

Dictations BOOK 1

Dictation 1

My name is Thomas. Nice to meet you. Your surname is Smith. Are you a man? Am I a woman? Is she a manager? Is he a programmer? The teacher isn't absent, but he's present. Manchester isn't a city in Ireland, but it's a city in England. China isn't a small country, but it's a large country. Where are you from? Which city is he from? What nationality are you? The light is in the living room. Is this a mobile phone? Is that a poster?

Dictation 2

We aren't from Spain, but we're from the USA. Is this their classroom? Those books aren't German, but they're English. The book is under the picture. The sofa is beside the table. The ceiling isn't below the students, but it's above the students. Is the door in front of the teacher? Spell my name, please. It isn't a letter, but it's a word. I isn't a consonant, but it's a vowel. P isn't after R, but it's before R.

Dictation 3

This question is in her book. That answer is in his book. Is there a mobile phone in your pocket? Are there films at the cinema? There isn't a tall man in the picture. The four seasons are spring, summer, autumn and winter. How old are you? I'm forty-five years old. Tuesday is the second day of the week. It isn't a finger, but it's a thumb. It isn't a head, but it's a hand. What part of the body is this? It's your right knee.

Dictation 4

This thing is a ballpoint pen. The opposite of first is last. Do they have long hair? Does the chair have legs? What colour is the page? The box is orange. A puma isn't yellow, but it's brown. A frog isn't pink, but it's green. Are gorillas small animals? You're right. You're wrong. You are jumping now. Mr Jones is not standing. Miss Smith is not lying, but she is sitting. What part of my face am I touching? What am I pointing at? I'm wearing a shirt and trousers. It's Jill's blouse. What colour are the teacher's shoes?

Dictation 5

Slovakia is east of the Czech Republic. Glasgow isn't in the south of Great Britain, but it's in the north. I'm not speaking Swedish. He likes brown bread. What do we have between two lessons? He sings songs in French. We usually eat popcorn at the cinema. People under eighteen drink juice or water. People don't eat little sushi in Japan, but they eat a lot of sushi. A hamburger doesn't smell foul, but it smells nice. We don't eat soup with a knife and fork, but we eat soup with a spoon.

Dictation 6

Children don't come home from school in the morning. I have my lunch in the afternoon. Do cats and dogs eat food from tins? Can you touch your toes? They can translate sentences into English. Is the teacher's book similar to the student's book? July isn't the same as January, but it's different. What language am I teaching? I'm learning the English language. What do we call this animal? We call a small horse a pony. I know how many people there are in New York. Can you wait a moment before I ask you a question? What's the email address of this school? What's the postcode for this town?

Dictations BOOK 2

Dictation 1

We can buy food at the grocer's. We can buy books in a bookshop. They sell fruit and vegetables at the market or at the greengrocer's. The parts inside a computer are the hard disk, the motherboard and the processor. The weather is usually beautiful in spring. A tissue isn't made of cardboard, but it's made of paper. People sometimes wear contact lenses instead of glasses. I don't have enough money to buy a new computer. People aren't happy when they sleep badly.

Dictation 2

It isn't colder in Brazil than in Germany, but it's hotter. Milk is more expensive than water. Parking a car is difficult in this city. The whale is the biggest animal in the world. Many people go jogging in the morning in this town. Basketball isn't easier than volleyball, but it's more difficult. People can use a passport or a driving licence instead of an identity card. If we want to drink beer with friends, we can go to a pub. We prefer getting up late when we're on holiday.

Dictation 3

A ball isn't square, but it's round. I can't see anything triangular in this room. When I want to know what somebody is saying, I listen. My birthday is on the eleventh of February. People buy dishwashers because they don't like washing pots, plates, spoons, knives and forks. We can find shells and sand on the beach. I use my computer to surf the Internet twice a day. Twelve is a quarter of forty-eight. You have to put on warm clothes when you want to go for a long walk on a cool day. She won't be an actress in five years' time.

Dictation 4

We have a pleasant holiday when the sky is blue and the sun is shining. It isn't easy to use an umbrella on a windy day. New computers are better than old ones. Did you surf the Internet yesterday? She didn't use her mobile phone five minutes ago. An email isn't slower than a letter, but it's faster. There aren't many turns on a motorway. We get on and off a tram at a tram stop. Can you tell me the way to the oldest church in this city? You must go straight on, turn right into Park Street and then turn left into Bank Road.

Dictation 5

When will the next lesson start? The next lesson will finish on Tuesday at seven. If you ask me to give you my credit card, I won't agree. Would you like to live on a small farm in the mountains? Most people prefer peace, but some people prefer war. We usually have a bedroom and a bathroom upstairs. Streams aren't usually broader than rivers, but they're narrower. Teenagers often dream of becoming film stars. I sat here last lesson. She took her dog for a walk yesterday. I went to the cinema last week.

Dictation 6

I don't have to wash pots and plates after a meal because I have a dishwasher. We call the person who writes novels a writer. If we stand on the top of a mountain, we usually have a fine view of the valley below. We make a cup of coffee by putting some coffee into a cup and filling it with hot water. She brushes her teeth twice a day. I get nervous before an exam. If I see her in the street, I will say hello to her. I'll get thirsty if I don't drink anything for twelve hours.

Dictation 7

We drank fine wine yesterday. Governments sometimes make stupid laws that don't help people. Bad weather makes me crazy during a holiday. I don't have to come here, but I should. I could paint well when I was a teenager. I couldn't write a long article about my nation for a newspaper. I would like to work as a civil servant, architect or engineer. He hasn't cleaned his room. The result is that it's dirty now. We don't cry when somebody tells a good joke, but we laugh.

Dictations BOOK 3

Dictation 1

Shop assistants should always be ready to help customers. People quit a job because the wage is too low. It takes the average person about a year to get ready to run a marathon. Could a person become a good pilot in spite of their slow reactions? Children are often allergic to dairy products or animal hair. If I saw a fire in the classroom, I would get some water. You get a sore throat when you speak too much. I'd be a bit surprised if you came here without your book.

Dictation 2

English people would understand me well despite my Spanish accent. Many people continue working although they're over 65. She doesn't talk to herself a lot. I use a towel to dry myself after a shower. If a big shop in the centre of this town belonged to me, I would be rich. What time do you suggest we should finish the lesson? Shall I make you some coffee? We take a briefcase to work, but we take a suitcase on holiday. Do you write things down in a diary to remind you to do them?

Dictation 3

Flying on automatic pilot is safe. People are under stress when they're in danger of losing their jobs. It would take me perhaps 20 minutes to change a wheel if I had a flat tyre. I've never dug a deep hole on the beach. What sort of drinks contain alcohol? I would rather go to the cinema on a rainy day. No, I haven't eaten supper yet. If you want to have stronger muscles, you must do a lot of exercise. We use a lawnmower to cut grass. Is there anyone sitting here?

Dictation 4

I feel guilty when I don't do what I ought to do. We have the right to feel safe at home. It's common to catch a cold in autumn. I've learnt a few new English words today. Why are sales very important to a company? He's neither a waiter nor a programmer, but he's a manager. If I failed to go to an important appointment, I would call that person to say sorry. Greg repaired the computer while his son was doing homework. I was listening to you while you were asking her a question. If you suddenly fall down, you can break your leg.

Dictation 5

Are you happy when you receive a useless birthday present? Children look forward to holidays such as Christmas and Easter. Traffic jams make it difficult to get to work on time in this city. Have you ever felt lonely although you weren't alone? It isn't freezing today. I'm on good terms with all my neighbours. You hurry when you have too much work and too little time. Are you aware of the fact that vitamin C is an acid?

Dictation 6

Computers are used in every office. Have you ever forgotten to return something that you've borrowed? Is it easier to see somebody else's faults than your own? It's true that we sometimes have to lose a battle in order to win a war. Wisdom isn't more useful than experience in order to be successful in business. Some new houses are being built in my town. Successful marketing is important for good sales in a company. Tap water should be filtered before drinking.

Dictation 7

Is it wise to sign something without reading it? Do you wish to be healthy for your whole life? What's the exchange rate for the dollar? It isn't always easy to make a comparison between two products in a shop. The industry in my country will develop within the next ten years. Real life is sometimes stranger than fiction. We should exercise more and eat less when we want to lose weight. If I have time, I will tell you a story after the lesson. I wouldn't sleep well if my bed were too hard.

Dictation 8

The law doesn't let people avoid paying taxes. When a friend lets me down, I feel sorry for myself. I wouldn't learn English fast if I hardly ever came to the lessons. We will be cleaning the flat on Saturday morning. If I take photos in a museum where people mustn't do that, I may pay a fine. I don't know whether you went to an exhibition last week or not. We call a person who tells lies a liar. You don't look as if you were bored now. I don't think that what works in theory will always work in practice.

Dictation 9

If she were seriously ill, she would be taken to hospital. We always help other people unless we're very busy. Why are local newspaper headlines different from national newspaper headlines? I've never been invited to a party with over 100 guests. If I lost something important, I would look for it. It's cheaper to stay in a double room in a hotel. The main reason for road accidents is speeding.

Dictation 10

A scientist does experiments in order to discover new medicines. Are you for or against a single European currency? Companies can't exist if they don't make a profit. Doctors know if your heart is functioning well by taking your pulse. It's true that the longer you work, the more experience you gain. Is it cheaper to drive a car that runs on petrol or diesel? Whom would you invite to your birthday party? The average restaurant in this town charges ten euros for a meal.

Dictations BOOK 4

Dictation 1

After a long flight most passengers think it's safe to feel the earth beneath their feet. Had you learnt to walk before you learnt to crawl? I don't know whether there's much office space to let in the city. I would need tools to survive if I were shipwrecked on a desert island. Dogs are fed bones and meat. People who iron their socks are quite eccentric. Can you think of any disadvantages of living in a modern skyscraper?

Dictation 2

Should a person afraid of taking a lift be advised to buy a penthouse? Most newlyweds can't afford to spend their honeymoon abroad. A necessary evil is something that is bad but we have to agree to it. Visually impaired people can use white canes to help them walk. The nervous system consists of the brain and the spinal cord.

Dictation 3

Artists and children have a fertile imagination. What do you suppose the annual growth rate of the GDP in your country is? Teachers should start the lesson by welcoming students in a friendly manner. What does it mean when a parent wags his finger at a child? Which feature is extremely important when you look for a new car? If you subtract nine from sixteen, you will get seven. Beef can become inedible when you don't keep it in a fridge or when you burn it.

Dictation 4

The things which I can easily do without are television and work. Some people want to be a well-known public figure. A mixed conditional is a combination of the second and third conditionals. A skipping rope is an effective exercise tool to help burn calories. Why do some restaurants have a constant stream of guests? You have to raise your voice when there's a lot of noise. I think some people dye their hair just for a change.

Dictation 5

Corporations must keep up with the latest marketing strategies in order not to be left behind by the competition. People usually feel ill at ease among people they don't know. People sometimes have their electricity cut off because they don't pay the bill on time. Men are made to join the army at the age of 20. I think people sometimes oppose their governments because of high taxes.

Dictation 6

Buying a house or changing a job need to be discussed in details. It's sometimes difficult to get rid of unwanted guests. Do problems disappear if you drown them? Would you be on tenterhooks while waiting for the results of an important exam? We use a surfboard for surfing. Does it hurt a lot when a grain of sand gets into your eye? The opposite of 'suddenly' is 'gradually'.

Dictation 7

When I enter a dark room, my eyes have to get accustomed to the dark. People work because otherwise they'd have no money to live. It's a good idea to wear a helmet when riding a bike. I could bear to eat raw meat if I were very hungry. I feel stressed out if I have to put up with a bossy workmate. How do you feel when you accept a generous gift?

Dictation 8

Among other things, they usually mention the weather conditions for the coming days on TV news. Why do some people believe in love at first sight? I have to work hard on my pronunciation in order to advance my English. You should take medicine at the early stage of an illness. If I had to give a speech on stage, I'd feel self-conscious. Eating a lot of junk food can cause a serious damage to our health.

Dictation 9

Children use buckets and spades when they build sand castles on a beach. Burglars are careful not to leave fingerprints. I always punch my ticket on a bus. What do little boys usually want to be when they're grown-up? I would rather you wore a pink shirt. I'd rather borrow money. Boring things are difficult to pay attention to. My favourite type of documentary is current affairs in politics.

Dictation 10

Why do you have to be determined if you run your own business? It's very rude to have fun at someone's expense. The population of China isn't decreasing, but it's increasing. We use gears to move forwards and backwards or to give more speed and power. Grandmothers often suggest garlic or hot lemon tea as the best cure for a cold. How can we avoid misunderstandings? What are some people prejudiced against?

Dictation 11

I've tasted some vegetarian delicacies, for example tofu cheese. By gorgeous weather we mean warm weather with a lot of sunshine. Window displays are so important for shops because they make the first impression and encourage potential customers to enter the shop. Parents easily forgive their children even if they let them down.

Dictation BOOK 5

Dictation 1

We can hang clothes on a hanger and towels on a hook. Parents should encourage children to take control of their lives. have to put up with unsociable workmates. He's the most terrible driver I know. Beauty fades away with years. Would I owe you an apology for postponing a meeting at short notice?

Dictation 2

Can a greedy person easily satisfy their appetite? The opposite of 'on purpose' is 'by accident'. What should you do when someone becomes unconscious? People don't usually take criticism well. What problems may people face when they're expecting a child?

Dictation 3

What are the objects which you couldn't do without? The police undertake a criminal investigation after a crime's been committed. The advantage of having a curious neighbour is that he can scare burglars off. Why do people sometimes pretend to be cheerful? Blackmailing and kidnapping are often committed for ransom.

Dictation 4

Some minor problems that a person may face in life are noisy neighbours. It takes three months before a puppy learns not to mess on the floor. When I want to do the shopping, I make a list beforehand. Non-renewable energy sources can be found almost everywhere but are limited and may cause pollution. Cars that are damaged beyond repair must undergo recycling. Some drivers lose their temper quickly when they get stuck in a traffic jam.

Dictation 5

People have plastic surgeries because they think they can reverse ageing. Lack of exercises is one of the factors which influence ageing. People buy and sell shares of different companies at a stock exchange. People can get turned down when they apply for a mortgage because they can't prove to have enough income. We need permission to record someone's statements.

Dictation 6

You must be at least 18 if you don't want to be refused admission to a club. Grandparents usually store away sweets for their grandchildren. Serving bad food could harm the reputation of a restaurant. If somebody accused you of something you didn't do, would you deny the accusation? People celebrate their Diamond anniversary if they've been married for 75 years.

Dictation 7

Why do people often criticise politicians for short-sightedness? People usually look forward to achieving their goals. Outstanding tourist attractions are the national pride of my country. Drivers often speed to make up for the time they have lost in a traffic jam. We attach a picture in an email. It would be quite inconvenient if I only had just enough money to survive on. I use my common sense to plan my daily routine.

Dictation 8

It's a part of human nature to be curious about things that shouldn't concern us. As far as I am concerned, climate change is very important. Unexpected personal questions throw me off balance. Some people drive so cautiously that they drive others nuts. It's difficult to distinguish twins because they look alike. You need to be determined if you aim high. How can you distinguish genuine goods from fake ones?

Dictation 9

Children are often on the verge of tears if parents shout at them. You have to sharpen a blunt pencil. A purchase invoice lowers the amount of tax a company has to pay. Words in a dictionary are arranged in alphabetical order. There's someone that I think deserved to get the Nobel Prize but didn't receive it.

Dictation 10

A literary critic should have a wide knowledge of literature. I could publish something on the Internet if I wanted to make it available to the broader public. Flights are often delayed due to fog. Fruits become scarce in winter. A bank considers your financial circumstances before giving you a loan. Some mysteries of history still remain unsolved.

Dictations BOOK 6

Dictation 1

When a change in a train timetable arises, the passengers should be informed. Has a solution to a vital problem ever occurred to you in a dream? What products can be labelled as containing only natural ingredients? It would be tiring to speak for one hour without interruption. Trespassing on someone's private property isn't a serious offence in my country.

Dictation 2

Some people pray to God to deliver them from evil. According to the law a person's assumed innocent until proven guilty. It's not worth buying something second-hand if it's worn out. A cellar's an underground room for storing things. 'To sit on somebody's tail' means to follow somebody's car closely. The death penalty is a severe punishment.

Dictation 3

A good education enables you to get a well-paid job. I think it's quite rare nowadays to have clothes sewn by a tailor. Have you ever tried to assemble things without any instructions? I've sent a letter of complaint to a newspaper. We often use 'marvel' when we are surprised, and we use admire to show our respect for someone. It would startle a horse if you suddenly let off fireworks close to it.

Dictation 4

It's not good for a person's stomach to eat unripe fruit. Some businesses stink because people who run them are dishonest. The results of a survey carried out before an election aren't always the same as the result of the election. Children often scrape their elbows and knees. I add a sugar substitute to my tea.

Dictation 5

I prefer soup to be served in a bowl. Men sometimes hesitate to propose because they're afraid that the woman may refuse. A ray of light's narrower than a beam of light. Children sometimes ask embarrassing or awkward questions. People don't remain in their underwear when they strip naked. If I were tall and wearing bright clothes, I'd be easy to spot in a crowd. Pearls and diamonds are remarkably beautiful precious jewels. I like rooms which are barely furnished.

Dictation 6

Burglars show no regard for other people's property. A determined person doesn't give up easily. The opposite of ripe fruit is sour fruit. People tremble with excitement but shiver with cold. We usually urge people to do something which is vital. Do we always let people down when we refuse to do them a favour? We use oars for rowing a boat. Some people swallow a pack of lies easily. The stroke of lightning comes before the roll of thunder in a thunderstorm.

Dictation 7

We use drawing pins to stick something on a noticeboard. We remove dirt and dust from carpets by hoovering them with a vacuum cleaner. An infectious disease can be passed from one person to another through the air they breathe. People get used to living in luxury very quickly. How much does it cost to clean a suit at the dry cleaner's? Manuals sometimes complicate matters rather than clarify them.

Dictation 8

Sneezing and sniffing are the signs that somebody may have cold. We store dishes, bowls, saucers and food in a cupboard. They sweep dead leaves into heaps in autumn. Parents don't usually diminish their children's achievements. People sometimes exaggerate their illnesses to

get someone's sympathy. Is it easier to resist temptation or to yield to temptation? It's better to remove dust with a damp cloth as it sticks better to a damp cloth. I know someone who bears a striking resemblance to a famous person.

Dictation 9

You don't get superior quality at a low price but you get inferior one. Some twins look precisely the same. My watch is accurate. What things do we usually have to reserve in advance? We say that the novelty wears off because we quickly become bored with and accustomed to new things. Terraced houses are attached to one another and so they share walls. You're bound by an agreement after you've signed it.

Dictation 10

Are witnesses in court required to swear an oath? Bald tyres don't ensure a firm grip in slippery conditions. Stars are scattered all over the sky. Some dishes taste better if accompanied by wine. A spare wheel, a first-aid kit and a fire extinguisher are essential pieces of equipment in a vehicle. A parasite is an animal which feeds and lives at the expense of another animal such as different worms.