

Model text

- 1 Read the review. Which game app is the writer's least favourite?



Run through secret tunnels, collect the clues and solve the puzzle to become the King.



Race to find the mystery objects and locate the valuable treasure.



Can you solve the puzzles and find all the objects you need to escape the underground city?

In my review this week, I compared three game apps: Kingmaker, Treasure Hunt and Escape. They all work very well on smart phones and tablets. Kingmaker is an adventure game with twelve different levels. It's really enjoyable; the characters are very funny, and the game allows you to enter at any level you like. Treasure Hunt is a new puzzle game with seven levels. It's extremely exciting, but you can find the treasure quite easily. Escape is also a puzzle game and it's got eight levels. The storyline isn't very interesting.

In my opinion, Kingmaker is the most challenging game. It's also more exciting to play and it's funnier, too. However, it's not as cheap as the others. Treasure Hunt is less expensive, but it isn't as enjoyable to play. Personally, I think Escape is the least interesting game because you can win it the most easily.

In conclusion, I think Kingmaker is the best game and I'm giving it five stars. Treasure Hunt is fun to play, but it's not as good as Kingmaker and I'm giving it three stars. I'm giving Escape one star because it isn't as good as the other two.

- 2 Read the review again and the descriptions of each app. Which sentences are true for all three games?

- 1 They are all puzzle games.
- 2 You don't always start on level 1.
- 3 It's quite expensive.
- 4 The game works well on smartphones.
- 5 There are less than ten levels.

Look at language Adverbs of degree

- 3 Read the sentences and find another example of each adverb of degree in the first paragraph of the model text.

***** I'm extremely good at Maths.

**** He's a really funny comedian.

*** I did very badly in the exam.

** My house is quite old.

* They aren't very happy today.

- 4 In your notebook, complete the sentences about the tablets using the information in the table.

	How fast is it?	How light is it?	How expensive is it?
Tablet 1	*****	****	***
Tablet 2	***	**	*

1 Tablet 1 is (...) fast. It is (...) light, and it is (...) expensive.

2 Tablet 2 is (...) fast. It is (...) light, and it is (...) expensive.

i Language practice

Writing task

i Writing preparation

- 5 Choose one of the following things to review and compare three examples of it. Use the model text to help you.

gadgets (apps, computer games, games consoles, mobile phones, tablets)

TV programmes sports people performers

Paragraph 1: What three things are you comparing? Describe negative and positive points about them.

In my review, I'm going to compare three ...

They are all very ...

Paragraph 2: Make comparisons and give your opinion. Which is your favourite? Why?

In my opinion, ... because ... However, ...

Personally, I think ...

Paragraph 3: Write a conclusion. Give each object 1–5 stars.

In conclusion, ... is the best. I'm giving it ... stars.

5.1

Life stages

baby, buy a house, child, elderly, get a job, get married, go to university, have a boyfriend / girlfriend, have children, learn to drive, leave home, middle-aged, move house, retire, teenager, toddler, young adult

5.2

Verbs: lifestyle

cook a healthy meal, do well at, feel worried, go on a school trip, have a lie-in, have a sleepover with friends, help someone, invite your friends over, make new friends, share a room (with), spend time (with), spend money on, study hard, sunbathe, take up a new sport, text your friends

5.1

Extra vocabulary

easily (*adv*), eventually (*adv*), fluently (*adv*), fortunately (*adv*), properly (*adv*)

5.2

unenjoyable (*adj*), unhappy (*adj*), unhealthy (*adj*), unimportant (*adj*), uninteresting (*adj*), untidy (*adj*)

5.3

audition (*n*), comedian (*n*), finalist (*n*), judges (*n*), variety show (*n*)

Vocabulary

5.4

Expressing opinions

What do / did you think of ... ?
How do / did you feel about ... ?
Do(n't) you like ... ?
Personally, I (don't) think ...
To be honest, I didn't think much of ...
In my opinion, ...
He's (not) as ... as ...
It's / They're (much) less ... than ...
She's the least ...
You're absolutely right.
That's a good point.
(I'm afraid) I don't agree (with you).

Functional language

5.1

can, can't, could, couldn't

can for abilities	I can speak English. She can't ride a bike. Can they cook?
can for permission	You can finish your homework later. We can't go to the party on Saturday.

5.2

Comparative and superlative adverbs

Adjective	Adverb	Comparative	Superlative
easy	easily	more easily than	the most easily
hard	hard	harder than	the hardest
good	well	better than	the best
bad	badly	worse than	the worst

5.3

allow somebody to / be allowed to

Present		
My mum allows me to sleep late.	= I can sleep late.	
I am allowed to sleep late.		
Past		
My mum didn't allow me to go out.	= I couldn't go out.	
I wasn't allowed to go out.		

5.4

less ... than, the least and (not) as ... as

Comparing two things that are the same	Cats are as intelligent as dogs.
Comparing two things that are not the same	Science is less difficult than Maths. Talent shows aren't as interesting as documentaries. Money is the least important thing in life.