

Hot Spot 3: Tests tapescripts

Module 1

Rabbits are popular pets in Britain. A good rabbit's cage has got two rooms, one for the day and one for the night. It's important to clean the cage every day. Feed your rabbit twice a day; once in the morning and once in the evening. Rabbits need clean water every day and they eat fruit, vegetables and grass. The best treats you can give your rabbit are carrots, cabbage and apples. Never feed your rabbit chocolate biscuits! Do you know that your rabbit needs exercise? It likes to run around the garden and play with toys. Never pick up your rabbit by his ears. It doesn't like that.

Module 2

- A Who is your hero?
B My hero is Helen Keller. She was born in 1880 in Alabama, USA. When she was a baby she had a serious illness. When she recovered she couldn't see or hear.
A Oh, no. What happened to her?
B Her first years were very difficult and unhappy. Then when she was six, her parents found a special teacher for Anne. Her teacher's name was Anne Sullivan.
A How did Anne teach Helen?
B Anne taught Helen how to spell words on her hand. One day when Helen was drinking some water, Anne spelt w-a-t-e-r on her hand. For the first time Helen understood that Anne was teaching her how to communicate.
A What did Helen do when she was older?
B She wrote a book about her life. She learnt five different languages and she travelled around the USA. She worked in politics and she met the President of the USA in 1953.
A Why is she your hero?
B Life was very difficult for Helen. But she was very determined and she worked hard. I think she was an amazing person!

Module 3

My name's Shane. I'm a member of the Blue Hills Community in the United States. Traditionally the people in our community were farmers. Today there isn't enough land for everyone to farm. So a lot of our people have left our community to live in the city. My best friend John and his family have left. I am very sad because now John lives so far away from the Blue Hills.

I like my community and I like living here. I play in the ice hockey team and my sister plays in the volleyball team. We have our own language. We learn our native language at school. We have our own stories and our own dances too.

Middle Test

My name is Robby and I live in a small village. I live with my mother and father and three brothers. My house is close to the river. It's a beautiful river but it isn't good to live here. The land is very low and sometimes the river floods our village.

The men in my village are farmers. They grow rice. I help my father in the fields after school. Today, the men have just collected the rice crops. Rice is our main food in the village.

Some men have left our village and they have gone to live in the city. They have found jobs there. They send money back to their families in the village. My uncle is going to go to the city next month. He is going to live with his friends and find a job.

Module 4

- Narrator** Owen and Amy are students at The Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts. Owen is waiting for his acting class. He thinks that he'll be a professional actor.
Owen We have a lot of fun at The Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts, and we work really hard. We can study music, dance and drama. I love acting and I want to be an actor in films and television. I don't want to work in the theatre.
Narrator Amy is practising some dance exercises. Amy thinks she'll be a professional dancer. She wants to work in West End theatres in London. She wants to dance in famous musicals.
Amy I think this is the best performing arts institute. I work hard and every evening after I do my homework, I practise my dancing. It's a long day but I love it.

Module 5

- A OK. Imagine you are skiing down the mountain when you hear a loud noise. You look behind you and see a lot of snow falling down the mountain quickly. It is very dangerous. What should you do?
- B I don't know.
- A Well, don't ski down the mountain. This is a bad idea. You should ski to the left or the right. If possible, ski towards a tree and hide behind it.
- B Why?
- A It will protect you. Throw away your skis and put your hands over your nose and mouth. Breathe slowly.
- B What should I do when the falling snow has stopped?
- A Use your arms and legs and try to get out. Then call for help.

Module 6

- Interviewer Hello, Ned. Can I ask you some questions?
- Ned Yes, of course.
- Interviewer How many people are there in your family?
- Ned There are five people. Me, Mum, Dad, my brother and my sister.
- Interviewer Where do you live?
- Ned We live in a houseboat.
- Interviewer Wow! What's it like? Is it big enough for you?
- Ned Well, it's small and there isn't enough space for five people but I like it. I share a bedroom with my brother. We don't have a garden but we have a great view of the river.
- Interviewer Have you got any pets?
- Ned Yes, we've got a parrot and a cat.
- Interviewer What do you usually eat?
- Ned My parents like healthy food so we eat a lot of fish, fruit and vegetables. We don't eat too many burgers or chips, but I sometimes eat sweets.
- Interviewer What's it like on the river?
- Ned In the winter, it's quiet and there aren't too many people. But in the summer it's very busy. There are a lot of people and too many boats!
- Interviewer Thanks for your help Ned.
- Ned Bye.
- Ned Bye.

Module 7

Hi, I'm Charlie. I'm on holiday in France and we're staying in a Yurt. It's great! A Yurt is a very big, round tent. It's really comfortable and there's lots of space. There are two bedrooms and comfortable beds and chairs. Outside there's a shower. In the evening we cook outside on a fire. It's brilliant.

The Yurt is next to a big river and lots of trees. We've been here for four days and we're having a great time. There's a lot of things to do here. We've swum in the river and we've been in a canoe. Yesterday, we went into town and had lunch. We also saw the old church. It was very pretty. Tomorrow we're going to have a picnic and on Saturday we're going to drive to the beach.

End of Book

- Interviewer Hello Jamie. Can I ask you a few questions about your life?
- Jamie Yes, of course.
- Interviewer First of all, tell me about your family and where you live.
- Jamie Well, I live in Hexham in England. I live on a farm with my mum and dad and my younger brother Steve. He's eight.
- Interviewer Have you got any animals on the farm?
- Jamie Yes, we've got lots of cows. We've got two dogs. Their names are Ben and Mack. And we've got three cats called Tricks, Mix and Sticks.
- Interviewer What does your father do?
- Jamie He's a farmer. He works on the farm every day. He gets up very early and sometimes he works late at night.
- Interviewer Does your mum work on the farm, too?
- Jamie Well she helps my dad on the farm. But she's a teacher.
- Interviewer What does she teach?
- Jamie Spanish. When she was at school, she loved languages and she learnt French and Spanish. Then she went to university and studied languages. While she was a student she lived in Madrid for six months.
- Interviewer And what about you? What do you like doing?
- Jamie I love music. I play the guitar and I've just started piano lessons. It's difficult but I like it.
- Interviewer How long have you played the guitar?
- Jamie For five years. And I've played the piano for two months. Next year, I'm going to learn the violin! I'm going to have lessons twice a week.
- Interviewer Well, that sounds great Jamie. Thanks for talking to me