

SOLUTIONS PRE-INTERMEDIATE 5

CULTURE 6:


ALCATRAZ

PEGAH BAHOJB GHASEMI

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Cumulative Review 1 (Units I–1)

Listening


- 1  2.18 Listen to four speakers talking about a past situation. Write adjectives to describe how the situation made all four speakers feel.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

- 2  2.18 Listen again. Match speakers 1–4 with sentences A–E. There is one extra sentence.

A He/She said the wrong thing.

B He/She needed a change of clothes.

C He/She had an accident.

D He/She spoiled a surprise.

E He/She didn't know what to say.

Speaking

- 3 Work in pairs. You are going to take turns to tell your partner about a situation when you felt embarrassed. React appropriately when your partner is narrating. Use these ideas to help you:
 - set the scene
 - say what happened
 - say how you felt

Reading

4 Read the text and choose the best summary.

- a How therapy can help people with phobias.
- b The top five phobias and how to deal with them.
- c How phobias can affect our lives.

5 Read the text again. Match paragraphs A–E of the text with the questions below.

In which paragraph does the writer tell us ...

- 1 what caused Christine's phobia?
- 2 what happened when Christine saw a spider in her car?
- 3 what Christine hopes for the future?
- 4 what other kinds of phobia exist?
- 5 what therapists can do to help?

A

Australian Christine Schipp was in the car with her husband one day when suddenly, she saw a spider on the back window. She opened the door of the moving car and jumped out. The worst thing was that Christine was the driver of the car – her husband doesn't drive. Fortunately, the car stopped at the bottom of the hill, and her husband wasn't seriously hurt.

B

Christine reacted to the spider in this way because she has a phobia – a strong fear that she can't control. Her phobia is called arachnophobia – an extreme fear of spiders. But spiders are not the only animals that people are frightened of. Other animals can have a similar effect, including dogs, fish, birds and even frogs. There are also other types of phobia, such as environmental phobias (like fear of flying) and medical phobias (for example, when people are terrified of going to the dentist).

C

Like many phobias, Christine's fear of spiders comes from an event she experienced as a child. When she was four years old, her mother left her in the living room while she went into another room. While Christine was alone, she saw a huge spider coming towards her. She was absolutely terrified; so she climbed onto the sofa, and covered her eyes. When her mother came back, Christine was really upset.

D

The good news about Christine's phobia is that there is a cure. Psychologists use a technique called exposure therapy to help people with phobias. First, they show the patient pictures of the thing they are scared of, and then they put a plastic model of it on the table. Finally, they bring the patient into contact with the real thing and stay with him or her until they feel safe enough to be in the room alone.

E

After just three hours of this therapy, Christine Schipp was able to hold a glass jar containing the source of her fear: a large spider. But her treatment isn't finished. When she gets home, she has to continue looking at plastic spiders and pictures of spiders regularly. She hopes that one day, she will be able to be in a car with a spider and not put her own life, or the lives of the people she loves, in danger.

Grammar and vocabulary

6 Choose the correct answers.

TOUR BOAT DISASTER

Last night, twenty tourists ¹ _____ on a boat in the Indian Ocean when it started filling with water. The boat turned over, but some of the passengers, including two British women, ² _____ with it during the night. Twenty-one-year-old Katherine Ostojic and her younger sister, nineteen-year-old Alice, ³ _____ on the part of the boat that was above the water for ten hours. When they ⁴ _____ any other boats, they decided that they ⁵ _____ to an island that they could see on the horizon. But the island ⁶ _____ as near as they thought, and it took them over eight hours to get there. The journey was very ⁷ _____. When they reached the island, they saw that it had an active volcano. Fortunately, some fishermen found the sisters and rescued them. Katherine and Alice were very ⁸ _____, and now they are safe in Bali. At the moment, they ⁹ _____ emails to their parents so that they ¹⁰ _____ that their daughters are alive. Because of their adventure, the two girls have changed their travel plans and they are returning to the UK next weekend.

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| 1 a are | b was | c were |
| 2 a stay | b stayed | c stays |
| 3 a sat | b sit | c sits |
| 4 a didn't see | b don't see | c didn't saw |
| 5 a swam | b should swim | c swim |
| 6 a isn't | b wasn't | c weren't |
| 7 a retired | b tired | c tiring |
| 8 a cross | b relieved | c proud |
| 9 a are writing | b write | c wrote |
| 10 a are knowing | b knew | c know |



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE IN
AN ISLAND ON YOUR OWN?**











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4. Takes money from a bank?
5. Damages a building?

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Criminals



1 SPEAKING Look at the photo of the island of Alcatraz.
Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Which country is it in?
a the USA b Britain c Australia
- 2 What was it used for in the past?
a a holiday resort b a prison c a private house
- 3 What is it today?
a a government building b a water sports centre
c a tourist attraction

2 Read the text and check your answers to exercise 1.

3.26

Alcatraz is a small, rocky island in San Francisco Bay in the USA. It is 2.4 km from the shore and the sea around the island is very dangerous. The water is very cold and there are fast, strong currents. In the 19th century, the American government realised it was the ideal place to put dangerous prisoners, because it is very difficult to reach and even more difficult to escape from. So they built a prison on the island and from the 1930s to the 1960s it was the toughest prison in the USA. Over 1,500 prisoners stayed on the island, including America's most violent bank robbers and murderers. The most famous prisoner was the gangster Al Capone. But the prison was never full and it was very expensive to run, so the government finally decided to close it. Alcatraz became a museum and is now one of San Francisco's most popular tourist attractions, with more than one and a half million visitors a year.


- 3 **VOCABULARY** Find adjectives in the text in exercise 2 with the opposite meaning to the ones below.

Opposites cheap easy empty hot large safe
slow unpopular weak

4 Read the text again and answer the questions.

- 1 How far is Alcatraz from the coast?
- 2 Why is it dangerous to try to swim to or from the island?
- 3 For about how long was the island a prison?


- 4 Who was Alcatraz's most famous prisoner?
- 5 Why did the government decide to close it?
- 6 How many people visit Alcatraz every year?



**IF YOU HAD TO
SPEND YOUR
HOLIDAY IN SAN
FRANCISCO,
WOULD YOU VISIT
ALCATRAZ TOO?**

5  **3.27** Listen to an interview. Are the sentences true or false? Write T or F.

- 1 Danny works at Alcatraz. ____
- 2 It was impossible to escape from Alcatraz but life was not too bad for the prisoners. ____
- 3 No prisoners ever tried to escape. ____

6  3.27 Listen again and choose the correct answers.

- 1 The presenter is surprised that
 - a black prisoners were separated from white prisoners.
 - b the cell isn't very big.
 - c there was so little furniture in the cells.
- 2 If the prisoners weren't well-behaved,
 - a they had to stay in their cells during the day.
 - b they had to work very hard.
 - c they had to tidy all the cells.
- 3 The prisoners could
 - a go outside for an hour a day.
 - b play sports only on Saturdays and Sundays.
 - c play instruments in their cell.
- 4 How many prisoners certainly died while trying to escape from Alcatraz?
a 2 b 6 c 8
- 5 Danny thinks that the other five prisoners
 - a successfully escaped.
 - b were found by the FBI.
 - c probably died while trying to escape.

7 Make notes about a famous tourist attraction in your country. Use the questions below to help you.

- Where is it?
- When was it built?
- Why is it famous?
- What can you do / see there?

8 **SPEAKING** Tell the class about the tourist attraction.

DO YOU REMEMBER SAN FRANCISCO?



**ASSIGNMENT:
CUMULATIVE REVIEW 3
SUMMARY**

DEADLINE: THURSDAY