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ENGLISCH Kreatives Schreiben



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Hinweis: In deinem Beitrag kommt es nicht auf die Menge des Geschriebenen an, sondern auf die inhaltliche und sprachliche Qualität.

Your host family is planning a trip to experience the Indian Summer in New England, follow the Cheese Trail in Vermont and also the Freedom Trail in Boston. This sounds like your idea of hell. That's why you've done your own research and suggest an alternative itinerary to them that starts with the Halloween parade in Rutland, Vermont, where the participants and spectators dress up as superheroes and go trick-or-treating.

Write a dialogue between your host parents and yourself in which you try to influence the route and sights in order to include your preferences. You may use the following pictures as a source of inspiration.



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Bearbeitungszeit: 60 Minuten

Maximale Punktzahl: 25 Punkte

Good luck!

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ENGLISCH Landeskunde: Gut zu wissen

Name, Vorname: _____

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Tick the correct answer (a, b, c, or d). Only one answer to each question is correct.

Richtzeit für diese Aufgabe: 10 Minuten

Maximale Punktzahl: 10 Punkte

Good luck!

1. In terms of land area, the smallest New England state is ...

a	Maine.	
b	Vermont.	
c	Rhode Island.	
d	Massachusetts.	

2. One of the most prestigious universities in the world can be found in New England, namely ...

a	Harvard.	
b	Stanford.	
c	Berkeley.	
d	Columbia.	

3. The New England Patriots are a professional sports team of ...

a	Major League Soccer.	
b	the National Hockey League.	
c	the National Football League.	
d	the National Basketball Association.	

4. Historically, New England is famous as the place where ...

a	the “First Thanksgiving” took place.	
b	most battles of the American Civil War were fought.	
c	Columbus first landed on the North American mainland.	
d	George Washington took his oath as the first U.S. President.	

5. The Pilgrim Fathers reached North America in 1620 on board the ...

a	<i>Beaver.</i>	
b	<i>Mayflower.</i>	
c	<i>Hornblower.</i>	
d	<i>Golden Hind.</i>	

6. The main reason for the Boston Tea Party was ...

a	a conflict with local Native American tribes.	
b	the commemoration of founding the first tea plantations.	
c	a protest against British taxes and lack of political power.	
d	the celebration of economic development in British colonies.	

7. New England is home to one of the best-loved U.S. coastal tourist destinations, namely ...

a	Key West.	
b	Cape Cod.	
c	the Hamptons.	
d	Huntington Beach.	

8. As one can see in the photo, New England’s cuisine is well known for its ...

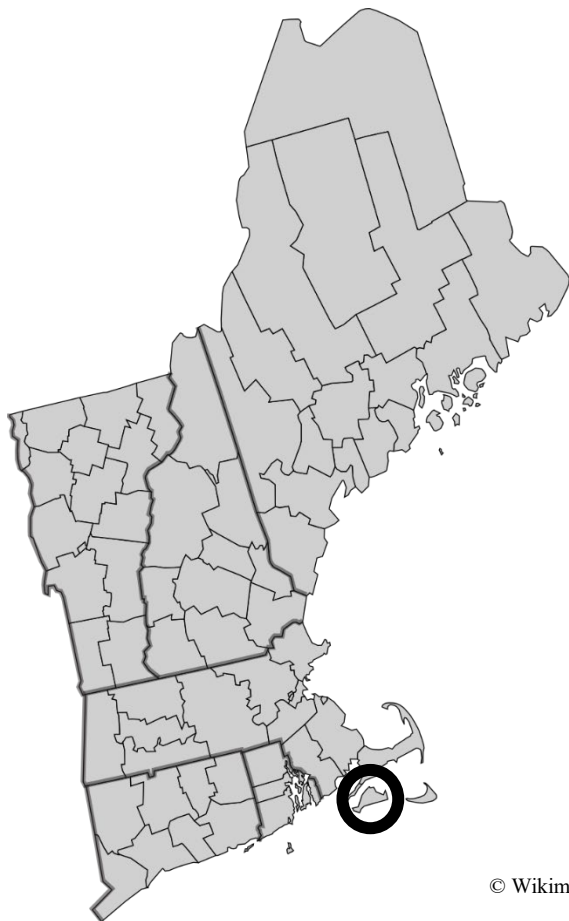


a	lobster roll.	
b	Pastrami on rye.	
c	Philly cheesesteak.	
d	cornbread with tater tots.	

9. The mountain ranges found in New England are part of the ...

a	Rockies.	
b	Cascades.	
c	Appalachians.	
d	Sierra Nevada.	

10. The circled island off the New England coast is called ...



a	Nantucket.	
b	Long Island.	
c	Martha's Vineyard.	
d	Mount Desert Island.	

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ENGLISCH Leseverstehen

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Auf diesem Bogen findest du zwei Aufgaben zum Leseverstehen.

Richtzeit für die Bearbeitung: 20 Minuten

Maximale Punktzahl: 10 Punkte

Good luck!

1. AUFGABE:

Der Text auf der Rückseite dieses Blattes ist an sieben Stellen, die durch Ziffern gekennzeichnet sind, unvollständig. Neben dem Text findest du bunt durcheinander gewürfelt die fehlenden Textelemente. Außerdem sind drei weitere aufgeführt, die mit dem Text gar nichts zu tun haben. Deine Aufgabe ist es nun, für jede Lücke das passende Textelement zu finden. Trage zur Zuordnung die Nummern der Textlücken in die Kästchen neben den angebotenen Textelementen ein. Jedes Textelement darf nur einmal verwendet werden. Bitte lies zuerst den gesamten Text, damit du den Zusammenhang erkennst.

⊗ Please turn over.

Rural New England Counts on Foliage Tourism, but the Future of Fall Colors Is Uncertain

Ultimately, climate change may bring relief from overtourism at a high price: the loss of vibrant autumn leaves.

By Julia Tilton

Leaves are already turning in northern New England, signaling that the region’s famed foliage season – estimated by the U.S. Forest Service to bring in \$8 billion in tourism revenue annually – is underway. [...]

This year, visitors to Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island [...] can expect to see the return of vibrant reds that have been dull in recent years. Foliage **(1)** to arrive on a “normal” timeline in many parts of the region, with peak colors forecast for early October into Indigenous People’s Day weekend.

Looking toward the future, however, scientists warn that dull colors and delays to the season could become increasingly common. Dr. Alexandra Kosiba [...] studies how trees in New England are adapting to a changing climate.

“There is the concern that with continued climate change, we not only have an increasingly later fall foliage season, but that it might **(2)** less vibrant,” Kosiba told the Daily Yonder. [...]

By looking at historical data and old photographs of fall foliage in New England, researchers like Kosiba have found that color changes are **(3)** later than they have in the past. [...]

Dr. Stephanie Spera is a professor [...] at the University of Richmond. She published research in 2023 showing how peak fall foliage in Maine’s Acadia National Park now occurs two weeks later than it did

in the 1950s. By 2060, Spera projects that peak foliage could happen as late as October 30 to November 2.

Spera said predictions can be tricky because of how climate change is making New England weather more unpredictable. In **(4)** to rising temperatures, precipitation¹ patterns are changing in the region. Like temperature, precipitation has an impact on how bright fall foliage will be, and how long trees will hang on to their leaves before dropping them for winter. Intense rainfall events [...] can put stress on trees. Drought² conditions, meanwhile, will scorch leaves, affecting their ability to turn. [...]

This year, scientists agree that the region is in for a show. A healthy growing season combined with what Salge calls “New England sweater weather” means the foliage **(5)** on time with plenty of color.

In Vermont, the Director of the University of Vermont’s Tourism Research Center, Dr. Lisa Chase, says the state is gearing up for one of its most **(6)** seasons. Tourists flock to Vermont from what Chase calls “the drive market,” which includes the New York City, Boston, and Montreal metropolitan areas. [...]

Last year, despite the duller-than-usual colors, a rural Vermont community found itself face-to-face with a new kind of tourist: social media influencers. With social media granting users the ability to geolocate their photos, seemingly random spots can become ultra-hot destinations overnight. This can create a burden for residents **(7)** in places that are not set up for an influx of tourists. [...]

¹ precipitation - water that falls from the sky, like rain, snow, or hail

² drought - a long time with little or no rain

Chase said her takeaway from the situation is that part of the joy of foliage season is exploring beautiful spots that nobody else has found yet.

“Rather than going to this specific spot where there’s going to be a whole bunch of other tourists waiting for their turn to take a photo, explore the incredible back roads of Vermont and make discoveries for yourself,” Chase said. [...]

Source: <https://dailyonder.com/rural-new-england-counts-on-foliage-tourism-but-the-future-of-fall-colors-is-uncertain/2024/09/17/>, last accessed on July 11, 2025

	very
	become
	living
	popular
	addition
	occurring
	a lot earlier
	environment
	should arrive
	is also expected

 **Please turn over.**

2. AUFGABE:

Lies die folgenden kurzen Zusammenfassungen von drei Romanen durch, die in New England spielen. Ordne dann die Überschriften A–E den Texten 1 bis 3 zu. Es gibt zwei Überschriften, die nicht benötigt werden.

Text 1:

Two girls from very different families spend the endless summer holidays together on an island off the coast of Massachusetts, starting when they are ten years old and continuing into adulthood. Vix is a shy girl from a relatively poor family, while Caitlin is confident and popular. Every summer, Caitlin chooses one friend to join her — and to Vix’s surprise, she is the chosen one. This marks the beginning of a deep friendship filled with first loves, secrets, and the mysteries of life. Nearly twenty years later, Caitlin invites Vix to her wedding. But time has changed them, and old secrets resurface, forcing both women to face their past.

Text 2:

In a small town in Maine, Carrie White is a lonely girl raised by her extremely religious mother. She doesn’t understand the changes in her body, believing she is dying from an incurable disease rather than realizing she is becoming a young woman. Because of this, her classmates bully and humiliate her. Her fear and shame turn into anger — and something awakens inside her: the power to move things with her mind. One girl regrets mocking her and convinces her boyfriend to take Carrie to the prom. But other students once again plan a terrible joke. Just as Carrie is surprisingly crowned prom queen, she is unexpectedly covered in pig’s blood. Her rage explodes, and with her powers she destroys the town and kills most of the townspeople.

Text 3:

"Good night, you Princes of Maine, you Kings of New England!" This is what Dr. Wilbur Larch says each night to the orphans of St. Cloud’s, a children’s home Homer Wells, one of the orphans, grows up there and is trained by Dr. Larch as a medical assistant. Larch helps young women with unwanted pregnancies — something Homer struggles to accept. When Homer leaves the orphanage with a couple named Wally and Candy, he starts a new life in their apple orchard. After Wally goes to war and is reported missing, Homer and Candy become lovers and have a child, Angel. When Wally unexpectedly returns, paralyzed, they hide the truth from him, saying that Angel has been adopted. Homer returns to the life of an apple picker, and as years pass, he is confronted with his son’s carelessness and a need to continue Dr Larch’s work.

Texte 1 – 3: © Philip Town, Eckernförde

Headlines

- A** Pushed too far
- B** Finding happiness
- C** An evolving friendship
- D** From enemies to friends
- E** Complicated family bonds

Text	1	2	3
Headline			

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ENGLISCH Wortergänzung



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Lies erst jeweils den gesamten Text, damit du den Zusammenhang erkennst. Dann sollst du den Text vervollständigen, indem du die fehlenden Wortteile einträgst. Achte dabei auf korrekte Rechtschreibung und Grammatik. Wenn du einmal eine Lücke nicht schließen kannst, gehe zur nächsten. Möglicherweise gelingt es dir dann nachträglich, die Lücke zu schließen.

Merke bitte: Wo immer im Text eine gestrichelte Linie erscheint (z. B. „geist _ _ _“), fehlt ein Teil des Wortes. Ein Strich entspricht einem fehlenden Buchstaben. Die Lösung in unserem Beispiel könnte also lauten: „geist v o l l“, nicht aber „geistreich“ oder „geistig“.

Richtzeit für diese Aufgabe: 30 Minuten

Maximale Punktzahl: 20 Punkte

Zahl der Lücken: 80

Good luck!

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The Freedom Trail

A good introduction to the history of Boston is to take the Freedom Trail. Developed in the 1950s, the trail starts in central Boston and then takes tourists not past six historical sites. Guides wear the typical 17th century dress like Boston visitors along the two-and-a-half-mile trail and provide information about the localities they pass: old houses, meeting halls, churches, graveyards and battle sites. Of special interest is the home of Paul Revere, the patriot known for his midnight ride to warn about the approaching British.

Stephen King's home county

The author Stephen King was born in Portland, Maine, lived for a long time in Bangor and has stayed there to this state for all his life. His first short stories show a deep awareness of the county around him, and he cleverly uses many localities in rural Maine. Yet many of his stories are set in fictional towns that replace the real ones King was familiar with. This detailed description of small-town life has attracted many fans to Bangor so that they can see for themselves the inspiration for his fictional Derry.

Witch Hunt in Salem

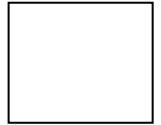
In early 1692, three young girls set off a massive witch hunt in Salem. They came to tell local doctors with strange, unnatural symptoms like loss of control over their bodies, making weird noises and a feeling of sharp pain as if being stuck with pins. They were seen as signs of witchcraft and attributed to the influence of three women in the community, all outsiders. One of these women confessed to being a worshipper of the devil and named other 'witches' to save herself from severe punishment.

New England food

New England food is based on a combination of older English cooking methods and standard native American ingredients. In the region, potatoes, corn and berries grew well, and syrup was made from the maple trees. The settlers offered several kinds of beans. So early settlers creatively combined the natural resources they encountered. Puritans were introduced to new varieties of beans by native Americans, and they made their first speciality by mixing the beans with salted pork and maple syrup.

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ENGLISCH Hörverstehen



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Listen to a podcast about the origin of the donut.

While listening, tick the correct answer (a, b, c, or d). There is only one correct answer to each question. There is an example at the beginning (0).

You will hear the recording twice. You will have one minute at the end of the second recording to complete the task.

You now have two minutes to read the statements below.

Good luck!

Please turn over for the statements below.

Maximale Punktzahl: 10 Punkte

Quelle der Tonaufnahme:

New England Legends (April 4, 2024): *Podcast 343 – The Birth of the Legendary Donut*. Produziert von J. Belanger, J. und R. Auger. Online: <https://ournewenglandlegends.com/podcast-343-the-birth-of-the-legendary-donut/>. Download: 06.02.2025.

Aufgabenteam:

Theresa Berthelmann, Halle; Stephanie Claussen, Hamburg; Heike Piornak-Sommerweiß, Dessau-Roßlau; Christoph Reuter, Berlin; Denis Schröder, Hannover; Philip Town, Eckernförde

0. According to the speakers, the origin of the donut is ...

a	somewhat vague.	✓
b	related to other pastries.	
c	connected to several regions.	
d	claimed by a well-known company.	

1. In 1847, Goose River, Maine, was a town that ...

a	attracted investors.	
b	exported goods overseas.	
c	was popular with hunters.	
d	was known for its stone architecture.	

2. Sailors typically ...

a	only eat once a day.	
b	have little time for eating.	
c	eat fish as their main food.	
d	eat together aboard their ship.	

3. Hanson Gregory is said to be ...

a	the ship cook's son.	
b	well-liked by the crew.	
c	enjoying rough conditions at sea.	
d	involved in preparing the crew's food.	

4. Making oily cakes is problematic because ...

a	you need lots of expensive sugar.	
b	the center frequently stays too soft.	
c	you need to eat them while they are still hot.	
d	reaching high cooking temperatures is difficult.	

5. When Gregory is making the cakes, something strange happens which ...

a	utterly confuses him.	
b	makes him start praying.	
c	gives him an inspirational idea.	
d	deeply shocks the rest of the crew.	

6. When things get back to normal, ...

a	the quality of the oil has changed.	
b	Gregory uses a different dough shape.	
c	there is something different about the ship.	
d	Gregory accidentally drops his ring into the oil.	

7. When the crew tries the new kind of cake, they ...

a	celebrate Gregory with loud cheers.	
b	wonder what happened to the center part.	
c	like it more than the one he used to make.	
d	decide to tell people back home right away.	

8. After returning home to Goose River, ...

a	Gregory quits his job on the ship.	
b	his mom wants to open a cake shop.	
c	his mom further improves the recipe.	
d	Gregory develops a better way to make the cakes.	

9. Another version of the donut's origin differs as to ...

a	who invented the new shape.	
b	how the new shape was made.	
c	why the new shape was necessary.	
d	where the new shape was invented.	

10. The speakers say that the story might ...

a	be partly made up.	
b	have changed over time.	
c	be seen critically by Christians.	
d	have originated in a religious context.	