

Native English Academy

UNIT 5

Use of English and Speaking focus

Open cloze (Part 2)

- 2 He finds it annoying but it has helped him understand that when he's distracted, he's less happy.
- 3 1 with/since 2 which 3 how 4 who 5 than
6 less 7 only 8 what

Long turn (Part 2)

speculating (I)

- 5 1, 3, 5, 6
- 7 The candidate needs to answer the question: *Which group of people do you think looks happiest? Why?*

Listening focus

Multiple choice (Part 3)

- 2 1 What is Donna's attitude towards research into the relationship between money and happiness?
A It has given her a good understanding of the issue.
B It raises more questions than it answers.
C It is not relevant to the questions she wants to address.
D It falls outside her area of expertise.
- 3 1 research = studies; given a good understanding = tells me very clearly; money = income 2 A
- 4 2 B 3 C 4 B 5 C 6 D
- 5 1 A 2 C 3 F 4 D 5 E 6 B

Grammar focus

- 1 very positive

Substitution and ellipsis

Grammar reference

- 1 Neither
2 one
3 not
4 so
5 some, it
6 do that
7 there
8 Nor

- 3 1 reading the book 5 the book 6 suggestions
7 (really hot) chillies 11 hardened misanthropes
13 it won't make them purr with contentment
14 dogs
- 4 2 it took me 3 ways 4 I'm 8 Are you having/
Do you have 9 it will do it 10 of us/you 12 that it
- 5 My friend Susan wanted me to buy her a book for her birthday but I couldn't find the one that she wanted in our local bookshop, so I got her another one that I found there instead of the one she had asked for.
- 6 1 do 2 there 3 so 4 one 5 It 6 not 7 either
8 That

Reading focus

Multiple matching (Part 8)

- 2 1 B 2 A 3 D 4 C 5 E
- 3 1 E 'Find out how things are done. Otherwise you'll be putting yourself under a lot of unnecessary stress. That's what happened to me so I learnt to ask questions – the hard way!'
- 4 2 D 'To be able to reply to these people individually gives you the sense that you are actually making a difference.'
3 A 'I've been asked to stay on and be paid for it! Had I not been, I would have been a bit surprised ...'
4 B 'It might seem exploitative but, in fashion ..., you have to show your willingness to work hard and for free. If you don't, others will be only too happy to take your place.'
5 A 'To avoid burn out, interns need time off and a bit of work-life balance.'
6 B 'but the build-up to Fashion Week will mean we'll really have our noses to grindstone and will be expected to work much longer hours.'
7 C 'friends are buying houses and have cars and go on holidays. But I never feel I missed out because I'm making a real contribution.'
8 D 'A lot of incredibly able people are closed off from the opportunity of an internship in parliament because they can't afford to travel or live in London.'
9 E 'Contrary to my expectations, luck was on my side and I found a job as a seamstress.'
10 C 'If I was 35 and still working unpaid I would think, 'What am I doing?'
- 5 1 commute 2 come to terms with came in handy
4 build-up 5 devoting 6 taken on 7 set up
- 6 1 come to terms with 2 come in handy 3 devotes/
devoted 4 Commuting 5 building up 6 Setting up
7 take on

Grammar focus

Hypothetical meaning

Grammar reference

- 1 would stop
2 didn't take
3 tidied up
4 could turn back
5 hadn't spent
6 didn't have to

Vocabulary focus

Prefix *mis-* and false opposites

- 1 1 misunderstanding 2 misguided
3 misconceptions 4 misleading 5 misgivings
6 misinterpretation 7 misprint 8 mistrustful

3 1 F 2 A 3 B 4 E 5 C 6 D

Writing focus

Review (Part 2)

covering key features

- 2 1 factual information
2 negative opinion
3 factual information
4 factual information
5 negative opinion
6 negative opinion
7 negative opinion
8 negative opinion

3 1 B 2 C 3 A 4 A 5 C 6 C 7 D 8 A

Vocabulary

sentence adverbs

- 4 1 Tragically 2 Ironically 3 Curiously 4 Thankfully
5 Hopefully 6 Unfortunately 7 Happily
8 Understandably

8 Model answer

In this review I am going to compare two contrasting tales about overcoming adversity. Whereas *The Blind Side* (2009) left me with a huge grin on my face, sadly, *Doctor Zhivago* (1965) left me feeling the weight of the world on my shoulders.

Doctor Zhivago, directed by five-time Oscar winner David Lean, is set in the Bolshevik revolution and follows the title character, who must adapt to the new order while pining for Lara, the beautiful wife of a political campaigner. The director succeeded in creating a film that is thoroughly engaging but full of gritty realism, cruelty and tragic irony. Take the tissues!

The Blind Side, which is based on a true story, is also a bit of a tearjerker, in a completely different way. It stars Sandra Bullock, who won an Academy Award for her portrayal of a rich white mother in Tennessee who takes a homeless black teenager under her roof. Understandably, the gentle giant thinks he isn't good at anything, but his new mother sees his potential to become a football star and part of the family. The plot is based on a true story, making it all the more touching.

I would strongly recommend *The Blind Side*. It will appeal to a range of people and is a great choice for a movie night. Although *Doctor Zhivago* is a classic, I think it has more of a niche audience and is best saved for when you want a dose of gloom!

Review

- 1 1 would stop 2 started 3 had realised 4 wouldn't rain/didn't rain 5 could get 6 didn't go

2 1 C 2 A 3 B 4 A 5 B 6 A

3 1 then 2 as 3 one 4 them 5 this/it 6 more
7 so 8 It

4 1 C 2 A 3 A 4 C 5 B 6 C