

Exercise 1 (Units 1-4)

DSE

Theme: Leisure and hobbies

Text Type: Leaflet

Part A

Richard is writing a leaflet for a camp. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs.

Silver Lake Country Park Outdoor Camp

This summer, Silver Lake Country Park (1) _____ (organise) an experience camp and a variety of outdoor adventures that (2) _____ (excite) nature lovers and thrill seekers.

Activities

This (3) _____ (be) an invaluable opportunity for you to challenge yourself in nature. You will take part in high ropes course and zip-lining. While you (4) _____ (walk) on the floating planks or swinging from one tree to another, you can gaze out at the stunning panoramic views of mountains and the ocean. Besides, you (5) _____ (set) up your own tent and build a campfire for the night.

Details

It (6) _____ (take) an hour to get to the campsite at Silver Lake Country Park from Sai Wan Ho Ferry Pier. After putting on the protective gear on the site, you (7) _____ (go) on an excursion alongside the cliff under the lead of professional guides to get familiar with the activity spot. The high ropes course and zip-line experience (8) _____ (take) place after lunch. At night, there will be a training on basic camping skills.

Participants' Feedback

I (9) _____ (struggle) for a long time whether to attend this camp before the application deadline. I (10) _____ (be) hesitant because I was afraid of taking part in activities that require teamwork. Yet, this camp (11) _____ (bring) a lifelong change to me, which I (12) _____ never _____ (expect). I (13) _____ (step) out of my comfort zone and made friends with other participants.

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The camp was the best thing I (14) _____ (do) last summer. The guide was patient and very supportive. I (15) _____ (want) to quit zip-lining because I was too afraid to jump off the platform. But the guide (16) _____ (manage) to help me overcome my fear of heights. Now, I have come to realise what miracles encouraging words and acts can make.

Jeremy Lai

Part B

Form questions using the correct form of the words given.

- A: What _____ when _____? (Sam / do / the doorbell / ring)
B: He was taking a shower.
- A: When _____? (the train / leave)
B: At noon. Hurry Up!
- A: How long _____? (Lucy / wait / at the reception)
B: For more than an hour. She's gone now.
- A: Which _____?
(member of that boy idol group / you / like most)
B: Not any one in particular but all of them. I'm going to their fan meeting tomorrow!
- A: What _____ after _____?
(Oliver / do / he / move into the house)
B: He adopted a cat.
- A: _____?
(you / take up / the position of Student Union Chairperson)
B: I hope I'm capable enough to do so.

Part C

Dan is writing a letter to his friend, Amy. Complete the letter by circling the best answers.

Dear Amy,

How are you since you (1) to England? I miss you so much!

Last week, I (2) part in a debate competition that (3) by the school committee. I (4) before and I learnt a lot from this experience.

The topic of the debate (5) 'Video games should be banned for children' and I was on the opposition team. I often (6) video games in my spare time, and find that video games

(7) children mentally, socially and physically: there are games that inspire critical thinking and problem solving, encourage co-operation and sharing, and improve children's fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

Before the debate, I (8) some research and prepared a list of arguments of mine and my opponents'. The debate was intense. I (9) barely (9) time to think it through before making my rebuttal. Though my teammates and I (10) well, our team (11) in the end. Still, I was not upset by the result as it was an interesting experience. I (12) a lot in my public speaking and I look forward to next debate!

Write soon and tell me how's life at school!

Cheers,

Dan

1. A. move
B. moved
C. have moved
D. are moving
2. A. take
B. was taking
C. took
D. have taken
3. A. held
B. was held
C. was holding
D. has been held
4. A. never debate
B. have never debated
C. had never debated
D. was never debating
5. A. was
B. were
C. is
D. are
6. A. play
B. am playing
C. have played
D. have been playing
7. A. are benefiting
B. benefit
C. have benefited
D. benefited
8. A. was doing
B. have done
C. had done
D. do
9. A. have ... had
B. had ... had
C. was ... having
D. am ... having
10. A. prepare
B. were preparing
C. had prepared
D. will prepare
11. A. lose
B. was losing
C. had lost
D. has lost
12. A. improve
B. will improve
C. was improving
D. have improved