

English Result Pre-intermediate Unit 8

Listening

Listen and complete the blanks.

Becky: Curt.

Curt: Oh, hi.

Becky: Can I talk to you for a minute?

Curt: I'm really busy right now.

Becky: Just one minute. I _____ it won't take long.

Curt: Okay. Let's talk over here.

Becky: Curt, I'm really _____ that I told Joyce that you had a _____ on her. We were just talking last Friday and it just _____ out.

Curt: But, I told you about Joyce in _____.

Becky: I know. It's _____ my fault. I really _____ saying anything. I wish I could _____ it back. I just want you to know that I'm really sorry and I hope that you'll _____ my apology.

Curt: What's done is _____. I was really pissed off when I found out this morning but I'm _____ it now. [cell phone ring] Hold on a _____. [long pause, muttering in background] _____ who that was?

Becky: Who?

Curt: Joyce. She wanted to know if I'd like to have lunch with her today.

Becky: It was? That's great, maybe...

Curt: And, maybe not. Maybe she just wants to tell me she's not _____ in me.

Becky: Or, maybe she likes you, too.

Curt: Don't let your _____ run away with you.

Becky: I won't but I'm keeping my fingers _____.

Vocabulary

Choose the correct word for each blank.

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1. It was _____ that some doctors were working 80 hours a week.
2. His guilty expression _____ my suspicions.
3. She turned the _____ and opened the door.
4. We spent the whole evening discussing _____ issues.
5. _____ is a college for higher education, especially in scientific and technical subjects.
6. We stayed at a student _____ during the conference.
7. He was fired for computer _____.
8. The frame is made of _____.

Complete the conversation with the correct word.

A I'm _____. I took your bag by _____.

B That's _____ Don't _____ about it.

A I'm _____ sorry. My bag is very similar, you see.

B Never _____. It's an easy mistake to make.

Grammar

Rewrite the sentences in passive voice.

1. He doesn't open the book. _____
2. You do not write the letter. - _____
3. Does your mum pick you up? - _____
4. Does the police officer catch the thief? - _____

Write the correct form of the verbs.

- 1) If I _____ (go) out tonight, I _____ (go) to the cinema.
- 2) If you _____ (get) back late, I _____ (be) angry
- 3) If we _____ (not/see) each other tomorrow, we _____ (see) each other next week.
- 4) If he _____ (come) , I _____ (be) surprised.
- 5) If we _____ (wait) here, we _____ (be) late.
- 6) If we _____ (go) on holiday this summer, we _____ (go) to Spain.
- 7) If the weather _____ (not/improve) , we _____ (not/have) a picnic.
- 8) They _____ (go) to the party if they _____ (be) invited.

Write the correct Possessive pronouns.

1. I've lost my phone. Can I use _____ ?
2. If you haven't got a camera, you can borrow _____ .
3. Robert's got your number, but have you got _____ ?
4. Our house is nice but I prefer _____ - !
5. Can I use your Internet access? _____ access isn't working.

Translate to Persian.

1. Be careful if you receive an email from someone called Hugo. It says 'It's your lucky day!' in the subject at the top, and it's got an attachment . Don't open it – it's a virus!

2. Thirty-year-old manager Helen Goode put her own laptop on the luggage rack above her seat on the 15.30 train from London to Edinburgh. In the seat next to hers was the well-known author Mrs Tara Penn.

Translate to English.

1. تاجری به اشتباه لپ تاپ شخص دیگری را برداشته بود و در انتهای سفر خود متوجه این موضوع شد و با عذر خواهی لپ تاپ را به صاحبش تحویل داد.

2. من می تونم کمک تون کنم اگر مشکلی با اینترنت پرسرعت دارید. رشته من سخت افزار و شبکه است و در صورت نیاز آماده همکاری در زمینه شبکه و اینترنت هستم.

Reading

Dear Eileen,

Thank you so much for your letter. I'm sorry for the long silence. I have been on a holiday with my family. This time, my father decided that we should do something different instead of the usual 'balik kampung' holiday. So, he booked us on a tour to Batang Ai Longhouse Resort in Sarawak.

The resort is about 275 km from Kuching. Since my sister is teaching in Kuching, we decided to spend a day with her before driving to Batang Ai. The name 'Batang Ai' means 'the main river' where you can find the Iban tribe. The Ibans were famous in the past for their headhunting skills but I'm sure you know that they are very modern now.

At Batang Ai, there is a lake which was formed when they built the Batang Ai Hydroelectric Dam. The national park there is run by the Ibans. They provide boat services, longhouse tours, demonstrations of traditional dances, longhouse accommodation and guided tours. There is also a wide variety of handicrafts.

On our first day, my father took us all on a nature walk. As I'm not the adventurous type, I was a bit reluctant to join them. Wali, our tour guide, was very persuasive. As it turned out, the walk was the most fascinating I've ever had. Did you know that you could fry an egg on a wild banana

leaf? Wali also pointed out many precious species of trees like the Bintangor tree which is being researched to make a vaccine for AIDS. The most exciting part was getting through the suspended canopy walk. We also had the opportunity to see several types of hornbills and other rare birds.

The next day, we went to a longhouse by boat. We were greeted by the longhouse leader. Then, we tried a special drink called 'tuak', a type of rice wine prepared by the tribe. The **highlight** of the visit was an evening entertainment of traditional dances. We were **delighted** to join the dances and my father made a fool of himself, having drunk a few cups of 'tuak'. I looked round for human skulls but I could not see any.

When we finally got back to our resort, we felt really tired. Wali took out his guitar and played us some traditional songs. My sister was able to sing some of the songs which she had picked up. I could see that my parents really enjoyed the peace and quiet as they lead quite busy lives in the city. As for me, I was left speechless watching the sunset changing hues in just half an hour.

That's all about our trip to Sarawak. We have decided that we would definitely go back for a longer stay and maybe visit the wildlife sanctuary there.

Yours sincerely,

1. From paragraph 1,

- (a) what was so different about this holiday for June ?
- (b) why did June apologize to Eileen ?

2. From paragraph 2,

- (a) how far is the Batang Ai Longhouse Resort from Kuching ?
- (b) what does the name 'Batang Ai' mean ?

3. From paragraph 4,

- (a) what evidence is there to show that the tour guide was very persuasive ?
- (b) name **one** discovery that June made on the nature walk.

4. From paragraph 5,

- (a) explain the meaning of '**highlight**'
- (b) give another word for '**delighted**'

5. From paragraph 6, how did June and her family feel about the trip ?

