

Erster Prüfungsteil: Hörverstehen

Aus urheberrechtlichen Gründen wurde der Teil Hörverstehen durch gleichwertige Musteraufgaben ersetzt.

Hörverstehen Teil 1



Teil 1: Plans for an exciting holiday in New Zealand

(Audiotrack: QR-Code rechts / Hörtext S. XX)

You are going to hear a conversation at a travel agency about a trip to New Zealand.

- ▶ First read the tasks.
- ▶ Then listen to the conversation.
- ▶ While you are listening, tick the correct box or write down the information needed.
- ▶ At the end you will hear the audio file again.
- ▶ Now read the tasks. You have 90 seconds to do this.

- ▶ Now listen to the audio file and do the tasks.

1. Mrs Kendrick ...

- a) ☐ and her husband Benny were fascinated by what their friends told them about New Zealand last weekend.
- b) ☐ says that her appetite for New Zealand food has been whetted because of a dinner with friends.
- c) ☐ and her husband Benny were invited to have dinner at their friends' place last weekend.

2. Mrs Dickenson, the travel agent, mentions a number of reasons why New Zealand is a great holiday destination. State (at least) two of those reasons.

3. Mrs Kendrick ...

- a) ☐ and Mr Kendrick love mountain climbing.
- b) ☐ grew up on the banks of the Colorado River in the Rocky Mountains.
- c) ☐ was taught mountain climbing by her dad when she was young.

4. Fiordland National Park ...

- a) ☐ is only suitable for professional and very experienced mountain climbers.
- b) ☐ offers activities for both Mr and Mrs Kendrick.
- c) ☐ is located on the northern tip of the South Island.

5. In Fiordland National Park ...

- a) ☐ *there are no safe ways to go kayaking or canoeing.*
- b) ☐ *there is only one company that offers guided kayaking and canoeing tours.*
- c) ☐ *you can choose between guided tours or independent hiring of canoes and kayaks.*

6. Visiting the Hobbiton Movie Set ...

- a) ☐ *is regarded as a childish activity by the travel agent.*
- b) ☐ *is an absolute must-see for Mrs Kendrick.*
- c) ☐ *is regarded as a childish activity by most foreign tourists.*

7. The Hobbiton Movie Set ...

- a) ☐ *can be reached from Fiordland National Park by a domestic flight from Invercargill to Auckland.*
- b) ☐ *is located in the southern part of the North Island.*
- c) ☐ *is a two-hour drive away from Fiordland National Park.*

8. Mr Kendrick asks the travel agent to make his wife and himself an offer for a two-week trip to New Zealand. State (at least) two items that this offer is supposed to include.

In 30 seconds you will hear the conversation again so you can check your answers.

Teil 2: Typically British

(Audiotrack: QR-Code rechts / Hörtext S. XX)

You are going to hear the result of a survey about characteristics frequently associated with British people.

- ▶ First read the tasks.
- ▶ Then listen to the story.
- ▶ While you are listening, tick the correct box or write down the information needed.
- ▶ At the end you will hear the audio file again.
- ▶ Now read the tasks. You have 90 seconds to do this.

- ▶ Now listen to the audio file and do the tasks.

1. According to some Germans, ...

- a) ☐ *there are more eccentric people in Britain than in other parts of the world.*
- b) ☐ *eccentricity is seen as the most common characteristic of the British.*
- c) ☐ *eccentricity is the only quality that helped some British scientists, artists and politicians to make a name for themselves.*

2. Finish the following sentence, adding (at least) three different items.
'Eccentric people have extremely unusual ...

3. Eccentric people have a particular spleen ...

- a) ☐ and are often treated by a psychiatrist or in a psychiatric clinic.
b) ☐ and rarely lead a normal life with a job, a flat or a house and a family.
c) ☐ but are not necessarily mentally ill at the same time.

4. Alexander Graham Bell ...

- a) ☐ was a scientific genius, and yet he performed a test on his dog which many people consider eccentric.
b) ☐ successfully taught his dog to speak English.
c) ☐ stubbornly tried to invent the telephone, however without any noteworthy success.

5. Sir Isaac Newton ...

- a) ☐ made one of his ground-breaking discoveries in physics after sticking a needle in his eye.
b) ☐ made ground-breaking discoveries in mathematics and physics.
c) ☐ accidentally stuck a needle in his eye during one of his experiments in physics.

6. William Blake ...

- a) ☐ wrote some of his poems sitting completely naked in his garden.
b) ☐ is an English poet who lived and worked in the early 1900s.
c) ☐ is regarded as an eccentric artist because of the unusual ways in which he recited renowned literary works.

7. State (at least) two reasons why Freddie Mercury was considered to be an eccentric person.

8. Boris Johnson ...

- a) ☐ took part in a promotional activity during the London Olympics in 2012.
b) ☐ sometimes displays an exceedingly unique sense of humour in interviews with journalists.
c) ☐ once said to a journalist that he was afraid of being locked up in a disused fridge.

In 30 seconds you will hear the audio file again so you can check your answers.

Zweiter Prüfungsteil: Leseverstehen – Wortschatz – Schreiben

Leseverstehen: A travel blog

You are doing some research for a school project on unusual animals. You have come across a travel blog called "The Exploring Kiwis" by Sarah and Nathan from New Zealand.

- ▶ Read the travel blog.
- ▶ Then do the task.

Why are New Zealanders called Kiwis?

On our travels we realised that the majority of the world doesn't really know what a kiwi is. When we introduce ourselves as 'The Exploring Kiwis', we often get strange looks. People wonder: "Why are New Zealanders called after a fruit?"

With that in mind, it's time we explain things for our international readers. A kiwi is a small, flightless bird that is typical of New Zealand, and it is not found anywhere else in the world. They're special little things and they are totally unique to New Zealand.

Kiwis have feathers that look like hair, and they lay massive eggs – they have the biggest eggs in the world relative to their body size, with baby birds being 20% of the mother's size. Chickens and kiwis are about the same size, but a kiwi egg is about six times heavier than a chicken egg! Kiwis spend the day sleeping and hunt at night. These ancient animals can't fly, just like some of their relatives: the ostrich, emu and another New Zealand giant bird, the extinct¹ moa.

Because New Zealand is made up of islands which haven't had any large, dangerous mammals² for millions of years, kiwis lived for a long time without any major predators³. They adapted to their environment – without any real threats, there was no need to fly, no need for good eyesight. Unfortunately, however, the kiwis' environment has changed a lot because humans settled on the island and brought animals with them. Just one hundred years ago, the kiwi population counted millions of birds. Today, around 27 kiwis are killed by predators every week. That's about 2% of the population every year. A single dog can wipe out all the kiwis in one area in a matter of days.

At this speed, kiwis may disappear from New Zealand in our lifetime. Luckily, things are improving for some kiwi populations. In controlled areas where kiwis live free from predators, their numbers are slowly increasing. ...But can you call us 'Kiwis'? Absolutely!

As our national bird, the kiwi has become a symbol of New Zealand. When you meet a New Zealander, you're welcome to call us Kiwis – a name that has become such a part of our culture that it's hard to imagine being called anything else. The kiwi bird was first seen on the badges⁴ of soldiers in the late 1880s and is now commonly used to describe people from New Zealand.

So why do these birds have the same name as a fruit? Farmers found out that the 'Chinese gooseberry' also grew well down in New Zealand, and it was soon renamed 'kiwifruit' due to its similarity to the kiwi bird – both are brown and fluffy. So, now you know. We're not named after a fruit at all, but after a cute, brown flightless bird!

Even though we can't answer the old question of which came first – the chicken or the egg – we can say with absolute certainty that the kiwi came before the kiwifruit!

¹ **extinct** – no longer in existence

² **mammal** – an animal that feeds its young with milk

³ **predator** – an animal that kills and eats other animals

⁴ **a badge** – a small piece of metal or plastic that shows that a person belongs to a special organisation

► Tick the correct box and give one piece of evidence from the text by quoting short passages from the text.

1. Many people worldwide think that New Zealanders ...

- a) ☐ eat lots of kiwifruit.
- b) ☐ import a lot of kiwifruit.
- c) ☐ share the name of the kiwifruit.

One piece of evidence from the text:

2. The aim of this blog entry is to ...

- a) ☐ attract tourists from around the world.
- b) ☐ clear up a common misunderstanding.
- c) ☐ present amusing stories about New Zealand.

One piece of evidence from the text:

3. Compared to the eggs of other birds, the size of the kiwi egg is ...

- a) ☐ huge.
- b) ☐ small.
- c) ☐ average.

One piece of evidence from the text:

4. Kiwis are most active ...

- a) ☐ when it's dark.
- b) ☐ in the daylight.
- c) ☐ at sunrise and sunset.

One piece of evidence from the text:

5. Kiwis can't fly because of their ...

- a) ☐ poor ability to see.
- b) ☐ safe home in the past.
- c) ☐ strategy to hide from risks.

One piece of evidence from the text:

6. Today, kiwis are at risk because of ...

- a) ☐ *people's pets.*
- b) ☐ *climate change.*
- c) ☐ *serious illnesses.*

One piece of evidence from the text:

7. The future survival of kiwis is ...

- a) ☐ *definite.*
- b) ☐ *uncertain.*
- c) ☐ *impossible.*

One piece of evidence from the text:

8. Using 'Kiwis' as a nickname for New Zealanders is ...

- a) ☐ *just fine.*
- b) ☐ *disrespectful.*
- c) ☐ *okay in some cases.*

One piece of evidence from the text:

9. The kiwi as a symbol of New Zealand was connected to ...

- a) ☐ *export.*
- b) ☐ *agriculture.*
- c) ☐ *the military.*

One piece of evidence from the text:

10. Kiwifruit got its name because it ...

- a) ☐ *looks like the bird.*
- b) ☐ *is the bird's favourite food.*
- c) ☐ *comes from the same area as the bird.*

One piece of evidence from the text:

Wortschatz

Freaks?

Have you ever seen people freaking out because their pencils were not arranged in a certain way on their desk?

In her blog, Ava writes about an illness that can complicate people's lives.

► Fill in suitable words or tick the correct box.

► Give only one solution.

1. It's strange that some people are so ...

- a) ☐ mad at b) ☐ silly about c) ☐ crazy about d) ☐ upset with
putting their books on the shelf in alphabetical order.

2. And then there are those people who have this unusual cleaning ...

- a) ☐ manner b) ☐ habit c) ☐ duty d) ☐ custom
and think they always have to wash their car every Saturday at exactly 10 a.m.

3. Even Oscar-winning actor Leonardo DiCaprio has _____ that he must always step on cracks when he walks on a pavement.

4. People who have to repeatedly carry out certain actions might experience _____ if they aren't able to do so.

5. Some people freak out if they get the feeling that they are not in ...

- a) ☐ management b) ☐ authority c) ☐ force d) ☐ control
all the time.

6. Famous British footballer David Beckham has this problem too. He is _____ with an illness that is called OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder).

7. He has to live ...

- a) ☐ with b) ☐ in c) ☐ on d) ☐ through
the problem that he must arrange items in the fridge in a certain pattern or buy groceries in even numbers...

8. While most people would laugh at this, the situation for people with OCD is really not

_____ .

9. People who don't have OCD sometimes come to wrong ...

- a) ☐ conclusions b) ☐ results c) ☐ consequences d) ☐ outcomes
about people with the illness.

10. I once accidentally skipped a date because I had to get off my bus, go home, and make ...

- a) ☐ clear b) ☐ sure c) ☐ secure d) ☐ safe
that I hadn't left the coffee pot on.

11. I had to go home THREE TIMES to _____ the situation and see that everything was fine.

12. Luckily, the date was with a friend I'd known since kindergarten. When I tearfully explained
what had happened he showed a lot of _____ and said it was totally okay.

13. But remember, with the right treatment and helpful people around you, you can live a
_____ life despite your OCD.

Schreiben



Lost Numbers extract from "Invisibly Breathing" by Eileen Merriman

For Felix, the narrator of the following story, life at school is sometimes hard.
Numbers play an important role in his life.

I wish I wasn't the weirdest sixteen-year-old guy in the universe.

There are one thousand steps between my house and school if I stick to my normal walking routine. Taking my usual step, especially if I listen to the right music, I can time it exactly to arrive at school just before the bell goes. Since I discovered Green Day, the most hard-core punk-rock band in the whole world, I haven't really
5 listened to anything else.

I can't sing along when I'm walking to school, though, because I'm too busy counting. Usually I only sing when I'm alone in my room. I don't sing in the shower, like my little brother Alfie. I hate listening to the drumming of water and the music at the same time, a riot¹ in my head.

Today is the third week of February, the second week of the school year. I'm walking through the grass,
10 watching how the sunlight reflects in the dew². I'm so concentrated on the dew that I don't see them until they're all around me, like tadpoles³. I take my headphones off so they're hanging around my neck, not because I want to hear what they're saying, but so I can defend myself if I have to.

"Hey, Felix," Sam Birch says. "What're you listening to?" I keep walking.

Henry Teoh, walking two steps behind him, laughs. I stick my headphones back on in a piss-off gesture, and let
15 Green Day calm me with another song.

Sam, Henry and a couple of year-twelve girls are nothing I can't deal with. I start walking faster, knowing they're calling me "Freak-out Felix" and "punk" behind my back.

I try to start counting again, but I've forgotten where I stopped counting. My thousand-steps-exactly is ruined. If I arrive at school and I've miscounted, my day is going to be bad.

20 "Damn it," I whisper. I'm going to be late, and there's nothing I can do about it.

After looking left-right-left-right-left, I cross the road and walk back home fast, six hundred and three steps. When I reach our letterbox, I pause for a moment to look at the small river at the bottom of our property, shiny like tinfoil⁴, then our beige house, the curtains open to the morning sun.

I take a deep breath, turn to face the street and start walking again.

25 *One. Two. Three. Four. Five ...*

When I sit down next to Bindi, it's ten minutes after the second bell. Our physics teacher, Mr Campbell, hardly looks at me before the words "Friday detention⁵" leave his mouth. It's no more than I expect. Rules are rules, and if everyone just obeyed the same rules all the time, my life would be a whole lot easier. Sometimes I wish someone would tell me what the rules are for talking to people so I can learn them, like lyrics to Green Day
30 songs and physics principles. Bindi says,

"How come you were late?"

I look at her. Bindi Cheung is only about a metre and a half tall, and wears her shiny black hair in a medium length haircut. She reminds me of the Lego minifigures lined up on my bookshelf.

"I had to go back for something." I don't say, *I went back to find the lost numbers.*

¹ a riot – here: chaos

² dew – small drops of water that form during night

³ tadpole – the young form of a frog

⁴ tinfoil – metal made into very thin sheets that is used for covering food

⁵ detention – having to stay longer at school as a punishment

- ▶ Read the tasks carefully.
- ▶ Make sure to write about all the aspects presented in each task.

1. **Describe** the situation Felix finds himself in and how he deals with it. **8 P**
2. **Analyse** Felix's personality. Focus on how he behaves, what he observes and what he thinks. **10 P**
3. You have a choice here. Choose **one** of the following tasks. **12 P**

- a) When Felix comes late to school he thinks: "Rules are rules, and if everyone just obeyed the same rules all the time, my life would be a whole lot easier."

Comment on Felix's thought. Include the following aspects:

- ▶ the importance of rules in Felix's everyday life
- ▶ the importance of rules in your own life
- ▶ the usefulness of rules in society in general

or

- b) Bindi is not happy with Felix's excuse for being late. That's why she asks him again after the lesson.

Write how the story continues.

Include the following aspects:

- ▶ Felix's honest explanation for being late
- ▶ Bindi's reaction to his explanation
- ▶ Bindi's advice on how to deal with Felix's "secret"

You can start like this:

Bindi catches up with me when I walk out of the classroom. She ...



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