

Aufnahmetest – VK Englisch Aufgaben

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Adapted from WOMAN, November 22, 2004

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⁴ staff – Personal

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⁶ previous – vorangegangen, vorherig

1. Tick the correct box.

No.	statements	true	false or not in the text
1	Joanna taught foreign languages with 30 teenagers and her own two children in the classroom.		
2	She stopped teaching because she was offered a job in a sweet shop.		
3	Joanna seems to be more self-confident now.		
4	Matt and Joanna were sent to London to see the chocolate convention.		
5	Joanna loved teaching but couldn't go on teaching in a Catholic school.		
6	A teacher's job is sometimes very stressful.		
7	Her teaching skills help her a lot in her new job.		
8	She has lost contact to her former pupils and colleagues.		
9	Joanna prefers working in her sweet shop to working at a school.		
10	Joanna prefers a job that is fun to a job that is secure.		

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2. Make at least 6 questions that match the answers:

1. No, he works in Scotland.
2. No, I'm from France.
3. This is my mother.
4. Six pounds ninety-five, please.
5. They live next to me
6. I am 36.
7. Yes, a bottle of Coke, please.

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3. Write at least 3 sentences about your mother, father, sister, brother or friend:

(for example: age, marital status, nationality, place where she/he lives now, hobbies).

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4. Please fill in at least 5 names of countries: Be careful, it's either a noun or an adjective, but, anyway, names in English are always written in capital letters!

1. The best chocolate is (schweizerische) chocolate.
2. The Acropolis can be found in (Griechenland).
3. Chanel No. 5 is a (französisches) perfume.
4. This (chinesische) plate is very old.
5. The beaches of (Spanien) are very sunny.
6. I want to eat in an (italienische) restaurant again.

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5. Make at least 8 sentences negative:

1. Keiko works on Sundays.
2. My brother loves dolls (Puppen).
3. My parents go to the supermarket every day.
4. Barbara takes me home every day.
5. He has a lot of free time in the evenings.
6. She has got six children.
7. We watch TV every morning.
8. Do you want to go swimming?

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**6. Write 5 sentences about Jake's birthday:
Make use of the following words. Use past tense:**

- Jake - to be born - 12 - October - 1988 - 2.15 - morning
- fall- leaves - trees - red - yellow - cold -
- mother - happy - want - relax - because - feel - tired
- father - sad - not - want - boy - but - girl
- go - restaurant - drink - beer - until - morning

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**7. Find at least 4 opposites.
Example: The summer hot, but the winter is cold.**

1. My father is strong, but his brother is ...
2. This restaurant is cheap, but the other one is ...
3. Today's meal is lovely, but yesterday's meal was ...
4. This boy is good, but the other one is ...
5. This girl is beautiful, but her friend is

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Total:

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Aufnahmetest VK Lösung

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2. Make at least 6 questions that match the answers:

1. Does he work in Wales? No, he works in Scotland.
2. Are you from England? No, I'm from France.
3. Who is this lady/ she? This is my mother.
4. How much is it? Six pounds ninety-five, please.
5. Where do they live? They live next to me
6. How old are you/ What's your age? I am 36.
7. Would you like something (anything) to drink? Yes, a bottle of Coke, please. ____/16

3. Write at least 3 sentences about your mother, father, sister, brother or friend:

(for example: age, marital status, nationality, place where she/he lives now, hobbies).

My mother is 57 years old and married. She is/ comes from India but lives in Frankfurt/ but has lived in Frankfurt since 2003. She likes/ loves dancing.

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8. **Don't** you want to go swimming?

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6. Write 5 sentences about Jake's birthday:

Make use of the following words. Use past tense:

- Jake was born on the 12th of October (on October 12th) 1988 at 2.15 in the morning.
- It was cold and red and yellow leaves were falling (fell) off the trees.
- His mother was happy but wanted to relax because she felt tired.
- His father was sad because he did not want a boy but a girl.
- So he went to a restaurant and drank a lot of beer until early in the morning.

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7. Find at least 4 opposites.

Example: The summer hot, but the winter is cold.

1. My father is strong, but his brother is **weak**
2. This restaurant is cheap, but the other one is **expensive**
3. Today's meal is lovely, but yesterday's meal was **horrible/ disgusting**
4. This boy is good, but the other one is **bad/ rude**
5. This girl is beautiful, but her friend is **ugly**

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