

GENERAL REVISION - LEVEL 6

1) READING COMPREHENSION

A) Read the texts carefully. Then, say if the sentences are True or False.

MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD

Modern shopping centres, with their global brands and international designer names, look the same all over the world. So if you want to buy different items, visit a market. There you can buy fine products made and grown locally.

The Floating Markets of Bangkok

Bangkok, the capital of Thailand, is a city of contrasts. The tall glass buildings look like any other city. But behind them is a place where life hasn't changed for over 100 years – the canals. Built in 1866 by the King of Thailand, these canals are home to many Thai People who still live and work there today. There are four floating markets around Bangkok and the oldest and most popular is in the town of Damnoen Saduak.

This market opens every day from 6.30 a.m. It's best to shop early and go by water taxi. After 9 a.m. the tourist buses arrive, and it's much too busy.

It's a colorful, noisy, fascinating place. Old ladies with huge hats sit in small boats, filled with tropical fruit and vegetables, fresh coconut juice and local food. Did you miss your breakfast? Then just call a seller for a bowl of hot soup. He'll get it from a cooker at the back of **his** boat!

But the boats don't just sell food. Would you like a traditional hat? A silk dress? A flowered shirt? Then just call and point. After the noise and excitement of the market, continue along the canal. Soon you'll see the wooden houses, orchards, and floating flowers of the canal villages. It's a lovely, peaceful way to finish your trip.

A Perfect Day in Provence

Every Sunday in a small town called Isle-sur-la-Sourge in Southern France there is a truly amazing market. Isle-sur-la-Sourge is like Venice. The River Sorgue runs in and out of the old narrow streets and under the many bridges, and on market day every street and bridge is packed with stalls. From early morning, this sleepy little town becomes a noisy, busy place, with sellers calling to you in the singing accent of the south.

You can choose from an amazing selection of olives, hundreds of cheeses, and delicious roast chickens. But it is not just a food market. Antique sellers fill the pavements with beautiful old French furniture, and there are tables covered with antique lace and cloth. Flower sellers invite you to pick from their brightly colored bunches of flowers. The air is filled with the smell of soaps, herbs, and lavender, all made and grown in Provence. Do you need a sun hat? Did you forget your beach towel?

Your choices are endless.

Travellers fill their backpacks with delicious things for Sunday lunch: olive bread, tomatoes, ham, melon, and, of course, a bottle of local rose wine. At 1 o'clock everything closes, and **everyone** goes home. Then it's time to find a cool place next to the river for a perfect picnic on a perfect day in Provence.

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4. Thai people live in the new part of the city.	
5. Both market entrances are free of charge.	

B) What do these words refer to in the text?

6. his	
7. your	
8. everyone	

2) FILL IN THE BLANKS

Use the words in the box and five more.

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The Souks of Marrakech

Marrakech in Morocco looks _____ (1) a Hollywood film set. It is a city of ancient, sand-coloured buildings and palm trees in the middle _____ (2) the desert.



In the centre is the main square, Jemaa el Fna. Here you can see dancing snakes and drink Moroccan coffee. But behind the square is _____ (3) real heart of the city. This is the souk (the Arab word for market). Hundreds of little shops and stalls are open _____ (4) early morning till lunchtime, and again in the evening. The souk, with _____ (5) narrow, busy streets, is divided into _____ (6) of smaller souks. There's the aromatic spice souk, the noisy meat souk, the colourful clothing souk, the gold and silver souk, and many more.

Finally, there's the carpet souk. Here, hundreds of _____ (7) Moroccan rugs and carpets cover the pavements. No two rugs are the same. In Mr Youssaf's rug shop, he invites you to sit down among all the beautiful carpets. A silver teapot arrives with little glasses and Mr Youssaf talks about the different rugs, _____ (8) his assistants roll them out one by one. Two hours _____ (9), after many glasses of traditional mint tea and lots of bargaining, you finally choose your rug and leave much poorer. Then it's _____ (10) to return to the main square to watch the snakes and count your money.

3) COMPLETE THE DIALOGUE

You've just arrived in Bangkok after booking an Airbnb room. You're talking to your host, Emily.

Emily: Hi, Sofia! Nice to have you here! _____ (1)

You: Hello! Everything went OK during the flight, but I took the wrong bus when leaving the airport and I couldn't find the address. That's why I'm late!

Emily: Don't worry! You are here at last. Tell me, _____ (2)

You: No, I've never been here before. It's my first time!

Emily: Oh! I see. Tell me, _____ (3)

You: I've booked a walking tour around the city for my first day only.

Emily: _____ (4)

You: Nine days. Three here and six in the *Phi Phi Islands*.

Emily: oh! A fantastic place to visit, too. Before leaving, you can't miss the floating markets. You'll love them. Enjoy your stay!

4) READING COMPREHENSION



Jake is a pessimist, so he would like to try a new sport to cheer up. Here's the article he's read about surfing... Although he thinks he'll drown!!!

A) Read the text about surfing carefully. Then, say if the sentences are True or False.

5 Surfing is something people often get hooked on after trying it a few times. For many surfers it is much more than a hobby – they would probably agree with the American professional surfer Kelly Slater when he said 'Once you're in, you're in. There's no getting out.' Surfing, of course, means riding on waves in the ocean using a surfboard. Many surfers stand up on their boards, which requires good balance and is difficult for most beginners to learn, but some lie down ('body boarding').

The history of surfing probably began with the Polynesian people of the Pacific Islands. One of the first white people to see anyone surfing was the British explorer Captain Cook, when his ship arrived in Hawaii in 1778. He watched many Hawaiians riding waves on large pieces of wood, and saw that **'they'** seem to feel a great pleasure'.

- 10 When surfing started to become very popular in the United States in the 1950s and 60s, surfers used large wooden boards (often more than 3 metres long) that were quite heavy. Boards today are almost always shorter and also much lighter, because they are made of artificial materials instead of wood. For anyone who wants to try surfing, the only essential things are waves and a board.
- There are a few other things, however, that most surfers find important: a cord to attach one of their
- 15 ankles to the board to prevent the board from going a long way away when **they** fall off; wax, which they put on the surface of the board to help their feet stick to it; and a wetsuit to help them keep warm in cold water. The south-west of England is an example of a place where surfers usually need wetsuits, even in summer.
- Surfing has been a professional sport for many years and the very best surfers are able to make a
- 20 living from **it**. Most of the best professional surfers in the last 30 years, both men and women, have been American or Australian, but surfers from Brazil, Peru and South Africa have also won important competitions.

	T/F
1. Once you try surfing you probably won't stop.	
2. You can't surf if you don't have good balance.	
3. Captain Cook was the first British surfer in Hawaii.	
4. You have to attach a cord to your ankle to avoid losing the board.	
5. Surfers wear wetsuits only in cold water.	

B) What do these words refer to in the text?

6. it (line 19)	
7. they (line 15)	
8. they (line 8)	

5) FILL IN THE BLANKS

Jake is not sure about surfing... He wants to find the right sport so he's reading some adverts in a sports magazine. Use the words in the box and five more.



- It's mad – mud running!**

Have you tried _____(1) of sports, but can't find one you like? Obviously you haven't tried mud running. It's fast, it's cold, it's dirty, but it's FUN! Try it once and you _____(2) do it again! Find out what you can really achieve when you run through cold, muddy water in winter. Call now on....

- Join a winning team – water polo**

Can you catch a ball with one hand and swim well _____(3)? Water polo is fast, hard and very tiring, but it's an exciting team sport. Our junior team has _____(4) won a national competition, and now we are looking for _____(5) talented people who can score goals. We practice on Tuesdays. Don't _____(6) your time!! Call us soon.

- Fast and fun – sprint cycling**

You've always enjoyed cycling _____(7), but you haven't been in a race. Now is the time to join our sprint cycling club. It's for 17-24-year-olds, and _____(8) you need is your bike, a helmet and lots of energy. In our club, you will _____(9) new skills on the track and the road, and you will train for racing competitions all over the country. There's _____(10) better, come to our club!!!



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5) COMPLETE THE DIALOGUE



Jake is telling a friend about his plans. Make questions to complete the dialogue.

F: Hi Jake! _____? (1)

J: On Tuesday? Well, in fact I'm going to try a new sport. I think I'll join a water polo team. My first class will be on Tuesday!

F: Wow!!! That's great! _____? (2)

J: Never! But it's less dangerous than cycling! You can break a leg if you fall off your bike!

Anyway, _____? (3)

F: Sure you will Jake! Don't be a pessimist.

J: Listen, I don't have goggles for the first class...

_____(4)



F: My goggles? No problem!! _____after the class? (5)

J: I'd love to! That's a good idea! We can have a coffee and I'll tell you how I did in my first class.

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7. your	reader
8. everyone	travellers

2)

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6. lots of
7. handmade
8. while
9. later
10. time

3)

- 1) How was your flight? Any problems?
- 2) Have you ever been here before? Is this your first time in Bangkok?
- 3) What are your plans?
- 4) How long are you staying?

4-A)

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4-B)

6. it (line 20)	surfing
7. they (line 15)	surfers
8. they (line 8)	Hawaiians

5)

- (1) lots
- (2) will
- (3) enough
- (4) already
- (5) more
- (6) waste
- (7) fast
- (8) all/ what
- (9) learn
- (10) nowhere

6)

1. What are you going to do on Tuesday?
2. Have you ever practised water polo before?
3. Do you think I 'll be good at it? / I'll like it?
4. Can I borrow your goggles?
5. Would you like to go for a coffee (after the class)?/ Shall we go for a coffee?