



## 1 Reading

(topic areas: Entertainment / Job life / Leisure)

Read the article about eSports professionals.

Parts of the text have been removed. Choose the correct part (A–I) for each gap (1–6). There are two extra parts that you should not use. Write your answers in the spaces provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

(task type: Multiple matching ► Testformate, S. 7)



### How eSports pros make a career playing video games



- 1 Would you like to be paid for playing a video game? Millions of teenagers around the world would love the idea. But becoming a professional gamer is extremely difficult and often the careers  
5 don't \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>0</sup>

"There are just so many kids who play all day," says Guillaume Patry, a former professional *StarCraft* player from Quebec City. "If you think that you can give up everything and just  
10 \_\_\_\_\_,<sup>1</sup> you are a little bit crazy."

Patry was a top *StarCraft: Brood War* player in 2000, before professional gaming became a worldwide thing. Since then eSports have exploded. Now, thousands of players \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>  
15 at tournaments that are streamed to hundreds of millions of viewers around the world each year.

Pro gaming is a career that many young people want to have, but it should stay a dream for also  
20 the very best amateur gamers. "It's really hard, and a lot of people are trying," Patry says.

Patry himself moved to South Korea to become a pro *StarCraft* player in 2000 at the age of 18. He was a top-ranked North American player at the  
25 time, but the eSports scene in the US was still too small. That's why he decided to try his luck

in South Korea, where *StarCraft* had become a huge cultural thing.

"They actually had their own cable *StarCraft* channels – three of them," Patry says. "In the 30 newspaper, it was like a sport. People talked about *StarCraft*, people played *StarCraft* at work or after work. The popularity of the game was almost unreal."

Patry won the *StarCraft* world championship 35 during his first year in Korea and played the game professionally for a few more years. He earned \$62,965 during his career and played his last professional game at the age of 21.

Since then, eSports have changed a lot. Today 40 there are huge sponsors that \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> in eSports. Current eSports players can earn more than \$2 million for winning an international tournament, and many of them earn money regularly while competing for teams that are sponsored by 45 big companies.

Top North American players in *League of Legends*, for example, earn about \$320,000 a year. "These days, there are nearly 1,000 professionals on the planet that can \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> by 50 playing *League of Legends*," says Chris Hopper, head of North American eSports at *Riot Games*.

But top players don't just easily \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>5</sup> They have to spend a lot of time practicing.

<sup>55</sup> "Most of the professionals play full time. They don't go to school or have another job, so they can practice a lot in order to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>," says Sasha "Scarlett" Hostyn, a top Canadian player in *StarCraft II*. The 24-year-old from Kingston,  
<sup>60</sup> Ontario, has already earned \$291,854.43 in

prize money at tournaments. Besides that, she can also earn money through streaming services.

"Most people will never become professional eSports players," says Patry. However, he has some advice for the "top 0.1 percent" who <sup>65</sup> could become professionals: "Don't give up your education or your job for this. If it happens, it happens naturally. People will come to you."

**Please note:** *pro* = short for *professional*

**A** see a chance for financial success

**B** make a living

**C** focus on eSports

**D** get the money

**E** last very long

**F** lose money because of eSports

**G** compete for million-dollar prizes

**H** buy the newest technology

**I** perform well

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# Listening tasks

## 1 Listening

(topic areas: Shopping / Food / Environment)

(Tracks 01 + 02 / duration: 01:17:70 + 03:48:15)

You are going to listen to a news report about climate-friendly foods.

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.

(task type: Short answers ► Testformate, S. 10)

### The best climate-friendly foods

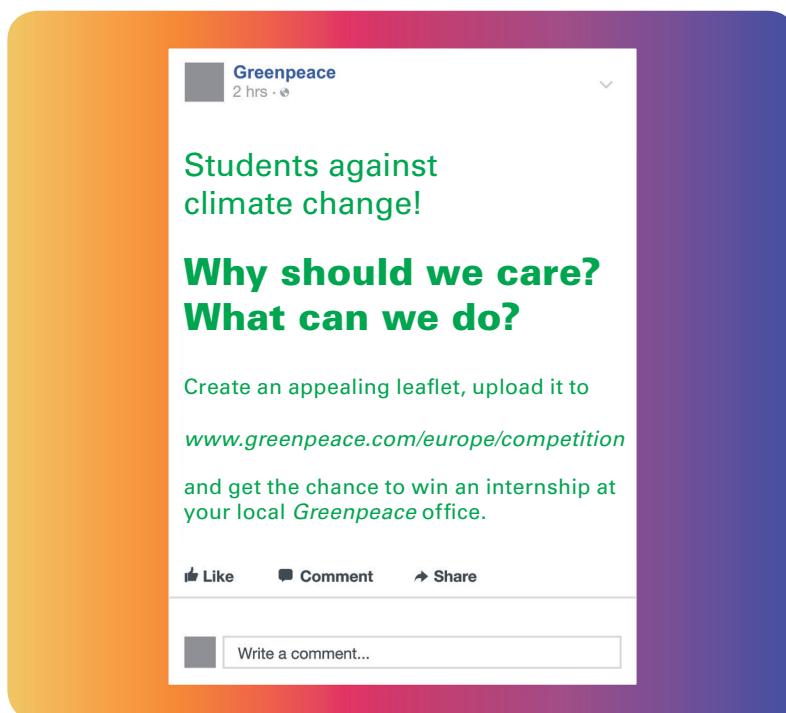
0 A lot of people behave in _____.	<i>an environmentally friendly way</i>
1 The meat that does the most damage to the environment is _____.	
2 To find the seafood that's best for the environment, you should travel to _____.	
3 A good way to start becoming vegetarian is to _____.	
4 Flying food into a country is bad for the environment because it requires a lot of _____.	
5 If people want certain food items as it gets colder, they should _____.	
6 To help the environment, look at the food you have _____.	





## Sample task

You came across an *Instagram* post by *Greenpeace*.



You have decided to write a leaflet. In your **leaflet** you should

- **describe** what actions harm the environment the most
- **explain** what teenagers could do to protect the environment
- **suggest** what schools can do to be more environmentally friendly.

Divide your **leaflet** into **sections** and give them **headings**. Write around **180 words**.

### Please note:



**describe** ➡ You have to write what something/someone is like.

**explain** ➡ You have to give reasons for something.

**suggest** ➡ You have to mention an idea, possible plan or action for other people to consider.

## Sample leaflet



catchy title

## LET'S SAVE THE PLANET

### How are we hurting our planet?

Every day we hurt the environment somehow. One of the biggest problems is plastic use and we have to stop relying on unnecessary plastic. Do you really need to put your vegetables in a plastic bag at the store? Moreover, air pollution from cars and buses is really bad for the environment, especially if you live in the city.

appropriate subheadings

### How can you help?

There is a lot you can do. I am trying to live an eco-friendlier life. Some of the things I do are things you could do too! For example,

- ✓ bring a cloth bag with you when you go shopping
- ✓ only buy food without unnecessary packaging
- ✓ look for used items to buy online (phone, clothes, etc.).

factual details

### How can schools help?

My friends and I worked with our science teachers to make our school more environmentally friendly. So far, we have managed to

- ✓ stop serving plastic-packaged snacks in the break area
- ✓ get rid of plastic bottles in the vending machines
- ✓ provide juice and water stations to refill reusable drink bottles.

It is not too late to change something for the better.

For further information visit us on *Instagram: Students for future.*

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different  
fonts,  
pictures