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I have always considered improvisation my biggest strength. From tests and essays, where I vaguely knew the source material, to big projects where I had no idea what to do. I've tried to think on my feet and prided myself on it. Until that very story.

Sunlight was shining through the clouds, lighting my companions: Bill, something lanky guy who was a shut-in, and Mary, a struggling artist. For our own reasons, we didn't go out much, until now. Mary's wildlife paintings looked uncanny. Bill needed fresh air, I tagged along.

"Hey, do you know, uh, stuff about hiking?" Bill asked.

"No, but I'm sure it all will work out", I replied.

"My past self, if you only knew..." I thought to myself hours later, as thunder menacingly echoed in the distance and rain darkened the ground.

At this point, I gave up on applying my view of nature to the real deal, as the later was more horrific and terrifying than the former could ever hope to be. From everyone, including me, being afraid of every little sound, to not knowing where to go and what to do, everything pointed to the fact that I was mistaken about my abilities.

Suddenly, something creaked close. Mary listened carefully.

"Sounds like it's a car", she concluded. "Maybe we should ask for help."

We got back home in one piece: cold, creaked and but having learned an important lesson.



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## Listening Answer Sheet

### Task 1

For questions 1-8 choose the correct answer or answers A, B, C or D.

For questions 9-10 complete the sentences using 1 word from the recording.

1.	B
2.	B
3.	A
4.	ABD
5.	D
6.	D
7.	A
8.	ABD
9.	brief
10.	consistent

### Task 2

Letters A-H list the reasons for attending the course. As you listen, put them in order in which you hear them by completing the boxes numbered 11-15.

For questions 16-20, choose from the list A-H what surprised the speaker about the course.

11.	D
12.	F
13.	C
14.	A
15.	E
16.	C
17.	F
18.	A
19.	G
20.	D



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### Reading Answer Sheet

1.	F
2.	C
3.	A
4.	E
5.	D
6.	B

7.	C
8.	C
9.	C
10.	B
11.	AD
12.	C
13.	B
14.	A
15.	AC
16.	D
17.	A
18.	AC
19.	D
20.	B

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### Use of English

1.	P
2.	X
3.	O
4.	Q
5.	L
6.	D
7.	T
8.	G
9.	W
10.	U
11.	Glasgow
12.	League Tables
13.	Edith Nesbit
14.	Just So Stories
15.	Peter Pan
16.	benefits
17.	black
18.	tutoring
19.	loose
20.	ampleness

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