

## B2 First Part 6

1 In reading activities where sentences are missing from a text, you should remember to ...

- a use all the sentences given.
- b check every sentence in each gap.
- c predict the sentence that is missing.

2 Find and correct one mistake in each sentence.

- 1 The wire network didn't use to be so terrible in this part of the house. ....
- 2 Are you able to zoom up the picture a bit so I can see it in more detail? .....
- 3 Ben can help you copy up these files if they're very important. ....
- 4 I bought a new watersafe camera for diving – it's fantastic! .....
- 5 Do you mind if I borrow your battery loader? My phone's about to die. ....
- 6 Do you have a land phone in case I can't reach you on your mobile? .....

✓ Exam tip

In reading activities where sentences are missing from a text, remember to check every sentence in each gap to find the one which fits best. Don't ignore a sentence because you've already selected it.

3 You are going to read an article about recharging your batteries. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A–G the one which fits each gap (1–6). There is an extra one which you do not need to use.

- A In spite of this, there is a simple solution to the ever-present tablets and smart phones.
- B At the same time, however, they are aware that this is a bad habit which can lead to addiction.
- C At that time, I remember feeling annoyed whenever this was the case.
- D By this, I mean all members must agree to stop using the devices they take away with them.
- E Your phone goes off and you feel anxious about not being able to use any touch screen device.
- F This has been specifically set up for families who want to disconnect.
- G According to a survey by Deloitte, most people check their phones 47 times a day.

## Recharging your batteries



There was a time not so long ago when not everywhere had a wireless network. And if there was one, the signal might be poor. I had to tell people I might be out of range when we went away for the weekend to some remote place. **(1)** ..... And I would have to use the dated landline in an emergency.

How things have changed! Now there are those of us who are searching for the opposite: to escape from the ties of their mobile devices. **(2)** ..... We are constantly online and contactable, and that doesn't go well with putting our feet up and getting away from it all. It perhaps comes as no surprise, then, that there has recently been a rise in 'digital detox' holidays.

Giving up technology isn't as hard as you might think. Whether it is staying in a cottage in the mountains of Scotland, a spa weekend in Italy or a yoga retreat in Sri Lanka, you can switch off. The first couple of days are a challenge, I imagine. **(3)** ..... Maybe you feel you should just check your email to make sure all is well in the world of work. After that though, you'll experience a new-found freedom ... or so I'm told!

The benefits are obvious. It is well-known that technology can be stressful. The majority of people like checking in with social media or the office. **(4)** ..... Psychologist Ian Wallace warns of the dangers of constantly thinking and doing things and emphasises the importance of switching off and taking a mental break.

Some people will need the discipline of a getaway that has been specially designed for digital-detox. In this case, you might want to consider Spa Village Tembok. This luxury resort in Bali has been deliberately designed for you to be able to disconnect. Or how about Camp Unplugged in Queensland? **(5)** ..... There are digital well-being workshops and a number of outdoor activities to choose from.

Others may be strong enough to enforce self-discipline without the need for any outside help. In this case, it's as simple as heading to a location near or far having first had the chat. **(6)** ..... Better still, why not leave them at home altogether so no one gets tempted? You could even use a fold-out map to reach your destination rather than satnav. That would test your patience right from the start!

Digital detox is something I intend to do at some point ... after I just send one last email! That's the problem, isn't it? The reality is far more difficult than the theory. I will take the leap one day though. I'm determined to try at least and prove to myself that I can do it. Are you?



## B2 First Part 1

## 1 In multiple-choice activities where you have to choose the correct word, what should you do if you don't know the answer?

- a Eliminate the answers you think are definitely wrong, then try to choose.
- b Look at previous answers and choose a letter you haven't used much.
- c Guess based on which word sounds right even if you're unsure.

## 2 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 There might be an email address at the bottom. Can you roll/scroll down a bit?
- 2 Do you know what operating system/bookmark your office uses?

- 3 There's no need to download the program, we can just stream/tweet it.
- 4 The best thing about this car company is that its vehicles are high-resolution/eco-friendly.
- 5 I'll key in/pop up the details of my car and see how much insurance will cost.
- 6 I think my computer has a freeze/virus so I'll have to call IT for help.
- 7 This make of washing machine is extremely waterproof/durable. It should last for ages.
- 8 What does your heating run out of/run on: electricity or gas?

## ✓ Exam tip

In multiple-choice activities, if you don't know which is the correct word, identify which answers are definitely wrong and eliminate them first.

## 3 For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

## Example:

- 0 A which                                      B that                                      C who                                      D whose

## A teenage inventor changing the world

Hannah Herbst, (0) who is a young entrepreneur from Florida, was inspired by her Ethiopian pen friend to become an inventor. Then age 15, Hannah discovered that her friend didn't have any electricity for lights. Amazingly, there are as many as 1.3 billion people in the world who don't (1) ..... electricity. To help solve this problem, she came up (2) ..... a fantastic idea to create a system which (3) ..... on energy produced from the waves in the ocean.

The teen, (4) ..... invention is called BEACON, has produced a largely eco-friendly device. Using a (5) ..... plastic tube, tidal energy moves a propeller, and the energy this produces (6) ..... converted into electricity.

If the system were made on a bigger scale, it could potentially power three car batteries (7) ..... hour. Herbst won the Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge with her invention. It's good to know that she hasn't stopped (8) ..... her idea while she continues her studies.



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| 1 A own        | B obtain    | C need       | D have     |
| 2 A with       | B for       | C to         | D of       |
| 3 A uses       | B runs      | C continues  | D lasts    |
| 4 A that       | B who       | C what       | D whose    |
| 5 A rustproof  | B cardboard | C durable    | D metallic |
| 6 A was        | B is        | C will       | D being    |
| 7 A the        | B an        | C a          | D by       |
| 8 A to develop | B developed | C developing | D develop  |