

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 at Fridays.
- B: So am I, usually. But I haven't got anything to do this weekend.
- A: What about a trip 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.
Do 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 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 go 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 the trains go?
- A: I'm knowing not. You'll have to ring British Rail. Or you could ask Amanda. She lives out just on the way.
- B: That's a good idea. Thanks for your help.

I did this test without help.

Signature:

Stefan Zimmermann

Date:

14/09/12

preliminary test (part 1)

Student name: *Ulrich Zimmermann*

Name of the course:

Course start date: *14/03/10*

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

English is very important for me. It's the language used for international conversations. That's why I want to be better at it.

I mainly want to practice speaking in Oxford. I think I'm already pretty good at it, compared with my classmates, but I want to be able to speak perfectly fluent. Listening is also something that I want to practice, because I think seeing movies in the original language is much more interesting. I also would like to have a larger vocabulary while I speak.

I'm learning English since 5 years and I also practice it during the daily life. I watch films in English and sometimes I talk English with my mother to practice. I also learned English during some holidays. I've been to New York, London and the Maldives.

I'm looking forward to seeing you.

Regards

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