

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

I did this test without help.

Signature: C. Piveteau

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Dear Jackie

I am really looking forward to ~~being~~ going to Oxford, I hope that I'll ~~improve~~ my English skills and very importantly also ~~be~~ get to know the British culture I actually only know a little about.

At my school in Switzerland I regularly observe a quite interesting phenomenon: Most ~~of the~~ students speak English way better than French, even though we've had French for two more years at school. I think this is related to the fact that English is like a "freetime language". ~~Therefore~~, I interact a lot with the English language, for example by listening music or surfing on the web. I like to program a lot in my freetime and to find solutions to my problems on the internet, I always use English. That is probably the reason why reading and listening are my most developed English skills. My personal weak point is the pronoun^{ci}ciation, because I don't get to speaking English too much beside school. Nevertheless, I still think my English is a bit better than the average in my school, but still way worse than the skills of someone with English as his mother tongue.

I hope to be able to improve my English a lot.

Kind regards,

Christophe Piveteau