

Listening

A Listen to some people talking about challenges and match the speakers (1-5) to the statements (A-E).

- A The speaker does not like taking risks.
- B The speaker's friends do not share his/her interest in extreme sports.
- C The speaker is not sure about trying the same thing again.
- D The speaker feels he/she can face a challenge successfully.
- E The speaker enjoys doing extreme sports.

Speaker 1

Speaker 2

Speaker 3

Speaker 4

Speaker 5

Vocabulary and Grammar

B Choose the correct item.

- 6. That's the school parade float won first prize last year.
A which B that C whose
- 7. After Barney his chores, he had some rest.
A had been done B was doing C had done
- 8. Make sure you include in your daily diet.
A too protein B protein enough C enough protein
- 9. Jane five of her paintings so far, but she hopes she will sell more.
A is only selling B has only sold C only sells
- 10. If you're looking for a dog, why don't you get one from the animal ?
A hall B shelter C station
- 11. Wasn't it very kind of Nick us move the furniture?
A to help B help C helping
- 12. Sue asked the police officer where her stolen car.
A they had found B did they find C had they found
- 13. If only I so much homework to do! I'd love to go out with my friends.
A wouldn't have B hadn't had C didn't have
- 14. We want to have a beach party so we can say a(n) goodbye to summer, before we start school.
A end B final C finally
- 15. I can't come to the cinema tonight; I to a fancy dress party with my brother later.
A have gone B am going C go
- 16. Tom is really afraid of dogs, and every time he sees one he just
A freezes B embarrasses C teases
- 17. You've managed to make your little sister cry! Are you happy now?
A herself B yourself C yourselves
- 18. Don't forget to call Mr Smithers when you to the office.
A get B will get C are getting
- 19. Since there is gravity in space, astronauts have to strap everything down so it doesn't float away.
A vacuum B airless C zero
- 20. With your little children running around, it's not always easy for Sarah to the house tidy.
A keep B make C do

Reading

C Read the text and mark the statements 21-25 T (True), F (False) or NS (Not stated).

ALEXANDER VEREINOV

History has proven time and time again that there are people who can rise above difficulties and face great challenges in a way that is inspiring to all. Many people with serious disabilities often manage to not only look past their condition, but even go on to achieve greatness. Two shining examples of this are Ludwig van Beethoven and Helen Keller.

Another brilliant case is that of Alexander Vereinov, a famous Russian artist. Born in 1956, Vereinov suffers from cerebral palsy, a condition which seriously affects body and muscle movement. His first attempts at painting began at a special hospital for children suffering from cerebral palsy, where he spent his childhood. Since he had no control of his hands, Vereinov used his mouth to hold his paintbrushes. The problem was that the people at the hospital were afraid he would hurt himself, so he wasn't allowed to paint; which is why he did all his works of art at night, in secret.

Today, Alexander Vereinov is an internationally recognised mouth artist, who has produced many stunning originals as well as reproductions of well-known paintings. His original works include the portraits of Leo Tolstoy and Alexander Pushkin. Some say that his reproductions of other well-known paintings are nearly impossible to tell from the original.

However, Vereinov's activity does not end here. Together with Maxim Goubanov, a Russian philanthropist, he works towards raising money for the Alexander Vereinov Disabled Russian Citizens Fund. This is an organisation that aims to provide wheelchairs, medicine, food and other necessities to disabled people who do not have enough means to support themselves. Indeed, Alexander Vereinov is an inspirational example of being able to use your inner strength and determination to become successful and then use this success to help others.



21. Beethoven and Keller were born disabled.
22. Vereinov started painting at an early age.
23. Vereinov only painted at night because they did not let him paint during the day.
24. Vereinov's copies of famous works of art are extremely accurate.
25. Vereinov gives part of his money to charities for the disabled.