

## 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 better 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 ~~anywhere~~ somewhere 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 ~~afraid~~ not You'll have to ring British Rail. Or you could ask Amanda. She lives out that way.
- B: That's a good idea. Thanks for your help.

I did this test without help.

Signature:

*Bara Kaiser*

Date:

*14.03.12*

Dear Jackie

I absolutely understand why you ask me all of these questions. I'll try to answer them as good as possible.

I'd say that my English knowledge is quite good. I've only been to an English-speaking country once, and I stayed there just for a few days.

So I guess my English speaking would profit a lot if I could come to Oxford. Unfortunately, except to the school, I don't have the opportunity to communicate in English, though.

I have two hobbies which helped me improving my listening and reading: I'm addicted to books, and I just prefer reading them in their original language, in English. Thanks to this, I shouldn't have any problems with writing <sup>and reading</sup> English. My other passion are movies. Of course I watch them in English. So I'm used to listening and understanding the English language.

I've seen a lot of movies, but I soon realised that I prefer the ones in which the actors speak british English. I just love this accent. Well, it's obvious that I want to go to Oxford to learn this british accent. And another reason for my decision is the following: the schools in Oxford have a very good reputation! These are the reasons why I'd love to go to Oxford.

There is one question of yours I haven't answered yet: "Where have you learnt the English that you know already?" Well, I couldn't speak English at all before I went to the 'Gymnasium'. So I've learnt all my English in school where I have <sup>had</sup> English class for four years now.

I really think that studying English in Oxford would have a lot of positive effects on my English.

Hopefully, you have now the answers to all of your questions. If there's still something unclear or you have any other questions, I'd feel honoured to answer them.

Yours sincerely  
Zora Kaiser