

READING COMPREHENSION TEST

Fear of flying

Have you ever flown? How do you feel about flying?

People who often travel for business usually find it boring. People who fly only once in a while are excited. However, some people feel only terror when they board an airplane. They suffer from phobia, an illogical fear.

If you are afraid of poisonous spiders, it is logical. If you are afraid of all spiders, even harmless ones, this is a phobia because it is illogical. Some people have phobias about heights, being shut up in a small area, or being in a large, open area. It is not logical to be afraid of these things when there is no danger.

Fear of flying is another phobia. We often have a plane crash in mind, but we don't think about millions of safe flights. Riding in a car is 30 times more dangerous than flying, but most people are not afraid when they get into a car.

People feel afraid of flying for different reasons. Sometimes, they are afraid of heights and they don't dare to look out of the windows if they are in a high-rise building. Some people might be afraid of being in enclosed places like an elevator or in tunnel on a highway. There are people who are afraid of crowds and all the noise and people rushing around at airports. This specially bothers older people. Some people are afraid of the unknown and they do not understand the technology of flying. They can't believe that a huge airplane can stay in the air.

For some people fear of flying is not important because they do not need to travel. But there are people who work for international companies, or entertainers who have to visit many different places in a month. Their job depends on flying.

There is help for people with fear of flying. There are special classes in which they can learn to control their fear. They spend some time at an airport with special instructors, pilots, psychologists. They talk about flying and safety, they can hear different noises made by an airplane and listen to tape recordings of a takeoff and landing... Finally they are ready for a short flight. Some of them still have their phobia, but they know how to control their fear. Some of them even learn to enjoy flying.

Based on the information from the text “Fear of flying” choose the correct answer and circle the letter in front of it:

1. _____ usually think flying is boring.

- a. People who have a phobia about flying
- b. People who fly once in a while
- c. People who are excited
- d. People who fly on many occasions

2. It is reasonable to be afraid of

- a. all spiders
- b. all insects
- c. spiders that contain poison
- d. harmless spiders

3. A phobia is

- a. logical
- b. illogical
- c. harmful
- d. chemical

4. A person with a fear of enclosed places doesn't like

- a. high places
- b. walking on a path
- c. being in a tunnel
- d. being in the air

5. _____ especially bother older people.

- a. Crowds at airports
- b. High-rise buildings
- c. Spiders
- d. Businessmen

6. People are afraid of flying because of

- a. plane crashes
- b. various reasons
- c. engine noise
- d. takeoffs

7. A fear of flying is not important to some people because

- a. they are entertainers
- b. they can take a class about flying
- c. they don't need to fly
- d. they can control their fear

8. People can overcome their fear of flying if

- a. they enjoy flying
- b. they control their feelings
- c. they attend special classes
- d. they talk to a pilot

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY TEST

I Choose the correct answer and circle the letter in front of it:

max 12

1. "What language _____ in Cuba?"
a) they speak b) speak they c) do they speak d) does they speak
2. "We stayed at home last night." "Oh, _____."
a) don't b) didn't we c) didn't you d) I didn't
3. Look at _____ two rings on my finger. They belonged to _____ grandmother.
a) that / my b) these / my c) these / mine d) those / mine
4. Jamaica is _____ island in _____ Caribbean.
a) a...the b) an... the c) the... the d) an... a
5. She _____ several mistakes in the dictation.
a) did b) do c) made d) make
6. When he was five, he _____ very well.
a) can read b) might read c) could read d) could to read
7. "Will you _____ us a story, mum?"
a) say b) said c) tell d) told
8. _____ butter in the fridge?
a) There is some b) Is it some c) There is any d) Is there any
9. Would you like to go _____ a walk _____ the park this afternoon?
a) to... in b) for... at c) for... in d) to... at
10. We _____ on the beach if we were in Greece.
a) would be b) should be c) will be d) shall be
11. "May I _____ your pencil?" "Certainly."
a) lend b) spend c) want d) borrow
12. "Where's Bill?" "He's not here. I think he's _____ to the bank."
a) been b) gone c) going d) working

II Find the mistakes and write the correct sentences:

max 5

1. Were's John? Why he isn't here?

2. "What is Mr. Black doing?" "He's engineer."

3. These books are my, but these newspaper is your.

4. You should eat so quick! It's not good to your stomach.

5. If everyone take care when crossing the road, there will be more accidents.

III Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

max 10

Peter Jones _____ (drive) home yesterday when he _____ (see) a house on fire. He _____ (stop) his car immediately and _____ (run) out. Someone _____ (shout) for help. Peter _____ (break) the door and _____ (go) in. There _____ (be) smoke everywhere, but he _____ (get) the old woman out.

"It was dangerous, but I _____ (do) the same thing again if someone needed help", said peter to the reporters last night.

IV Rewrite the sentences in a different way, but without changing the meaning. Use the given words below the sentence. max 5

1. Alexander Bell invented the telephone in 1876.

The telephone _____

2. He walks to school in 15 minutes.

It _____ 15 minutes to _____ foot.

3. I do apologize for my forgetting your birthday.

I'm _____ I didn't _____ your birthday.

4. I think no one is as beautiful as your sister in this school.

I think your sister is _____ in this school.

5. Money is important, but not as important as love.

Love is _____.

KEY

READING

1D 2C 3B 4C 5A 6B 7C 8C

GRAMMAR

I 12 poena

1C 2D 3B 4B 5C 6C 7C 8D 9C 10A 11D 12B

II 5 poena

1. **Where's** John? Why **isn't he** here?
2. "What **does** Mr. Black **do**?" "He's **an** engineer."
3. These books are **mine**, but these **newspapers are yours**. /... but **this** newspaper is **yours**.
4. You **shouldn't** eat so **quickly**! It's not good **for** your stomach.
5. If everyone **takes** care when crossing the road, there will be **less** accidents.

*u rečenici moraju biti ispravljene sve greške da bi takmičar dobio 1 poen

III 10 poena

was driving
saw
stopped
ran
was shouting / shouted
broke
went
was
got
would do

IV 5 poena

1. The telephone was invented by Alexander Bell in 1876.
2. It takes him 15 minutes to get / go / come to school on foot.
3. I'm really / so / very / truly / deeply / terribly sorry I didn't remember your birthday.
4. I think your sister is the most beautiful (girl / student) in this school.
5. Love is more important than money.

*takmičar dobija 1 poen za rečenicu koja je u celini tačna (ne daje se 0,5 poena za tačne delove rečenica)