

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 a trip to London? There are some good exhibitions on.
- B: I went to London last weekend. I think I'd like 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 not sure not. You'll have to ring British Rail. Or you could ask Amanda. She lives out way.
- B: That's a good idea. Thanks for your help.

I did this test without help.

Signature:

M Schwarz

Date:

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Dear Jackie

I'm really looking forward to visiting Oxford. English is my second language and I'm really glad I speak it as well as I do. I can speak English completely fluent and I can type it faster than I can type in German. I prefer reading in English, because German is a bit limited in variety and my favorite authors write in English.

I learnt English through my mother who started to talk to me in English at the age of four or five. At that time I considered it ~~is~~ a secret language, only spoken by the two of us. You can imagine the revelation I had ~~at~~ the first time, we visited the States. A whole country that spoke my language!

My English isn't perfect though, my spelling is terrible and grammar tests are my archnemeses. I chose to study English in Oxford to get rid of those problems. I think English is a cool language, because it's something of a lingua franca and it has lots of variations. Being able to tell from which corner of the earth a person is by listening to their accent is pretty cool in my opinion. You can travel the world with English.

I'm looking forward to seeing England and Oxford.

Kind regards,

Michael Schwarz