

Practice Test 05

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

Please listen carefully and summarize the following passage.

Computer game addiction has been a growing trend not only among young teens but also for adults of all ages. Changes to the way we play games have been the primary factor in this rise. Smartphones and handheld devices are growing in number and are much easier to obtain. Applications that are of little to no cost are available with a few swipes or keystrokes. Parents should be wary of not only their kids' involvement in playing games but also of theirs.

Discussion Questions:

Please answer the following questions.

1. Are you more of a morning person or a night person?
2. What do you want to change the most about your home?
3. Why do you think that taxes are necessary?

Picture Description:

Please describe the picture.



Practice Test 05 Answers

Summary

Addiction to computer games has been increasing for all ages. People are finding ways to play games more than ever before. We keep smartphones and other devices with us wherever we go and it has made playing games easier than ever. Free game applications are easily available and parents should watch their children's gaming time closely but they should also watch out for their own game playing times.

Discussion Questions

1. I am definitely a morning person. I get the most done in the mornings. I am able to concentrate more because I have the highest level of alertness right after I wake up. I think that people should really try to get things out of the way to free up more time and energy throughout the day. I think mornings are the most important times of the day because it is right after we are done refreshing ourselves after a night of rest.
2. The thing I want to change the most about my home is my kitchen. My kitchen is cluttered with too many things and I want more counter space for all the cooking that I do. I enjoy cooking on the weekends and I find myself having to shift things around too much when I need to make something or prepare the ingredients of my food. The cabinets are also full and I want more storage space to store the extra pots and pans that I use for cooking. I feel that the modern kitchen will be improved to hold more appliances and utensils.
3. I feel that taxes are necessary because they pay for the services and goods that we use everyday. My country has a low taxation rate and I am grateful for that. Roads, welfare, and pension are the taxes I am more than happy to give so that it improves my standard of living. I feel that taxes give me the peace of mind that I am contributing to my society. I think taxes are also good because it takes care of the elderly and I feel good about it.

Picture Description

I think this is a family celebrating a holiday. It looks like a family has decided to go out for a nice dinner at their favorite restaurant and they are toasting to celebrate an event. Since there is an elderly couple hugging who I think is their grandson with 2 younger couples next to them, I would say they are all from the same family and enjoying an annual gathering. They look very happy.