

B2 First (FCE)

Use of English

TEST 1

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Use of English Part 1

San Francisco Sea Lions Intoxicated

A toxin produced by marine algae can impair sea lions' memory, scientists reported Monday, making it difficult for sick sea lions to find their **(0)way** to food.

Large growths, or blooms, of the algae off the coast of California may have contributed to the **(1)_____** number of starving sea lions that have washed up on the state's beaches since 2013.

The algal toxin **(2)_____** not only sea lions, but dolphins, fur seals, sea otters, and other species. And the problem is unlikely to go away, particularly because warming ocean waters and nutrient-rich agricultural runoff tend to fuel algal **(3)_____**.

"The blooms are just going to get bigger and bigger. Sea lions are just the **(4)_____** of the iceberg," says Peter Cook of Emory University, who **(5)_____** the behavioral effects of domoic acid at a conference of the Society for Marine Mammalogy. "It's a grim story."

Since 1998, scientists have known that domoic acid causes seizures and other neurological problems in California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*). At high enough **(6)_____**, it can even kill the animals. But until now, only anecdotal evidence suggested an impact on behavior.

Scientists had previously noticed odd behaviors, including "sea lions swimming up rivers and going into cities and **(7)_____** with people," says veterinary scientist Shawn Johnson of the Marine Mammal Center. "It's exciting to finally see science **(8)_____** what we've known for a long time."

Example (0):

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|---|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 0 | A path | B <u>way</u> | C road | D route |
| 1 | A bizarre | B unique | C remarkable | D unprecedented |
| 2 | A affects | B alters | C upsets | D disturbs |

Use of English Part 2

Bad Weather Makes Good Pictures

Photographer Dan Westergren recently traveled throughout South Australia, capturing **(0)the** people and places of this exciting region.

Wilpena Pound is **(1)**_____ of the visual wonders of South Australia, located in the heart of the Flinders Ranges National Park. **(2)**_____ the ground, this spectacular rock formation shows as a dramatic escarpment that looks especially nice **(3)**_____ it is struck by the rising sun. I headed out at 5 a.m., hoping to be at Hucks Lookout **(4)**_____ time to photograph "the Pound" as it was hit by the day's first light.

Use of English Part 3

Students Wearing KKK Hoods

The Citadel, a state-funded **(0) military** college located in South Carolina, is in hot water after photos were distributed on social media that appear to show cadets wearing Ku Klux Klan hoods.

In a **(1) _____** obtained by local television station WCIV-TV, The Citadel's Lt. Gen. John Rosa stated that the cadets in the photos "were singing Christmas carols as part of a 'Ghosts of Christmas Past' skit," and that "These images are not **(2) _____** with our core values of honor, duty and respect."

A woman, believed to be a female cadet attending The Citadel **(3) _____** posted the photos to Facebook, and said that she was both threatened and offered bribes to remove the images from her Facebook page.

"I was threatened, harassed and offered money from **(4) _____** Citadel Cadets to take it offline in order to not 'ruin their lives,'" the woman said. Her identity is currently being withheld until a full **(5) _____** by administrators can be completed.

The Facebook post **(6) _____** shows the cadets wearing white hoods made famous by the Ku Klux Klan, during a rehearsal or performance of Christmas carols. More **(7) _____** is that with the cadets is what appears to be an adult instructor present at the time seemingly unconcerned by their **(8) _____** of head garments.

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Use of English Part 4

For questions 1-6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).

Example:

0. My brother fixed my car engine easily.

EASE

My car engine was fixed with ease by the mechanic.

1. I was terribly bored watching that film last night.

FOUND

I _____ last night.

2. Studying a little harder won't hurt you, you know?

HARM

It won't do _____ study a little harder, don't you think?

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KEY AND CREDITS

Use of English Part 1

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Use of English Part 2

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Use of English Part 3

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Use of English Part 4

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