

I. Reading tasks

1 Reading

(task type: True / False)

(topic areas: Society / Cultural issues / Hopes and dreams)

Read the article about Cesar Millan, the famous dog whisperer from TV.

First decide whether the statements (1–7) are true (T) or false (F) and put a cross (☒) in the correct box. Then identify the sentence in the text which supports your decision. Write the first four words of this sentence in the spaces provided. There may be more than one correct answer; write down only one. The first one (0) has been done for you.

Who is Cesar Millan?

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I am Cesar Millan and I have two missions. One is to give “unadoptable” dogs a second chance at life. The other is to teach you how to be a pack leader, and get balance and harmony with your dogs.

It is my hope that my work on TV will prevent the deaths of so many innocent dogs. Man’s best friends are often treated rather badly and sometimes even get killed. We can save the lives of millions of dogs by respecting their love. Each episode of my TV show shows the difficult situation of rescued dogs. It demonstrates that it’s not about the type, age, or history of the dog – it’s about the human who handles the dog.

I was born in Mexico and worked with animals on my grandfather’s farm. Because of my natural way with dogs, they followed me everywhere. At school other kids bullied me but I tried not to worry about that too much, and for my 13th birthday, my wish was to become the best dog trainer in the world.

It’s no secret that I jumped the border into the U.S. when I was 21. I was homeless and living on the streets for two months. I didn’t speak the language of the country and knew no one. After some time I got a job as a dog groomer and dog walker. So there was me, a Mexican guy, walking 30 or 40 dogs off leash.

I got known for being able to work with the most aggressive dogs. In 1994, I met Jada Pinkett, who later married Will Smith, the famous actor. She became one of my clients and biggest supporters. When I told her I wanted to be on TV, she told me I needed to learn English first and she even paid for my English teacher for that year.

Then there was an article about me in the *Los Angeles Times* and after that, many TV companies wanted to start a TV show. I started working on a pilot for *Dog Whisperer with Cesar Millan*. It first was on TV in 2004 on *National Geographic* and became *National Geographic’s* #1 show. The show is now on *Nat Geo WILD* and broadcast in more than 80 countries!

2010 was a difficult year for me because first my father had passed away and then my wife divorced me. It took me two years to finally come back to a good place. Nevertheless, my love life has moved on and I’m dating a wonderful woman named Jahira. Today, my son Calvin is living with me and he also has a natural way with dogs. When he turned 13, he made the same wish as I had: to become the best dog trainer in the world.

I hope that I can be an inspiration to everyone out there who is trying to live their dreams. Even though the chances of succeeding were against me, I tried to never think about the negative. Being an immigrant, not speaking English, and coming from a poor background has never been at the forefront of my thinking. The dream was always most important to me. When you’re poor, you have nothing to lose and nothing to be afraid of. Holding onto the dream and having nothing to lose is what helped me.

0	One of Cesar Millan's goals is to show dog owners how to treat their dogs.
1	It's the dog itself that is responsible for a good relationship with the owner.
2	Cesar had a hard time at school because of his schoolmates.
3	He came to America in his early youth.
4	When Cesar came to the U.S., he had quite a good command of English.
5	Cesar walked the dogs of Jada Pinkett.
6	Cesar's son has similar talents as his father.
7	Cesar's secret to success was being positive all the time.

	T	F	Justification (First four words)
0	X		<i>The other is to</i>
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II. Listening tasks

1 Listening → Tracks 01 + 02

(task type: Short answers)

(topic areas: Social media / Health / Society)

You are going to listen to a news report about social media and sleep.

First you will have 45 seconds to study the task below, then you will hear the recording twice. While listening, complete the sentences (1–6) using a maximum of four words. 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.

Social media is keeping young adults awake

0	The study is about the link between social media _____.	<i>and sleep</i>
1	If you use social media often, it is _____ to get a sleep disorder.	
2	The lead author of the study was _____.	
3	The main aim of the study was to find out about young people's _____.	
4	The _____ a person is on social media can give important information about sleep problems.	
5	About _____ of the participants of the study mentioned having problems with sleeping.	
6	Researchers believe that social media may also be used by young adults to _____.	

III. Writing tasks

1 Writing a blog comment

(topic areas: Growing Up / Personal Issues / Rules)

You came across the following entry on *www.americanteenagers.com*.

Do this, do that, clean up, don't swear

Pboy_10

May 1, 5:15 pm

I feel as if I'm not allowed to do anything in my life. There are so many rules. My parents always tell me what to do. Clean up your room, unload the dishwasher, be home by 10 pm, don't swear ... The list is almost endless ... And when I leave home it just goes on at school. Have a tidy desk, separate waste, put on slippers. And then I get home again and the whole thing starts all over again. I know I can't really do anything about the rules at school. But I guess I can talk to my parents about some of those rules, right?

What do you think? What should I do? Looking forward to your comments!!



You have decided to comment on this blog. In your **blog comment** you should

- agree / disagree with Pboy's above-mentioned views on rules
- evaluate which rules you feel are okay and which are not necessary
- give Pboy useful pieces of advice on what he should do.

Write around **180 words**.

IV. Speaking tasks

1 Speaking

(Task: Online shopping)

(Topic areas: Retailing / Online shopping / Advertising)

Situation

During your language week in Brighton you are working on a project on the future of retailing in your language classes.

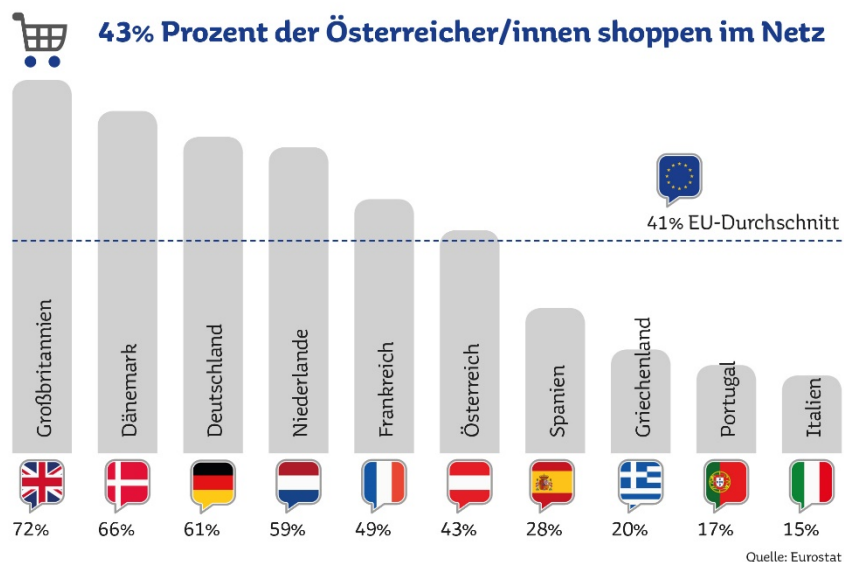
Part 1: Individual long turn (2–3 minutes)

You have been asked to give a presentation about online shopping at the end of the week.

In your presentation you should

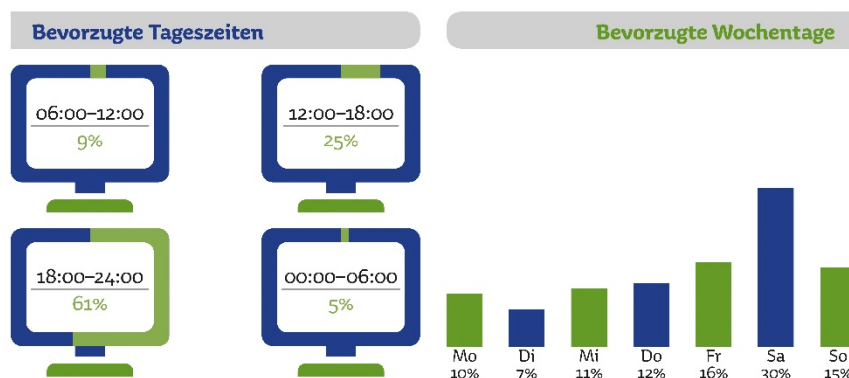
- summarise the main findings of the charts (Input 1)
- give reasons why online shopping has become so popular
- outline the risks of online shopping.

1 Input 1



Wann im Netz gekauft wird

Bevorzugte Tageszeiten und Wochentage für Online-Einkäufe



Part 2: Interaction (3–4 minutes)

After your presentation, a student from Italy approaches you. He / She is about to start a small company with his / her brother and is interested in your view on online shopping.

In your discussion you should

- describe your personal shopping habits
- point out some online shopping trends ([Input 2](#))
- suggest how he / she could get people interested in the shop.

1 Input 2

