

9 Use of English

- 1** Read the text below and, using the words from the box, fill in each gap (1–3). Write the correct letter (a–f) in each gap. There are three extra words that you do not need to use.

a impossible b quotes c tweets
d flexible e enjoy f attract

Generally, people are divided into those who read and those who don't. Furthermore, you might notice that readers differ, as while some 1 _____ prose or poetry, others are attracted to articles or blogs. It is not unusual to meet people who know 2 _____ by famous authors, but have you ever met someone who's learnt a dictionary by heart? Well, it may seem 3 _____, but once a teenager memorised a whole Polish-English dictionary. Unfortunately, it didn't help him to pass his exam.

- 2** Translate the Polish parts of the sentences (1–6) into English. You must use no more than four words. Do not change any of the words given in English.

- 1 My aunt [*właśnie nauczyła się*] _____ how to use Facebook.
- 2 I [*kiedyś lubiłem czytać*] _____ adverts, but now I find them unbearable.
- 3 [*Czy wysyłałeś*] _____ a letter when I saw you at the post office?
- 4 I [*przeczytałem nagłówki*] _____ and soon lost interest in the newspaper.
- 5 When [*zamierzasz*] _____ start looking for the instruction manual that you've lost?
- 6 Before Mrs. Goodwill went to Beijing, she [*przeczytała*] _____ a travel guide on China.

- 3** Complete the sentences (1–6) with the correct form of the words in brackets. Add any other words (eg prepositions, articles) that may be necessary to produce grammatically correct sentences. Do not change the order of the words given. You must use no more than four words, including the words given.

- 1 (*she / use*) _____ cookery book recipes when she makes these delicious meals?
- 2 I guess (*I / listen*) _____ to this audio book, because I like the voice of the actor who reads it out loud.
- 3 Why (*you / use*) _____ tolerate his unbearable behaviour?
- 4 My brother (*read*) _____ a magazine when I entered the room.
- 5 This recipe looks too difficult so I _____ (*find*) another one.
- 6 If Susan (*not / be*) _____ so irresponsible, her parents would have allowed her to keep the dog.

- 4** For sentences 1–6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one. You must use between two and four words. Do not change any of the words given.

- 1 'The letter was written in invisible ink,' said Sarah.
Sarah said that the letter _____ in invisible ink.
- 2 I don't have any experience at tweeting, although I've heard that it's very popular.
I _____ before, although I've heard that it's very popular.
- 3 I started to write a film review and then realised how difficult it was to write a good one.
While _____ a film review, I understood how difficult it was to write a good one.
- 4 Tom said that the new travel guide was the only reliable source of information.
'In my opinion, the new travel guide _____ source of information,' said Tom.
- 5 'Is it reasonable to communicate with people via the Internet and text messages?' asked the interviewer.
The interviewer asked _____ to communicate with people via the Internet and text messages.
- 6 First, I heard about sound transmission on TV. Then I decided to study physics.
I _____ about sound transmission on TV before I decided to study physics.