

FOOTBALL FANATICISM

Kate Morgan is supporter number one of Dublin city football team .Kate will travel anywhere in Britain to see her team in action .Last year she saw them play at every football ground in Britain .

Kate doesn't let anything stand in the way of her Saturday afternoon match – even her motherhood !two weeks after her son David was born, kate was back to cheer the team on –while her parents were at home babysitting ! « they cared for David until he was about seven and then I started taking him to matches with me, but he didn't enjoy it as much as me. In fact no one I know does. My family and friends all think I am a bit crazy ! some people would say I am too preoccupied with football but I don't agree.

It's just an important part of my life » .

She admits it is a costly hobby, especially going to away matches, because she prefers to drive herself rather than travel on the supporters' bus as she gets sick on coaches.

« My season ticket costs £180 a year but that's only for home games, for away matches, I spend about £60 each time on petrol, entrance fees, food and hotels. »

So how does kate manage ? « I don't drink or smoke and rarely go out , I can't remember the last time I went to parties or out, I can't remember the last time I went to the cinema or theatre, » she explains.

Kate has another passion : cricket. « I love cricket although not as much as football. I start watching in April but only if there's no football. »

COMPREHENSION : 15 pts

A- Are these sentences true or false ? justify 8 pts

1. Kate sees her favourite team play in Dublin only
2. Kate's freinds and relatives don't love football as much as she does.....
3. Kate's season ticket is for matches in Britain
4. When Kate travels to away matches it costs her a lot of money

B. answer these questions: 4 pts

1. Who looked after David when he was younger ?

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2. What does football mean to Kate?

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3. How does Kate travel to away matches?

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4. What does Kate do to save money for football matches?

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C. find in the text words or expressions that mean the same as : 1 pts

1- Encourage (paragraph 2) :

2- Expensive (paragraph 3) :

D. complete these sentences 2 pts

1- Kate still went to watch her team even when she

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2- When there are no football matches, Kate

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Language : 15 pts

A. Use the words in capitals at the end of each sentence to make words which fit in the space :(1.5 pts)

5. Wallace was fightingto win the battle. COURAGE

6. I don't like him, and it would be of me to pretend otherwise. HONEST

7. There wasn't a grain ofIn what she said. TRUE

B Complete the sentences with these words : (4 pts)

Go back / get away / set about / give up / find out / grow up

1. As soon I finished the painting class , I..... home .
2. How can we about the story of Alexander the great ?
3. When I first..... making this vase, I didn't realize how difficult it would be.
4. The thieveswith jewellery worth over 50 000€ .

C Complete the sentences with Present simple / Present continuous (3.5 PTS)

1. The school (Organise) a party for the new students this month.
2. I.....(Think) your mobile phone(ring)
3. Mrs Brown(want)to use the phone at the moment .
4. Anna(eat / never) meat because she(not like) it.
5. George..... (Work) at a garage for the summer.

D Rewrite the sentence. Use the past simple / The past progressive. (4 PTS)

1. While / I / fix / the car / I / get / a terrible / headache.

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2. When / Janet / arrive / at the party / everyone / dance.

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3. The students / run out /of the classroom / as soon as /the bell / ring /

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4. We / see / John and Emily / as / they / leave / the theater.

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E Fill in the gaps with the correct form of used to and the verb in the brackets. (2 PTS)

1. I.....(believe) in the father charismas when I was young.
2. Mobile phones.....(not be) as cheap as they are now.
3.your parents.....(drive) to school ?
4. We.....(not like) her. But now she's changed a lot.

