



# GOING FOR FINALS

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## VOLUME 2

Europäischer  
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# Leseprobe





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**1** How to start beekeeping

**Read the text about an interesting hobby.**

Complete the sentences (1–7) using a maximum of four words. Write your answers in the spaces provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

**How to start beekeeping**

*In need of a new hobby? Why not try your hand at something really unusual – beekeeping!*

There are loads of advantages. First of all, it's fun to watch your new friends busy themselves with making honey. Secondly, you will be helping the environment because bees are an important part of the ecosystem, and we rely on bees for food. Without bees, the world would be in serious trouble. Additionally, several studies have shown that beekeeping can help reduce high blood pressure and improve several other medical conditions.

There are so many reasons to get started, and we're here to give you some tips to help you get the most out of beekeeping.

It is really important that you check whether or not you are allowed by law to keep bees. You need to make sure you follow all relevant laws when beekeeping as you don't want your new hobby getting you in trouble with the police! Luckily, beekeeping is legal in lots of places. You just need to research things like how many beehives you can have and if you are allowed to keep these in your garden.

It might be worth asking your neighbours what their views on beekeeping are. You might love bees, but your neighbours might not, and you don't want them complaining they were stung by one of your fuzzy friends. With any luck, your neighbours will be thrilled with the idea of beekeeping, as they will be aware of the numerous benefits; but some might be allergic to bees, so it is probably best to make sure everyone who lives near you is okay with living next to bees. Remember that someone can become allergic to bees later on in life, so it is a great idea to have some EpiPens ready to use in case you or someone else gets stung and has a reaction.



A beehive (where the bees live)

Do your research. If you are going to keep bees, you need to know that it is not a hobby where you can just buy the equipment and get going. If possible, sign up for a workshop and join a local beekeeping group to meet experienced beekeepers who can share advice and information with you.

Make sure you are prepared. Buy all the necessary equipment (which is expensive, by the way!). Know how much time you need to invest (at least an hour every fortnight just for checking on the bees, plus plenty of time to clean equipment and harvest honey, etc.). You also need to know what your bees will need, for example, you will need to provide

them with fresh water and regularly clean their hive to keep away any insects that could hurt your bees.

We hope this has given you some important tips to get started. Good luck!

0	It is enjoyable observing bees when they ____.	<i>make honey</i>
1	The health benefit of having bees is that they might ____. (Give <u>one</u> answer.)	
2	Before you start, you must find out if beekeeping is ____.	
3	You want to avoid people living next to you ____.	
4	You have to check that your neighbours are comfortable with ____.	
5	In case of a medical emergency, a beekeeper should always ____.	
6	For beekeeping, it is important not just to buy the proper tools, but ____. (Give <u>one</u> answer.)	
7	It is important to cleanse the beehouse in order to ____. (Give <u>one</u> answer.)	

10 How to create a poster

Read the text below about how to create posters.

Then choose the correct heading (A–J) for each paragraph (1–7). There are two extra headings that you should not use. Write your answers in the spaces provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.



How to create a poster

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I start out with a sketchbook and fill a few pages with ideas. Once I have one I love, I start to think about the aesthetic of the illustration or lettering. The idea should drive the visual, not the other way around.

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Sometimes I start with a word list. I write out nouns that evoke the message of the poster. Once I have my list, I start to combine them visually through sketches. By way of example, I might choose the words “heart” and “forest”. The message of the poster could be that the company cares about the environment. A poster of just a forest or just a heart would be trite and pretty expected. The combination of both elements creates something unique and ownable.

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Last year, I was asked to design a poster for the poster show *Artcrank*. The only rule was that the poster needed to be focused on bikes. My wife is a keen mountain biker so I decided to use a mountain in the background of the poster as a way to show my wife how much I love her.

3 \_\_\_

Sometimes I think and work away from the computer. I figure out the best way to execute my idea, and if that means creating a 3D model and pouring paint on it, then I do it. The natural mistakes that come with making something yourself can make you appreciate certain ideas that you would not have thought of while only looking at something on screen.

4 \_\_\_\_

A wise man once told me that a good poster should be just as impactful at 50 feet as it is at 5 feet, and at 5 inches. You need to make sure that the customer can recognise the specific brand from +50 feet away. At 5 feet away they should be able to see some of the smaller details of the logo and poster. At 5 inches away they should notice every important detail on the poster.

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When creating a poster for a famous company, I dissect the company's logo and explore what I could use as building blocks in my design. Integrating the logo elements will make the poster recognisable. I use different parts of the company's logo to create memorable patterns. The patterns should be familiar enough that the audience can recognise the company just by looking at these patterns, and not needing to read any words or see the full company logo.

6 \_\_\_\_

If you know your poster is going to be in a sea of posters by other designers, it's critical to make yours catch the eye. You can do this with bright colours, patterns or high contrast. I've even seen people integrate small blinking lights into their prints.

7 \_\_\_\_

The most important tip that I can't stress enough is to make sure your poster design is basic. Pick one idea and execute it with the fewest elements possible without losing the integrity of your idea. People are bombarded with visuals all day that are fighting for their attention. Make sure your poster is easily readable at a glance. You shouldn't have to explain the concept to anyone.

<b>A</b>	Get inspired by your life
<b>B</b>	Use five elements
<b>C</b>	Utilise brand colours and shapes
<b>D</b>	Keep it simple
<b>E</b>	Begin with a good thought
<b>F</b>	Stand out
<b>G</b>	Rule of Five
<b>H</b>	Two in one
<b>I</b>	Name the brand
<b>J</b>	Use your hands

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**4** What it was like to be a teenager in the Sixties

**You are going to listen to a woman remembering a fascinating era in London in the last century.**

First you will have 45 seconds to study the task below, then you will hear the recording twice. While listening, complete the sentences (1–9) 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.



0	The era Angela speaks about is called ____.	<i>the Swinging Sixties</i>
1	The Rockers' clothes were made ____.	
2	The Mods' cash went towards ____.	
3	The road Angela speaks about is famous for its ____.	
4	Alongside the era's fashion, there was ____.	
5	Compared to other groups, the Beatles were ____.	
6	Whenever the Beatles were on stage, girls had the so-called ____.	
7	At the concert Angela saw, Mick Jagger wore ____.	
8	Mary Quant popularised an item of clothing called ____. (Give <u>one</u> answer.)	
9	Angela and her friends saw that era as a ____.	



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My circus life

You are going to listen to Katrina talking about her hobby.

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) for each question (1–7). 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 Katrina sees circus as a sport that

- A attracts a lot of spectators.
- B involves working with animals.
- C is usually practised in a tent.
- D demands high levels of physical skills.

1 For hula-hooping, you need a ring that

- A is hard to get in sports stores.
- B you have to spin around parts of the body.
- C you pick up from the ground with your feet.
- D is easy to transport from place to place.

2 Skillful hula-hoopers

- A can perform a variety of techniques.
- B see their sport as a kind of meditation.
- C participate at the Olympic games.
- D can do this sport on a bicycle.

3 Doing trapeze, Katrina

- A forgets that she is scared to be high up.
- B forgets to check her safety equipment.
- C always experiences a feeling of bravery.
- D makes skillful movements above ground.

4 In order not to get hurt in trapeze exercises,

- A Katrina relies on her partner.
- B Katrina has a strict warm-up procedure.
- C there is always something to catch her.
- D there are coaches who help her.

5 Katrina likes circus because it is a sport

- A that requires extensive training.
- B which you can learn quickly.
- C in which not many people can excel.
- D that brings you many admirers.

6 Katrina started doing circus because

- A she wanted to do something extraordinary.
- B she was fit from the gym lessons she attended.
- C she made interesting friends at the club.
- D a friend of hers took her to the club.

7 Katrina is already planning to

- A take a trip to Hawaii where hula-hooping is from.
- B volunteer at weekends with the fire brigade.
- C learn a skill which uses burning items.
- D slim down in order to do trapeze better.

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**7** America's Got Talent

Read the text about a popular TV show in the USA.

Some words are missing. Choose the correct word(s) (A–R) for each gap (1–15). There are two extra word(s) that you should not use. Write your answers in the spaces provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.



*America's Got Talent* is a reality TV show. The show brings in all sorts (0) \_\_\_ performers, such as dancers, singers and comedians. The show is (1) \_\_\_ up into different rounds within 16 weeks; beginning (2) \_\_\_ auditions. In an audition, the participant has 90 seconds to (3) \_\_\_ their impressive act. Each judge is (4) \_\_\_ a buzzer, and may use it during a performance if they (5) \_\_\_ the person or what is being (6) \_\_\_ on stage. If a participant is (7) \_\_\_ by all judges, their performance is automatically (8) \_\_\_.

In the earlier rounds, the judges (9) \_\_\_ which acts move forward and which acts are (10) \_\_\_ to go home as they are not good enough to continue in the competition. In later rounds, contestants perform live, after which American viewers can vote (11) \_\_\_ the acts they want to see in the next round. During the Finale, the remaining top acts will each perform once again. The next night is when TV viewers determine who wins the \$1 million grand prize.

Although the show is fun to (12) \_\_\_, it has some problems that can sometimes make it difficult to enjoy. One issue is the "sob stories". These are the sad backgrounds of the contestants. They can (13) \_\_\_ the focus of the show instead of the contestants' talent. These sob stories (14) \_\_\_ that the show can be a bit over-dramatic at times in order to (15) \_\_\_ more viewers.

Luckily, the show does have a few good points. It is not just singers or dancers like in some other shows. Moreover, there are some acts who have been very successful after being on the show.

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Chat GPT

Read the text about an AI language model.

Some words are missing from the text. Use the words in brackets to form the missing words (1–14). Write the answers in the spaces provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

ChatGPT is a computer program that is used to communicate with people in a way that a human would communicate. It is a type of artificial intelligence (AI) (0) **know** as a “chatbot”. ChatGPT understands and responds to a wide range of questions and (1) **state**, making it a useful tool.



One feature of ChatGPT is that it is able to generate text that looks like it was (2) **write** by a human. This is because ChatGPT accesses the internet, which provides a huge source of information. Some of the information is provided by internet (3) **community**, such as Wikipedia users, and other information is in databases. Databases are online (4) **collect** of data on various topics. As a result, the program has learned to copy patterns and styles of human language.

ChatGPT can be used for many purposes, such as answering questions, providing information, and even (5) **carry** on a conversation. For example, if someone wants to know the weather in their area, they can ask ChatGPT, and it will give them a current forecast. Or if someone wants to talk about their (6) **favour** TV show, they can chat with ChatGPT and get some (7) **recommend** for similar shows.

While ChatGPT is very good at understanding and responding to human language, it is not perfect.

Sometimes it may misunderstand a question or provide an (8) **correct** answer. One of the biggest concerns with ChatGPT is its potential to spread (9) **inform** and fake news. Because the model is trained on data from the internet, there is a risk that it will spread inaccuracies that exist in the online world. This means that ChatGPT-generated (10) **respond** may not always be accurate or (11) **rely**. However, the more people that use ChatGPT, the more it learns and becomes better.

ChatGPT can be accessed in various ways, (12) **include** websites, messaging apps, and social media. Some companies use ChatGPT to provide customer (13) **serve**, while others use it to generate content for their websites.

All in all, ChatGPT is a (14) **power** tool for communicating with people. It is constantly improving, thanks to the feedback of its users. Whether you need help with a task or just want to have a conversation, ChatGPT is always ready to chat.

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8 TikTok knows you well

While browsing the internet you come across the following blog post:

May 14 • 09:13  
 posted by *SarahSays*

Anyone else feel that social media sites know too much about us? I have recently found out that apps like TikTok track our activity: what we like, what we comment on etc. and then show us similar stuff to keep us on the apps longer, probably so we watch more ads! I don't like the idea of the app recording everything I do on it.

What about you?



You have decided to comment on this blog post.

In your **comment** you should:

- describe the reasons why apps want to track users' activity
- discuss whether apps should be/should not be allowed to track users' activity
- outline how you can increase your online privacy

Write around **250 words**.

9 Designer clothing

While browsing the internet, you come across the following blog post:



**FashionLover99** 19th December | 19:35

I can't live without my designer clothes! I know they are more expensive but I like to know that I am buying something of good quality that will last for years and years. I think this is much better than buying cheap fashion. That stuff never lasts and looks awful.

You have decided to comment on this blog post.

In your **comment** you should:

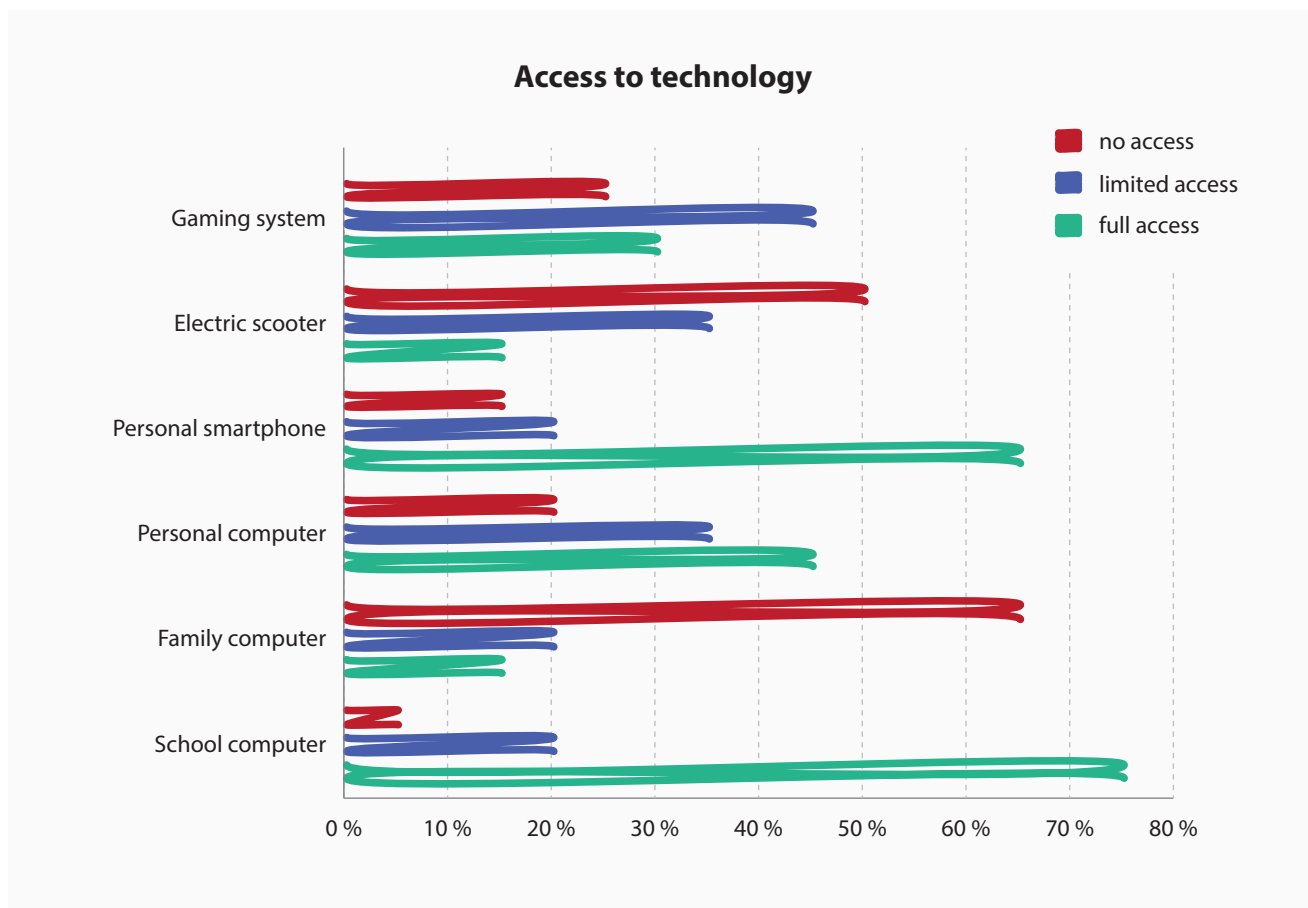
- outline the advantages/disadvantages of buying designer clothes
- discuss the consequences of buying fast fashion
- give reasons why you do/do not buy designer products

Write around **250 words**.

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Access to technology

A minister in the Scottish Technology & Development department is writing a report about how easy different technologies are for young people to access. Your school has been asked to provide information on this topic. Your school has collected the following data which provides the percentages of students with access to different technologies:



In your **report** you should:

- analyse the data
- give reasons why some technologies are less accessible than others
- make recommendations for how access to technology can be improved

Divide your report into **sections** and give them **headings**. Write around **250 words**.