

Reading

Strategy

After you have made your choice, check your answer by deciding why the other options are wrong.

- 1 Read the Strategy. Then read the text and the question below. Choose the correct option. Sum up in a sentence why each of the other options is incorrect. Underline the part of the text that tells you this. The first one has been done for you.

It isn't 'A' because the writer is planning to start touring again.

Living cheaply in New Zealand

I've been in New Zealand for six months, and, as far as I'm concerned, it's the adventure capital of the world! Hiking, skydiving, caving, ... the list goes on. And it doesn't have to cost a lot to live here. When I arrived, I stayed in a hostel in Auckland. It was cheap, and I met lots of people. I joined up with a few of them and we started touring the country – buses are the cheapest way to get about. We stayed in affordable campsites in the most amazing places. Right now, I'm back in a hostel in Wellington. I'm taking a city break before I start touring again.

- 1 What does the author say about being in New Zealand?
- A He's planning to go home now.
 - B He prefers travelling on his own.
 - C He's spent a lot of money.
 - D He has seen both town and country.

- 2 Now read the three texts. Choose the correct answer (A–D).

How to make money travelling

After I left university, I set out on a three-month trip to Asia. The idea was to travel and then go home and find a job. That was two years ago, and I'm still here! But how, you may ask, can you make money and travel at the same time? I teach English. I also write a travel blog, and that makes money too. I don't have a lot of money, but I can pay my bills. I have friends that do other things, such as hairdressing. There are lots of different ways to make money while you're travelling.

- 1 What does the author say about his experience?
- A He spent three months in Asia.
 - B He now knows what job he wants to train for.
 - C He became very rich.
 - D He changed his plans.

So you want to be a billionaire?

Self-made billionaires have one thing in common: they're good at making money. Most of them will also tell you that this talent is only part of the story. So what else do you need to be a success in the business world? *So you want to be a billionaire?* helps you understand. The book looks at the careers and methods of the world's most famous self-made billionaires. Each chapter examines how these billionaires made their fortune – and how you can do the same. Read *So you want to be a billionaire* and open the door to a great future!

- 2 The author of the text wants to ...
- A sell people a book.
 - B explain the life of a billionaire.
 - C encourage readers to write a book about their lives.
 - D describe how he became successful.

The cost of art

Paul Cézanne's painting *The Card Players* sold for 250 million dollars. Before that, Francis Bacon's work *Three Studies of Lucian Freud* sold for 142.4 million. The question is: Why would you spend so much on a piece of art? Is it because you want to own something no one else can buy? Here's another story ... Banksy is a street artist whose work can sell for a million dollars. But one day he sold his paintings in Central Park for sixty dollars. The people that bought them didn't know the paintings were by Banksy. Now they have some very valuable works!

- 3 The text gives readers ...
- A reasons for the high price of some art.
 - B information about the cost of art.
 - C ideas on how to make money from art.
 - D advice on the best artists to see.

Listening

Strategy

Before you listen, look at the statements carefully and underline the key words. Sometimes the information in the statement is true for one of the speakers, but it is incorrect for the speaker in the statement. Listen carefully to hear which speaker gives the information.

- 3 Read the Strategy. Then look at the task below and underline the key words in the questions. The first one has been done for you.

- 4  2.07 Listen to the conversation twice. Decide if the statements are true or false.

	True	False
1 Lucy has a <u>relative living in Spain</u> .		
2 Ben prefers the town to the country.		
3 Ben prefers to relax when he is on holiday.		
4 Ben's uncle can teach Lucy Spanish cooking.		
5 Lucy tells Ben about a good hotel to stay at.		
6 Lucy gives Ben some advice about a job.		
7 Lucy is planning to return to Spain in September.		

Use of English

Strategy

Look carefully at the words before and after each gap. Try to think about what sort of word you are looking for – whether it's a preposition, an article, part of a verb, or something else. When you have finished, read the complete text through again to make sure it makes sense.

5 Read the Strategy. Then complete the text with one word in each gap.

There are quite a lot of stories about young entrepreneurs these days – people who have started ¹ _____ own businesses while they are still at school and have gone on to make large amounts of money. My career also started early. I think I was about five years old ² _____. I decided to try to make some money. I was saving ³ _____ for a big doll. I ⁴ _____ seen it in a toy shop the month before, but my parents ⁵ _____ not afford to buy it for me it because it was very expensive. So I decided ⁶ _____ save all of my pocket money until I had enough to buy it myself. However, it was taking a very long ⁷ _____.! So, to get the doll more quickly, I came up with an idea. My friend came round and while we were in ⁸ _____ garden we picked a lot of my mum's pretty flowers. We took the flowers onto the street and we held them out and said, 'Fifty pence a bunch,' to the people who passed us. One lady stopped and gave us fifty pence. I think she felt sorry for us. After half an hour we ran out ⁹ _____ flowers but we had lots of money. I was really proud. ¹⁰ _____ I had the same courage now, maybe I would be rich!

Speaking

Strategy

When you have to talk on your own about a topic, use your preparation time to think of some ideas for each of the points and decide on the best order to present your ideas.

6 Read the Strategy. Prepare to speak on your own about online shopping. Make a plan about what you are going to say. The following ideas may help you.

- choice
- cost
- convenience
- delivery
- security

7 Now do the exam task.

Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of online shopping, comparing it to conventional shopping. Include these points:

- choice
- cost
- convenience
- delivery
- security
- *your own ideas.*

Writing

Strategy

When writing an essay you need to make sure you structure your work carefully and divide it into paragraphs. Guide the reader through your points by starting your paragraphs with words such as, *First of all*, *Secondly*, and *Finally*.

8 Read the Strategy. Then read the exam task in exercise 9 and the model answer below. Complete the table using the information in the model answer.

Most important improvement:	
Reason:	
Result:	
Second improvement:	
Reason:	
Result:	
Third improvement:	
Reason:	
Result:	

My town is very historic and we get a lot of visitors. There are several things I would improve to attract even more tourists. Here are three of the most important.

First of all, I would improve the parking. In my opinion, this is the most important thing because the town is always full of cars. If there was a car park on the edge of town, tourists could leave their cars there and get a bus into the centre. It would be easier for them and they could enjoy less crowded streets.

Secondly, I would cut the entrance price to museums and art galleries. The tickets can be very expensive, especially for families. If prices were cheaper, more tourists would visit these attractions.

Finally, I would arrange some interesting things for children to do in the park. If there were more activities for children, more families would come to the town.

To conclude, I would improve parking, reduce prices and provide things for children to do. All these things would attract more tourists to our town.

9 Write your essay.

Your town or a town near you is a tourist destination. What improvements would you make to attract even more tourists? Write an essay and include three ideas. Give reasons for your choices and say what effect the improvements would have on tourist numbers.

Include these points:

- say what the most important improvement would be
- choose two more improvements to make
- explain how these things would affect tourists.