



ENGLISH SUMMMER HOMEWORK

1. Read the article.

SOMETHING STRANGE FALLS FROM THE SKY



Mikayla Shears was riding her horse across the fields at the farm where she and her parents live in Australia last November, when she saw something very strange on the ground. 'At first I was afraid to touch it!', she said. "I thought something may jump out of it!'. It was a 22 kilo ball made of lots of different metal parts.

Mikayla called her dad and he came in a truck and drove it back to the farmhouse. People don't drive hundreds of miles across the desert area to leave a metal ball in the middle of a field. 'It dropped from above!', he said. 'I was sure of that!'.

Mikayla's father emailed a photo of the ball to the Planet Museum. He was told that the ball was possibly part of a rocket. Two days earlier a rocket was used to fly an American satellite into space to study the sun. Most of it fell into the sea after the satellite was safely in the space, but maybe this part didn't. 'I know a lot about cows and sheep', Mikayla said, 'but I don't know anything about rockets. I want to find out more about them now. Perhaps I'll be an astronaut one day!'.

1a. Are the following sentences TRUE or FALSE? If there is not enough information to answer, choose DOESN'T SAY.

a. Mikayla saw something that looked very unusual in the field.

TRUE FALSE DOESN'T SAY

b. When Mikayla touched the ball, a piece of it broke off.

TRUE FALSE DOESN'T SAY

c. Mikayla drove back to collect the metal ball in her father's truck.

TRUE FALSE DOESN'T SAY

d. Mikayla's dad was certain that the ball fell from the sky.

TRUE FALSE DOESN'T SAY

e. An American from the Planet Museum emailed Mikayla.

TRUE FALSE DOESN'T SAY

f. We know that the metal ball came from another planet in space.

TRUE FALSE DOESN'T SAY

g. Mikayla is thinking about being an astronaut in the future!

TRUE FALSE DOESN'T SAY

2. Read the text.

PARKOUR



Have you ever wanted to be able to climb over three-metre walls? How about jumping from one building to another? My name is Logan Smith, I'm 13 years old, and I can do all those things because my hobby is Parkour.

In Parkour, or free-running, you must get from one place to another as quickly as you can. If there is something in your way, you can go over it, under it or around it. It's great fun. But it can be dangerous, so if you want to learn, you'll have to find a good teacher. The first thing you learn is how to fall well! I began learning Parkour three years ago. I fell over a lot at first, but I learned fast, and I have improved since then. I haven't fallen for about four months.

I've lived in this town since I was two. It's a bit boring because there aren't many places kids can go to play. But all that changed when I started learning Parkour. Now the whole town is my playground!!

2a. Answer the following questions:

1. When did Logan start to do Parkour?
2. Does he still do Parkour?
3. How long has he done Parkour?
4. Does he still live there?
5. What does Parkour involve?
6. Would you like to try Parkour? Why/why not?

3. Read the text.

COASTEERING



Lily Carter had no idea what present she wanted for her 14th birthday. But she'd always been keen on challenging sports, especially to do with water, like surfing and sailing. So when her parents heard about an activity called coasteering – exploring rocks along the coast by climbing and swimming – they thought Lily would love it. They found a course offered at an activity centre called Porthdean, just along the coast from the family home, which was perfect. So after checking that it was led by experienced instructors, they signed her up.

Lily had seen a TV show about coasteering, and was interested in doing it, although she'd thought only adults could take part. But then she discovered that on courses at Porthdean, there'd also be people her age jumping from rocks into the sea, and also exploring caves – which she was never normally allowed to do, so she really wanted to go. But she still asked her dad to go along too and, although he wondered whether he'd like coasteering himself, he knew how much Lily wanted someone to accompany her, so he agreed.

Lily and her dad drove to Porthdean, where they attended a session with their instructors to learn basic safety and techniques and be given helmets and special wetsuits to keep the cold out. The group they joined was quite small, which meant they got lots of individual attention. Says Lily, "The entire trip was awesome – although the water was freezing! But our instructors encouraged the whole group so much, we were ready to try absolutely all the challenges, even stuff we hadn't expected at all, like jumping off high cliffs! I must admit, the one I jumped off wasn't that high, but Dad went much higher!"

"Anyway, Dad and I hadn't realised how hard it would be physically, so we were glad we were fit," explains Lily. "Even so, afterwards, we actually felt like we'd done loads of hard exercise in the gym! But I'll keep the memories of that trip forever, I reckon. And the instructors are going to put a video of it onto the website, so my friends will see it. They'd never believe me otherwise!"

3a. Answer the following questions:

1. Why did Lily's parents choose Porthdean for her coasteering present?
2. How did Lily feel about this coasteering experience?
3. Why were the instructors useful?
4. How did Lily feel after the course?
5. Will her friends see her doing Coasteering?

4. Read Martha's post.



Hi everyone!

You'll never guess where I'm writing to you from! I'm in my cabin aboard the Royal Scotsman Train! I've won two return tickets (for my boyfriend and me) for a five-day journey around the Scottish Highlands!

My adventure started yesterday afternoon in Edinburgh Waverley Station. As soon as we got to the station, we went to the lounge where they offered us champagne. We are only 36 passengers. When we got on the train, a porter had already put our luggage in our cabin. You can't imagine how beautiful the cabin is! It's even got a private bathroom with a shower. The train isn't very big, it has only got a total of nine carriages. There are five sleeping cars, two dining cars, an observation car and a service car.

Yesterday we spent most of the day in the observation car, where my boyfriend took some fantastic pictures. Later in the evening we had dinner with some of the other passengers and then we went to our cabins. We actually slept very well because the train doesn't travel at night.

This morning, as the train was departing, we had a wonderful continental breakfast in the dining car. The first stop on the itinerary today was Muir of Ord where we visited a whisky distillery and then we moved on to Plockton. There we went on a boat trip and saw some wild seals. It was all fantastic but I really can't wait for Day Four of the trip because we are visiting Glamis Castle: you know, people say it is haunted!

I have to go now because there is a formal dinner tonight and I want to look great.

Bye

Martha

4a. Find the English word in the text.

a. biglietto di andata e ritorno	b. itinerario
c. Vagone letto	d. Vagone ristorante
e. facchino	f. sala d'attesa
g. carrozza panoramica	h. scompartimento
i. foca	j. infestato dagli spiriti

4b. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

- Where is Martha writing from?
- Why is she there?
- Where did the train leave from?
- Does the train travel at night?
- What did she visit on her first stop?
- What does Martha want to see?

5. Read Anthony's post.



Hi!

I'm back. I've just been on an amazing holiday to the Great Sand Sea in Egypt! I flew to Cairo and met our guide, Jusef, and our driver Abdallah. First, we travelled in two jeeps across the desert to the oasis of Siwa, where we stopped to make a camp. We sat outside and saw the stars over the desert. Even if we were tired, it was really beautiful.

The next day we visited the two famous temples in Siwa, which were built by Alexander the Great: they were wonderful. Then we left Siwa and drove out to the Great Sand Sea: this is an amazing desert – it's the same size as England – which looked exactly like the sea. It was windy and the sand changed shape and colour all the time. We `sailed' up and down in our jeep to the next oasis. It was very beautiful but very strange, I had a wonderful holiday. I didn't know the desert was so interesting.

Bye for now!

Antony

5a. Write the questions about Antony.

a. Where _____ now?

At home.

b. How _____ ?

By plane.

c. Who _____ ?

His guide, Jusef and his driver, Abdallah.

d. Where _____ ?

To the oasis of Siwa.

e. What _____ ?

The stars over the desert.

f. What _____ ?

The temples built by Alexander the Great.

g. _____ ?

Yes, it is very big. The same size as England.

h. _____ ?

Yes, he had a wonderful holiday.

5b. NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!!!

Choose your dream holiday destination (a place you've been to) and imagine you are on holiday there.

Post your comment (about 100 words) on the blog describing the place and saying what you are doing.

19. That's the man ____ wanted to speak to you.
A) who B) which C) what
20. X: _____ does it take to get to school? Y: Ten minutes on foot.
A) How B) How many time C) How long
21. Be careful! You _____ those glasses!
A) are broken B) break C) are going to break
22. X: I haven't got any milk! Y: Don't worry. I'm going to the supermarket this afternoon. I _____ some for you if you like.
A) get B) 'll get C) am getting
23. Andrew _____ tennis tomorrow.
A) is playing B) play C) plays
24. X: _____ to the cinema? Y: No, thanks. I must study for a test tomorrow.
A) Would you like going B) Would you like to go C) Are you liking to go
25. She has gone to the baker's _____ some bread.
A) for buying B) to buy C) for to buy
26. I _____ clean the windows: they are very dirty.
A) must B) mustn't C) don't have to
27. _____ going to the seaside this weekend?
A) How about B) Let's C) Why don't we
28. X: What's your best friend like? Y: _____.
A) He's quiet and shy B) He likes watching films C) Yes, I like him
29. Have you met _____?
A) the wife of Mr Kelly B) Mr Kelly wife C) Mr Kelly's wife
30. X: _____ on television tonight? Y: Nothing! Why don't we rent a video?
A) What do they give B) What's C) Is there a film
31. He didn't have any lunch _____ he was very hungry when he got home.
A) than B) so C) but
32. Helen speaks English, _____?
A) doesn't she B) can't she C) isn't she
33. John's birthday party was really _____!
A) bored B) boring C) well
34. Can you _____ my dog for the weekend? I'm going to London!
A) look after B) look out C) look for
35. Before writing the answer, read the question _____!
A) attention B) careful C) carefully
36. Hello Karen. I can't stop to talk, I'm _____!
A) early B) in a hurry C) in late
37. He was hungry and ate four _____ of toast and marmalade for breakfast.
A) bars B) slices C) piece

7. Write this conversation.

Peter	Clara
- saluta e chiedi come sta.	- rispondi che stai bene.
- chiedi dove è stata in vacanza.	- rispondi che in luglio sei andata al mare.
- chiedi con chi è andato	- rispondi che sei andata al mare con la tua famiglia e alcuni amici
- chiedi se gli è piaciuto	- rispondi di sì anche se il tempo non era molto bello. Chiedi dove è andato in vacanza.
- rispondi che sei andato a Madrid perché tuo fratello abita lì	- chiedi quanto tempo c'è stato
- rispondi che ci sei stato due settimane	- chiedi se ha visitato il museo del Prado
- rispondi di sì e aggiungi che hai conosciuto molte persone interessanti	

Suona la campanella, è ora di andare in classe

Peter	Clara
	- chiedi che cosa farà il prossimo fine settimana
- rispondi che farai una festa a casa. Chiedigli di venire.	- Di che è una bella idea. Saluta.
- saluta	

8. WORD HUNT. Can you think of 3 words for each statement? We'll give you a clue for 2 of the words but you'll have to think of the third word.

Name 3 things that:

- you can use to write with: P _____, P _____, _____
- are small enough to fit in your pocket: K _____, M _____, _____
- are thin and sharp: K _____, S _____, _____
- you can wear above your waist: S _____, T _____, _____
- you shouldn't eat if you are on a diet: I _____, S _____, _____
- won't work without electricity: T _____, R _____, _____
- are found in the kitchen: C _____, F _____, _____
- people usually take with them on holiday: C _____, B _____, _____
- people are usually frightened of: S _____, B _____, _____
- are made of glass: G _____, W _____, _____
- Cost less than 2 euros: N _____, C _____, _____
- is made of wood: D _____, T _____, _____
- you can drink: C _____, W _____, _____
- can fly: B _____, P _____, _____
- have a round shape: P _____, C _____, _____

9. WORD SEARCH. **Past Participles of Irregular Verbs:** Can you find all the 34 hidden words in this word search? Words can go in all directions.

F	O	U	G	H	T	F	Z	A	B	U	S	Z	K	E
D	T	A	K	E	N	J	I	Q	E	D	L	O	S	N
O	K	T	T	A	U	G	H	T	E	T	T	C	N	E
O	T	P	G	V	D	A	E	R	N	E	T	O	E	T
T	U	E	W	R	I	T	T	E	N	S	H	J	K	A
S	P	L	E	H	Z	H	P	H	N	H	G	N	O	E
R	R	S	V	Z	K	T	G	V	E	F	U	W	P	J
E	S	A	I	D	N	I	X	K	E	U	O	O	S	T
D	T	F	E	L	O	T	O	H	S	D	B	R	Z	L
N	N	Y	R	K	W	D	R	U	N	K	M	H	L	E
U	E	S	U	K	N	W	O	H	S	N	O	T	G	F
D	K	E	N	H	V	D	R	I	V	E	N	Y	T	A
A	O	N	Z	R	E	N	O	D	S	T	O	L	E	N
H	R	T	W	Q	C	G	O	N	E	M	O	C	M	B
C	B	X	F	Y	T	H	O	U	G	H	T	Q	J	W

AND FINALLY TO BREAK THE ICE....

10. During the first English lesson you will be asked to present yourself ORALLY. Think of some **original** and **amusing** facts about yourself and be ready to add further details on the spot!