looking forward to spending some time at your school.

Kind regards,

Nina Stumpf