

Esame di Terza Media - Inglese

Practice exercises: reading comprehension, grammar and writing (Level B1)

■ Section 1 – Reading Comprehension

Lily was thirteen years old when she decided to write her first novel. Every evening, after doing her homework, she would sit at her small wooden desk and fill page after page with her stories. Her parents were supportive, though they sometimes worried she spent too much time writing instead of playing outside with her friends. «One day,» her mother said, «you will publish a real book.» Lily smiled and kept writing. Two years later, her short story won first prize in a national competition for young writers. She dedicated the prize to her mother.

1How old was Lily when she started writing her novel?

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2When did she usually write? Where did she sit?

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3How did her parents feel about her writing? Were they totally positive?

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4What happened two years later?

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5Who did Lily dedicate her prize to, and why do you think she chose this person?

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⇒ ■ Section 2 – Grammar

2.1 Complete with the correct form of the verb in brackets:

a Yesterday I _____ (go) to the cinema with my friends.
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b She _____ (study) English since she was six years old.
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c If it _____ (rain) tomorrow, we will stay at home.
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d The book _____ (write) by a famous Italian author.
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e When I arrived, they _____ (already / finish) dinner.
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2.2 Transform these sentences using the structure indicated:

a «Tom said: 'I am very tired.'» → Reported speech: Tom said that _____
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b «People speak English all over the world.» → Passive: English _____
)

c«She is the tallest girl in the class.» → Comparative: She is taller _____
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■ ■ Section 3 – Writing task (choose one)

Task A – Informal email: A British friend is coming to visit your town next summer. Write an email (about 100 words) describing three places they should visit and why you recommend them.

Task B – Short article: Write a short article (about 100 words) for your school magazine about a book, film or TV series you have enjoyed recently. Explain the story and say why you liked it.
