

Practice Test 02

Listening Comprehension and Summary: audio file available on: eslfriend.com

Please listen carefully and summarize the following passage.

Halloween is my favorite holiday of the year. Ever since I was a young child, I just loved the idea of wearing a costume and escaping reality for a day. It also didn't hurt that I could pile up on trick or treat Halloween candies to last me until Christmas. It gave me an excuse to be someone else for a night. As an adult, I don't go trick or treating anymore, but I still dress up in a costume and attend our company's annual Halloween party. Last year, I went as a zombie and won the best costume award.

Discussion Questions:

Please answer the following questions.

1. Do you prefer to attend a rock concert or go see a musical play?
2. If you had to attend a costume party, what would you dress up as?
3. Agree or disagree with the following statement: It is wrong to travel abroad during Korean Thanksgiving or the Lunar New Year because you have to uphold the holiday traditions

Picture Description:

Please describe the picture.



Practice Test 02 Answers

Summary

Halloween is my favorite holiday. I used to love wearing costumes and escaping normal life. I also loved getting a lot of halloween candy. I liked feeling like someone else for a day. Now as an adult, I don't trick or treat but we have costume parties at work. I dressed up as a zombie and got a prize for the best costume last year.

Discussion Questions

1. I prefer to attend a rock concert because it is more exciting. I have always enjoyed rock 'n' roll and the excitement of the concerts really appeals to me. I like the loud music and the aggressive style of rock. I think it is more enjoyable if the music is loud and if it is exciting. Musicals are boring and I often fall asleep.

1. I think musicals are more enjoyable than rock concerts. Musicals feature the most talented singers and performers in the world. I always marvel at the different songs that portray the emotions and stories of the characters. I also think it is classier to see a musical. Anyone can enjoy a musical without blowing out their ears.

2. If I were to attend a costume party, I would dress up as my favorite childhood character, Superman. I have always wanted to wear the big red cape and the tight-fitting costume that Superman wears in the movies. I would style my hair similar to him and it would look good. I also think his costume is one of the most frequently used so it would be easy to find the costume.

3. I agree with this statement. The major Korean holidays such as Chuseok or the Lunar New Year have been a long family tradition to meet and have a good time. I think it would be selfish to use that time as a holiday and go travel abroad. I know that my parents and relatives miss me very much and these holidays are the only times I can meet them.

3. I disagree with this statement. With my busy work schedule, these are probably the only times I can get to travel with my family. I don't really have a lot of time to spend with my kids and spouse during the week or even on the weekends so this time would be a great opportunity to take a family trip.

Picture Description

A man is sky-diving with a dog. I think this man is crazy to take his dog sky-diving. It looks like the dog has already experienced this before as he seems calm and is smiling. The person taking the photo is probably the man's wife and they are taking a photo on their family vacation. They really enjoy extreme activities for the whole family.