

# CONTENTS

**Part 1 READING COMPREHENSION 9**

**Part 2 WRITING PRACTICE 59**

**Part 3 SPEAKING PRACTICE 83**

- |                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 THE POWER OF LOVE               | 19 IT WILL DO THEM GOOD       |
| 2 MONEY DOESN'T BRING HAPPINESS   | 20 PLAYING GOD                |
| 3 THE PICTURE OF HEALTH           | 21 AN EYE FOR AN EYE          |
| 4 WHO IS THE BETTER PARENT?       | 22 A BIT OF ALL RIGHT         |
| 5 IN A FRENZY OF VIOLENCE         | 23 UNUSUAL HABITAT            |
| 6 IN NEED OF FOOD                 | 24 HOLIDAY OF YOUR CHOICE     |
| 7 WHY ON EARTH DO THEY DO DRUGS?  | 25 HIGH DAYS AND HOLIDAYS     |
| 8 A BLOOD-THIRSTY KILLING SPREE   | 26 THE EIGHTH WONDER          |
| 9 LINGOES                         | 27 CREATING ONE'S OWN DESTINY |
| 10 A SANGUINARY PASTIME           | 28 BEAUTY IS ONLY SKIN DEEP   |
| 11 AS THIN AS A REED              | 29 ALMA MATER                 |
| 12 ACTS OF GOD                    | 30 GO VEGGIE                  |
| 13 WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE TO...? | 31 THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP    |
| 14 AMERICAN CULINARY TRIUMPH      | 32 DAB HANDS                  |
| 15 PHYSICAL RECREATION            | 33 ALL BUT A BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY |
| 16 SLEEPING ROUGH                 | 34 WALKING MASTERPIECES       |
| 17 RECKLESS DRIVING               | 35 STAMPING OUT BAD HABITS    |
| 18 THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED      | 36 INTERFERING WITH NATURE    |

**Part 4 TRANSFORMATIONS & CLOZE TESTS 121**

**Answer Key 139**

## Ćwiczenie 7

**Przeczytaj uważnie poniższy tekst, a następnie zdecyduj, czy zdania od 1 do 5 są zgodne z prawdą. Wpisz w kratkę obok każdego z nich literę T (true), jeżeli zdanie jest prawdziwe lub literę F (false), jeśli zdanie wyraża nieprawdę.**

Gobi encountered cheese two years after he came down to Kathmandu.

Prakash Babu was returning from Switzerland. That land of miraculous clocks which always told the time in minute precision, not like the few minutes late, few minutes early time of Nepal. That twin land of mountains, that mirror image of peaks, but so much more Westernized, so much more modern, than Nepal's own mythologically burdened ones. Everybody was sure the mountains of Switzerland must somehow be a little bit better, a little bit nicer, a little bit more civilized, than their own poor, benighted country's. Never mind if Nepal had the tallest ones in the world - who cared about tall when there were more important things to think about, like cleanliness and hygiene. Modernity and precision. Who cared about tall when you could have the cleanest, most sanitized, most modern mountains in the world.

Prakash brought back with him a suitcase full of gifts: cashmere sweaters, Italian leather shoes, quartz watches, wooden birds that popped out of wooden houses and went "Cuckoo!", porcelain figurines holding hoes and buckets in pink and gold. And stuffed into some side pocket of the hard vinyl suitcase was the most important of them all - a grab-bag of airline goodies, with the name of the airline. After all, how could one prove one had flown an airline without one of those bags filled with mustard yellow socks, black eye-strain masks, little plastic containers of orange marmalade, plastic spoons and knives, little mint candies? How convince a country populated with disbelievers that those claims, indeed, were true? French chocolate was always good, a solid chunk of bitter foreign material melting into your tongue and signifying distance, travel, adventure, truth. But even chocolate, these days, could be bought at some shop, and was no longer a reliable indicator of long and distant travel. The only sure proof, these days, was cheese.

The cheese sent the household in Mahaboudh into a minor furore, and got the neighbours talking even before Prakash Babu arrived. Sharmila, the recent married daughter-in-law, was so excited she boasted haughtily to no one other than Fulmaya, the teashop lady: "Prakash Babu wrote to us, telling us he'll bring some cheese. Cheese from Switzerland, if you can imagine what that is like. But how can Nepalese ever appreciate real cheese, when they haven't even tasted any?" Fulmaya, never one to give up a good piece of gossip, had told the entire neighbourhood about the cheese by the end of the morning. "Those Tiwaris will be talking about the cheese - Surjyaland cheese, if you can imagine what that is like," she said, imitating the recent bride's stuck-up tones, "for the next ten years." The old woman who sat in the tiny butcher shop next door snorted. "Yeah, Sanokanchi. Who the fuck does that fool of a girl think she is, anyway? And cheese - that family can stick it up their insides, for all we care. After all, we're never going to see a piece of it, are? huh, huh?"

(Adapted from *Cheese* by Sushma Joshi)

- |   |  |                          |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1 | Not once had Gobi seen cheese before he arrived in Kathmandu.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Generally, the Nepalese are sceptics.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | Prakash dropped a line to his family from abroad, telling them he would bring some cheese. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | Only Sharmila's neighbours got to know about the Swiss cheese before noon.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | While Sharmila was telling Fulmaya about the red cheese, she wasn't conceited at all.      | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Ćwiczenie 8

**Przeczytaj uważnie poniższy tekst, a następnie zdecyduj, czy zdania od 1 do 5 są zgodne z prawdą. Wpisz w kratkę obok każdego z nich literę T (true), jeżeli zdanie jest prawdziwe lub literę F (false), jeśli zdanie wyraża nieprawdę.**

## The Spanish Armada 1588

The attack on Drake and Hawkins in St. Juan d'Ulloa in 1569 began the long struggle between England and Spain which lasted until the death of Elizabeth. It was not only a matter of trade and treasure; it was also a religious war. King Philip II of Spain was the Catholic champion; Queen Elizabeth was the leader of the Protestants.

While Mary Queen of Scots was alive, the Catholic plan was to put Mary on the English throne and so bring England back to the Catholic faith. When Mary was executed in 1587, Philip decided to build a great fleet and conquer England himself. There was much to be said for this plan. Philip could expect help from some of the Catholics in England, and he had a fine Spanish army under the Duke of Parma in the Netherlands. If he could get this army across to England, there was every chance of success, for his soldiers were the finest in Europe.

King Philip ordered that the greatest fleet Spain could muster should be made ready for battle. The ports of Spain rang with the sound of the carpenters' hammers, and stores piled up on the quayside. Twenty thousand soldiers, eight thousand sailors and three thousand galley slaves were trained to man the mighty Armada of one hundred and thirty ships.

( Adapted from *Britain's Heritage* by P.J. Larkin)

- |   |  |                          |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1 | The fight between England and Spain started in the XVI century.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Mary Tudor died in the second part of the XVI century.                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | King Philip had decided to build a squadron to attack England before Mary Tudor was done in. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | Philip was likely to receive help from the Duke of Parma's army.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | The mighty Armada consisted of over one hundred ships.                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**LIST OFICIALNY**  
**LETTERS OF COMPLAINT**

**Reklamacje**

36/13 Elly Street  
Cambridge  
CB1 2JF

15th June 2005

Kitchen Studio Ltd.  
16 Salisbury Villas  
Station Road  
Cambridge  
CB1 2JF

Dear Sirs,

On 10 March 2005 I bought a refrigerator from you for £350 which I paid for with VISA credit card.

The refrigerator does not work properly. It produces quite a loud noise and takes much more electricity than stated in the manual. Moreover, the temperature in one of the freezer shelves never falls below 2°C.

I have had it repaired twice so far but both repairs have not brought positive results. Therefore, I am now claiming a refund of £350 as is my right under the Sale of Goods Act 1979 as amended.

If I do not receive this amount or a reply within the next 14 days, I will be taking the matter further not excluding legal action to recover my refund.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully,

Andrzej Cirocki

Ul. Warszawska 36/13  
83-300 Kartuzy  
woj. pomorskie  
Polska

15th June 2005

BSH STORE  
14 Shakespeare Street  
London  
N8 7DT  
England

Dear Sirs,

I regret to inform you that the Cooker Hood which was delivered to my flat on 13 June 2005 does not work. It is the second one I have had to return this month.

I bought this hood from BSH Store in London on 10 March 2005. I was careful to follow all the instructions for use but every time I switch on the hood it does not want to start. Nothing works except the green light which is on all the time.

I have always found your products to be excellent but this time I feel bitterly disappointed.

I would be grateful if you would send me either a replacement, covering all delivery expenses or pay me all my money back.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

Andrzej Cirocki

#### PRZYDATNE ZWROTY

I am writing to inform you that ...

I am writing to advise you of ...

I regret to inform you that ...

I am delighted to inform you that ...

I am writing in connection with ...

I am writing in response to ...

I am writing with regard to ...

I am writing to apologise for ...

Should you require further information,  
please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would be happy to provide you with  
additional information.

## 13 WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE TO ...?

1. Przyjrzyj się poniższemu materiałowi i przygotuj się do dyskusji:



2. Pytania, jakich możesz spodziewać się od komisji egzaminacyjnej:

1. What can you see in the pictures?
2. Could you please compare the lifestyles in the two pictures?
3. Which is most like the place you live and why?
3. Which lifestyle would you prefer and why?
4. If asked about one place in the world where you'd like to live, what would it be?

3. Słownictwo potrzebne do opisu materiału stymulującego:

busy/hectic city	quiet neighbourhood
traffic jams	safe lifestyle
rush hours	pleasant surroundings
public transport	nice views
congested streets	real community
polluted air	hardly any traffic
incredibly noisy	colourful garden
smog	close to nature
blocks of flats	lovely green hills and valleys
skyscrapers	the delightful sound of birds singing
huge supermarkets	to enjoy the countryside
depressing atmosphere	to enjoy the peace and quiet
to breathe traffic fumes	to feel an immediate sense of warmth and security

**Uzupełnij każde z niedokończonych zdań, tak aby zachować znaczenie zdania głównego. Nie wolno zmieniać podanych fragmentów.**

1. 'Of course, I didn't kidnap the baby,' he said.  
He denied.....
2. She is proud of her heart-shaped face and slim figure.  
She prides.....
3. His parents won't tolerate his indolence any longer.  
They won't put.....
4. Susan suffered from sinusitis so she couldn't go sledging.  
If.....
5. Their aqualung is a bit better than mine.  
My aqualung is nearly.....
6. As long as you work like a horse, you'll certainly succeed.  
You'll certainly succeed provided.....
7. Max will not agree to be a guinea pig under any circumstances.  
Under no.....
8. He has not once thanked me for teaching him English for free.  
Not.....
9. It doesn't happen often that temperatures in Poland fall below minus 40°C.  
Seldom.....
10. My mother doesn't speak Kashubian and neither does my sister.  
Neither.....
11. He always carries an umbrella so that he won't be soaked to the skin.  
He always carries an umbrella for.....
12. Provided your hairstyle is provocative, those young men will definitely notice you.  
As long.....
13. Visiting my aunt Lucy makes me feel depressed.  
If.....
14. It would be great to be a lecturer at Adam Mickiewicz University.  
I wish.....

15. They do have to stand in for Jack.  
It's essential that.....
16. We are going to ask her to bake a cake for us.  
We are going to get.....
17. This car used to be cleaned twice a month.  
Peter.....
18. It's believed you will have bad luck when a black cat crosses your way.  
You are.....
19. People think they were given an order to abandon the ship when it  
caught blazing fire.  
They .....
20. If you keep skipping the classes, you'll have to repeat the whole course.  
If you.....
21. Students know he frowns upon any whisperers during the lesson.  
He.....
22. If your father entered the room and saw us sleeping together, what would  
he do?  
Supposing.....
23. If she hadn't warned us about the storm, we would have drowned.  
But.....
24. The essay was so imprecise that the lecturer had to ask him to rewrite it.  
So.....
25. If by any chance you find a solution to this problem, could you give me  
a tinkle?  
If you happen.....
26. You won't be allowed to go to heaven until all your sins have been  
forgiven.  
Only.....
27. If she happens to give birth to a boy, she will come to terms with her  
husband.  
Should.....
28. If she hadn't stolen all the equipment, she wouldn't be in prison now.  
Were.....



# CLOZE TESTS

Uzupełnij poniższe fragmenty BBC News słowami, tak aby były logiczne i gramatycznie poprawne. W każdą lukę możesz wpisać po jednym wyrazie.

All texts adapted from <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

## ĆWICZENIE 1

### Niger 'to free' slave activists

A Niger court has ordered the release (1) \_\_\_\_\_ bail of two anti-slavery campaigners (2) \_\_\_\_\_ had been held for six weeks on charges (3) \_\_\_\_\_ fraud. The appeals court in the capital, Niamey, said (4) \_\_\_\_\_ were insufficient grounds to continuing holding the men.

Ilguilas Weila and Alassane Biga deny (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to falsely elicit money from foreign donors. The charges relate to a ceremony to free 7,000 slaves, cancelled at the last minute in March (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the government. The authorities maintain slavery (7) \_\_\_\_\_ not exist in Niger.

London-based Anti-Slavery International has been urging the authorities to release Mr Weila and Mr Biga, who (8) \_\_\_\_\_ work for the anti-slave organisation, Timidria. "The government's actions appear to be a concerted campaign not (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to discredit their reputation and the work of Timidria, but (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to silence efforts to end slavery in the country," said Anti-Slavery International Africa Programme Officer Romana Cacchioli.

**ĆWICZENIE 2****Rescued Niger slaves 'tortured'**

Aid workers have been giving details (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the physical and psychological trauma suffered (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 10 slaves rescued on Monday in the Tahoua (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of northern Niger. One human rights official, Iglass Weiller, said the 10 men, women and children, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ had been slaves (5) \_\_\_\_\_ their lives, had suffered torture and starvation. He told a press conference in the capital Niamey on Wednesday that the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of the slaves - who has not (7) \_\_\_\_\_ been apprehended - had raped the women and girls regularly. Despite a prohibition (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the centuries-old practice, keeping slaves is (9) \_\_\_\_\_ widespread in many areas (10) \_\_\_\_\_ northern Niger.

**ĆWICZENIE 3****What lies behind the Zimbabwe demolitions?**

The homes of some 200,000 Zimbabwean city dwellers have been demolished in the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ three weeks, according (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the United Nations. Police have been moving (3) \_\_\_\_\_ area to area, in some cases forcing people to knock down their own homes. In others, they have turned up (4) \_\_\_\_\_ bulldozers to demolish structures (5) \_\_\_\_\_ they say have been built illegally. "We were busking, enjoying the winter sun (6) \_\_\_\_\_ we heard trucks and bulldozers roll in. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ was pandemonium as we rushed to salvage the little we could," one resident of the capital, Harare told the BBC News website. "In no (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the cottage I had called home for three years was gone. Then it dawned on me that I was now (9) \_\_\_\_\_, you try and pinch yourself and wake up but this was no dream. My life had been shattered before my very own (10) \_\_\_\_\_."