

**25** It's difficult to say why some cars are easier to drive than others.

**MAKES**

It's difficult to say ..... easier to drive than others.

**26** Many people have blamed the hot weather for the rise in petty crime.

**WIDELY**

The hot weather ..... for the rise in petty crime.

**27** The wind was so strong that we couldn't walk along the seafront.

**STRENGTH**

The ..... meant it was impossible to walk along the seafront.

**28** Sandra regrets not being able to visit her grandmother more often.

**WISHES**

Sandra ..... visit her grandmother more often.

**29** Everyone expects a lot of people to attend the rock band's farewell concert.

**TURN**

A huge crowd is ..... the rock band's farewell concert.

**30** I want to say that I'm not at all satisfied with the service at this hotel.

**MY**

I want to express ..... with the service at this hotel.

Listen to Part 4 of the test on page 100 and answer the following questions by either writing Y (Yes, the speaker says this) or N (No, the speaker doesn't mention this) in the box provided.

Speaker 1 says:

- 1 he suffers from medical issues.
- 2 he uses his smartphone to contact customers.
- 3 he makes notes on his smartphone to refer to during meetings.
- 4 he uses his smartphone to look at information on the company database.
- 5 he is grateful that his phone lets him keep an eye on things at work.
- 6 his smartphone is older than some of his colleagues' phones.

Speaker 2 says:

- 7 she would like to get home faster than she usually does.
- 8 she sometimes feels worried about getting home when it's dark.
- 9 she uses her application to see what is happening inside her house.
- 10 she is worried that someone else might change the application.
- 11 use of the application has been really successful so far.

Speaker 3 says:

- 12 his wife uses the technology to send messages to him.
- 13 the technology has led to a change in his lifestyle.
- 14 he uses the technology for work purposes.
- 15 he uses the technology to record his physical activity.
- 16 he uses the technology to compare prices of different facilities.
- 17 he has had the same piece of technology for a long time.

Speaker 4 says:

- 18 she has to prepare presentations for her further education course.
- 19 she would like to prove that she is better than the other students.
- 20 she wasn't fast enough to succeed at a particular activity.
- 21 the kind of technology isn't something which is used much in lectures.
- 22 she hasn't learned to use the technology properly.
- 23 the technology she bought doesn't work very well.

Speaker 5 says:

- 24 dealing with finance is an aspect of his job.
- 25 he is concerned about his own health.
- 26 he may need to be contacted outside of normal working hours.
- 27 the technology allows him to access the hospital database and see what's happening.
- 28 the technology is not something that often has to be activated.
- 29 he is happy with how long the technology has lasted.



## TASK ONE

For questions 21–25, choose from the list (A–H) why the speaker has the technology.

While you listen you must complete both tasks.

- A speeding up a process 21
- B gaining an advantage over others 22
- C providing a sense of personal security 23
- D preparing material for a presentation 24
- E keeping track of work developments 25
- F comparing price options
- G being easily contactable
- H maintaining personal health

## TASK TWO

For questions 26–30, choose from the list (A–H) what each speaker feels about the technology.

- A happy with its durability 26
- B relieved that it's seldom applied 27
- C unsure about its full potential 28
- D unconcerned that it is not the latest model 29
- E pleased with the improvement it has led to 30
- F concerned about its misuse
- G appreciative of the sense of control it offers
- H unimpressed with its performance

Work in pairs. Read the writing task below, then discuss your answers to the questions which follow.

An international magazine for learners of English has asked its readers to submit a review of a novel they've particularly enjoyed and which they think other learners would also enjoy. Write a review for the magazine including:

- the name of the novel
- a brief summary of the plot and main characters
- what you particularly enjoyed about it
- what other readers may find interesting about it.

Write your **review**.

- 1 Should you do the following? Why (not)?
  - a explain the whole plot including how the story ends
  - b give detailed character descriptions
  - c include a comment on the writing style
  - d make a general recommendation to your readers
  - e make some criticisms of the book
  - f say what you most enjoyed about the book
  - g say why you decided to read the book
  - h include a general synopsis of the plot and characters
- 2 In what order would you mention each of the elements you chose?
- 3 Is there anything else you should include?

**Read the review again. Which paragraphs deal with:**

- a the plot?
- b the main characters?
- c what the writer enjoyed about it?
- d what other readers may find interesting?

## **Cold Mountain** *by Charles Frazier*

*Cold Mountain* is set in North Carolina during the American Civil War. What drew me into the novel from the outset was the main character, Inman, who makes a hazardous journey across a war-torn country to join Ada, the woman he loves. As an army deserter, he is pursued by armed groups sent to kill traitors. Meanwhile, after her father's death, Ada struggles to survive on her farm.

I was fascinated by the vivid descriptions of American rural life at the time. During his journey, Inman comes across a series of people scratching an insecure living in wild, isolated places in extraordinary ways. I was spellbound by the detail and at the same time horrified and caught up in the suspense from the dangers he and Ada have to survive.

The novel contains a whole gallery of unusual characters: Inman, the thoughtful and observant hero who is desperate to escape the war and survive, and who is motivated by love yet capable of extreme violence; Ada, the heroine, who develops from a well-off, sheltered background, incapable of surviving in the harsh conditions of a lost war, to someone who becomes self-sufficient and decisive, with the help of Ruby, the brash but lovable country girl.

You will really love this book with its detailed observations and descriptions of life in nineteenth-century America and its wonderful ear for styles of speech in a rural backwater. You will be transported into a contrasting world of love, kindness and horror which is unlike any novel you have read before.