

ŠOLSKA STOPNJA TEKMOVANJA S PODROČJA ANGLEŠČINE ZA UČENKE IN UČENCE 8. RAZREDA OSNOVNE ŠOLE

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Drage tekmovalke, dragi tekmovalci!

Pred vami so naloge šolske stopnje tekmovanja s področja angleščine. Vaši dosežki so lahko koristna informacija o tem, kako obvladate nekatera znanja, ki jih razvijate pri pouku in tudi drugje, pa tudi spodbuda za nadaljnje učenje.

Tu je nekaj nasvetov za reševanje nalog. Najprej preletite vse tekmovalne naloge. Sledijo si po določenem vrstnem redu, vendar se lahko sami odločite, katere boste reševali prej in katere kasneje. Pazite pa, da boste imeli dovolj časa za tvorjenje pisnega besedila. Pri vsaki nalogi natančno preberite navodila in vzorčne rešitve, nato premislite in napravite, kar naloga zahteva. Pišite pravilno in čitljivo z nalivnim peresom ali kemičnim svinčnikom, nikakor ne s svinčnikom. Če se zmotite, to prečrtajte in napišite ali označite novo rešitev. Nejasni popravki oziroma rešitve, napisane čez prvotno zapisane rešitve (npr. črke ali besede), bodo vrednoteni kot napačni. Korekturna sredstva niso dovoljena. Slovarjev in drugih pripomočkov na tekmovanju ne morete uporabljati.

Če imate vprašanja glede reševanja nalog, vprašajte nadzornega učitelja pred začetkom reševanja. Kasneje to ne bo več mogoče.

Za reševanje tekmovalnih nalog imate na voljo 60 minut. Želimo vam uspešno delo!

A. Bralno razumevanje

1. OPTIMISM

Read the text and choose the missing sentence parts (A–N) to fill in the gaps (1–10). There are three extra sentence parts you do not need to use. Write the letters in the table below. One example (0) has been done for you.

How's Your Day Going?

Take a moment to think about some of the things 0.

What did you come up with? Was it mostly positive stuff like: "My day's going great! My grandmother made me pancakes for breakfast. I sat with my friends at lunch, and I actually enjoyed English class today!" Or did your mind land on what went wrong: "My grandmother cooked breakfast and it made me so late I missed the bus. My friends wasted the entire lunch period 1, and I had English class today. I hate Thursdays!"

Optimism Is Healthy

Researchers have spent a lot of time studying people who think positively. It turns out that an optimistic attitude helps us 2 and healthier. Optimism can protect against depression — even for people who are at risk for it. An optimistic outlook makes people more resistant to stress. Optimism may even help people live longer.

The best thing about optimism is you can learn it, even if your outlook tends to be more pessimistic.

Optimism vs. Pessimism

Optimism and pessimism are mindsets — ways 3. Optimists see the positive side of things. They expect things to turn out well. They believe they have the skill and ability to make good things happen.

However, optimism goes beyond seeing the bright side of a situation or expecting good things. It's also a way of explaining what has *already happened*. When something good happens, optimists think about what they did 4. They see their abilities as permanent, stable parts of themselves. They think of how this good thing can lead to other good things.

When things don't go as expected, it's the reverse: Optimists don't blame themselves. They see setbacks as temporary. When something goes wrong, optimists link it to a specific situation or event, not their capabilities. Because they don't view setbacks as personal failings, optimists are able to bounce back from disappointment better than pessimists.

Realistic Optimism

Optimism isn't about seeing everything as rosy. Optimists don't ignore problems 5. They just choose to focus on what's good about a situation and what they can do to make things better. Optimists have true confidence because they're prepared: They know they need to study if they want to ace a tough test. They know they can't make the basketball team without practicing.

How to Be More Optimistic

If you tend toward mostly pessimistic thinking, you can get better at seeing what's good. Here are some things to try:

- **Notice good things as they happen.** At the end of the day, take 10 minutes **__6__** and come up with things that you're grateful for. Write them down in a journal or keep track using a motivational app on your phone or tablet.
- **Train your mind to believe you can make good things happen in your life.** Get in a habit **__7__** you can do to succeed. For example, say: "If I study, I can get a better grade." "If I go on that volunteer trip, I'll meet new friends."
- **When something good happens, give yourself credit.** Think of what you did to make a good outcome possible. Did you prepare for the test? Practice with dedication? Think of the strengths you used and **__8__**.
- **Remind yourself that setbacks are temporary.** As soon as something goes wrong, remind yourself that it will pass — and come up with a plan **__9__**. For example: "My test results aren't what I hoped, but I can study more and take the test again."

Optimism is a thinking style that can be learned, which means that pessimism can be unlearned! It can take a little while, so don't feel discouraged. Becoming more aware of the two styles **__10__** to start noticing more ways to be optimistic. Just keep telling yourself, "I can be more optimistic and I'm going to keep practicing!"

A	be happier, more successful
B	can gradually lead you
C	can sometimes mislead you
D	for making that happen
E	going through difficult times
F	gossiping about a boring TV show
G	how they helped you succeed
H	of telling yourself specific things
I	of thinking and seeing things
J	or pretend life is perfect
K	that happened to you today
L	that they could avoid
M	to make the situation turn out so well
N	to run through your day

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2. ADORABLE OR JUST WEIRD?

Read the article and for each question (1–9) circle one correct answer (A, B, C, or D). One example (0) has been done for you.

Labubu is both a fictional character and a brand. However, the term itself isn't found in any language. It's the fictional name of a character in "The Monsters" toy TV programme created by Hong Kong-born artist Kasing Lung.

Labubus are dolls with vinyl faces attached to plush bodies, and come with a signature look – pointy ears, big eyes and a mischievous grin showing exactly nine teeth. A curious yet divided internet can't seem to decide if they are adorable or bizarre. According to Pop Mart, the Chinese toy maker and retailer behind Labubu, the quirky toy is kind-hearted and always wants to help, but often accidentally achieves the opposite. This offbeat charm helped Labubu become a key figure in Pop Mart's rise to popularity.

A major part of Pop Mart's sales came from so-called blind boxes (mystery packages that revealed their contents only when opened) especially after the company partnered with Kasing Lung for the rights to Labubu. That was in 2019, nearly a decade after entrepreneur Wang Ning opened Pop Mart as a variety store in Beijing. However, Pop Mart's first major success with blind boxes came already in 2016, when it launched a series featuring Molly dolls – figurines created by Hong Kong artist Kenny Wong.

Nonetheless, it was the Labubu sales that fuelled Pop Mart's growth. You can buy the controversial dolls in stores, physical or virtual, in more than 30 countries. This major retailer operates more than 2,000 vending machines around the world. Many of the suppliers have recently paused trades due to a flood of orders.

Before the world discovered Labubu, their fame was limited to China. They started to become a hit just as the country emerged from the pandemic in 2022. The Chinese cyberspace, which is huge and competitive, produces plenty of viral trends that don't go global. But this one did, and its popularity quickly spread to neighbouring Southeast Asia later that year. Fiona, who lives in Canada, says she first heard about Labubu from Filipino friends in 2023. That's when she started buying them. She says she finds them cute, but their increasing popularity is a major draw. They're also affordable, she adds. Although increasing demand has pushed up prices on the second-hand market, Fiona says the original price was acceptable to most people she knows.

Labubu's popularity soared in 2024, when K-pop superstar Lisa began posting photos on Instagram with various Labubus. Singer Rihanna was photographed with a Labubu toy clipped to her Louis Vuitton bag. Influencer Kim Kardashian shared her collection of 10 Labubu dolls with her Instagram following. Former England football captain Sir David Beckham also took to Instagram with a photo of a Labubu, given to him by his daughter. Now the dolls are regularly spotted not just online but also on friends, colleagues or passers-by.

Labubu's appeal is a result of timing, taste and the randomness that is the internet. Beijing is certainly happy with the outcome. State news agency Xinhua says Labubu shows Chinese creativity, quality and culture in a language the world can understand, while giving everyone the chance to see cool China. Labubu toys rack up social media followers with millions watching new owners unbox their prized purchase. One of the most popular videos shows curious US airport security staff bending around a traveller's unopened Labubu box to figure out which doll is inside. That element of surprise is a big part of the appeal, says Desmond Tan, a longtime collector, as he walks around a Pop Mart store in Singapore vigorously shaking blind boxes before deciding which one to buy.

0. What does the word “Labubu” mean?

- A) It means “adorable monster” in Chinese.
- B) It is just a made-up name with no meaning.**
- C) It refers to the first Pop Mart store.
- D) It describes the doll’s nine-toothed grin.

1. What is the main focus of the article?

- A) A critical review of toy trends
- B) The global popularity of Labubu dolls
- C) The story of Labubu’s creator
- D) A bizarre local toy mania

2. Why is Pop Mart central to Labubu’s success?

- A) They created Labubu and designed its features.
- B) They limited sales to online-only shops.
- C) They turned Labubu into a luxury brand.
- D) They popularised Labubu through blind box marketing.

3. What is the reason some stores stopped selling Labubu temporarily?

- A) Products removed because of public concerns
- B) Shortages caused by high demand
- C) Availability at self-service machines
- D) Possibility to buy them online

4. When did Labubu start gaining international attention?

- A) In 2016, after the release of Molly dolls
- B) In 2022, as China came out of the pandemic.
- C) In 2019, when Pop Mart was founded.
- D) In 2024, after its first launch in Europe

5. What does Fiona’s story illustrate about Labubu’s popularity?

- A) Its appeal is limited to Asia.
- B) Collectors are only interested in resale profits.
- C) Social influence and affordability attract buyers.
- D) Fans are buying them solely because of their cuteness.

6. Which factor most strongly boosted Labubu’s global reach?

- A) Their affordability
- B) China’s influence on social media
- C) Publicity from well-known figures
- D) The image of cool China

7. What message does the Chinese state media associate with Labubu’s success?

- A) It is a sign of globalisation harming traditional culture.
- B) It proves that Chinese creativity appeals worldwide.
- C) It is evidence that toys are losing popularity.
- D) It shows that even low-quality Chinese products can go viral.

8. Why are airport security staff mentioned in the article?

- A) To highlight strict customs policies on toys
- B) To illustrate curiosity and excitement about Labubu
- C) To criticise American import restrictions
- D) To explain how Labubu boxes are packaged

9. Which statement best summarises Labubu's success?

- A) A carefully marketed toy that became a global pop culture trend
- B) A limited-edition Chinese toy popular only with young people
- C) A collectible toy that succeeded mainly because of its affordable price
- D) A marketing success that relied on celebrity endorsements alone

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Adapted from: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy4ydxlm9n9o> (15. 9. 2025)

Image: <https://www.blindbox.eu/blindboxes/labubu-the-monsters-lazy-yoga-en.html>

B. Raba jezika

1. GAMING AND GAMERS

Read the text and complete the sentences with the appropriate words (A – L) from the box. There are three words too many. One example (0) has been done for you.

A amateur B applied C beneficial D e-sports ~~E estimated~~
F gamble G gambling H mental I owns J period K stretches L word

Gaming is an extremely popular activity worldwide. The number of people who play games is 0 to be over 3 billion. Nowadays, gaming refers to playing electronic video games, typically on a dedicated gaming console, PC, or smartphone.

However, the word gaming originally appeared in the 15th century to refer to 1 in dice or card games. It was used in this sense until the late 1900s, when it was 2 to playing recreational board games and pen-and-paper role-playing games.

A person who plays interactive games, either video games, tabletop role-playing games, card games, or any combination thereof, and who often plays for long 3 of time, is called a gamer. A casual gamer is someone who plays 4 or puzzle games on their smartphone while on public transportation or at home while watching TV. In contrast, a hardcore gamer plays video games regularly and typically 5 specialized video game devices, such as consoles or gaming PCs.

A hardcore gamer may explore a variety of games but often focuses on a favourite game or genre. A professional gamer, on the other hand, earns money through gaming. Some are 6 athletes who compete in tournaments, often as part of a team, or clan, and play in broadcasted events. They usually focus on only a single game. Another type of professional gamer is a streamer, who makes money by posting videos of themselves playing games.

Gaming can be 7 in certain contexts, as some games promote cognitive development. Players are often provided with puzzles and challenges that they must figure out and overcome. Moreover, they can learn to make good decisions quickly and develop the ability to form 8 maps and navigate in 3D space, which can lead to better navigation in the real world. However, gaming also has negative downsides such as exposure to violence and the risk of addiction. In response, some countries have introduced laws to limit the amount of time children can spend playing games.

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Adapted from:

<https://www.techtarget.com/whatis/definition/gaming>, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gamer> (5. 10. 2024)

2. FIVE WEIRDEST FOODS AROUND THE WORLD

Complete the text with the missing words. Fill in each gap using no more than ONE word. Pay attention to the spelling. One example (0) has been done for you.

When you travel far and wide, you find the strangest foods. I've been to a lot of countries and have seen (0) some weird stuff passing around the table. Let's check out 5 of the weirdest foods around the world.

Chicken Feet in Hong Kong, China

DimSum restaurant in Hong Kong serves lovely Chicken Feet. In China, this is an absolute delicacy. They are fried and served hot or cold (1) _____ a snack before dinner. To me it was one of the most unappealing things I had ever seen.

Shirouo no odorigui (dancing ice fish) in Japan

A friend of mine traveled through Japan and came (2) _____ the most amazing restaurants. He was willing to try everything and usually he let the chef surprise him. When he stayed at a traditional guesthouse, he was presented with one of the weirdest foods he'd ever tried: shirouo no odorigui. It consisted of small, almost transparent fish (3) _____ swam in a bowl of water. The idea is that you dip them into soya sauce and eat them alive. The fish "dance" in your mouth, which explains the name! My friend tried it but told me he wouldn't do this (4) _____ anytime soon.

Haggis, Scotland

You may think that all the weird stuff comes from Asia. Not quite. In Scotland they eat something rather unusual, (5) _____ I may say so. This mixture includes sheep's heart, liver and lungs, onion, oatmeal, spices, and stock. This traditional dish dates back to the 1400s and is served on Robert Burns Day.

Witchetty grub, Australia

When I backpacked through Australia, I was offered this nutritious food that the Aboriginals eat as a snack. Witchetty grubs are basically fatty larvae which you may recognize (6) _____ *The Lion King*, when Simba meets Timon and Pumba. Anyway, my tour guide dared me to eat one if we found them. I said yes. Luckily, we didn't find any.

Fried Insects, Asia + Worldwide

When you walk around Khao San Road in Bangkok, you will see a dozen hotdog-like-stands selling fried insects. A few years back, people were shocked to see insects disappear into someone's mouth but times (7) _____ changed. Now, they are sold at trendy food markets and in some supermarkets all over the western world.

I tried a worm croquet and a fried cricket once before and they actually tasted pretty good. Good to know that insects contain more protein and not as many calories as beef or pork. If we ate more insects and (8) _____ meat, we could help mother earth a great bunch. This could well be the food of the future. Try it!

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C. Pisno sporočanje

1. SMALL IDEA, BIG IMPACT

Every school could be a little better and sometimes one good idea can make a big difference.

Imagine you have the time, support, and motivation to start something new, improve an existing idea, or solve a problem that students often talk about. Write an article for your school newsletter about a project that could bring positive change to your school. Use your own experiences, observations, and imagination.



In your article, you should:

- present your project and the problem, need, or goal it addresses,
- explain how you plan to carry it out — who is involved, what steps are necessary, and what challenges you might face,
- compare your idea with something similar (in your school, another school, or real life) and point out what makes your project unique or more effective.

Your composition should contain from **150 to 200 words**. Remember: longer is not necessarily better.

Your writing will be marked on content (5 points), vocabulary and spelling (5 points), grammar (3 points), and organisation (2 points).

You may **plan your draft** here. It will not be marked.

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Vsebina	5		
Besedišče in pravopis	5		
Slovnica	3		
Zgradba	2		
Skupaj	15		