

Part A: Reading Comprehension

School Discipline



Freya MacDonald, a 15-year-old pupil from Scotland, made the news in the UK when she refused to accept her school's punishment.

Freya's family say that she was given detention many times for trivial things such as drinking fizzy drinks in class and coming into school through a fire door. After her secondary school gave her detention for the eleventh time, she went to a lawyer and took legal action against the school. The teenager said that it is not legal to keep a pupil in the school building if the student does not want to be there, because Scottish law says that it is illegal to detain children against their will.

According to Scottish law every child has the right to an education. Freya says that repeated detentions disrupted her education and made it difficult for her to learn. She refused to return to school until the school respected her civil rights. She wants the headmaster and her teachers to sign a letter to promise they will respect her rights.

Hundreds of schools in Scotland were told not to use detention as a punishment because of Freya's legal action.

Detention: one of the most common punishments in schools in the United Kingdom, according to which a punished student must remain in a school area for a certain period of time. **Verb:** to detain.

Comprehension tasks

1. Choose the best option that completes the following idea.

Freya went to a lawyer

- a. to complain about her repeated punishment
- b. to punish her school
- c. to spoil the reputation of the school
- d. to make her school understand that her rights must be respected

2. Tick all the correct ideas.

- a. Freya went to the lawyer the first time she was detained.
- b. Freya's family sympathised with their daughter's feelings.
- c. Teachers cannot legally hold children at school against their will.
- d. Freya received the same punishment more than ten times.
- e. Freya's actions were serious enough to get punished for.
- f. It was difficult for Freya to make a progress in school.
- g. Freya was too shy to return to her school.
- h. Freya's fight was successful.

3. Can you suggest **3 arguments** Freya used to say that her detention was a wrong punishment for her?

First,  Second,

Third,

4. Find the synonyms of the following ideas.

1. ***"Freya MacDonald made the news in the UK"***

- a. She sent her story to the UK news.
- b. She was a main topic on the UK news.
- c. She made a movie in UK.

2. ***"for trivial things"***

- a. for not so serious crimes
- b. for the same things
- c. for jokes

3. ***"took legal action against the school"***

- a. sent lawyers to the school
- b. called the police to school

c. took the school to court

4. *“every child has the right to an education”*

a. all children go to school

b. all children must learn to read and write

c. all children should get better marks

Part B: Language use

Task 1: Choose the best answer to complete the gaps.

In 1945, Japan was at war with America. The Japanese were strong and many American soldiers (1) ___ every day.

a. die

b. were dying

c. had died

US President Harry Truman thought that if the Japanese surrendered, many lives (2) ___ .

a. will be saved

b. would be saved

c. would have been saved

In August 1945, the US Air Force (3) ___ two atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, killing 240,000 people.

a. dropped

b. had dropped

c. have dropped

The atomic bombs (4) ___ in a war before.

a. have never been used

b. were never used

c. had never been used

Historians say that if people use such terrible weapons again, our planet (5) ___ .

a. will disappear

b. would disappear

c. would have disappeared

Task 2: Put the verbs in the right **Passive Voice forms** (all tenses).

Travelling to Ancient Egypt

Your answer



Most Ancient Egyptian pyramids 5,000 (1) years ago (build) _____ as tombs for pharaohs and their families.



Until now, over 130 Pyramids _____ (2)
(discover) in Egypt.



When king Tutankhamun died at the age of (3)
18, his mummy _____ (bury) in a
golden coffin in a tomb in the Valley of the
Kings.



Mummies (not make) _____ any more (4)
in our days.



Archaeologists believe that more treasures (5)
(find) _____ in Egypt in the future.

Task 3: Put the words in their right gaps. Some words will be used more than once.

a. in b. to c. for d. of e. into f. by g. during h. as i. on j. from

Animal heroes



Treo, the black Labrador, was given a medal (1) ___ finding hidden bombs in Afghanistan, which could have killed or injured soldiers.

When JoAnn Altsman had a heart attack, Lulu, her daughter's pig rushed out (2) ___ the house, lying down in the street to stop traffic. Finally, one person stopped and followed the determined pig back (3) ___ the house, where they found Altsman and took her (4) ___ a hospital.



After a young boy, Levan, fell (5) ___ the gorilla's zoo area at the Jersey Zoo breaking his legs, Jambo, a silverback gorilla came to him and protected him (6) ___ the other animals, until he was rescued (7) ___ the people of the zoo.

8-year-old Amber Mason was saved (8) ___ a 4-year-old elephant (9) ___ the 2004 tsunami in Thailand. Just (10) ___ the wave struck, the elephant took Amber (11) ___ its back and ran for higher ground. The elephant even turned its back to the water, creating a protective wall (12) ___ the water.



Task 4: Complete the gaps with the right form of the word in capital letters.

The world's weirdest food

Lost!!! Small grey cat missing in Bayswater area. She's (1) _____ of dogs and teenage boys.	FRIGHTEN
Full time hairdresser wanted in Brighton City centre. Your (2) _____ will include washing hair, bringing coffee to customers and keeping the salon clean and tidy.	RESPONSIBLE
IT expert to work for environmental (3) _____ in Dubai.	ORGANISE
Would all (4) _____ travelling to Tokyo on flight FR3421 please have your boarding passes and passports ready for boarding. Flight FR3421 now boarding at gate 21.	PASS
British Museum visitors are not (5) _____ to consume food and drink inside the Museum, except in the Museum's restaurant and cafes.	ALLOW

Part C: Writing

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Brave is the latest Disney movie and is about a naughty princess called Merida, who loves to be outdoors riding her horse and firing her bow and arrow. One day Merida's mum and dad (the king and queen) invite young men from around the kingdom to win Merida's hand but the princess doesn't want to get married and causes lots of problems.

As an animation film, it's not a great story because it takes a while to get interesting and it's quite easy to guess what's going to happen. Merida's three little brothers who are always up to something, trying to steal cakes and making a mess make you laugh a lot. The landscapes of Scotland are brilliant too. Merida is an enjoyable character who often shows how good she is with a bow and arrow. If she were in the Olympics she'd definitely get a Gold!. Brave sends successfully a message about improving communication between mothers and daughters.

Overall, I think it's a good film to see if you want to please your eyes but not your brain!

Writing task: Think of a film you have watched and write a review between 120-150m words. You are going to publish the review on your Facebook page. These questions might help you.

1. What is the title of the film?
2. What genre is it?
3. What is it about?
4. Is it based on a book?
5. Where and when is the film set?
6. Who plays the main role(s)?
9. Who is your favourite character in the film? (Why?)
10. Why do you recommend this film?