

# preliminary test

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## preliminary test (part 1)

**Student name:**

**Name of the course:**

**Start date:**   /   /

Please do this test [Parts 1 and 2].It is important that you do it without help and without a dictionary.

Dear Student,

I am pleased to hear that you have enrolled for a course with us. When you begin your course, you will do some tests in the school but I would like to know something about you before you arrive, so please answer the following questions.

How good do you think your English is? Are you best at listening, speaking, reading, or writing? Do you have any special problems with your English? Where have you learnt the English that you know already? Have you ever been to an English-speaking country before? If not, have you been able to practise speaking English in your own country? And, most importantly, why have you chosen to study English in Oxford?

Please forgive me for asking so many questions.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Jackie Halsall [Academic Manager]

Reply to this letter, using 100 - 200 words. Write a normal letter, not just a list of answers

Dear Jackie

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## preliminary test (part 2)

**Write one word only in each space.**

A conversation in Oxford:

- A: Hello, Barbara. How \_\_\_\_\_ you this morning?  
B: Not bad, thanks. How about \_\_\_\_\_?  
A: Fine. I'm always happy \_\_\_\_\_ Fridays.  
B: So \_\_\_\_\_ I, usually. But I haven't got anything to \_\_\_\_\_ this weekend.  
A: What about \_\_\_\_\_ to London? \_\_\_\_\_ are some good exhibitions on.  
B: I \_\_\_\_\_ to London last weekend. I think I'd \_\_\_\_\_ go out into the country. \_\_\_\_\_ you heard the weather forecast?  
A: Last night they said \_\_\_\_\_ was going to be wet on Saturday but fine on Sunday.  
B: Can you suggest \_\_\_\_\_ nice for me to go?  
A: What \_\_\_\_\_ the Cotswolds? They're nice and close.  
B: \_\_\_\_\_ would I get there?  
A: You could take a train on the Worcester line. Then \_\_\_\_\_ out at somewhere like Charlbury and walk back along the Oxfordshire Way footpath \_\_\_\_\_ one of the other little stations.  
B: Do you know how often \_\_\_\_\_ trains go?  
A: I'm \_\_\_\_\_ not. You'll \_\_\_\_\_ to ring British Rail. Or you could ask Amanda. She lives out \_\_\_\_\_ way.  
B: That's a good idea. Thanks for your help.  
I did this test without help.

**Signature:**

**Date:**

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