

### ESCUELAS OFICIALES DE IDIOMAS DE LA REGIÓN DE MURCIA

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# NIVEL B1

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# COMPRENSION DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS SEPTIEMBRE 2019 (CORRECTOR)

NIVEL B1

TASK A  $\triangleright$  Read Your Good Samaritan Stories in TEXT 1 The passport official & The island angels. For items 1-5, choose the best option (A, B or C). Write your answers in the grid provided below, as shown in example 0.

#### 5 points

Example:

0.	A. earlier	B. ago	C. after
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1.	A. forget	B. find out	C. explore
2.	A. anyone's	B. someone's	C. everybody's
3.	A. but	B. because	C. however
4.	A. hired	B. caught	C. drove
5.	A. that	B. which	C. where

0	1	2	3	4	5	
A	В	A	В	A	С	SCORE: / 5
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## Text 1: Short stories

#### SHORT STORY 1. THE PASSPORT OFFICIAL

I received a telegram from India informing me that my mother had died suddenly in March 1967. I was 22 years old and had lost my father two years (0) *EARLIER*. My husband and I were desperate to fly to Bombay and (1) *FIND OUT* what had happened, as my mother had been healthy and well when she left England, only a few days before her death.

We tried to get airline tickets only to find that Julia, my baby, wasn't on (2) <u>ANYONE'S</u> passport. It meant we couldn't take her. I was desperate to go but couldn't leave the baby behind. I phoned the Foreign Office and got through to an official who was sympathetic but explained it was the weekend and nothing could be done until Monday. I begged him to help me and, to my astonishment, he agreed to help me.

We met at Heathrow airport and he put a stamp in my passport, making Julia legal. I hardly thanked him, (3) <u>**BECAUSE**</u> I was still crying so hard. But this kind man had given me his weekend time and possibly bent the rules to help. I am still enormously grateful to my Good Samaritan.

Catherine Teltscher, London

#### SHORT STORY 2. THE ISLAND ANGELS

My friend and I flew to Toronto and (4) <u>HIRED</u> a car. We didn't book any accommodation as it was at the beginning of September and we thought it would be easy to find a hotel or hostel.

We had been driving for five hours when the weather changed and it looked like a thunderstorm was coming. We got lost and were both exhausted when I saw a lady parking her car. I stopped and asked if she knew a lodge<sup>1</sup> or hotel nearby. She said there was a lodge down the road but it would be closed. The lovely old lady looked at us - we must have had a really desperate look at our faces - and said: "Why don't you girls just stay with me and my husband's house for a night? We'll show you wherever you guys want to go and I'll cook you dinner." We ended up taking one of their boats to a little island in Lake Muskoka, (5) *WHERE* her husband, Clint, was just working on his boat.

Both Carol and Clint were lovely. We slept in the bunk beds they built for their kids and grandchildren, they filled up the fridge with beer and cooked for us. We stayed for three nights in total and also met their friends. Those days were the best part of our three-week trip.

They were two angels on an island. We were glad we got lost and met them.

Patricia, Vancouver, Canada

<sup>1</sup> **lodge:** a hut or house in the country or in the mountains where people stay on holiday.

Source: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-12122809

TASK B  $\triangleright$  Read TEXT 2 *How to plan a trip with friends*. Choose the statement from the list below that best completes each heading. Write your answers in the grid provided below, as shown in example 0.

#### 10 points

#### **HEADINGS**:

#### A. (EXAMPLE) Choose friends you get along well with.

- B. Go on a beach trip with a more varied group.
- C. Find food options.
- D. Decide on daytime and night-time activities.
- E. Decide on time for breaks.
- F. Travel abroad with a smaller group of adventurous friends.
- G. Plan transportation.
- H. Discuss a budget early on.
- I. Find accommodations.
- J. Decide on a date.
- K. Choose a road trip for a small group that gets along well.

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A	J	Н	F	В	K	С	Ι	G	D	Ε	SCORE: / 10
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### Text 2: How to plan a trip with friends

#### HOW TO PLAN A TRIP WITH FRIENDS

**0.A.** Choose friends you get along well with (EXAMPLE). You'll be spending a lot of time with your travel companions, so think of people who have similar general travel habits and are flexible and relaxed.

**<u>1.J. Decide on a date</u>**. Ask your friends when they can take time off from school or work. Narrow down preferences to a date and timespan that works for the most people. The larger your group is, the harder it will be to find a time that works for all of you. Be patient and flexible, and compromise when you can.

**<u>2.H. Discuss a budget early on</u>**. Ask your friends to be open about how much you're each willing to pay for the trip, between travel, accommodation, food and entertainment costs. You'll plan your itinerary around these loose budget restrictions.

**<u>3.F. Travel abroad with a smaller group of adventurous friends</u></u>. If you want to get lost in foreign cities and experience a new culture, try booking a trip to a foreign country. Since you're traveling farther, it's best to go with a group that's small and easy to keep together, no more than three or four people.** 

<u>4.B. Go on a beach trip with a more relaxed group</u>. This is a great choice for a larger group of five people or more, because there's something for everyone and the group can easily split up if some of the group can lie down in the sun all day, while more active friends can rent jet skis or go snorkeling.

**5.K.** Choose a road trip for a small group that gets along well. You'll save on airfare and make great memories as you explore back roads and small town attractions. You'll be sharing a car together for at least a few days, so make sure that this group really gets along well.

**<u>6.C. Find food options</u>**. Ask your friends if they have any dietary restrictions and what their general preferences are. Research online or in travel guides and write down a couple possibilities for each day.

**<u>7.1. Find accommodations</u>**. For an easygoing group on a tight budget, hostels may be a good choice, as they're less private than hotels but quite a bit cheaper. A group that needs lots of attention might be better off sharing rooms at a hotel. For a large group, consider renting a full house or apartment.

**<u>8.G. Plan transportation</u>**. Buy plane tickets early to avoid higher prices. Use public transportation if your group is small enough to keep together. Consider renting a car if you're traveling with small children or a larger group.

**<u>9.D. Decide on daytime and night-time activities</u>**. Research popular attractions in your destination and share them with your group. Ask everyone to tell the planners one or two things they definitely want to do. This will allow everyone's voice to be heard and ensures that the planners don't have to make all the hard decisions.

**<u>10.E. Decide on time for breaks</u>**. No matter how adventurous and energetic your group is, and no matter how much you want to put into your trip, you won't be able to enjoy yourselves if you're tired and bad tempered. Plan frequent food stops and set aside time to go back to your rooms for a quick nap if the group is getting tired.

Source: www.wikihow.com/Plan-a-Trip-with-Friends

# TASK C $\triangleright$ Read TEXT 3 Ways to lose weight: fast, easy tips. Mark the sentences below TRUE (T) or FALSE (F). Write your answers in the boxes provided next to each sentence, as shown in example 0.

#### 10 points

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1.	In general, people eat 115 extra calories each weekend because of alcohol and fat.	F	
2.	In general, we all take in more calories per day than what we think we do.	Т	
3.	Attendance programs are more effective than online support when trying to lose weight.	F	
4.	Studies show that the calories from soft drinks do <b>NOT</b> stop you from being hungry.	Т	
5.	One extra glass of orange juice a day can make you gain two pounds each year.	Т	
6.	A study found that students ate more unhealthy foods when they watched TV.	F	
7.	Having conversations during your meals has <b>NO</b> effect on how much you eat.	F	
8.	Eating slowly makes you feel full with less food.	Т	
9.	If there is more food at the table, you will probably eat less.	F	
10.	The size of our dinner plates, glasses and cups can have an influence on how much we eat.	Т	
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### Text 3: Ways to lose weight: fast, easy tips

#### WAYS TO LOSE WEIGHT: FAST, EASY TIPS

If you're trying to drop a few pounds fast, these expert tips will make it easy for you to lose the weight quickly.

#### Write down what you eat for one week, and you will lose weight

Studies found that (0) people who keep food diaries eat about 15 percent less food than those who don't. Watch out for weekends: a University of North Carolina study found (1) people tend to consume an extra 115 calories per weekend day, primarily from alcohol and fat. Then cut out or down calories from spreads, dressings, sauces, condiments, drinks and snacks, as they could make the difference between weight gain and loss.

#### Add 10 percent to the amount of daily calories you think you're eating

If you think you're consuming 1,700 calories a day and don't understand why you're not losing weight, (2) add another 170 calories to your calculations. Chances are the new number is more accurate. Adjust your eating habits accordingly. For instance, your cup of coffee might have more calories than you thought.

#### Get an online weight loss buddy to lose more weight

A University of Vermont study found that online weight-loss buddies help you lose weight. The researchers followed volunteers for 18 months. (3) <u>Those assigned to an Internet-based weight maintenance program</u> kept their weight loss better than those who met face-to-face in a support group.

#### After breakfast, stick to water

At breakfast, go ahead and drink orange juice. But throughout the rest of the day, focus on water instead of juice or soda. The average American consumes an extra 245 calories a day from soft drinks. That's nearly 90,000 calories a year—or 25 pounds! And (4) research shows that despite the calories, sugary drinks don't produce a sense of fullness the way that food does.

#### Eat three fewer bites of your meal

... or one less treat a day, or (5) <u>one less glass of orange juice</u>. Doing any of these <u>can save you about</u> <u>100 calories a day</u>, and that alone is enough to <u>prevent you from gaining the two pounds most people put</u> <u>on each year</u>.

#### Watch one less hour of TV

A study of 76 undergraduate students found that (6) *when they watched television, they ate more and more often.* Sacrifice one TV program (there's probably one you don't really want to watch anyway) and go for a walk instead. In even just 15 minutes, you'll get some amazing benefits from walking.

#### Put your fork or spoon down between every bite

At the table, drink water frequently and (7 & 8) prolong your eating with stories for your dining partner of the amusing things that happened during your day. If you eat slowly enough, your brain will tell you that you are full and no longer in need of food.

#### Put less food out and you'll take less in

(9) The more food in front of you, the more you'll eat, no matter how hungry you are. So (10) instead of using huge dinner plates (making them look empty if they're not full of food), serve your main course on small salad plates. Instead of big glasses and oversized coffee mugs, return to the old days and use smaller glasses and coffee cups.

Source:

Adapted from https://www.rd.com/health/diet-weight-loss/ways-to-lose-weight/

# (CORRECTOR Y TRANSCRIPCIONES)

# **SEPTIEMBRE 2019**

# NIVEL B1 COMPRENSION DE TEXTOS ORALES

### **TASK 1. Elizabeth Taylor**

You will hear a recording about film star Elizabeth Taylor. Decide which FIVE of the statements below are TRUE, according to the recording. Write your final answers in the grid provided below, as shown in example 0.

You will hear the recording TWICE.

5 points



#### 0. (EXAMPLE) During the 1940s Elizabeth Taylor played roles in movies about families.

1. Elizabeth Taylor's first marriage was in 1950.

2. Elizabeth's first husband was a famous actor.

3. Elizabeth said that at the age of fourteen she already had the body of a sexy woman.

4. Elizabeth quickly became more famous for her private life than for her acting career.

5. Elizabeth had two sons with her second husband, a British actor.

6. Elizabeth had one daughter with her third husband, the producer Mike Todd.

7. Mike Todd died in a plane crash in 1956.

8. Eddie Fisher left Elizabeth to marry Debbie Reynolds, a close friend of Elizabeth's.

9. Elizabeth did **NOT** work hard enough as an actress until the movie A Place in the Sun.

10. A Place in the Sun tells a tragic story about a young woman and her love affair with two men.

Source: <u>http://www.manythings.org/voa/people/Elizabeth\_Taylor.html</u>

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$\checkmark$						/ 5

### TASK 1. Elizabeth Taylor (TRANSCRIPCION)

I'm Barbara Klein. And I'm Steven Ember with People in America. Today we tell about the film star Elizabeth Taylor. [...] (0) During the 1940s, Elizabeth Taylor played many roles in movies about families. Not all child actors in Hollywood were successful later playing adult roles. But Taylor easily went from playing children to playing teenagers and adults.

(1) In 1950, she played the bride in the popular film "Father of the Bride." That was also the year of her first marriage, to the wealthy (2) businessman Conrad "Nicky" *Hilton*. But their marriage ended in divorce the next year. Speaking after her first divorce, Taylor reportedly said that (3) she had been able to fit in the clothing of a sexy woman since she was fourteen years old. She said her troubles started because she had a woman's body and a child's emotions.

(4) Elizabeth Taylor would quickly become as famous for her private life as she was for her acting career. The media often wrote about her many marriages and love affairs.
(5) In 1952, she married the British actor Michael Wilding, with whom she had two sons.

Five years later they divorced, and (6) <u>she married the film producer Mike Todd. The</u> <u>couple had one daughter</u>, Liza. (7) *Mike Todd died in 1958 in a plane crash*. One of his close friends was the singer Eddie Fisher. He was married to a good friend of Elizabeth Taylor, the popular actress Debbie Reynolds. (8) Eddie Fisher left his wife in order to marry Elizabeth Taylor. Many people were shocked and angered by this behavior.

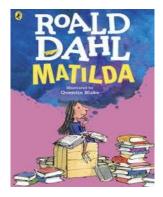
Elizabeth Taylor once said that (9) <u>during the first part of her career, she did not make</u> <u>a huge effort as an actress. She said this changed in 1951 with the movie "A Place in</u> <u>the Sun.</u>" (10) *It tells a tragic story about a young man and his relationship with two women.* Here is a famous scene with her co-star, Montgomery Clift. [...]

### TASK 2. Matilda

You will hear an extract from an audiobook about a girl called Matilda. Decide if the ten statements below are TRUE (T) or FALSE (F). Write your final answers in the boxes provided next to each statement, as shown in example 0.

You will hear the recording twice.

10 points



0.	(EXAMPLE) Matilda's brother was five years older than her.	Τ	$\checkmark$	

1.	Matilda's mother, Mrs Wormwood, worked at a bingo hall.	F
2.	Matilda first went to the library because her father did <b>NOT</b> buy her a book.	T
3.	Mrs Phelps, the librarian, helped Matilda choose a children's book with pictures.	F
4.	Every afternoon, Matilda used to go to the library after her mother had left home.	Τ
5.	Every weekday, Matilda spent four hours in the library.	F
6.	At first, Mrs Phelps thought Matilda only looked at the pictures in the books.	T
7.	Matilda enjoyed all the children's books she read at the library.	F
8.	Matilda told Mrs Phelps that her favourite was a mystery book.	Τ
9.	Matilda asked Mrs Phelps for a famous book which was <b>NOT</b> for children.	T
10.	Mrs Phelps chose a young teenager's romance book for Matilda to read.	F
	Source: Matilda Audible Audiobook Unabridged Roald Dahl (Author), Kate Winslet (Narrator), Listening Library (Publisher)	SCORE

# TASK 2. Matilda (TRANSCRIPCION):

Nearly every weekday afternoon Matilda was left alone in the house. (0) <u>Her brother (five years older than her) went to school</u>. Her father went to work and (1) *her mother went out playing bingo in a town eight miles away*. Mrs Wormwood was hooked on bingo and played it five afternoons a week. (2) <u>On the afternoon of the day when her father had refused to buy her a book, Matilda set out all by herself to walk to the public library in the village</u>. When she arrived, she introduced herself to the librarian, Mrs Phelps. She asked if she might sit a while and read a book. Mrs Phelps, slightly taken aback at the arrival of such a tiny girl unaccompanied by a parent, nevertheless told her she was very welcome.

"Where are the children's books please?" Matilda asked. "They're over there on those lower shelves," Mrs Phelps told her. (3) "Would you like me to help you find a nice one with lots of pictures in it?" "No, thank you," Matilda said. "I'm sure I can manage."

From then on, (4) every afternoon, as soon as her mother had left for bingo, Matilda would toddle down to the library. The walk took only ten minutes and (5) this allowed her two glorious hours sitting quietly by herself in a cosy corner devouring one book after another. When she had read every single children's book in the place, she started wandering round in search of something else.

Mrs Phelps, who had been watching her with fascination for the past few weeks, now got up from her desk and went over to her. "Can I help you, Matilda?" she asked. "I'm wondering what to read next," (6) <u>Matilda said. "I've finished all the children's books."</u> "You mean you've looked at the pictures?" "Yes, but I've read the books as well."

Mrs Phelps looked down at Matilda from her great height and Matilda looked right back up at her. (7) *"I thought some were very poor," Matilda said, "but others were lovely.* (8) <u>I</u> <u>liked The Secret Garden best of all. It was full of mystery. The mystery of the room</u> <u>behind the closed door and the mystery of the garden behind the big wall</u>." Mrs Phelps was stunned. "Exactly how old are you, Matilda?" she asked. "Four years and three months," Matilda said. Mrs Phelps was more stunned than ever, but she had the sense not to show it. (9) "What sort of a book would you like to read next?" she asked. Matilda <u>said, "I would like a really good one that grown-ups read</u>. A famous one. I don't know any names."

Mrs Phelps looked along the shelves, taking her time. She didn't quite know what to bring out. How, she asked herself, does one choose a famous grown-up book for a fouryear-old girl? **(10)** *Her first thought was to pick a young teenager's romance of the kind that is written for fifteen-year-old schoolgirls, but for some reason she found herself instinctively walking past that particular shelf*. "Try this," she said at last. "It's very famous and very good. If it's too long for you, just let me know and I'll find something shorter and a bit easier."

### TASK 3. New Zealand: the ultimate travel guide

You will hear an extract from a documentary about New Zealand. Complete the gaps with ONE suitable word from the recording. Write your final answers in the grid provided below, as shown in example 0.

You will hear the recording TWICE.

10 points



0. (EXAMPLE) New Zealand has a population of over 4.5	million	~
people.		

1. The Kiwi is New Zealand's national	symbol/bird
2. New Zealand has around 600 smaller	islands
3. New Zealand has a similar size to	Japan
4. No other city in the world is as further south as Wellington.	capital
5. In Oakland, a great number of people own a	boat
6. There are sheep for every person in New Zealand.	seven/7
7. New Zealand is also one of the world's top ten countries.	safest
8. In New Zealand the sunlight is especially radiant because of the low levels of air	pollution
9. Most of New Zealand enjoys temperatures all year round.	mild
10. Summer is the perfect time to enjoy activities such as and scenic driving.	hiking

Source: New Zealand: The Ultimate Travel by Tour Radar <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMAXOp2PvA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMAXOp2PvA</a>

SCORE: \_\_\_\_ / 10

# TASK 3. New Zealand (TRANSCRIPCION):

Welcome to New Zealand. This beautiful island nation is home to just over four and a half (0) **million** people many of whom go by the self-appointed nickname "kiwi". This slang is derived from the country's national (1) **symbol**: a flightless **bird** called... you guessed it, the Kiwi. The country itself is formed by two main land masses, the North Island and the South Island as well as about 600 other smaller (2) **islands**. New Zealand as a whole is quite modest in size, similar in land mass to (3) **Japan**.

Wellington is the (4) **capital** city of New Zealand and also the southernmost capital city in the world, while Oakland, the original capital city, is the largest Polynesian city and goes by the name "the city of sails", which makes sense when you consider Oakland has more (5) **boats** per capita than any other place in the world.

What else does New Zealand have more of than the entire planet? Sheep. Hopefully, you're a fan of these furry farm animals because there are about (6) **seven** to every resident, which works out to nearly 30 million sheep. Your mom won't have to worry about you throughout your kiwi adventure either because New Zealand has remained firmly in the top "10 (7) **safest** countries to call home" for several years running.

They're also comfortably progressive, having been the first major nation to allow all citizens the right to vote regardless of gender. There are three official languages in New Zealand: English, Maori and New Zealand sign language, but you'll be able to get by just fine with English.

What time of year does one journey to Middle Earth? Fall? Spring? Winter? Well, just to be clear, there's never a bad time to travel to a place like New Zealand, though travelers should be ready for weather that can change unexpectedly regardless of the time of year. However, most places throughout the country receive over 2,000 hours of sunshine a year and because of the low levels of air (8) **pollution**, the sunlight is especially radiant. While the far north has subtropical weather during summer and inland alpine areas of the South Island can be as cold as minus 10 degrees Celsius or 14 degrees Fahrenheit in winter, most of the country lies close to the coast, which means (9) **mild** temperatures all year round. New Zealand summer runs from December to February and should be considered the peak travel season. It's also considered the perfect time for enjoying activities like (10) **hiking**, scenic driving, winery tours and surfing. If you're lucky, you can catch a wave alongside dolphins of the country's long coastline.

Source: New Zealand: The Ultimate Travel by Tour Radar <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= eMAXOp2PvA</u>