

Variant One

Task 1 For Questions 1-11, read the text below and decide which answer **A, B, C** or **D** best fits each space.

A book I recommend

I found *Escape from Time* by Andy Treen very exciting and I really (1) _____ reading it. It's a story (2) _____ a boy called Troy who goes on a journey to (3) _____ for his friend Zyra. It wasn't what I had expected, although I am interested (4) _____ science fiction. I thought this story would be like films I had seen, but I (5) _____ after a few pages that it was (6) _____ interesting than a film.

Troy goes to many places and times. He (7) _____ his knowledge with different (8) _____ of people and learns new skills from them. Then he moves on. The last part of the book (9) _____ the meeting between Troy and Zyra when they are both caught by some space criminals from the future. But that's enough information from me (10) _____. I don't want to spoil it for you. It's really quite (11) _____, too, with some excellent jokes about time travel in it.

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| 1 | A amused | B pleased | C enjoyed | D delighted |
| 2 | A from | B about | C on | D with |
| 3 | A ask | B follow | C look | D find |
| 4 | A by | B with | C of | D in |
| 5 | A explained | B realised | C showed | D believed |
| 6 | A even | B more | C much | D too |
| 7 | A divides | B joins | C shares | D adds |
| 8 | A kinds | B variety | C range | D qualities |
| 9 | A shows | B discovers | C describes | D says |
| 10 | A when | B because | C if | D unless |
| 11 | A funny | B sad | C shocking | D frightening |

Task 2 For Questions 12-24, put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.

12. Peter _____ (*usually/get up*) at 7 o'clock in the morning.
13. Where _____ (*they/go*) on holiday last summer?
14. I hate living in Seattle because it _____ (*always/rain*) there.
15. We _____ (*watch*) a scary movie when suddenly my mobile phone rang.
16. My brother _____ (*always / ask*) silly questions and I really hate it.
17. _____ (*you wait*) for the bus to Newcastle?
18. The conference _____ (*start*) at 9 a.m. on 23rd November.
19. In 2005, hurricane Katrina _____ (*bring*) much devastation to New Orleans.
20. Nick and Sue _____ (*not / clean*) their house at the moment.
21. If she _____ (*call*) me tonight, I'll help her with her homework.
22. At this time yesterday, we _____ (*play*) outside.
23. We opened the box and _____ (*take out*) the gift.
24. _____ (*you/listen*) while I was explaining everything?

Variant Two

Task 1 For Questions 1-11, read the text below and decide which answer **A, B, C** or **D** best fits each space.

The airport man

Yesterday Ahmed (1) _____ his home for the first time in eleven years. But his home is a very unusual one – he has (2) _____ the last eleven years living in an international airport. Ahmed had no family in his own country, so eleven years ago he set off to search (3) _____ his sister who lived in Scotland. He hadn't heard from her for (4) _____, but he had an old address. He never (5) _____ Scotland, however, because while he was (6) _____ for a connecting flight, all his documents (7) _____ stolen and he had to ask for new ones. (8) _____ he had nowhere to go, he stayed in the airport. After a (9) _____ weeks, he was still there. He became (10) _____ as "Sir George" and all the airport staff liked him. Eleven years (11) _____ his documents arrived and he was free to go. But he no longer wanted to!

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| 1 | A went | B left | C removed | D departed |
| 2 | A taken | B passed | C spent | D used |
| 3 | A to | B for | C from | D at |
| 4 | A years | B times | C long | D ever |
| 5 | A got | B arrived | C travelled | D reached |
| 6 | A waiting | B thinking | C booking | D sitting |
| 7 | A had | B were | C are | D have |
| 8 | A Although | B Even | C As | D If |
| 9 | A several | B many | C lot | D few |
| 10 | A called | B known | C told | D said |
| 11 | A following | B since | C later | D next |

Task 2 For Questions 12-24, put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.

12. Why _____ (*they/miss*) the last lesson?
13. Ann and Liza _____ (*not/sing*) at the concert now.
14. Why _____ (*you /always/ follow*) me? It's really annoying!
15. Lydia _____ (*walk*) down the street when the ground started shaking.
16. Excuse me, _____ (*you read*) your newspaper? Could I borrow it?
17. The film _____ (*not/finish*) at 8 p.m., but at 9 p.m.
18. Real Madrid _____ (*win*) the Champion League in 2007.
19. Some birds _____ (*not fly*) to warmer countries in winter.
20. On my way home I found a kitten and _____ (*bring*) it home.
21. If he _____ (*drive*) carefully, he won't have an accident.
22. At 9 o'clock yesterday we _____ (*discuss*) this project.
23. Bob _____ (*have*) breakfast at 7 o'clock every day.
24. _____ (*it/rain*) while we were going home?