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TASK 1

Imagine that you are preparing a project with your friend. You have found some interesting material for the presentation and you want to read this text to your friend.



You have 1.5 minutes to read the text silently, then be ready to read it out aloud. You will not have more than 1.5 minutes to read it.

During the dry season in the savanna, the only reliable place to find water is at a water hole. Thus, it can be a very busy place. Basically, a water hole is a pool or a depression in the ground in which water can collect. Animals visit a water hole frequently, especially elephants which have to drink about 200 litres of water a day. Oftentimes an animal leaves a water hole dirtier than ever. They try to cover themselves in the mud because it cools them down and it may also help them to get rid of nasty insects that usually infect the animal's skin.

Sometimes larger animals are accompanied by small birds to a water hole. These birds hope to find insects on the animal's skin. As well as insect control, such birds may also clean up any wounds the host animal may have. Thus, both host animals and birds are happy. In general, birds can often be seen wading in water holes, looking for fish and frogs.



TASK 2

Study the advertisement.



You are considering visiting the clinic and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask four direct questions to find out about the following:

- 1 location;
- 2 public transport;
- 3 rental conditions;
- 4 dentist.



You have 20 seconds to ask each question.



EXAMPLES OF QUESTIONS

- 1 Where is the clinic located?
What is the location of the clinic?
- 2 Can I use public transport to get to the clinic?
What public transport can I use to get to the clinic?
Does public transport run to the clinic?
- 3 Can I visit a dentist in the clinic?
Do you have a dentist in the clinic?
- 4 Do you have family discounts?
Do you offer discounts for families?



TASK 3

You are going to give an interview. You have to answer five questions. Give full answers to the questions (2-3 sentences).



Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.

Tapescript for Task 3.

Interviewer: Hello! It's Teenagers Round the World Channel. Our guest today is a teenager from Russia and we are going to discuss teenagers' attitude to their accommodation. We'd like to know our guest's point of view on this issue. Please answer five questions. So, let's get started.

Interviewer: In what region do you live? Do you live in a big city, a town or in a village?

Student: _____

Interviewer: Do you live in a flat or in a house? What is it like?

Student: _____

Interviewer: What would you like to change about your flat or house? Why?

Student: _____

Interviewer: What do you like and dislike about your neighbourhood?

Student: _____

Interviewer: What kind of housing would you like to have in the future?

Student: _____

Interviewer: Thank you very much for your interview.



MODEL ANSWERS

- 1 I live in a **central part of Russia**, in Tula. It's a **big city** not far from Moscow. The **population** of my city is more than 1 million people.
- 2 My family and I live in a new **block of flats** on the **seventh floor**. Our flat is **not very big**, there are only two rooms in it, but it's very **cozy** with a **lovely view** of the park.
- 3 Personally, I **find my flat really great**, but I'd like to have **new furniture** in the kitchen. I **have always dreamed of** a large round table for all members of the family. I also want to have an **alarm system** in my flat to feel safe when I am not at home.
- 4 What I like most about my area is that it's **quiet and never busy**. There is also a park near my house where I can watch and feed squirrels all year round. But the **transport links are rather poor** in my neighborhood. I have to walk 10 minutes to the nearest bus station.
- 5 In the future I would like to live in **my own house** with a **small garden in the countryside**. I want my house to be **environmentally friendly** with **solar panels** and smart home systems.



TASK 4

Imagine that you and your friend are doing a school project “Ideal weekend”. You have found some photos to illustrate it but for technical reasons you cannot send them now. Leave a voice message to your friend explaining your choice of the photos and sharing some ideas about the project. In 2.5 minutes be ready to:

- 1 explain the choice of the illustrations for the project by briefly describing them and noting the differences;
- 2 mention the advantages (1-2) of the two ways to spend the weekend;
- 3 mention the disadvantages (1-2) of the two ways to spend the weekend;
- 4 express your opinion on the subject of the project - say which way of spending the weekend presented in the pictures you prefer and why.



You will speak for not more than 3 minutes (12-15 sentences).
You have to talk continuously.



MODEL ANSWERS

Hello, Polina! I've just found two pictures suitable for our project "Ideal weekend". Unfortunately, I can't send them to you. Let me tell you more about them.

In the first picture there is a girl in a yellow sweater sitting on the sofa in the living room. She is wearing big yellow headphones. She must be enjoying listening to her favourite music because she is smiling. Her cat is nearby on a cushion. In the second picture there are three girls riding their bikes in the countryside. They are wearing bright tops and shorts. It is summer, the weather is great, they look happy making a cycling tour. I think these pictures are a good choice but they have some differences. The main one lies in the ways of spending the weekend: relaxing alone at home and being active outside with friends.

Of course, both ways of spending the weekend have their advantages and disadvantages. Relaxing alone at home is great because it gives you much freedom and independence. You are flexible in your plans and wishes. Being active outside is also good. You are never bored with friends, you can joke and have a lot of fun.

On the other hand, in both cases there are some drawbacks as well. For example, staying indoors alone you don't get enough fresh air and don't move much. It can cause headaches, obesity, and even a sort of depression caused by loneliness. As for activities outdoors, they always depend on the weather and you depend on your friends' mood.

Personally, I prefer being active and spending weekends riding bikes with my friends. I really fancy watching the nature in the park or countryside where we sometimes ride together and taking pictures of beautiful landscapes.

That's all for now. Please call me when you are ready to discuss if we can use these pictures! Bye.

