

Read the text about a very well-paid, but dangerous job.

- Then choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for questions 1–7.
- Write your answers in the spaces provided.
- The first one (0) has been done for you.

## Dangers of Gold Mining

*Interview by Simon Crerar*

Mark Pennington, 52, is a driller at Kalgoorlie's Super Pit, Australia's largest open-pit gold mine.

"The drive to work is 45 km east across the bush. It's in the heart of Western Australia's goldfields and most days there are no kangaroos, just the rising sun and a lot of traffic coming the other way – mainly night-shift blokes heading home from my pit in Kalgoorlie.

I'm there at 5:45 and I tag in at the gatehouse, then change. I talk to my cross mate coming off the night shift. We each operate 10-hour shifts, with a four-hour break between them, and this is our only chance to discuss where we're at.

I grab my gear, jump into my Ute and drive down through the portal, which is like entering a different universe. I'm a jumbo operator, and a jumbo is a sit-in mobile drill with two mechanical arms sticking out in front to grab the rock face, and a big four-metre long drill bit to mine the gold.

We're right at the edge of the Super Pit, so we don't go down too far. It's a 15-minute drive

to where we start – 1,600 feet underground. The main pit is a lot deeper. I get to the rock face and plug in a trailing cable – a long extension cord on a reel. We use hydraulic drills to dampen down the dust, so water is pumping when you drill, and running past you. At times, the water vapour is so humid you can't see the face from five metres away.



Depending on the ground we're working, it takes a minute or two to drill a hole. My drill-rig produces a lot of heat because hydraulic oil gets hot. So if it's hot outside, it can get up to 50 degrees down here – a bit of ice helps keep you cool.

It's extremely noisy, so I have foam earplugs and earmuffs.

We have a health-surveillance system, so our hearing is monitored, especially mine, because I work the noisiest job on the line. Without hearing protection, you risk instant, permanent hearing loss. My shift boss checks on me twice a shift; the rest of the time I'm on my own.

I've been here for 20 years now, and in that time, mining has become very industrialised. But it's still dangerous. I've lost people underground ... good mates.

The end of my day is at 3:45, because the controlled explosions then take place. So everyone is tagged out and the blast crew fire dynamite at the mine face. The rock is then crushed and goes through a long process at the mill to get the gold out.

Before I leave, I shower and clock out. I'm home by 5-ish and once I'm inside I feel like I'm the king of my castle.

It sounds masochistic, but danger makes me feel like I'm putting in a hard day's work ... it makes me feel alive. Only now I work five days a week, and I earn \$180,000 a year (£118K)."

**0 How does Mark get to work?**

- A by bus
- B by train
- C by car
- D by bicycle

**1 Whom does he meet on his way to work?**

- A jumbo operators
- B his daytime colleagues
- C his shift supervisor
- D people who work overnight

**2 What is a jumbo?**

- A a machine with two arms and one drill.
- B a machine with two arms and four drills
- C a machine with one four-metre long arm
- D a machine with two four-metre long arms

**3 What is used to keep the air clear?**

- A pumps
- B water
- C chemicals
- D ventilation

**4 What helps Mark avoid overheating?**

- A protective clothes
- B frozen water
- C air-conditioning units
- D the surveillance system

**5 With what does Mark block out sounds of the mine?**

- A noise-monitoring software
- B background music
- C acoustic shields
- D protective headgear

**6 What takes place at around four o'clock?**

- A medical exams
- B a meeting with his boss
- C detonations
- D an afternoon break

**7 What makes the job worth it for Mark?**

- A danger
- B gold
- C money
- D health insurance

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C							

# LISTENING COMPREHENSION

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## First Year Teacher

You are going to listen to a woman speaking about her job.

- First you will have 45 seconds to study the task below, then you will hear the recording twice.
- While listening, choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the sentences 1–8.
- Write your answers in the spaces provided.
- The first one (0) has been done for you.

After the second listening, you will have 45 seconds to check your answers.



**0 Zu feels that her job has been**

- A an easy ride so far.
- B a constant up and down.
- C a negative experience.
- D a positive experience.

**1 Zu found it difficult to achieve**

- A discipline in the classroom.
- B order in the corridors.
- C communication with the students.
- D respect from the headmaster.

**2 Zu wanted to look good at the start of term by wearing**

- A make-up.
- B her hair up.
- C perfume.
- D nice shoes.

**3 Zu's students learned straight away that she is**

- A very shy.
- B very happy.
- C not tall.
- D not strict.

**4 The best part of the job is getting**

- A gifts.
- B free food.
- C long holidays.
- D excellent students.

**5 Zu enjoys noticing**

- A the friendships amongst her students.
- B the cleanliness of the classrooms.
- C improvement in her pupils.
- D teamwork in the classroom.

**6 A disadvantage of teaching is the**

- A very low salary.
- B terrible school meals.
- C long lessons without a break.
- D independent work required.

**7 Something Zu finds problematic is**

- A homework management.
- B control over her students.
- C her slow school computer.
- D lazy students.

**8 Zu finds it important to stay**

- A calm.
- B inspired.
- C focussed.
- D organised.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
B								

## ◎ MULTIPLE MATCHING ◎

### 7 The Best Baguette in Paris

You are going to listen to a podcast about a bread making competition.

- First you will have 45 seconds to study the task below, then you will hear the recording twice.
- While listening, match the questions (1–8) with the answers (A–K).
- There are two answers that you should not use.
- Write your answers in the spaces provided.
- The first one (0) has been done for you.

After the second listening, you will have 45 seconds to check your answers.



0	What have studies shown?
1	What takes place in Paris every year?
2	What is the reward for the winner of the competition ?
3	Why were some baguettes excluded from the competition?
4	What is special about this year's winner?
5	How has this year's winner spent his time recently?
6	Why does one area of Paris have reason to celebrate?
7	What do a few of the latest winners have in common?
8	Why does one Parisian quarter make such good baguettes?

A	Some did not meet the requirements.
B	Experimenting with new recipes.
C	Local rivalry is particularly intense.
D	A competition to find the fastest baguette baker.
E	Providing a government building with baguettes.
<del>F</del>	People in France are consuming fewer baguettes.
G	The prize has been awarded to its bakers for two consecutive years.
H	A close family member is a previous winner of the competition.
I	Some come from other countries.
J	An event where people judge the flavour of bread.
K	The area's cultural diversity means more government funding.

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# LANGUAGE IN USE

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## It's More Than Just Sausages and Beer

Read the text about Germany's food.

- In most lines (1–13) there is a word that should not be there.
- Write these words in the spaces provided.
- 2–4 lines are correct.
- Make a ✓ in the space if the line is correct.
- There are two examples (0, 00) at the beginning



Most people associate German cooking with filling, well-balanced	✓	0
meals made with proper ingredients. What might very surprise	very	00
some people is that while a lot of American dishes are originally		1
German. German food usual includes dishes from everywhere in		2
Germany. This means that certain dishes are found out more often		3
in some areas than others. The first things each people usually		4
think of when they hear "German cuisine" is eat sausages and		5
beer. There is, however, much more to learn about this rich and		6
diverse food. German meals are well-prepared, use to high quality		7
ingredients and most importantly taste much great. Each region of		8
Germany has a different style of cuisine on offer, so everyone is		9
sure to find something they like. Take a over look at a local German		10
restaurant – if you could be surprised by how many traditional		11
recipes are available. Even better, most from German food is very		12
healthy, with a lot large variety of meat, vegetables and dairy products.		13

## BANKED GAP-FILL

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### Escondido: See the Animals in the Wild

Read the text about an animal park near San Diego.

- Some words are missing.
- Choose the correct phrase (A–S) for each gap (1–16).
- There are two extra phrases that you should not use.
- Write your answers in the spaces provided.
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Sometimes a little dream can go a very long way. That was (0) \_\_\_ Dr. Charles Schroeder, a former Zoo veterinarian, whose determination and vision, (1) \_\_\_ the creation of the Wild Animal Park. Now, this incredible park (2) \_\_\_ 3,500 animals representing more than 400 species. In addition, over half of the park has been (3) \_\_\_ a protected species habitat.

What (4) \_\_\_ to see a new baby African elephant? The newest addition to the Wild Animal Park was born on November 28th to mother Lungile. Come join the elephant party as this little female calf and her mother (5) \_\_\_ the four other young elephants there. This habitat is (6) \_\_\_ two different herds of elephants, one from Africa and another from Asia. Unless you are (7) \_\_\_ travelling to either of these areas, it is best to come (8) \_\_\_ at the Wild Animal Park where the elephants get their feet wet (9) \_\_\_ pond, find shade under trees, and hang out in their rocky territory. The park has been known to house a few stars. Carol, an Asian elephant, became (10) \_\_\_ her painting ability in the 70s, and Hatari, an African elephant, (11) \_\_\_ movie with John Wayne in 1962! Come by to see the amazing talents (12) \_\_\_ elephants in daily shows that occur at 1 and 3pm.

If you are the adventurous type, perhaps a safari is the perfect day for you. Just hop on the Kilimanjaro Safari Walk, and (13) \_\_\_ what trail you take, you might (14) \_\_\_ some of the park's rare botanical species, or perhaps you might meet some lions and tigers. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes, and (15) \_\_\_ or a snack and you will be (16) \_\_\_ full of eye-catching exciting experiences. You can take in herds of gazelles, giraffes, and wildebeest as they walk through their habitat.

<b>A</b>	and see them	<b>H</b>	houses more than	<b>O</b>	play with
<b>B</b>	better place	<b>I</b>	in their own	<b>P</b>	set aside as
<b>C</b>	check out	<b>J</b>	led to	<b>Q</b>	set for a day
<b>D</b>	clean rubbish	<b>K</b>	looks for	<b>R</b>	starred in a
<b>E</b>	depending on	<b>L</b>	of some other	<del><b>S</b></del>	the case for
<b>F</b>	famous for	<b>M</b>	pack a picnic		
<b>G</b>	home to	<b>N</b>	planning on		

<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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### 5 Has Body Modification Gone Too Far?

Your class is participating in an EU funded project on youth cultures in different countries. One of the topics is tattoos, piercings and body modifications. For your project report, you have been asked to write an article on this topic. You have just seen the following pictures in a magazine:



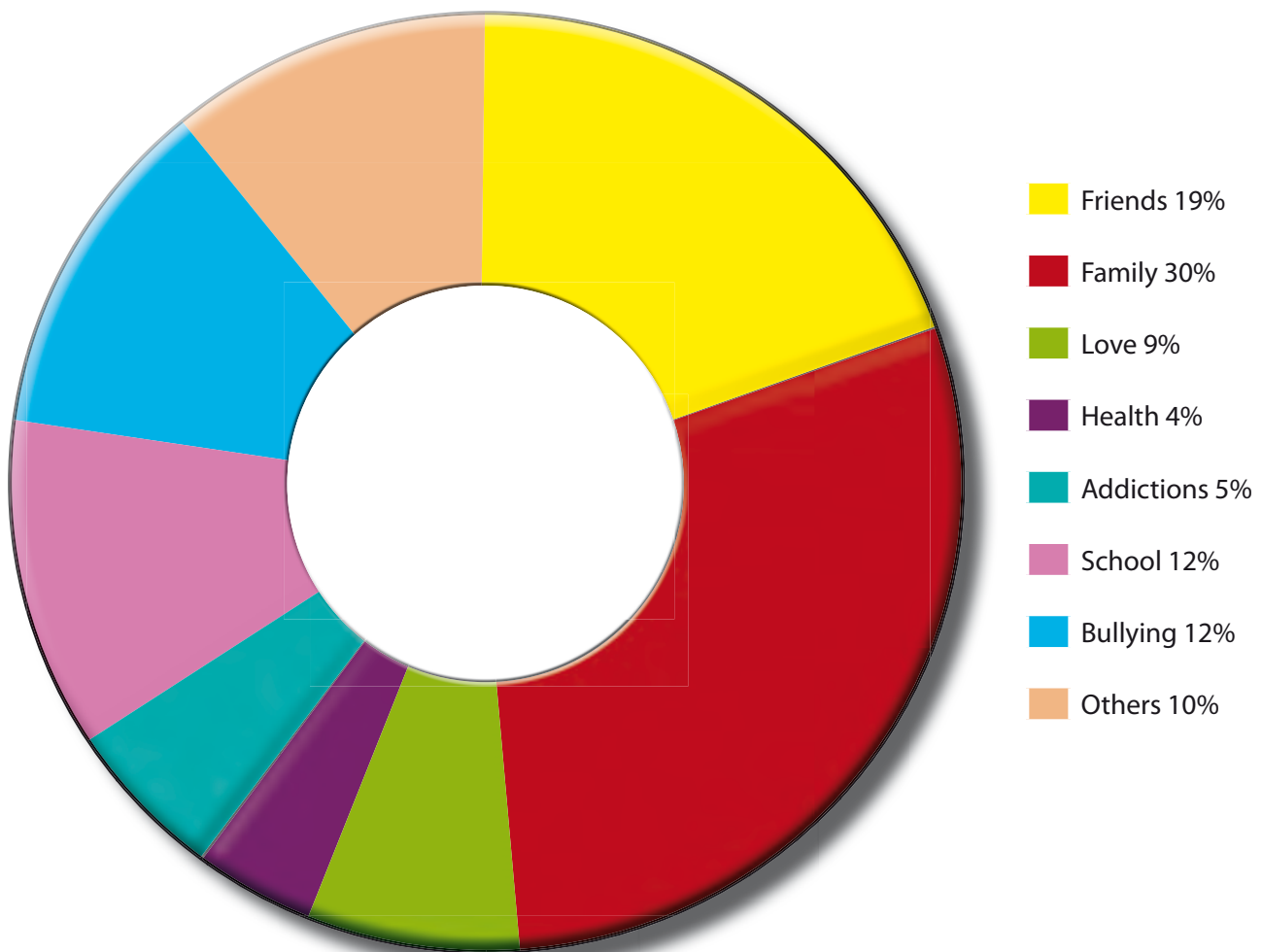
In your **article** you should:

- describe the ways someone can modify their appearance
- analyse why people want to change what they look like
- present how Austrians react to body modifications

Give your article a **title**. Write around **250 words**.

Many teenagers suffer from stress nowadays. The reasons for their stress are diverse. A youth magazine has published the results of a study on this issue carried out among teenagers in the UK. The pie chart shows why young people contact a helpline. Your English teacher has asked you to write an article on stress for your online school magazine.

## Why do kids contact us?



In your **article** you should:

- comment on the statistics
- state what stresses you personally
- suggest what young people can do to avoid stress

Write around **200 words**. Give your article **a title**.