


2. Listening: Dealing with money

 You are going to listen to a discussion between mother and daughter about plastic money. First you will have 45 seconds to study the task below, then you will hear the recording twice. While listening, answer the questions (1–5) 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.

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0	What is the mother complaining about?	<i>daughter spending money</i>
Q1	What is meant by “living in medieval times”?	
Q2	Which option do credit cards offer?	
Q3	What happens when the entire credit card bill isn't paid off?	
Q4	What is the biggest danger in others obtaining your bank account information?	
Q5	How do reliable companies protect their customers?	

3. Reading: Why scientists could easily be ruling the world

Read the text below, then choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for questions 1–5. Put a in the correct box. The first one (0) has been done for you.

Why scientists could easily be ruling the world

Abortion is an extremely controversial topic in the United States with both sides of the debate duelling it out over what is right or wrong. The law presently controlling abortion in America was introduced in 1973 by the Supreme Court. According to this law, women have the right to choose how they want to handle a pregnancy, whether through termination or continuation. Since this court ruling, abortion has been in the national spotlight and the centre of the debate still remains whether it should actually still be legal or overturned.

Before this ruling there had been abortion laws in the US as early as the 1820s. However, by 1900 most abortions had been outlawed because of the extreme pressure from the American Medical Association, physicians and legislators. Nevertheless, this did not prevent illegal abortions, which at the time were a dangerous practice, from taking place. The main difference was that women did not only risk their lives due to the bad hygienic conditions under which such procedures took place, but also because few abortions were carried out by medical professionals any more. By 1965, all states had banned abortions altogether, with few exceptions being allowed. Finally, abortion was once again legalised in 1973 in all fifty states, using a trimester framework that freed doctors to perform abortions for any reason in the first trimester and giving the individual states the power to regulate the second and third trimester. In the years since this decision many pro-life groups, such as the Human Life Foundation or the Life Coalition, have been formed which have taken up the fight against this ruling and presented alternatives such as adoption. They have been the driving forces behind new restrictions and regulations that have been introduced, such as required parental consent for teenagers. These pro-life organisations arrange many protests and lobby to bring forth legislation to end the age-old debate of how to handle an unexpected pregnancy. Often, these groups see the practice of abortion as an unlawful procedure that takes a defenseless human life and advocate adoption as the only legal alternative. Furthermore, they argue that life begins at conception, whereas the other side

of the debate believes that no rights other than those stated in the Constitution should be judicially recognised and protected.

There are many different reasons why a woman might decide to have an abortion. If there are irreparable defects concerning the fetus, such as major development failures or problems with the heart, nervous system, brain, kidneys or breathing system, a woman might choose to end the pregnancy. There are other common reasons that a woman might choose to have an abortion such as birth control failure, unwanted or unplanned pregnancy, not being able to support or provide for the child or medical conditions that could seriously endanger the woman's health. Most women concerned choose to abort based on their current needs, feelings and economic position. Especially women aged between 15 and 20 often do not feel prepared to take responsibility for another human being. They might lack sufficient means to provide for themselves and a child. Unfinished education and lack of mental maturity are factors that particularly cause young females to abort. However, younger women are not the only ones making such drastic decisions, which may have a strong impact on their future lives. Research shows that abortions are no longer limited to a certain age group of women.

On average, one million women in the US decide to abort their unborn children every year. This decision, which is often made in a moment of desperation or panic, may cause inner turmoil and stress. No matter whether having an abortion is legal or not, in the end it is always the woman who has to deal with the choice she has made.

- 0** The 1973 law
- A banned abortion.
 - B legalised abortion.
 - C led to a protest.
 - D was overturned.
- Q1** Banning abortion around 1900 caused
- A a lot of pressure from doctors and lawyers.
 - B an increase in death following abortion.
 - C a rise in the practice of illegal abortion.
 - D a decrease of medical professionals.
- Q2** Regulations on abortion after 1973
- A allowed abortion up to the second trimester.
 - B allowed abortion throughout the US.
 - C banned abortion after the second trimester.
 - D banned abortion in individual states.
- Q3** The formation of pro-life groups resulted in
- A stronger support for single mothers.
 - B the creation of educational programmes.
 - C stricter regulations on abortion.
 - D a ban on teenage abortion.
- Q4** The main reason for teenage girls to abort is their
- A psychological stability.
 - B physical maturity.
 - C financial situation.
 - D educational background.
- Q5** What is the purpose of the text?
- A to criticise women who abort
 - B to illustrate the dangers of abortion
 - C to argue a ban on abortion
 - D to explain the background of abortion

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Due to the speed news are spreading with, online papers can easily become a perfect platform for exaggeration as well as hysteria and consequently the source of panic among the masses. Even smaller events which might not have been **(Q6)** ... a few decades back now lead to lengthy discussions and unnecessary fear among citizens. While there are quite a few beneficial aspects to the reduction in time news need to spread, such as quicker responses of rescue teams and charity organisations to disasters or catastrophes, there are obviously also drawbacks to this development.

Nevertheless, latest trends point towards new and improved combinations of both, printed as well as online newspapers, which might enable future readers to enjoy the best of both worlds.

A	relying entirely on having access
B	introduced to the audience
C	compared to online versions
D	explaining the disadvantage of newspapers
E	produce books and newspaper for the masses
F	taken all that seriously
G	defending the importance of the traditional newspaper
H	having all we ever needed to know
I	enabling the audience to get directly to

0	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
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5. Language in use: Should more fathers be spending time with their children?

You are going to read a text about men staying at home with their children. Some words are missing from the text. Choose from the list (A–N) the correct part for each gap (1–11) in the text. There are two extra words you should not use. Write your answers in the boxes provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

Should more fathers be spending time with their children?

The current discussion (0) ... around why fathers are often still very reluctant to be a stay-at-home dad has shown that most of them feel that their profession does not (Q1) ... for such a decision. Even though over 50 per cent of men claimed that they would like to have the possibility of (Q2) ... their children for some time, very few fathers take the actual step. In many cases they feel intimidated due to the doubts being (Q3) ... by their work environment if they will be able to juggle their career while (Q4) ... up their children at the same time. Although mothers have been (Q5) ... with the very same problem for decades, the world does not seem to be entirely ready for fathers to take on this new role. Apart from the fact that many companies are not yet (Q6) ... with child care facilities and much less offer proper part-time employment opportunities, there are still strong tendencies in society towards (Q7) ... the mother as the proper caretaker of a small child. Nevertheless, laws have been (Q8) ... by many governments which (Q9) ... both partners to equally share the time they spend with their children. Therefore, the main problem seems to lie in the fact that men often (Q10) ... ridicule by their peers should they decide to (Q11) ... their children over their careers.

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|------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------|
| A allow | E equipped | I passed | M struggling |
| B bringing | F expressed | J raising | N viewing |
| C choose | G face | K revolving | |
| D enable | H invented | L rising | |

0	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11
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6. Language in use: Going virtual

You are going to read a text about virtual life. Some words are missing from the text. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each gap (1–7) in the text. Write your answers in the boxes provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

Going virtual

(0) ... studies have shown that there might be numerous benefits to spending time in a virtual world, provided that the person (Q1) ... does not lose touch with reality. Experts in brain development (Q2) ... have discovered that people deal better with many real-life scenarios if they have gone over them in their minds repeatedly. Thus, spending some time in a virtual reality could result in an increase in a person's actual (Q3) ... , such as better sportsmanship or improved social skills.

Thus, psychiatrists as well as therapists have started to reap the (Q4) ... of the multitude of available scenarios the virtual world offers. Their patients can face fears and phobias, while knowing that they are perfectly safe and therefore practice taking different (Q5) ... to problematic situations. The more frequently they are introduced to such forms of therapy, the more comfortable they become with similar situations in real life.

Furthermore, this technology has been adopted by universities and other educational institutions in order to prepare their students for worldly scenarios they will (Q6) ... in their professional lives. This includes business meetings, giving speeches in front of crowds, conflict management, and negotiations. By (Q7) ... their students with in-depth training, schools believe that they can ensure a more capable and efficient generation of future employees or employers.

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- 0** ~~A~~ Recent **B** Latest **C** Modern **D** Contemporary
- Q1** **A** involved **B** convoluted **C** affected **D** concerned
- Q2** **A** study **B** research **C** investigation **D** exploration
- Q3** **A** abilities **B** facilities **C** aptitudes **D** capacities
- Q4** **A** aids **B** paybacks **C** benefits **D** assistances
- Q5** **A** tactics **B** approaches **C** attitudes **D** methods
- Q6** **A** come upon **B** bump into **C** struggle **D** encounter
- Q7** **A** offering **B** showing **C** providing **D** obtaining

0	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7
A							

7. Writing: Online Shopping

“Online shopping”

Over the last few English lessons you have heard a lot about the increase in online stores and online shopping. Your English teacher has asked you to write a **report**, in which you describe several aspects of shopping over the internet. In your report, you should:

- outline the importance of online shopping for people today
- describe advantages and dangers of shopping over the internet
- recommend safe ways to shop online

Write a **report** of about **250 words**. Divide your report into **sections** and give them **headings**.