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Listening

1 Recording 8 What are these people talking about?

Listen and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- 1 a) website forum
- b) drawing books
- c) e-book
- 2 a) pollution
- b) drought
- c) famine
- 3 a) speed cameras
- b) phone cameras
- c) CCTV cameras
- 4 a) a geek
- b) a people person
- c) a good laugh
- 5 a) an advertising slogan
- b) an advertising jingle
- c) an advertising campaign
- 6 a) being frustrated
- b) being adventurous
- c) being anxious

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2 Recording 9 Listen to six speakers. Are the statements **true (T)** or **false (F)**?

- 1 Cerys has always enjoyed dancing. F
- 2 It was a friend who suggested Cerys went to salsa classes.
- 3 Adam was far from overwhelmed by responses to his ad.
- 4 Adam's housemate does his fair share of the housework.
- 5 Sarah wishes she hadn't accepted the job overseas.
- 6 Sarah knew she'd never go back to Australia once she left.
- 7 Tamsin likes contemporary novels.
- 8 Tamsin has read *Jane Eyre* several times.
- 9 Rupert prefers to travel independently as he enjoys visiting unusual places.
- 10 Rupert admits it can be a little odd being one of only a handful of guests at a hotel.
- 11 Jane says she now uses her mobile phone regularly.

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Grammar

3 Complete the text with **one word** in each gap.

I've never ¹been interested in having the latest gadgets, but Mark is just ²_____ opposite. He's a real geek and ³_____ recently taken to playing *Warzone* with his online friends. He ⁴_____ to spend most evenings with me but now he ⁵_____ usually disappear for hours on end! I think I'm getting used to ⁶_____ more time on my own, but I do now ⁷_____ that I hadn't bought him a new laptop for his birthday. I ⁸_____ hardly seen him since then! Mind you, I've taken up salsa and have ⁹_____ lots of 'real' people! I'm hoping that will ¹⁰_____ all the difference.

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4 Correct **two mistakes** in each sentence.

- 1 Paul was has never pulled his weight around the house and is usually finding found on the sofa.
- 2 If you are liking good local food, you should going to *Pedros' Bistro*.
- 3 I would get to Berlin at 10a.m. provide there are no delays at the airport.
- 4 As the children, we would going fishing in the lake close to our family home.
- 5 Do you mind me to ask you as if you get more than thirty days paid holiday a year?
- 6 Where have you been? I'd been waiting for hours! I wish you tell me you were going to be late!

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5 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- 1 Fortunately, no one c injured in the fire.
- a) was being b) will being c) was
- 2 The concert was called off because too few tickets sold beforehand.
- a) had been b) have been c) were being
- 3 Mark gets to work late he leaves before the rush hour begins.
- a) as long as b) providing c) unless
- 4 I don't think Maria go travelling next year.
- a) will b) might c) is likely
- 5 We live by the sea before we moved here.
- a) were used to b) got used to c) used to
- 6 I wish Lisa more time working instead of texting friends.
- a) would spend b) might spend c) spends
- 7 Rob hates told he's in the wrong.
- a) being b) to being c) to have been

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Vocabulary

6 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 I was brought on/up by my grandparents for the first five years of my life.
- 2 Whereabouts/Whereabout did you say you'd put the car keys?
- 3 George is looking in/for great shape for the marathon. He's certainly been training hard.
- 4 Stop winding Lucy up/on. You know she's very sensitive to criticism. Just let her be!
- 5 The drive to my uncle's place gave us the pleasurable/perfect opportunity to enjoy some time alone.
- 6 We signed up for/by a year's subscription to *National Geographic* magazine.
- 7 Annie and Freddie live on the outskirt/outskirts of the village of Seltz.
- 8 The charity is appealing with/for donations to help those affected by the recent earthquake.
- 9 We'll have to take over/on more staff if we want to expand.
- 10 The manga/manual was so large it was impossible for me to understand even the most basic of company procedures in a day.
- 11 At the end of the day, it was a trade-off for/between lay-offs or wage cuts.



7 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 Unemployment (employ) in the country has reached an all time high as a result of the recent economic crisis.
- 2 It's been said that the use of surveillance cameras in public spaces is an effective _____ (deter) to criminals.
- 3 Ian's _____ (awkward) at meetings seems to be contagious as it makes me feel very uncomfortable too.
- 4 I'm so sorry about Jack's behaviour at the party - it was totally _____ (outrage) and frankly, quite embarrassing.
- 5 I could clearly see the _____ (disappoint) on Anna's face as she heard that she'd come second in the poetry competition.
- 6 The mobile phone has certainly _____ (revolution) the ways in which people communicate. Some for the better, some for the worse.



8 Complete the second sentence with no more than five words so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in CAPITALS.

- 1 Sorry John, but your proposal is completely unrealistic.

PRACTICAL

Sorry John, but your proposal isn't practical.

- 2 Where do you think of your best ideas?

UP

Where do you _____ best ideas?

3 Judy doesn't mix much with other students.

HERSELF

Judy _____.

4 Kim and Lee were thrilled when we told them our news.

MOON

Kim and Lee _____ we told them our news.

5 Before the parachute jump, I felt completely petrified.

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6 There isn't any more sugar.

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We've _____.



Function

9 Rewrite the sentences using the prompts in brackets.

- 1 Where's the nearest bank?

(Could / tell)

Could you tell me where the nearest bank is?

- 2 Help me with my luggage.

(Would / mind)

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- 3 Send me another copy of the contract.

(I / grateful)

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- 4 Tell me about the council's plans for developing the old bus station.

(like / enquire)

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- 5 Can I make a reservation for this evening?
(wondering / possible)

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- 6 Why has the course been cancelled?
(Can / tell)

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10 Complete the conversation with the words in the box. There are two extra words you do not need.

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A: You know, I'm all in ¹ favour of lowering the voting age to sixteen.

B: That does seem to ² _____ sense but don't you think some teenagers might be too immature at that age?

A: I see your ³ _____ but surely only those who are mature enough to be really interested would actually bother to vote?

B: I ⁴ _____ so, but how would you encourage the rest of them to do so?

A: Well, the ⁵ _____ I see it, kids need to learn more about political systems and current affairs at school, as well as understand how their future decisions will help shape society.

B: I'm still not ⁶ _____, but why don't we see what Jan thinks?

11 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 into / science / John / at / fiction / all / isn't
John isn't into science fiction at all.

2 I / What / their / main / was / characters / liked / the / about / relationship
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3 couldn't / I / into / mood / get / the / just / right
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4 I'm / the / of / big / a / not / classics / fan
_____.

5 stand / people / I / interrupted / can't / being / by
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6 thing / is / hate / musicals / singing / The / I / about / the
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Reading

12 Read the text and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c) on page 4.

Hi Annie

Thanks so much for your newsy email – I'm glad you're enjoying your new job. How did you get on looking for new accommodation? Did you decide to find something on your own or are you sharing?

I guess it must be quite expensive if you want to be in town so you might not have much choice.

Quite a lot has happened here as well since I last wrote. I finally moved last month. You know I'd been looking to move out of the city centre, well,

I found a lovely little house halfway between where I had been living and the coast. It's on the edge of the village so it's really peaceful, especially at night. And dark too, as there are no streetlights, so you can see the stars, which is amazing! I'm still getting used to being here but that's because I've always been a city girl. Everyone has been very friendly though. You know, before I moved everyone was saying that I was crazy because villagers tend to keep themselves to themselves and don't welcome outsiders, but I can't tell you how kind everyone has been. Of course I was the hot topic of conversation for the first week or so but I guess that's to be expected in a small community. Both sets of next-door neighbours are friendly, but not too friendly, if you know what I mean.

The hardest thing for me to adjust to has been the change of pace in life here – I've found it difficult to slow down but I've learned to love it. You know what it's like in the city – everyone's in a rush all the time and it's hard not to join in somehow. Here, however, everything is much slower. It usually takes me an hour or so just to go to the post office by the time I've stopped a few times to chat to people!

Things are going well on the work front too. I wasn't sure how things would work out, but my boss was happy to let me work from home, so that's what I'm doing at the moment. I still have to go into the office once a week for meetings but I find I get far more done at home than in the office, as I'm not constantly being disturbed.

It's early days yet I know, but I really do feel very happy and settled here. I hope you can get some time off soon to come and visit, as I know you'll love it too and it will do you good. You can give me some tips on what to do with my huge garden!

Let me know how you're getting on, and send me some photos if you get the chance. I want to see what your new haircut looks like!

Love
Hannah x

- 1 Hannah had received c.
- bad news from Annie
 - news that Annie might not move
 - an informative email from Annie
- 2 Hannah explains that ____.
- she's also got a new job
 - she's had a busy month
 - she knows a good place for Annie
- 3 Hannah was ____.
- keen to keep a low profile to begin with
 - the centre of attention to begin with
 - completely ignored at first
- 4 Hannah loves how ____.
- relaxed life is where she lives
 - friendly people are at the post office
 - easy it's been to get used to her new pace of life
- 5 She now only ____.
- works one day a week
 - works part-time
 - has to go into the office for meetings
- 6 Hannah would ____.
- love to send Annie some photos
 - like Annie's advice on her big garden
 - like to visit Annie when she can

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13 Read the article again. Underline *true* (T) or *false* (F).

- 1 It's likely that Annie will end up sharing a place with other people. T/F
- 2 Hannah suddenly decided she wanted a change of scene. T/F
- 3 Hannah loves being able to appreciate the night sky. T/F
- 4 Hannah's house is right on the coast. T/F
- 5 All Hannah's friends thought her move was a great idea and were jealous of her. T/F
- 6 Hannah likes her neighbours and says they give her space. T/F
- 7 The one thing Hannah really misses is the buzz of life in the city. T/F
- 8 Hannah has a long walk to the post office from her new place. T/F
- 9 Although work's going well, Hannah had had doubts about how things would go. T/F
- 10 Hannah finds that she's much more productive when she's working at home. T/F
- 11 In a short period of time, Hannah already feels at home. T/F

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Writing

14 Underline the mistakes using the correction code. Then correct the mistakes.

1 (sp) Dad is such an embarrasment on the dance floor.

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2 (p) If you knew you were going to be late why didn't you call?

3 (wo) I feel as though I'll never get this cold over.

4 (ww) I thought the documentary was really interest-ed.

5 (v) We lived in the same house since 2005.

6 (gr) I'll never get used to drive on the left.

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15 You've just started a new job in a new town. Write an informal email to tell your friends how everything is going. Use the prompts below to help you. Write 170–220 words.

- what your new town is like
- your first day in the new job
- what you enjoy/don't like/are getting used to
- your boss/colleagues

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Listening

1 Recording 10 Listen and write true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Sharon is aggressive towards Ben. F
 2 Sharon's really into discussing the political situation with Ben.
 3 Lizzie tends to watch a lot of television.
 4 Lizzie likes factual programmes.
 5 Fred believes he was unfairly dismissed.
 6 Fred wasn't expecting to lose his job.
 7 Claire thinks the critics views were a fair reflection on the exhibition.
 8 Claire was surprised when she heard others praising the originality of the exhibition.
 9 Dan only ever listens to the news on his way to work.
 10 Dan is embarrassed to admit that he enjoys a bit of gossip.
 11 Toby says he looks forward to getting up every day.

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2 Recording 11 What are these people talking about? Listen and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- 1 a) stalking b) kidnapping c) mugging
 2 a) pickpocketing b) shooting c) mugging
 3 a) hacking b) tax evasion c) identity theft
 4 a) shoplifting b) vandalism c) pickpocketing
 5 a) kidnapping b) mugging c) pickpocketing
 6 a) arson b) vandalism c) counterfeiting

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Grammar

3 Correct two mistakes in each sentence.

- 1 I remember to see seeing a man outside, but I didn't suspect him of do doing anything bad.
 2 The policeman tried arresting the burglar, what was a dangerous thing to do, as he was armed.
 3 I'm sure I will leave the country by the time you would read this letter.
 4 Hayley wouldn't live in New Zealand right now if she had got a visa to work there.
 5 You mustn't have seen Jason at the gym as he's being banned from that place.
 6 If he listens to our advice, he won't be in the predicament he now finds himself in.

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4 Complete the second sentence with no more than five words so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in CAPITALS.

1 Were you able to get tickets for the final? **MAN-AGE**

Did you manage to get tickets for the final?

2 It would be a good idea to wash your hands as dinner's nearly ready.

BETTER

wash your hands as dinner's nearly ready.

3 'I'm sorry I let you down, Maria,' said Paula.

APOLOGISED

Paula apologised her down.

4 Lisa isn't allowed to watch horror films by her parents.

LET

Lisa's parents let her watch horror films.

5 I'm really tired because I stayed up late last night.

IF

I wouldn't be so tired if I stayed up late last night.

6 Although she's highly intelligent, Debs is also very modest.

DESPITE

Debs is very modest despite her intelligence.

7 I'm sure you didn't see Liam yesterday because he's abroad at the moment.

HAVE

You haven't seen Liam yesterday because he's abroad at the moment.

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5 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

I've never been ¹able to understand why so many people ²are obsessed with the ageing process.

Whenever you turn on ³the television or flick through a magazine, ⁴I'll see loads of advertisements for beauty products claiming to take years off you. Of course it ⁵isn't great if I looked younger, but I do believe ⁶it's when you feel good on the inside, you look good on the outside. I'd say that right now I'm the healthiest I've ⁷ever been and I always wake up feeling energetic and focused. If I ⁸am asked to stop working, I'd refuse, because I look forward to getting up and going to a job I thoroughly enjoy. The last thing I feel like ⁹wanting now is retiring, as there are still so many things I want to achieve in my working life. Besides, I know my body ¹⁰tells me when it's time to stop working. Until then, I'll carry on.

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Vocabulary

6 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 I was falsely threatened/acused of stealing money from the company.
- 2 Although I had nothing to hide, I still felt nervous when the content/contents of my bag were checked at customs.
- 3 Oscar dreams of/for becoming a famous Shakespearean actor when he's older.
- 4 Our company strategy is to spot/grab gaps in the market and then create products to fill them.
- 5 Burt was completely taken in/over by the fake pension scheme and had no idea he'd lose all his hard-earned money.
- 6 Lorna told her ten-year-old daughter she was too young to put/wear make-up.
- 7 Kelsey's in/of great shape considering he's now in his fifties.
- 8 My father always told me to betray/stick to my principles, no matter what was at stake.
- 9 I'm afraid I have some rather sad news. Your Aunt Alice passed away/by this morning in her sleep.

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7 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are two extra words you do not need.

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incredible predictable shaking

- 1 I do wish that his films didn't always have such utterly predictable endings. You can always tell what's going to happen!
- 2 Seeing his comic act live was fantastic. His jokes and anecdotes were _____ and had us all in fits of laughter.
- 3 Kay loves being _____ and will often call me to suggest doing something fun right there and then.
- 4 Given they were only amateurs who'd started working on the play three months beforehand, I thought the performance was absolutely _____.
- 5 Although during the incident I hadn't felt scared, afterwards, I realised I was _____ like a leaf.
- 6 I have to say I'm not much into _____. I prefer it when the person themselves has written about their own life, not someone else.
- 7 I'd like to thank you all for staying late today. We've already made _____ progress and I'm sure we'll manage to meet the deadline.

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8 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 I'd like to have these holiday photos enlarged (large) so we can frame them and hang them up in the lounge.
- 2 I always enjoy reading the _____ (edit) pages of the Sunday papers to get a general idea of the main news items of the week.
- 3 Jack's _____ (mature) often lets him down. It's about time he faced up to the fact that he's no longer in his twenties.
- 4 What you're suggesting is completely _____ (ethics) and I will not allow it. It goes against all my principles.
- 5 The development of satellite links has truly _____ (form) our communication systems.
- 6 I really can't imagine Kevin being a centre manager. He's not really a people person and tends to be too _____ (confront) when it comes to dealing with conflict.
- 7 Arnold's finding it hard to get work because having invested so much into his education, he's now _____ (qualification) for a lot of the jobs he's been applying for.

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Function

9 Complete the conversation by adding the words or phrases in the box to the phrases in bold. There are two options you do not need.

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- A: ¹**Don't ^ agree that** voting should be compulsory, like it is in Australia?
- B: But ²**why** shouldn't it be up to the individual? If we live in a democracy, it should be our choice whether we vote or not.
- A: Why? ³**Anyone see that** politics affects our daily lives.
- B: ⁴**But** we just let politicians get on with governing the country? They know what they're doing.
- A: ⁵**So what you're saying that** we as individuals have no need to vote really?
- B: Absolutely. ⁶**Isn't it that** very little actually changes in how the country is run even after we vote for different people or parties?
- A: Well, clearly we'll have to agree to disagree.

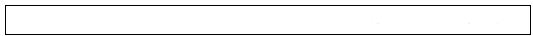
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10 Cross out the extra word in each sentence.

- 1 Tom is always such a ~~so~~ helpful person, isn't he?
- 2 Why on the earth didn't you listen to me?
I warned you it was a terrible idea to go ahead alone.
- 3 Actually, I so do know the answer to the question!
- 4 My neighbours are the ones who they looked after my house while I was away.
- 5 It's very completely insane to spend so much money on clothes every season.
- 6 There's no the way you could have met Paul before. He's only just arrived in the UK.



11 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.



- 1 I'm afraid I didn't catch the make of the car. It could have been a Renault.
- 2 It occurred to me that the young man was acting suspiciously.
- 3 My mind just went blank and I couldn't remember anything.
- 4 It all happened so fast that I just froze.
- 5 She resembled me of my sister as they're both tall and blonde.
- 6 It was only later that I realized the danger I'd been in.



Reading

12 Read the article opposite and complete the gaps with paragraph headings a)–k) below. There are two extra headings you do not need.

- a) Surround yourself with things you love
- b) Having the right attitude
- c) Accept times of sadness
- d) Spend time with happy people
- e) And most important of all...
- f) The power of laughter
- g) Forget numbers
- h) Take care of your health
- i) Don't feel guilty
- j) Remember simple pleasures
- k) Be a student

Live long, keep healthy

It is now no longer unusual for people to live well into their eighties or nineties, but few would wish to end their days suffering from ill health or loneliness.

1 b

Here at *Healthy Ageing*, we believe that humour and a positive outlook play a big part in keeping us young, so we hope you will enjoy our humorous guide to growing old.

2

Don't worry about numbers connected to age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about those. That's what we pay them for, isn't it?

3

Continue to learn. Keep abreast of what's going on in the world. If you don't have one already, get a computer and teach yourself how to use it. Take up new hobbies. Get out into the garden. Join the local history society. Whatever it is, use your brain because if you don't, your brain will give up on you.

4

Be careful about the company you keep. Avoid negative people. They bring you down and make you feel depressed. Seek out positive people.

5

Laughter works in more ways than you can imagine. Did you know that laughter dissolves tension, stress, anxiety, irritation, anger, grief and depression? Laughter releases endorphins that boost the immune system so make sure you start seeing the funny side.

6

Take time to listen to the birds. Sit back and watch the clouds. Go to a café and just simply watch the world go by.

7

Everyone goes through ups and downs in their lives. It's how you deal with the difficult times that counts: cry if you need to and then just move on.

8

Whatever that might be: family, pets, keepsakes, music or plants, for example. Your home is your refuge so make it a special place.

9

If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If you can't improve it by yourself, be sure to ask for professional help.

10

Enjoy your pleasures, and don't reproach yourself. Go shopping, go abroad. If you have the money, enjoy it. Life is for living.

11

Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity. It's good for you; it's good for them. Don't be afraid to be open with your emotions. We hope that you've enjoyed reading these tips. Please let us know what keeps you young at heart.



13 Read the article again. Underline *true* (T) or *false* (F).

According to the writer:

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| 1 we are living longer than we used to. | T/F |
| 2 old people can feel lonely. | T/F |
| 3 it doesn't matter if we have a pessimistic outlook on life. | T/F |
| 4 doctors are paid to worry about you. | T/F |
| 5 your brain doesn't need stimulation. | T/F |
| 6 you should stick with people who have a positive outlook on life. | T/F |
| 7 laughter helps both mind and body. | T/F |
| 8 you must go outdoors every day. | T/F |
| 9 crying will bring you down. | T/F |
| 10 you should have a pet. | T/F |
| 11 your health is your responsibility. | T/F |

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Writing

14 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- 1 c some teenagers watch too much television, others prefer to do sport.
a) Additionally b) As c) While
- 2 I was frustrated at not having any news the jobs I had applied for.
a) in contrast b) regarding c) this shows
- 3 Max started working out at the gym every day impress his colleagues.
a) in addition b) for c) in order to
- 4 my brother is very ambitious, he doesn't put much effort into his work.
a) Given this b) Although c) Because
- 5 her exhaustion, Sally still went to Jodie's wedding.
a) Despite b) On balance c) Although
- 6 Ben went back to college he could complete the foundation course he needed as an entry requirement to get into university.
a) despite b) so that c) in order to

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15 Write a leaflet giving advice about using public transport in your town or country. Use the prompts below to help you. Write 170–220 words.

- Types of transport available
- Timetables
- Cost/type of tickets
- Routes

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