

**Aufnahmeprüfung
Gymnasiale Maturitätsschulen**

Englisch mündlich

Zeit: 10 Minuten

AP SZ E 2024 - ORAL EXAM - BEWERTUNGSRASTER

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Kommunikationsfähigkeit	Kann sich kaum verständigen, hat Mühe, die Fragen zu verstehen. Das Gespräch verläuft sehr harzig und wird praktisch ausschliesslich vom Examinator gesteuert. Kaum Interaktion.	Kann sich nur auf sehr einfache Art verständigen, wenn Fragen wiederholt oder anders formuliert werden. Kann einfache Fragen beantworten. Kann einfach(st)e Redemittel einsetzen, damit ein Gespräch weiter läuft. Wenig Interaktion.	Kann auf Fragen „spontan“ antworten/reagieren. Kann zusammenhängende Beschreibungen machen und sich in einfachen, routinemässigen Situationen verständigen, dies im Umfang des gelernten Stoffes. Interaktion „passiert“.	Verwendet gute Standardsprache und reagiert gut im Gespräch. Spricht verständlich und zusammenhängend. Beteiligt sich aktiv am Dialog und zeigt Initiative. Gute Interaktion.	Verwendet flüssige Standardsprache und zeigt Initiative und Flexibilität im Gespräch. Spricht zusammenhängend und klar, verwendet auch komplexere Nebensätze. Sehr gute Interaktion.
Ausdruck, Vokabular	Hat einen äusserst begrenzten Wortschatz. Kann nur bruchstückhafte Sätze bilden. Ausdrücke und Strukturen sind kaum vorhanden.	Hat einen einfachen und begrenzten Wortschatz. Die Wörter können mit Hilfe gefunden werden. Zeigt kaum Variabilität in der Wortwahl, verwendet z.B. wenig Adjektive.	Hat einen genügenden Wortschatz, um seine Gedanken verständlich auszudrücken. Thematisch und inhaltlich angemessenes Vokabular. Mittlere Variabilität in der Wortwahl.	Vielseitiger, reicherer Wortschatz, der auch schon genauere Beschreibungen und komplexere Erklärungen ermöglicht. Gute Variabilität in der Wortwahl.	Sehr vielseitiger Wortschatz, der detaillierte Beschreibungen und komplexe Erklärungen ermöglicht. Verfügt über ein grosses Repertoire an Ausdrücken und verwendet diese gekonnt. Sehr gute Variabilität in der Wortwahl.
Korrektheit, Grammatik	Macht sehr viele Fehler bezüglich grammatikalischer Strukturen und Ausdrücken, welche das Verständnis behindern. Aussprache ist ebenfalls sehr fehlerhaft.	Die Grammatik ist nicht sattelfest, aber Strukturen sind vorhanden, wenn auch oft falsch angewendet. Aussprache kann das Verständnis erschweren.	Grammatik insgesamt einigermaßen korrekt, zeigt aber noch wenig Sicherheit. Macht doch noch einige grammatikalische Fehler und wendet Strukturen zum Teil falsch an. Sprache bleibt verständlich. Macht noch einige Fehler bei der Aussprache.	Hat recht grosse Sicherheit im Sprachgebrauch, macht wenig Fehler. Die Strukturen sind recht sicher angewandt. Grammatikalische Elemente sind mehrheitlich korrekt. Aussprache ist weitgehend korrekt.	Sehr grosse Sicherheit im Sprachgebrauch, macht fast keine Fehler. Verwendet gute und vielseitige Strukturen; Grammatik wird sicher angewandt. Sehr gute Aussprache.

Notenberechnung: Durchschnitt aus drei Teilnoten, auf eine Viertelnote gerundet.

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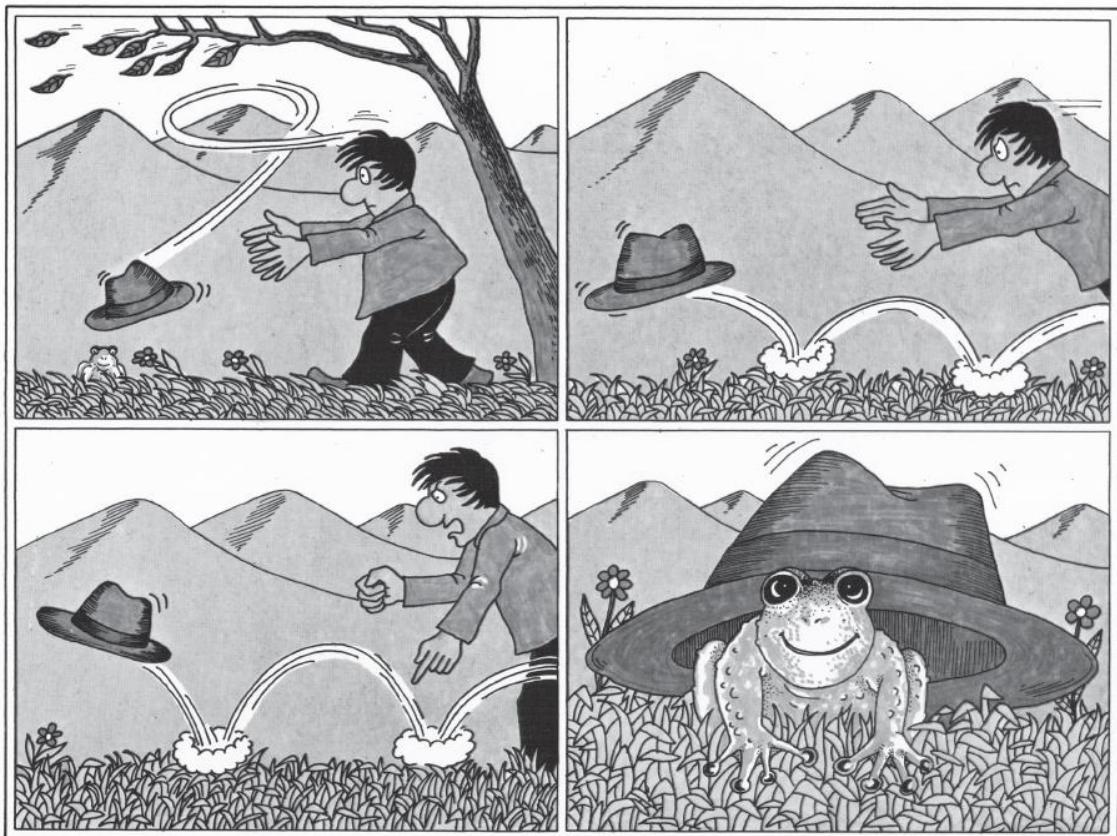
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Part I - CONVERSATION

Imagine you were an influencer on Instagram or Snapchat. You have thousands of followers. Would you like that? Why? Why not? How would this influence the way you live?

Part II - PICTURE STORY

Tell the story. Use **past tenses**!



Part III - EXPRESS YOUR OPINION

Read the following text. Describe what it's about in your own words and give your opinion on it.

Paris Olympics 2024: Are they worth the trouble?

Are Parisians falling out of love with their own Olympic Games? It is not hard these days to find Parisians quite happy to curse the Games and all that comes with them.

First, the city's Mayor Anne Hidalgo said that transport for the Games would "not be ready in time". Then it was announced that transport fares will actually double for the six weeks of the Olympics and Paralympics.

The police chief also revealed that his security plan was "so complicated I get a headache just looking at it".

And a poll showed that nearly one in two Françiliens - inhabitants of the Paris region - were considering leaving Paris for the duration of the Games.

And the 230 quayside booksellers or bouquinistes are not willing to remove their famous green boxes for the opening ceremony.

"Paris will be unbearable," a local adds. "Impossible to park; impossible to move around". Moreover, rental prices of flats during the Games are up to four times the normal rates.

So, should the organisers be worried? Just expect more moaning from Parisians in the months ahead. And then, a cracking Games.

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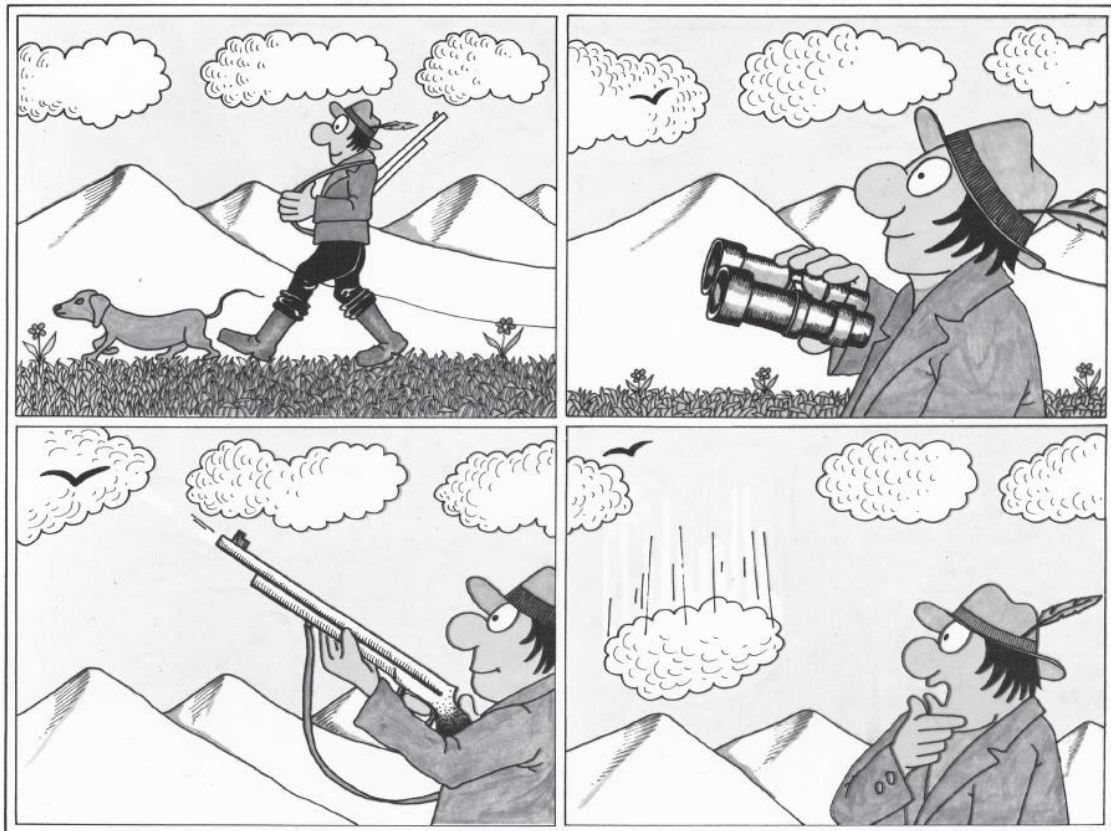
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Part I - CONVERSATION

What are your earliest or best memories of your childhood? What was your favorite toy when you were a child? What did you like doing most as a child?

Part II - PICTURE STORY

Tell the story. Use **past** tenses!



Part III - EXPRESS YOUR OPINION

Read the following text. Describe what it's about in your own words and give your opinion on it.

ChatGPT

Some of the USAs largest school districts are banning the ChatGPT tool on school networks and devices, concerned that students will use the text generator to cheat or copy. New York City's Department of Education have blocked it from devices and networks owned by schools across the state.

Teachers are concerned the technology makes it far too easy for students to use it as a shortcut for writing assignments and exams. It generates content in such a way that even software cannot detect when students work is not their own.

However, this may not be the right course of action, according to education technology experts. AI will be a part of young people's future, so it must also be a part of the classroom now. Kids in school today are going into jobs where not everyone they work with is human. Therefore, they need to learn how to work with it to prepare for the future.

A recent survey of 1,000 college students shows nearly 60% of students used the chatbot on more than half of all their assignments.

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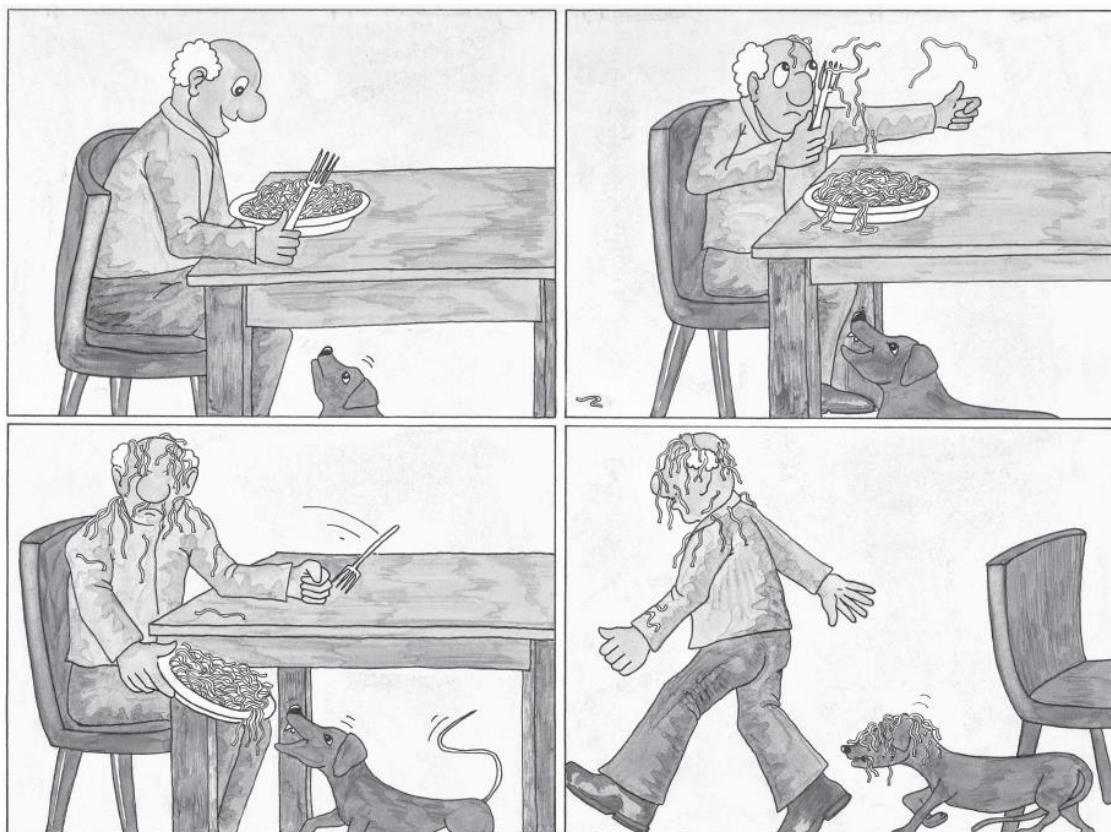
Part I - CONVERSATION

There are a lot of inventions that make our life easier. Which three inventions are the most important ones for you and why? How have they changed life in general?

Was the life of your grandparents different?

Part II - PICTURE STORY

Tell the story. Use **past** tenses!



Part III - EXPRESS YOUR OPINION

Read the following text. Describe what it's about in your own words and give your opinion on it.

Switching from planes to trains in Europe

According to new EU laws, countries like Austria and France must try to restrict internal plane routes where trains are available. The law wants to ban flight routes between cities where a high-speed rail alternative makes it possible to travel between the two cities in less than two and a half hours.

But there's good news and bad news. Fixes are being made, but none of them are quick. And there is no sign that Europe's airports are going to get quieter anytime soon.

Ever since the "flight shame" movement began, encouraging travellers to seek greener alternatives to planes, many in Europe are now looking to the extensive rail network to replace short-haul air travel.

In 2020 the Austrian government financially supported Austrian Airlines, on the condition that it stopped flying between cities where a rail journey could take less than three hours, and by adding taxes to the shortest flights.

In Spain and Germany, cheaper ticket deals are also helping customers change their minds. Spain has outlined plans to cut flights where train journeys take less than 2.5 hours by 2050.

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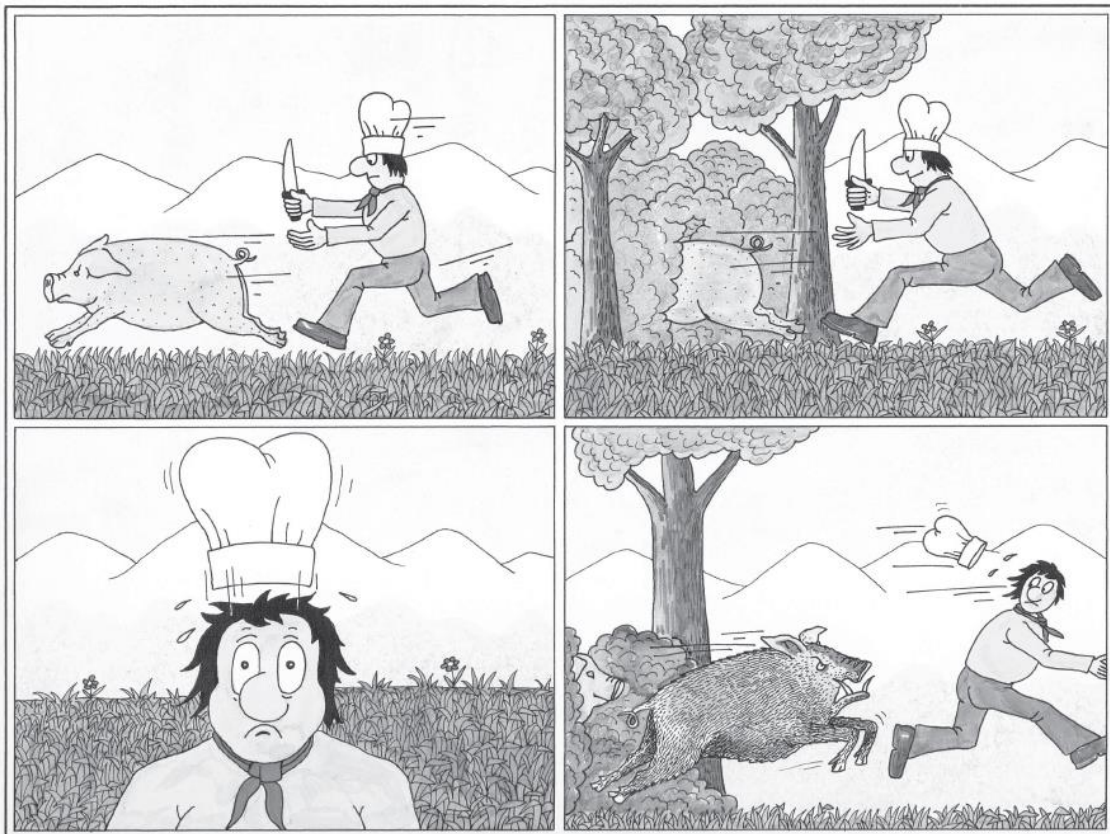
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Part I - CONVERSATION

Do you think it is right that we keep animals in zoos? Mention several positive and negative points. What advice would you give to someone who is planning to build a zoo.

Part II - PICTURE STORY

Tell the story. Use **past** tenses!



Part III - EXPRESS YOUR OPINION

Read the following text. Describe what it's about in your own words and give your opinion on it.

The powers of reading

Reading is a popular activity with all age groups in the UK, because it can improve your life in so many different ways. Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

During a time when young people spend so much of their time looking at some kind of screen, reading can be an activity that allows them to disconnect and give their eyes a rest. Reading is one of the best hobbies for teens as it diverts a teen's mind from everyday tensions and can help them relax and calm down.

Many young people read as a way to increase their knowledge on topics that are important to them. You will also find that this is often turned into a social hobby with online book clubs, which have risen in popularity since the corona pandemic.

Teens should be encouraged to read regularly in their leisure time to improve their vocabulary, increase their IQ and improve their communication skills too.

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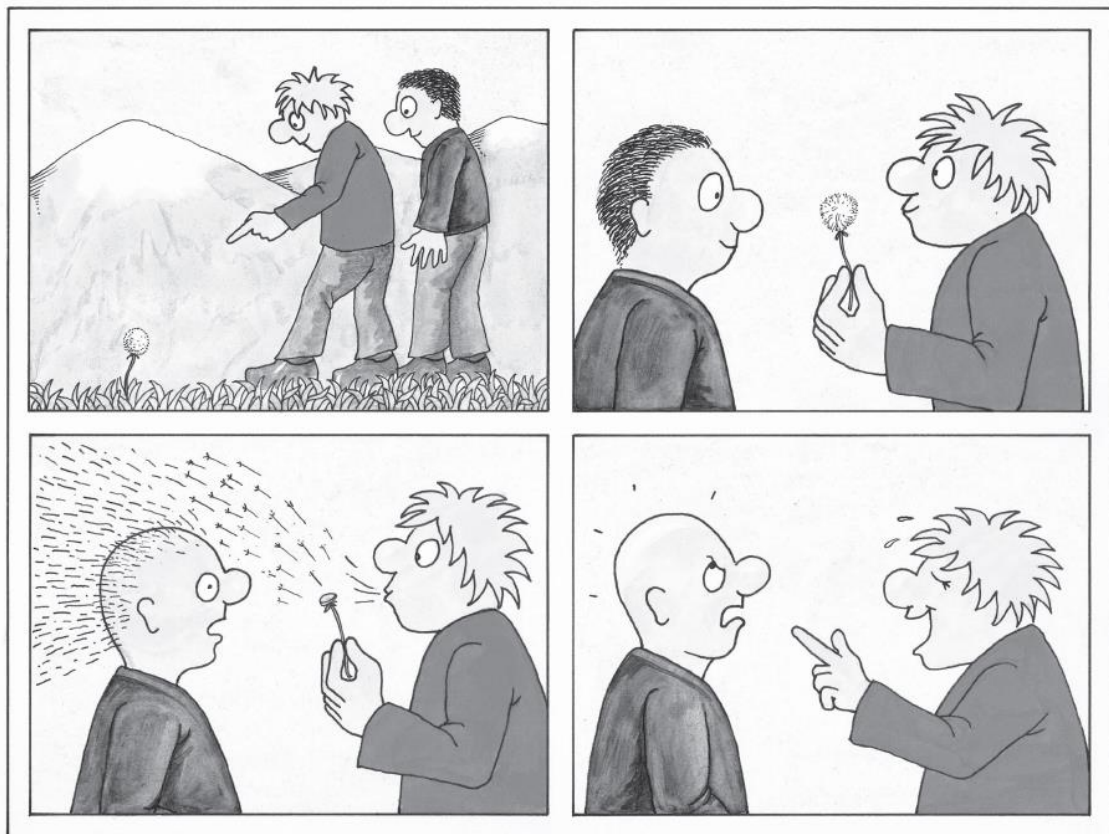
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Part I - CONVERSATION

What special days in the year do you celebrate? Who do you celebrate them with and how? Also talk about the traditions or customs your family has for special events.

Part II - PICTURE STORY

Tell the story. Use **past** tenses!



Part III - EXPRESS YOUR OPINION

Read the following text. Describe what it's about in your own words and give your opinion on it.

Football for men and women

There are some very old-fashioned views out there that football is a 'man's game'. The very point of football is that it is a sport suitable for everyone from the ground up, regardless of age, class, or gender.

The women's game would be in an even better position if boys and girls were given equal funding and opportunity. After all, there is a huge focus on grassroots football in England right now as the Football Association looks to promote young English talent, and why shouldn't this extend to the women's game too?

On the women's side of the game, the most well-known and successful side in the sport is the USA. Four World Cup titles out of a possible eight including two in a row means the world champions are flying above everyone else.

By contrast, the men's national side has never won a World Cup. And for a long time, the men's team continued to be paid more due to the fact they are men. However, in a show of solidarity between the two teams, the US Soccer Federation offered the sides identical contracts. This was a huge step forward in the battle for equal rights in football and other sports and jobs.

The 2018 World Cup champions France received \$38 million in prize money. The total amount on offer to all of the women's teams in the Women's World Cup 2023 was less than what world champions France walked away with. There is still a long way to go before equality is reached.

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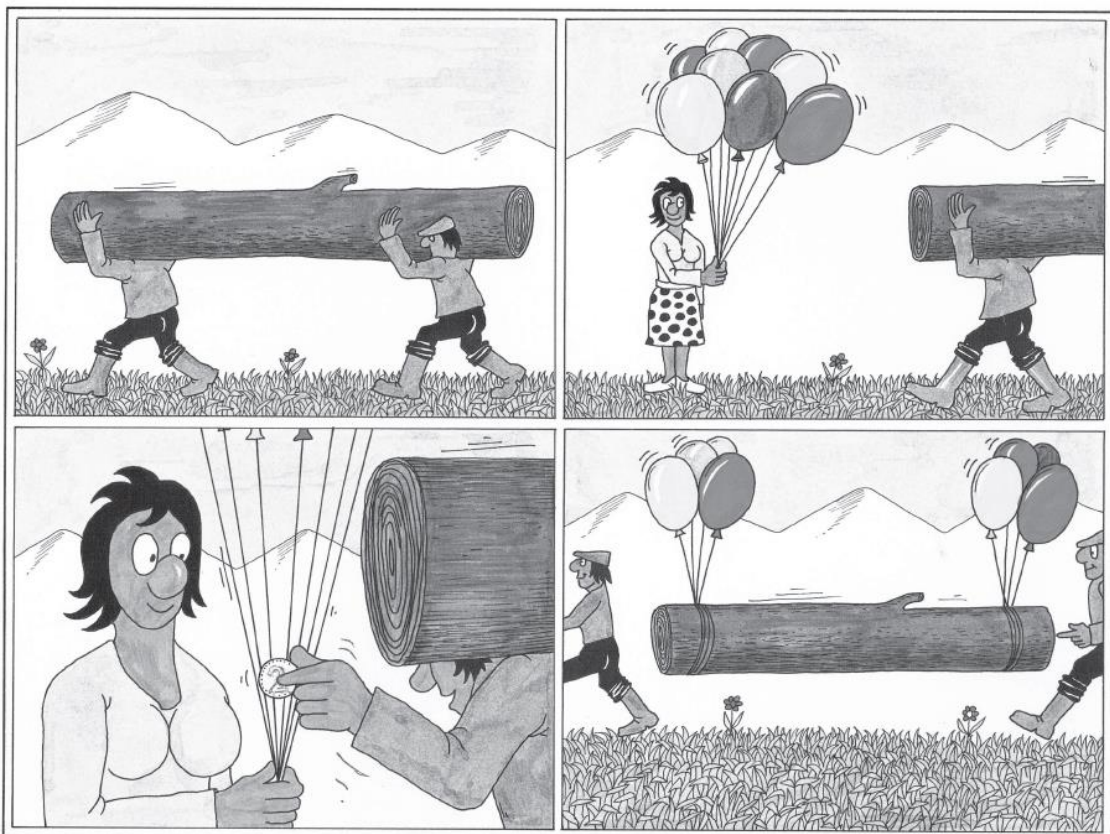
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Part I - CONVERSATION

What are the qualities of a good friend? What does a good friendship mean to you and what is important in a friendship? How is 'friendship' different on social media such as Tiktok, Instagram, or Snapchat?

Part II - PICTURE STORY

Tell the story. Use **past** tenses!



Part III - EXPRESS YOUR OPINION

Read the following text. Describe what it's about in your own words and give your opinion on it.

Who needs languages at school?

A new report suggests that foreign languages are not being chosen by UK teenagers at school. Many pupils do not think they will need them in their future careers.

A survey of 2,083 pupils at the end of their first year of secondary school across the UK found just 20% saying they planned to study a language up to the end of secondary school.

Nearly nine in 10 said they did not think it was very likely that languages would be necessary for their careers after school.

Studying a foreign language beyond the age of 14 has not been compulsory in England since 2004. Since then, the number of students taking school exams in French have more than halved. German has seen an equally dramatic fall.

However, take-up of Spanish has increased, rising from 85,000 exam entries in 2015 to 107,000 in 2022.

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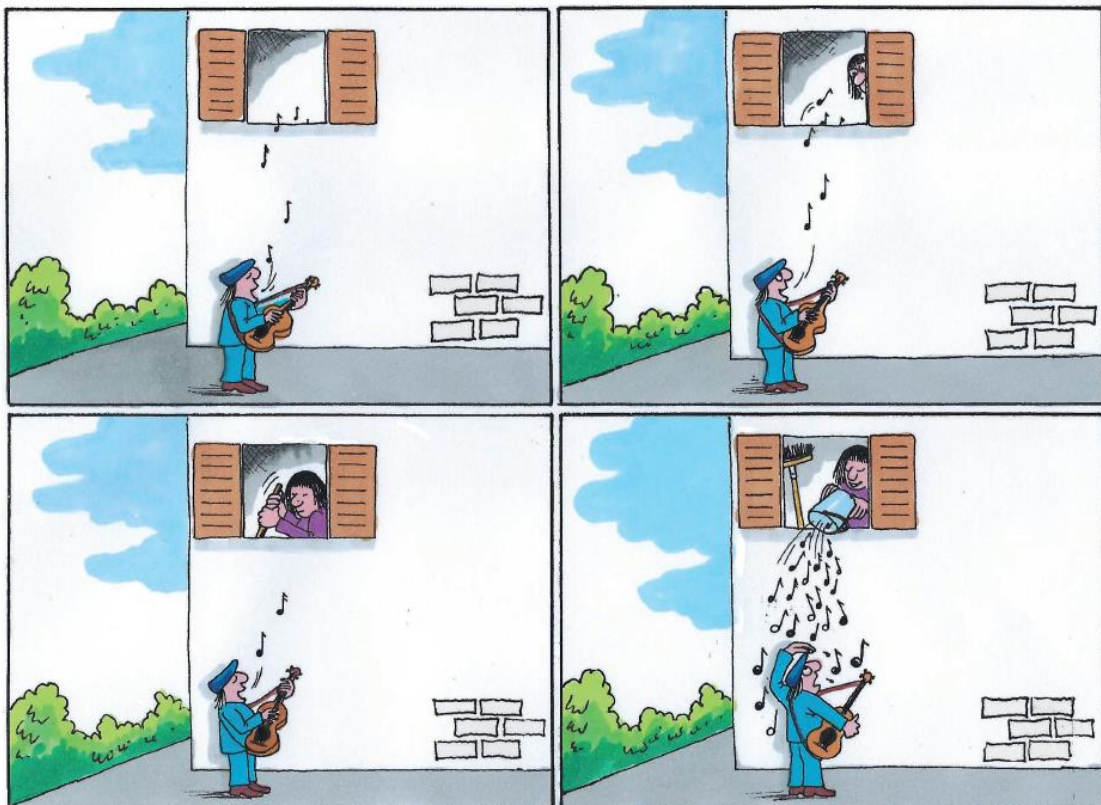
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Part I - CONVERSATION

Could you spend a week without your smartphone or electronic devices? Do you think you should spend less time on them? Do you feel you should use them even more at school?

Part II - PICTURE STORY

Tell the story. Use **past** tenses!



Part III - EXPRESS YOUR OPINION

Read the following text. Describe what it's about in your own words and give your opinion on it.

The future of skiing

Skiing came to the Alps in the 1880s, but it took over a century for it to reach its peak of popularity. However, climate change has caused average snow depth across Austria, France, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland to fall by 8.4 per cent per decade between 1971 and 2019.

At lower heights, snowfall has always been very variable from year to year. But there is still a clear downward trend as rain replaces snowfall. A French scientist has found that resorts at low altitude have lost about a month of ski season over the past 50 years, with the season starting about ten days later and ending 20 days earlier. By comparison, in resorts above 2,000 metres, there has been no major change.

Looking ahead to 2050, resorts at lower altitudes are expected to have between 10 and 40 per cent lower winter snow depth than in the early 21st century.

If we do nothing to cut emissions, then 95 per cent of Europe's glaciers will disappear by 2100, according to researchers at the ETH in Zurich. Lower emissions could cut that loss to 37 per cent. The decisions we take today will influence whether our great grandchildren at the end of the century will see any glaciers at all.

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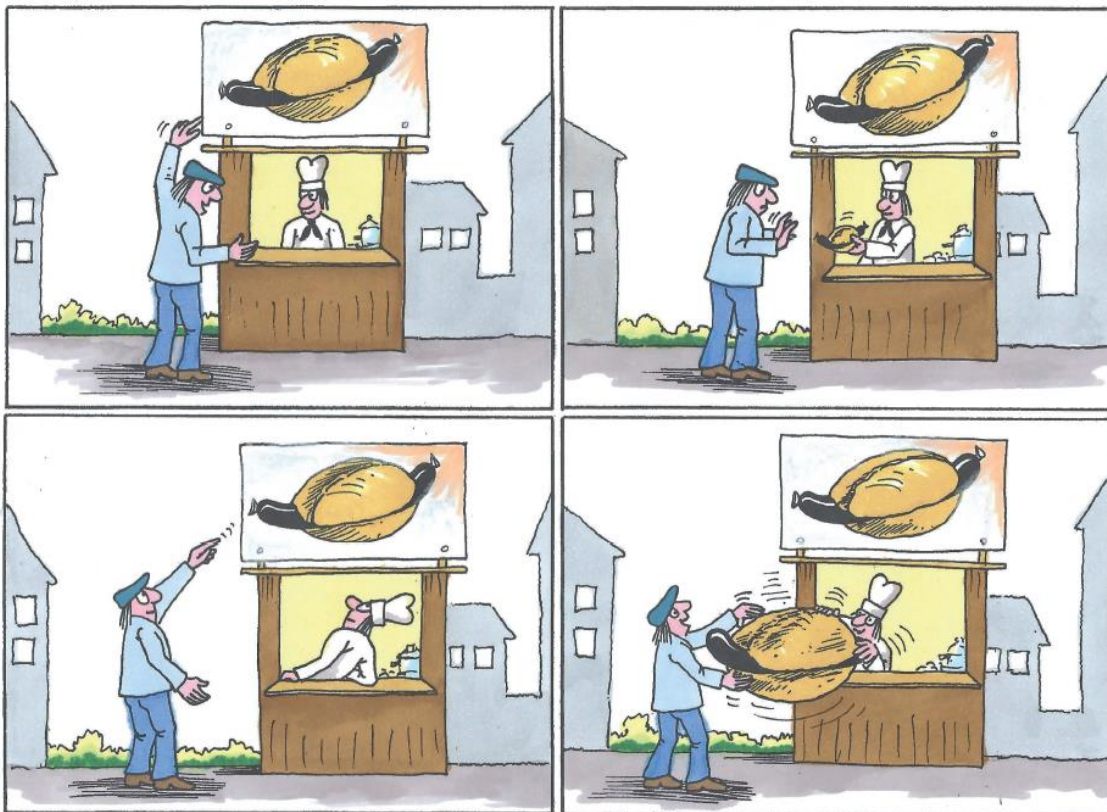
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Part I - CONVERSATION

You are going to spend six months on a desert island. You can only take five things with you. Say what you are going to take and why these things are important to you.

Part II - PICTURE STORY

Tell the story. Use **past** tenses!



Part III - EXPRESS YOUR OPINION

Read the following text. Describe what it's about in your own words and give your opinion on it.

Ready to make a career choice at 14?

Swiss adolescents are around 15 or 16 years old when they leave school, but they have to start planning a career path at least two years before that. The final decision comes at age 14, and it can be a difficult process.

Around 20% of students will choose an academic path (gymnasium) which opens the door to university study. At least two-thirds will do an apprenticeship in one of more than 250 professions, which combines school with on-the-job, paid, training. The qualification earned after an apprenticeship is very well-recognised in the Swiss working world.

But many young people feel that it is difficult to have a clear idea of what you want to do at the age of 14.

Very often parents have very clear ideas about what their children should do. In some parts of Zurich around half a school class might take the "gymnasium" test.

In the United States and United Kingdom, there is more emphasis on going to university and making your career choice then. Apprenticeships are a less well-known option.

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Part I - CONVERSATION

Who are you most like in your family? What are the similarities and differences between you and your family member?

Part II - PICTURE STORY

Tell the story. Use **past** tenses!



Part III - EXPRESS YOUR OPINION

Read the following text. Describe what it's about in your own words and give your opinion on it.

E-scooters: how dangerous are they?

Paris has now officially become the first European city to ban rented electric scooters. Paris officially banned rented electric scooters (or e-scooters) from September 2023, becoming the first European city to do so, five years after being one of the first to accept them. After a rising number of injuries and three fatalities, 90 per cent of Parisians voted in favour of a ban.

The French capital is not alone. From June 1st 2023, e-scooters have been banned on many trains and platforms in Britain. Six rail companies announced the move, mainly due to safety reasons.

Data available from many countries indicate that deaths and injuries are on the rise, due to e-scooters becoming more popular.

In Britain, there were 1,349 accidents involving e-scooters in 2022, compared to 978 in the previous year. In France, 24 people died in e-scooter accidents, including one death in Paris, in 2021. In Germany, five e-scooter users died in 2020.

The report also shows that the risk of death on motorcycles or mopeds is five times higher than that for e-scooters.

Wearing a helmet is only obligatory for young people in very few countries. In most countries, e-scooter users of all ages are allowed to ride without a helmet.

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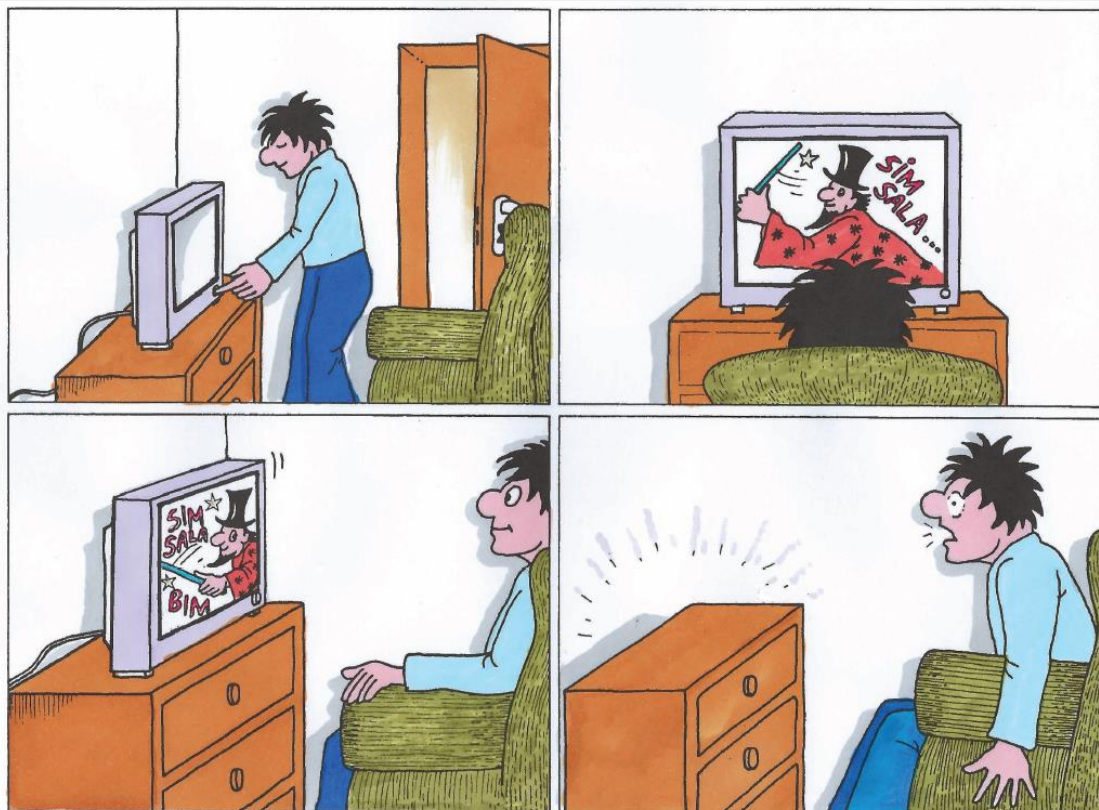
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Part I - CONVERSATION

Are you happier doing mental or physical work? What kind of work would you really like to do in the future? What wouldn't you like to do?

Part II - PICTURE STORY

Tell the story. Use **past** tenses!



Part III - EXPRESS YOUR OPINION

Read the following text. Describe what it's about in your own words and give your opinion on it.

Cars of the future

Self-driving cars could change how we live and travel, making it safer and better for the environment. The World Health Organization notes that this technology could help reduce the annual toll of over 1.3 million road traffic fatalities. But before everyone can use them, there are many challenges to overcome, like dealing with human drivers, rules, and safety concerns.

The big challenge is making sure these cars can handle tricky situations. At the University of Michigan, they have a test area to see how well self-driving cars can deal with challenging traffic situations with cars and people. Companies like Oxbotica want to bring self-driving shuttles to cities, possibly at airports, within five years.

If these cars become common, we might need less space for parking, and roads and cities could be greener. But there are worries about how people and self-driving cars will share space. Some think it will take about ten years for these cars to be used a lot but owning one might still be expensive. Even so, self-driving cars could change how we spend our “travelling” time and fit them into our lives, just like electric car-charging stations have done.