## Listening

1 ⊂ )) DT Track 1 Listen to an announcement about a festival. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 The festival will interest people who want to make their town a better place to live. T / F  $\,$
- 2 The presentations at the festival won't show people how to stop making so much rubbish. T / F
- **3** There are more activities to do at the festival than last year.
- **4** Scientists will talk about recycling and ask people to think of some solutions to their problems.

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**5** Sheila Sparks is going to talk about recycling old parts from her car.

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**6** Older people will demonstrate how to recycle computers.

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**2** ())DTTrack1 Listen again. Complete the notes with one word in each gap. Earth Festival The festival is in its (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_ year. The festival's topic this year will be about (2) You will learn about how you can (3) \_\_\_\_\_ more each day. Sheila Sparks is a famous (4) \_\_\_\_\_ . There will be games and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Games Zone. You can buy a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ drink which is not too expensive. The festival costs £3 for (7) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_/14

## **B1+**

## Reading

#### So you want to be a journalist? Josh Farley has some tips on how to be successful

If you love telling stories and you always want to know what's happening, then journalism might be the profession for you. I was always interested in writing and it was my ambition to be a reporter when I left school. However, it wasn't easy and it took many years of hard work to get the job I have today. Lots of people want to be journalists so there's plenty of competition.

Journalists do more than simply report the news. Their aim is to get people's attention in order to make them curious about what's happening. This means that you have to know about a wide variety of subjects! Make an effort to read a newspaper every day and watch different news programmes to find out what's going on in the world. You should also talk to the people you know about local news. You never know – one conversation with a neighbour or shop assistant could be the beginning of your next story or the next big trend.

Journalists are also good at writing articles so you have to study and practise. Some people suggest keeping a diary, but a blog is probably best and you can add pictures. You can use it to write a daily account of what's happening around you. When you read newspapers, you should think about the type of writing you see in the reports and try to copy it in your blog.

A good journalist is always ready to report the latest news story. I carry a pen and notebook at all times and I usually have a digital camera, although nowadays you have everything you need if you have a smartphone. You can even record videos on them – just make sure you know how to use it! Your goal as a journalist is to report responsibly. Make time to check your facts and be a reliable source of information.

I started as a reporter on my school newspaper and I would recommend it to anyone who wants to become a journalist. It isn't a paid job and the stories aren't usually the most interesting. However, you have the opportunity to learn a lot about the basics of how to write articles as well as how to work in a team. It's a great way to find out if you really want to be a journalist.

# **3** Read the article about a career in journalism. For each sentence, choose the option that matches the meaning.

- **1** Lots of people want to be journalists so there's plenty of competition.
  - **a)** Journalists often report on lots of competitive events.
  - b) Journalism is an interesting profession for many people, but there aren't many jobs.
- **2** Their aim is to get people's attention in order to make them curious about what's happening.
  - **a)** Curious people will read the news stories the journalists have written.
  - **b)** Journalists like to attract attention to themselves and then do research on a story.
- **3** One conversation with a neighbour or shop assistant could be the beginning of your next story.
  - a) You don't know where your next story is going to come from.
  - **b)** The people you know will give you too many ideas for news stories.

- **4** A good journalist is always ready to report the latest news story.
  - a) It's important not to be late when you are a journalist.
  - **b)** It's important to be prepared when you are a journalist.
- **5** You have the opportunity to learn a lot about the basics of how to write articles.
  - **a)** It is essential to work on a school newspaper before you become a professional journalist.
  - **b)** Writing for a school newspaper is excellent preparation for the more challenging reporting jobs to come.



## **Optimise B1+**

## **4** Read the article again. Choose the best answer, A, B or C.

- **1** What does the writer say about becoming a journalist?
  - **A** He found it easy to get a job in journalism.
  - **B** He doesn't think many people want to be journalists.
  - **C** He had wanted to be a journalist since he was at school.
- **2** Why is it important to be interested in the events around you?
  - **A** So that you have interesting news for your readers.
  - **B** So that you can write about your neighbours.
  - C So that you can report local news.
- **3** What does the writer recommend doing to practise becoming a journalist?
  - A keeping a diary
  - **B** writing a blog
  - C taking pictures
- 4 What does the writer always have with him?
  - ${\bf A}$  a camera
  - **B** a smartphone
  - **C** a pen and paper
- **5** What is one of the problems with working on a school newspaper?
  - **A** You don't get paid very much.
  - **B** The stories aren't very exciting.
  - **C** You have to work in a team.

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- **5** Here are some sentences about shopping. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than three words.
  - After seeing an advertisement for the new supermarket, Fiona decided to go.
    Fiona \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an advertisement for the new supermarket and then decided to go.
- 2 I can't wait to see the cooking demonstrations in the new supermarket.I'm looking seeing the
  - cooking demonstrations in the new supermarket.
- **3** No other supermarket in my city is as big as FreshCo.

FreshCo is \_\_\_\_\_\_ supermarket in my city.

4 Mr Green, the owner of FreshCo said, 'Can I help you with anything?'

5 We had to have dinner at the supermarket restaurant because someone is painting our kitchen.

We couldn't have dinner at home because we \_\_\_\_\_\_ kitchen painted.

#### **6** Read the text below and choose the correct word (A, B, C or D) for each gap.

#### Making pizzas healthy

Pizza is (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_ a popular kind of food. Many people would agree that it (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_ a very tasty meal. (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_ there are a wide variety of pizzas to choose from, some people believe that pizza is not part of a healthy diet. They argue it's the kind of food we should cut down on because it's too salty.

Homemade pizza isn't as unhealthy though and it's easy to make. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ I had known how easy, I would have made it all the time when I was a kid. All you need to do is mix flour with water. Then roll it out and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ it with cheese. After that, chop up a(n) (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of your favourite vegetables and meat and put them on top. Some interesting ideas to try are spicy chicken and peppers. Finally, cook the pizza for 15 minutes and it's done. Wait a few minutes. Last time, I burnt my tongue and I wished I (7) \_\_\_\_\_ let my pizza cool down first!

1	<b>A</b> enough	<b>B</b> such	C so	<b>D</b> too
2	<b>A</b> takes	<b>B</b> has	<b>C</b> does	<b>D</b> makes
3	<b>A</b> However	<b>B</b> Although	<b>C</b> Despite	$\mathbf{D}$ Instead
4	<b>A</b> Would	<b>B</b> Were	<b>C</b> Only	$\mathbf{D}$ If
5	<b>A</b> cover	<b>B</b> put	<b>C</b> drop	<b>D</b> stir
6	${f A}$ ingredient	<b>B</b> taste	<b>C</b> mixture	<b>D</b> blender
7	<b>A</b> was	<b>B</b> have	<b>C</b> were	<b>D</b> had

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Mr Green asked us \_\_\_\_\_\_ help us with anything.

### **7** Read the text below and think of the word which best fits the gap. Use only one word in each gap.

#### The best athlete of all time?

Usain Bolt (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_ born on 21 August 1986 in Jamaica and is famous for being an extremely fast runner.

As a child, he spent a lot of time playing cricket and football. All he thought (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_ was sport. At school, he began to show (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_ fast he could be. He took (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the annual national primary competition and quickly became the school's fastest runner. At secondary school, he continued to do other sports, but his cricket coach noticed his speed and told him to start running. Bolt won his first medal in 2001 (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_ he ran 200 metres in just under 22 seconds.

Since then, he (6) \_\_\_\_\_ won eight Olympic gold medals in the 100 m, 200 m and  $4 \times 100$  m races in three Olympic Games. Usain Bolt is seen by many people as one of the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ successful athletes of all time.

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## Writing

8 Write an answer to <u>one</u> of the questions. Write your answer in about 100 words.

**1** You have received an email from an English-speaking friend.

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To:	Chris	
Subject:	How are you?	
Hi Chris,		
	ed a book club with some friends and we would like recommendations for books to read.	
What typ	bes of books do you like reading? Which is your favourite book? Why? What book do you and for our club? Please let me know!	

Write your email answering all your friend's questions.

2 Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.Your story must begin with the sentence:*I had a real surprise when I opened the box.*Write your story.

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## Speaking

**9** Look at the photographs showing sports and free-time activities.

**1** Describe the photo.

Student A: Look at the photo and describe it. (1 minute)



Student B: Look at the photo and describe it. (1 minute)



- 2 In pairs, take turns to answer the questions. Listen to your partner and respond to what they say. (4 minutes)1 What sports or free-time activities do you do?
  - **2** When and where do you do them?
  - 3 Why is it important to do sports or free-time activities?

