



Bobby Moore (B2 - Upper Intermediate)

A – Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. Are you a football fan?
2. If so, what team do you support?
3. Who is your favourite player?
4. Have you ever heard of Bobby Moore?

B – Listen and answer

Listen (without reading) and fill in the blanks in the Fact File.

FACT FILE- BOBBY MOORE

Born in Barking, Essex on 12th April, ¹_____.

Started playing for ²_____ in 1958.

Became England captain in ³_____.

England won the ⁴_____ in 1966.

Most famous game: 1970 World Cup game against ⁵_____.

Retired in ⁶_____.

Died in ⁷_____.

Statue erected outside ⁸_____ in 2007.

C – Read and answer

Read the article and answer the questions.

1. How many times has England won the World Cup?
2. When did Bobby Moore start playing football?
3. What trophies did he win with West Ham?
4. What did he do before receiving the World Cup trophy from Queen Elizabeth in 1966? Why?
5. What were Bobby Moore's strong points as a player?
6. How did he become an excellent player?
7. Why was Bobby Moore's professional life disappointing after he retired?
8. What happened in his personal life?

D – Learn it! Use it!

Complete these sentences with words from the glossary. (You may have to adapt the expression in some way; e.g. change the verb tense, or change from plural to singular.)

1. Joe knocked over a glass of wine and stained our new white _____.
2. Nicole plays volleyball matches every Sunday and goes to _____ sessions twice a week.
3. In 1066, William the Conqueror _____ King Harold at the Battle of Hastings.
4. Anne's finance company is always looking for a promising new _____ to invest in.
5. This car hasn't given us any problems _____. Let's hope it doesn't in the future.
6. Don't come into the lounge in those _____ boots. Leave them in the hall.

E – Ready for the B2 FIRST Certificate in English? (Reading and Use of English, Part 4)

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. Use between 2 and 5 words including the word given.

Example: 1966 is the only time England has won the World Cup, so far.

GAVE The 1966 Final at Wembley gave England its only World Cup title to date.

1. People called Bobby Moore the 'golden boy of English football'.

KNOWN Bobby Moore _____ the 'golden boy of English football'.

2. He started playing with West Ham in 1958.

DEBUT He _____ with West Ham in 1958.

3. According to one journalist, Moore was no good at running and had no left foot.

HARDLY One journalist said Moore _____ and had no left foot.

4. But he read the game like a genius.

AT But he was _____ the game.

5. Bobby Moore didn't have a natural gift for playing.

WAS Bobby Moore _____ player.

6. The inscription on his statue perfectly sums up his sporting life.

PERFECT The inscription on his statue is _____ his sporting life.

F – Write about it

Write about one of your country's best football players. Include:

- some biographical information;
- the team he/she plays for;
- his/her position on the field;
- the trophies he/she helped the team win.

A Short History of Poker (B1 - Lower Intermediate)

A – Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. Which card games are popular in your country?
2. Do you ever play cards?
3. If so, what games? When? Who with?
4. Are you good at playing cards?
5. Have you ever played poker?

B – Listen and answer

Read these incomplete statements. Then listen (without reading) and complete them.

1. A game called pochspiel was played in Strasbourg in the _____ century.
2. In a similar game, mentioned in 1526, each player had _____ cards.
3. In the early 19th century, _____ settlers in America were playing a game called poque.
4. During the _____, poker was played by soldiers on both sides.
5. In 1872, US diplomat, Colonel Jacob Schenck, wrote a set of rules for _____.
6. Now poker players are using _____ to improve their game.

C – Read and answer

Read the article and answer the questions.

1. What negative associations does the game of poker have, according to the article?
2. What was a 'flux' in the 16th century game?
3. What does it correspond to in the modern game?
4. Where did the name poque probably come from?
5. How did the name poker develop?

6. What changes took place in the game in the 19th century?
7. When did poker become a game for all kinds of people?
8. What has recently contributed greatly to the popularity of poker?

D – Learn it! Use it!

Complete these sentences with words from the glossary. (You may have to adapt the expression in some way; e.g. change the verb tense, or change from singular to plural.)

1. Someone has just _____ on the door. Can you go and open it, please?
2. In the Middle Ages, _____ had the important job of making the royals laugh.
3. A _____ is usually divided into three parts. Finding one with four parts is considered lucky.
4. The Channel Islands _____ off the coast of Normandy, France.
5. The Smiths are very proud of their swimming pool. They're always _____ about it.
6. Last year, Granddad _____ on a horse in the Grand National and won over £500.

E – Ready for the B1 PRELIMINARY English Exam? (Paper 1, Reading: Part 5)

Choose the correct word in brackets for each space.

In the American West, during the 19th century, gambling was the main form of entertainment. ¹ _____ (Quite/Hardly/Closely/Nearly) all the inhabitants of the frontier towns gambled: businessmen, lawmen, cowboys, miners, men and women.

Gambling was also considered to be a respectable profession. ² _____ (As/For/By/With) a result, the gambling hall was usually the largest and most richly decorated ³ _____ (palace/building/post/flat) in the town and its activities gave a great contribution to the local economy. As ⁴ _____ (well/good/like/soon) as gaming tables, the gambling hall contained a bar, hotel rooms and often a stage for shows.

Gamblers generally preferred fast games, like faro and roulette, because these ⁵ _____ (allowed/let/did/showed) them to make a quick profit. At first poker was played ⁶ _____ (lesser/more/much/less) because it was a slower game. However, over time it became more and more popular.

F – Write about it

Write about a card game that's very popular in your country. Mention:

- how many players are needed to play it;
- what kind of cards are used;
- how it's played;
- what you have to do to win.

International African American Museum (B2 - Upper Intermediate)

A – Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. Do you like visiting museums? If so, what kinds of museums?
2. Are there any interesting museums in your town that are dedicated to local history?
3. What do you think the International African American Museum is dedicated to?
4. What do you know about this subject?

B – Listen and answer

Listen to the introductory article (without reading) and mark these statements T (true) or F (false).

1. Charleston, South Carolina, was an important port at the time of the slave trade.
2. Gadsden's Wharf was named after a notorious slave trader.
3. The International African American Museum has only been open a short time.
4. Some historians claim that most of the enslaved Africans entering the US arrived at Charleston.

5. The museum space is divided into nineteen galleries.
6. In the museum there is a resource centre that can help African Americans to trace their ancestors.

C – Read and answer

Read the article and answer the questions.

1. What happened to enslaved Africans after they arrived in the US?
2. What does the museum aim to do?
3. What can visitors learn about the Africans who were enslaved and brought to America?
4. What kinds of exhibits does the museum contain?
5. How are the ancestors of today's African Americans commemorated at the museum?

D – Listen to the interview (Optional)

N.B. This interview is graded as C1, so don't be discouraged if you find it difficult. Try to understand the main points.

Read these statements. Then listen to the interview with Martina Morale, without reading, and write T (true) or F (false).

1. It took only a few years to find the money to build the museum.
2. The museum building is placed next to the African Ancestors Memorial Garden.
3. The museum follows the journeys of Africans across the Atlantic and through US history.
4. Nearly all Americans know a lot about their ancestors.
5. Martina Morale says at present there's an interest in African American history.
6. According to Martina, not all Americans want the true story of African Americans to be told.

E – Listen, read and check your answers

Listen to the interview while reading the text. (If you did Exercise D, check your answers while reading.)

F – Learn it! Use it!

Complete these sentences with words from the glossary. (You may have to adapt the expression in some way; e.g. change from plural to singular.)

1. The town council carried out a _____ to find out what people thought of the new park.
2. Last year the school _____ money for a local charity by organising a sponsored marathon.
3. Our teacher gave us a useful _____ on how to study for the exam.
4. The _____ of this meeting is to discuss the company's future development.
5. A _____ is an area in a port where a ship stops in order to be loaded or unloaded.
6. The drawing wasn't finished. There were just a few _____ of people and buildings.

G – Ready for the B2 FIRST Certificate in English? (Reading and Use of English, Part 2)

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word for each gap.

When we think about slavery, we usually have mental images of transatlantic ships carrying people in chains. In fact, ¹_____ is calculated that about thirteen million Africans were captured and sold ²_____ slaves between the 15th and 19th centuries. However, strange as it ³_____ seem, more people are enslaved today than at ⁴_____ other time in history.

According to the International Labour Organization of the United Nations, over 40 million people are living in some form of slavery today – ⁵_____ than three times the number of those enslaved during the transatlantic slave trade. ⁶_____ these, 71% are women and 25% children.

⁷_____ modern slavery is most prevalent in Africa and Asia, surprisingly, there is no country in the world in ⁸_____ it does not exist.

H – Write about it

Write about a recently-built museum in your country. Mention:

- when/where it was built;
 - where the funds to build it came from;
 - what it's about;
 - what you can see there;
 - how many people visit it.
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The Truth About Cats: Are Really Domesticated? (C1 - Advanced)

A – Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. What are the most popular house pets in your country?
2. How do cats and dogs compare as pets, in your opinion?
3. Have you ever had a pet? If so, what was it?

B – Listen and answer

Read these statements. Then listen (without reading) and choose the correct answer.

1. Domestic cats are
 - a) very different from their wild ancestors.
 - b) very similar to their wild ancestors.
 - c) more similar to the wild ancestors of dogs.
2. Studies have shown that
 - a) cats without owners, living in groups, usually communicate with other cats by meowing.
 - b) only domestic cats meow.
 - c) all small members of the cat family meow, whether wild or domestic.
3. The author's cat, Nelson,
 - a) is allowed out in the garden on its own.
 - b) is always kept inside the house.
 - c) is allowed to roam anywhere in the neighbourhood.
4. When cats raise their tails up straight in the air, it's
 - a) a warning.
 - b) a greeting.
 - c) a sign of fear.
5. The author thinks that cats are
 - a) solitary and asocial.
 - b) only unfriendly to other female cats
 - c) sociable, like lions.
6. The author says
 - a) he has trained his cat to carry its toys to him.
 - b) his cat throws its toys across the room when it's annoyed.
 - c) his cat has a way of telling him when it wants to play.

C – Read and answer

Read the article and answer the questions.

1. How do domestic cats' bodies differ from those of their ancestors?
2. How have they modified their meow to make it more pleasing to humans?
3. What adaptation has taken place in how cats purr? Why?
4. What difference is there in the way domestic cats and lions use their tails as a friendly greeting?

- How does the author explain the fact that tail-signalling evolved both in cats and in lions?
- Why is using the tail a good way of signalling friendly intentions?
- What are cats sometimes thought to do if left alone with their dead owner?
- How does the author refute this claim?

D – Learn it! Use it!

Complete these sentences with words from the glossary. (You may have to adapt the expression in some way; e.g. change the verb tense.)

- The library closed while I was still in it. I was _____ and had to call the police.
- You can remove dark stains from wooden furniture by _____ the surface gently with vinegar.
- The cat began _____ around a hole in the floor. I think it could smell a mouse.
- Joe _____ his phone on the floor and broke the screen.
- Chloe had changed so much since I last saw her that I _____ recognised her.
- James took his car to the mechanic yesterday morning and went to _____ it after work.

E – Ready for the C1 ADVANCED English Test? (Reading and Use of English, Part 4)

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. Use between 3 and 6 words including the word given.

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| HOW | That's how little cats have changed. |
| 1. | Most people would be able to distinguish a wolf from a dog. |
| MISTAKE | Few people would _____ a dog. |
| 2. | Researchers suggest that humans innately prefer high-pitched sounds. |
| HAVE | Researchers suggest that _____ high-pitched sounds. |
| 3. | The core of a lion pride consist of females who are all related. |
| WHOM | The core of a lion pride is made up of females, _____ related. |
| 4. | People think domestic cats and other felines are alike. |
| THOUGHT | Domestic cats _____ other felines. |
| 5. | Cats are frequently unfriendly to each other if they are from different families. |
| ALONG | Cats _____ with each other if they are from different families. |
| 6. | It's possible that the domestic cat has not evolved much from the African wildcat. |
| MAY | The domestic cat _____ from the African wildcat. |

F – Talk about it

In pairs or groups.

- Do many households in your country have a pet?
- What are the advantages/disadvantages of having a pet, in your opinion?
- Some people say cat lovers tend to be sensitive, intuitive and introverted, whereas dog lovers tend to be sporty, sociable and extroverted. Do you agree? Why (not)?

Answers: Bobby Moore (B2 - Upper-Intermediate)

B – Listen and answer

- 1941
- West Ham
- 1964
- World Cup
- Brazil
- 1977
- 1993
- Wembley Stadium

C – Read and answer

- Only once.
- When he was a child./In his childhood.
- He won the FA Cup in 1964 and the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1965.
- He cleaned his hands on the tablecloth under the trophy, because they were sweaty and muddy.
- He was a great defender who was very good at reading the game, tackling and intercepting.
- He did it through will power and dedication to training.
- His football management and business ventures ended in failure and the football establishment ignored him.
- His marriage collapsed and he had a problem with drinking.

D – Learn it! Use it!

1. tablecloth 2. training 3. defeated 4. venture 5. to date 6. muddy

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1. was known as 2. made his debut 3. could hardly run/was hardly able to run 4. a genius at reading 5. was not a naturally gifted 6. a perfect summary of/a perfect summing up of

Answers: A Short History of Poker (B1 - Lower Intermediate)**B – Listen and answer**

1. 15th 2. three 3. French 4. American Civil War 5. Queen Victoria 6. artificial intelligence

C – Read and answer

1. It is associated with savage capitalism and the dream of easy money. 2. It was a hand that contained cards all of the same suit. 3. It corresponds to a five-card flush. 4. It probably came from the German word pochen meaning 'to brag' or literally 'to poke'. 5. The word poque was anglicised to poker by English-speaking settlers. 6. It began to be played with the modern fifty-two card deck and the betting aspect became stronger with the introduction of some variants. 7. In the 1920s. 8. The broadcasting of poker tournaments and the accessibility of online poker.

D – Learn it! Use it!

1. knocked 2. court jesters 3. cloverleaf 4. lie 5. bragging 6. bet

E – Ready for the B1 PRELIMINARY English Exam?

1. Nearly 2. As 3. building 4. well 5. allowed 6. less

Answers: International African American Museum (B2 - Upper Intermediate)**B – Listen and answer**

1. T 2. F – It was named after an 18th-century politician, Christopher Gadsden, who was also a slave owner (as were many politicians and land owners, including George Washington). 3. T 4. F – They estimate that over 45 per cent arrived there. 5. F – There are nine galleries. 6. T

C – Read and answer

1. They were held for months in brutal conditions, separated from their loved ones and finally sold into servitude. 2. It aims to honour the experiences of the enslaved people by telling their untold stories. 3. Visitors can learn about their cultures and knowledge systems, as well as their experiences and achievements and those of their descendants. 4. It contains artefacts related to the slave trade, as well as films, images and other media. 5. There's an Ancestors Memorial Garden, a place of reflection and contemplation, which has a fountain, botanic gardens and artistic installations.

E – Listen, read and check your answers

1. F – It took twenty years. 2. F – It's placed above it. 3. T 4. F – Around a third don't know anything about their great-grandparents or beyond. 5. T 6. T

F – Learn it! Use it!

1. survey 2. raised 3. tip 4. aim 5. wharf 6. outlines

G – Ready for the B2 FIRST Certificate in English?

1. it 2. as 3. may/might 4. any 5. more 6. Of 7. Although/Though/While 8. which

Answers: The First Mobile Phone Call (B2 - Upper Intermediate)

B – Listen and answer

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. b 5. a 6. c

C – Read and answer

1. Probably because he was angry that Cooper had managed to invent a mobile phone before he had. 2. It was very large, the battery only lasted half an hour and it took ten hours to charge. 3. It took ten years. 4. It was 25cm tall and weighed 790 grams. 5. Nowadays people see the mobile phone as a necessity, not a status symbol. 6. Because he believes they can improve healthcare and eradicate poverty.

D – Learn it! Use it!

1. despite 2. stored 3. boot 4. current 5. cord 6. tie

E – Ready for the B2 FIRST Certificate in English?

1. continuous 2. portable 3. equipment 4. enthusiastically 5. available 6. spending
7. revolutionised 8. powerful