

B1 Preliminary Part 3

1 When you start this part of the exam, what should you do first?

- a Read the questions and start answering them.
- b Read the whole text first and then read the questions.
- c Read the text quickly and see how many questions you can answer.

2 Read the definitions and write the words.

- 1 people who take part in a competition that tests their skills
- 2 people who watch television
- 3 information about what happens in a TV show that you get before you've seen it
- 4 watching several episodes of a TV series at once
- 5 a collection of episodes of a TV show that are shown at a certain time

✓ Exam tip

In multiple-choice reading activities, read the whole text first to understand the topic and general meaning. Then read the questions and find the part of the text that answers each question.

3 For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 1 In the TV show *Taskmaster*,
 - A contestants do all the tasks in the studio.
 - B the contestants win a trophy each week.
 - C contestants work together to complete tasks.
 - D the presenter gives points for each task.
- 2 A task that really made contestants think was
 - A painting a picture while moving.
 - B making an unusual film.
 - C thinking of a new type of food.
 - D writing a song about a person they didn't know.
- 3 The reason the writer thinks show is exciting is
 - A the contestants all wear very strange clothes.
 - B the judge often makes funny comments.
 - C very few of the contestants can complete the tasks.
 - D seeing how different people deal with tasks.
- 4 What does the writer say about the show?
 - A The title is different in all the countries where it is on.
 - B Many people prefer to play the board game than watch the show.
 - C Over 100 other countries have bought the show.
 - D Spain and Belgium are thinking about producing programmes.

5 What is the writer's overall view of the show?

- A It's a show other people will definitely enjoy.
- B The show is fun but it can be a little boring.
- C The show is funny but the presenter isn't very entertaining.
- D The tasks are funny but the show is dull.

TV Reviews: *Taskmaster*

For fans of game shows and reality TV there's a brilliant series that combines the two. Now in its eleventh season, *Taskmaster* is a competition show that has been on television for over five years.

In each episode, five celebrities are the contestants. They compete against each other to do funny or unexpected tasks. Most tasks take place outside

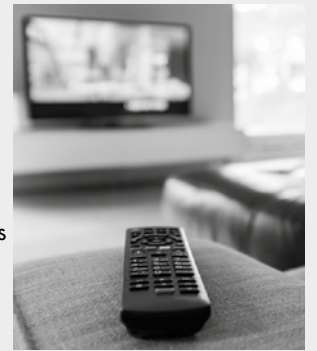
the TV studio and are recorded before the show, but the final task is live in the studio. The presenter, Greg Davies, is the judge. He judges the tasks, giving between 1 and 5 points, depending on how well the contestants did. The contestant with the most points over the whole season wins a trophy.

This show is more original than other similar shows because of the silly tasks. In past tasks, contestants have had to paint a picture of a horse while riding a horse, interview a stranger and make up a song about them and make an unusual sandwich. Some tasks are challenging in a different way, because contestants have to really think about them. One time, they had to make a film but they had to do it upside-down! Greg Davies is a fantastic judge, and listening to him comment on the contestants' efforts is as funny as watching the tasks.

I really enjoy watching the tasks but, for me, the most gripping part is seeing how the different contestants deal with them and how they behave. For some contestants, the stress is too much, while others prove they are clever and creative. They also sometimes have to wear ridiculous clothes!

The show, which started in the UK, has been sold to 106 countries so far. Seven countries, including Spain and Belgium, have produced their own versions, though some have given it a different title. In Denmark and Finland it's called *Grandmaster* and in Sweden it's *Best in Test*, while New Zealand has kept the original name. There's also a book and a board game, so you can play at home.

I'd recommend *Taskmaster* because, in my opinion, it's the best game show on television at the moment. You definitely won't be bored!



B1 Preliminary Part 6

1 Choose the correct alternative.

When you are thinking about words to complete a text, you **(a)** *should/shouldn't* just read each sentence with a gap. You **(b)** *should/shouldn't* read the whole text first. Then you **(c)** *should/shouldn't* read the words before and after the gap.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct *-ed/-ing* form of the words in the box.

bore • disappoint • embarrass •
frighten • grip • inspire

- There's nothing to do, I'm really
- The story was so that Max couldn't put the book down.
- We wanted to be on the game show, but weren't successful. It was
- I watched an episode of the new science-fiction series, but I was so that I didn't watch another.
- That documentary is really It makes you want to change the world.
- When Jenna fell over in class, she was very

✓ Exam tip

In an open cloze, read the whole text first to get the general meaning. Then read each sentence with a gap and look closely at the words before and after the gap to help you decide the missing word.

3 For each question, write the correct answer. Write ONE word for each gap.

WandaVision



Years ago, comic-books didn't use to be **(1)** popular as they are today, and there weren't many films about them. The first film with a comic-book character was *Adventures of Captain Marvel* in 1941, but *Superman*, **(2)** came out in 1978, was the film that made everyone love superhero films. **(3)** then, there have been many films with comic-book characters. There have also been a **(4)** TV shows, though not as many. *WandaVision* is one of the **(5)** popular series. It follows the lives of Wanda Maximoff and Vision after the events of *Avengers: Endgame*. Viewers have loved its unique style, and its mix of the comic-book world with real old TV shows is what makes the show **(6)** original.