

# Wishes

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## Workbook

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## Exam Practice: Reading

- 1** You are going to read a text. For questions 1-6, choose the answer, A, B, C or D, which you think fits best according to the text.

My parents always said I was born to be a sportsman. They said that even when I was in nappies, I wasn't happy unless I was kicking or throwing a ball. My first memory is of Dad and me playing football in our back garden. I recall my mum

- 5** sitting down on the grass under the summer sun cheering me on as I clumsily kicked a football into the goal net my dad was 'defending'. The sense of achievement when I scored my first goal stuck with me, and my life has revolved around football ever since.
- 10** As I grew up, I dreamed of becoming a football player. During class, I tried to stay focused on my studies; I knew that few people became professional sportsmen and it was crucial to get a good education. But I devoted every spare second to my passion. At break times, I could be found in the
- 15** playground practising ball skills, and almost as soon as the bell rang at the end of the school day, I was playing five-a-side games at the local playing fields. I knew that if I wanted to become a success, I would have to put all my energy into the game.
- 20** My big break came when I was 18. Leicester City FC offered me a place in the squad. It was there that I learned the true value of teamwork. I played with a fantastic group of guys there and we worked toward one common goal – to win! I learned that every person has their own individual talents,
- 25** and a great team brings these talents together.

We enjoyed great success at Leicester, and I was lucky enough to become one of the UK's top scorers! I was transferred to Everton and, while I was sad to leave my fellow team-mates, I was excited about working with new people

- 30** and making new friends. My time at Everton was an outstanding experience. While I was there, I scored 38 goals in 52 games. It wasn't long until I was on a new journey, this time across the sea to Spain to play for FC Barcelona. I was nervous at first, but it turned out that there was no reason to
- 35** panic.
- I felt great pride when I stepped into the stadium and onto the pitch in Barcelona. Many footballers dream of playing for such a glorious team! It was a wonderful time for me. Not only did we beat our archrivals, Real Madrid, but we also
- 40** fought our way through to the UEFA finals where we defeated Sampdoria and became European Champions.



As you can imagine, the proudest I felt was when I played for my country, England, in the World Cup. The tournament raises the level of competitiveness for every player. Not only do you have to be mentally prepared, but you have to be at the peak of physical fitness – so, as you can imagine, it didn't help that I had to play the tournament with my left arm heavily strapped up! But I was determined not to let one injury stop me and played anyway! Because we were a strong team, we got to the quarter

finals, and I scored six goals during the entire competition and won the 'Golden Boot' award!

Football has taken me around the world, from England to Spain to Japan! I have become fluent in two other languages and have experienced other cultures. Since retiring, I have worked as a sports commentator and as a writer. I've even done some TV advertisements, but I'm not quite an Oscar winner! I've become quite the all-round sportsman – I've even played for Leicester Cricket Club. My career provided me with many happy memories that I wouldn't change for the world. Plus, I've played many fun games of footy!

- 1** What was the writer's attitude towards his education?

- A He believed it was important to get a good education.  
 B He didn't like concentrating on his studies.  
 C He would rather have practised his ball skills.  
 D He wanted to put all his energy into the game.

- 2** What did the writer learn at Leicester City FC?

- A that the only thing that matters is to win  
 B the importance of working as part of a team  
 C how to show people his individual talents  
 D that it was his big break in football

3 How did the writer feel about his time at Everton?

- A He was sad there and missed his old team-mates.
- B He always felt nervous when he was playing.
- C He found it to be a wonderful experience.
- D He would have preferred to play for Barcelona.

4 In line 38, the writer refers to a 'glorious team'. Who is he referring to?

- A Real Madrid
- B Barcelona
- C Sampdoria
- D England

5 What impression do we get of the writer's attitude towards his acting skills?

- A He thinks he is good enough to win an Oscar.
- B He doesn't think he is very good at acting.
- C He expects them to improve.
- D He thinks he might win an Oscar.

6 How does the writer seem to feel by the end of the text?

- A He has some regrets, but he is mainly happy.
- B He is very happy that he can speak two other languages fluently.
- C He is happy he can play more cricket and try new things.
- D He believes that he has had many great experiences in his life and has no regrets.

## Vocabulary

2 Choose the correct word.

1 She felt a great ..... of achievement when she qualified for the national championships.

- A sensation
- B spirit
- C sense
- D feeling

2 Can you ..... when you scored your first goal in a match?

- A remind
- B memorise
- C picture
- D recall

3 The veteran figure skater said her whole life ..... around the ice rink.

- A turned
- B revolved
- C evolved
- D circled

4 David Beckham's father ..... of becoming a football star when he was young.

- A wished
- B hoped
- C dreamed
- D fancied

5 A successful athlete needs to ..... a lot of time to training.

- A devote
- B concentrate
- C apply
- D invest

6 It's not easy to ..... a success in the world of sports.

- A develop
- B become
- C turn
- D have

7 Professional footballers have to ..... all their energy into their job.

- A give
- B spend
- C provide
- D put

8 A good chess player knows how to stay ..... on the game.

- A centred
- B focused
- C trained
- D attentive

9 Golfers tend to travel a lot and ..... other cultures.

- A learn
- B acquaint
- C experiment
- D experience

10 He has dedicated his whole life to rugby and he wouldn't ..... it for the world.

- A alter
- B exchange
- C change
- D vary

3 Fill in: commentator, competitors, rival, referee, runner-up, spectators, trainer, umpire.

1 More than 30,000 ..... took part in this year's London marathon.

2 The safety of ..... should be the priority at all sports events.

3 J. Norman was ..... in three events and took home three silver medals.

4 Manchester United and Liverpool are two well-known ..... teams.

5 Some tennis players tend to argue with the ..... during matches.

6 The ..... shouted into the microphone with joy as the whistle blew and England took the cup.

7 The ..... was criticised for allowing an off-side goal during last night's match.

8 France's ..... has promised to make major changes to the team for next week's match.

4 Fill in: break, playing, physical, professional, score, sports, top, win.

1 ..... a goal

2 ..... an award

3 ..... scorer

4 ..... fitness


5 ..... times

6 ..... commentator


7 ..... player

8 ..... fields

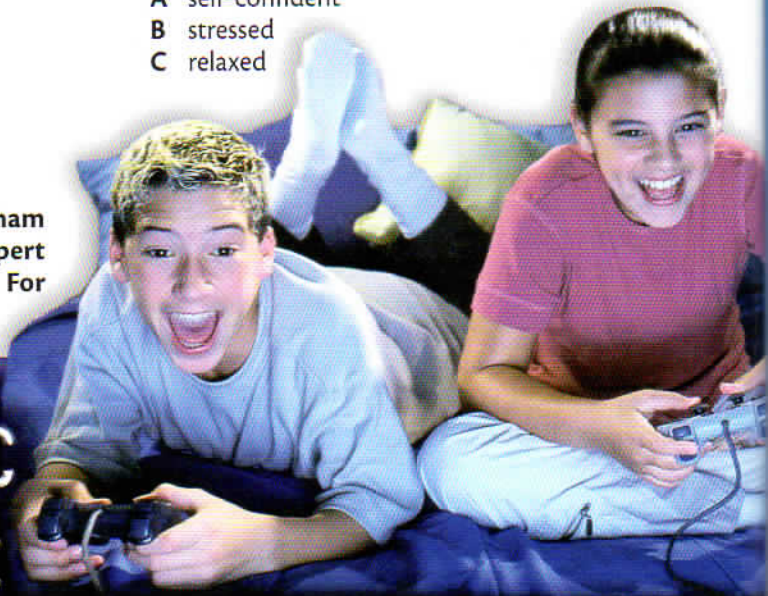
Exam Practice: Multiple choice

- 1  You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1-8, choose the best answer, A, B or C.
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| <p>1 You hear a director talking. What did he make?<br/>                 A a feature film<br/>                 B a comedy<br/>                 C a documentary</p> <p>2 You hear a woman talking. How did she travel to France?<br/>                 A by train<br/>                 B by car and boat<br/>                 C by plane</p> <p>3 You hear sports news on the radio. What happened to the rugby player?<br/>                 A He was sent off.<br/>                 B He was injured.<br/>                 C The manager wanted to substitute him.</p> <p>4 You hear a man talking on the radio. What is his job?<br/>                 A artist<br/>                 B magician<br/>                 C clown</p> | <p>5 You hear a woman talking about her son. What would he like to be?<br/>                 A a professional musician<br/>                 B a doctor<br/>                 C an acrobat</p> <p>6 You hear a man talking about a trip. How did he get home?<br/>                 A by motorbike<br/>                 B in his wife's car<br/>                 C by taxi</p> <p>7 You hear two people talking about a film. What does the man think about it?<br/>                 A It's inaccurate.<br/>                 B It's boring.<br/>                 C It's exciting.</p> <p>8 You hear a girl talking about a sport. How does she feel when she plays the sport?<br/>                 A self-confident<br/>                 B stressed<br/>                 C relaxed</p> |
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Exam Practice: Sentence completion

- 2  You will hear a man called Graham Wetherby, who is a well-known gadget expert talking about the future of entertainment. For questions 9-18 complete the sentences.


# Electronic Entertainment



Graham says that Brits spend over 9) ..... a year on gadgets.  
 Some gadgets are so compact they fit into small 10) .....  
 Graham doesn't believe that the 11) ..... industry is suffering from these electronic substitutes.  
 Gadgets are a means to entertain people in their day-to-day 12) .....  
 The latest device in high-tech entertainment allows you to play 13) ..... sports.  
 The first sport Graham mentions is 14) .....  
 Virtual sports can be played by connecting a gadget to your 15) .....  
 The virtual tennis game comes with its own virtual 16) .....  
 Graham tells us that there is something for 17) ..... in this electronic device.  
 The virtual sport that Graham personally likes and plays all the time is 18) .....



## Exam Practice: Multiple matching


- 3  You will hear five different people talking about what they do in their free time. For questions 19-23, choose from the list (A-H) which statement applies to which person. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

- A The person needs it to forget the more difficult things in life.
- B The person does it to keep fit.
- C The person had never expected to like it so much.
- D The person can't explain why they like it so much.
- E The person sees it as a form of relaxation.
- F The person only does it at home.
- G The person is addicted to it.
- H The person sees it as a social event.

- Speaker 1  19
- Speaker 2  20
- Speaker 3  21
- Speaker 4  22
- Speaker 5  23



## Exam Practice: Multiple choice

- 4  You will hear an interview with the famous European footballer Ryan McClair, who is leaving the UK and going to the US. For questions 24-30 choose the best answer, A, B or C.



- 24 Ryan wants to promote football in the US because
  - A it has become a very popular game there.
  - B there is not much interest in the game there.
  - C he can encourage their growing interest in the game.
- 25 How does Ryan feel about the criticism he has received?
  - A It may damage his career.
  - B It can be upsetting.
  - C It amuses him.
- 26 What difference does Ryan see between football in Europe and the US?
  - A Europeans have become bored of football.
  - B The US has a fresher approach to football.
  - C Football is a more athletic game in the US.
- 27 Why does Ryan think the amount of travelling he will do won't be a problem?
  - A because he'll be travelling less often than he used to
  - B because he doesn't get tired easily
  - C because he is used to travelling and is very fit
- 28 What does Ryan say about the beginning of the new season?
  - A He is worried about being injured again.
  - B He will definitely be fit enough to play.
  - C He will do what the doctors tell him.
- 29 How does Ryan think the move will affect his son?
  - A It is a good opportunity for him.
  - B It could be upsetting for him.
  - C It will be an exciting holiday for him.
- 30 What does Ryan expect from his new team mates?
  - A to be welcomed warmly
  - B to be respected as a star
  - C to be treated the same as other team members