

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 was 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 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 the trains go?
- A: I'm knowing 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: Barbara Roos

Date: 14/09/12

Barbara Roos

Dear Jackie,

Thank you very much for your letter. It shows me that your school is really good and wants the students to learn as much as possible.

I know my English isn't perfect but I think it isn't that bad either. I am best at writing and reading. When someone talks too fast I can't understand him. But my greatest problem is that I usually have to think for a while until a word comes to my mind. This means that when I am speaking there are pauses, sometimes even in the middle of a sentence because I can't remember a word.

Most of the English I know already I learnt in school. A small part is from movies which I like to watch in English. I've been learning English for four years now. The only possibility to practise speaking was during the lessons because I've only been to an English speaking country for one week and I hardly ever spoke to somebody else than my family.

I chose to study English in Oxford because I want to practise speaking. I also think there are good schools where you can learn English of a good quality.

I am looking forward to coming to Oxford.

Kind regards,

Barbara Roos