

TEST YOURSELF 9

Tekst til lytteøvelserne

Sæt A Great Britain side 3

Sæt B USA side 6

Sæt C Canada side 9

Forord til læreren.

TEST YOURSELF 9. kl.

Siden sommeren 2007 har skriftlig engelsk efter 9.kl. været udtræksfag til afgangsprøven, men det har været meget begrænset med materiale, hvor eleverne forinden kan øve sig på denne prøveform. Med materialet TEST YOURSELF 9.kl. er der nu kommet et træningsmateriale på markedet, hvor indhold, opbygning og sværhedsgrad er et realistisk træningsmateriale, der lægger sig meget tæt op ad Undervisningsministeriets prøver.

Materialet består af 3 fulde opgavesæt, dvs. at der til hvert sæt er opgaver i læse- og lytteforståelse med tilhørende cd med lytteøvelser svarende til prøvens hæfte 1, samt opgaver i sprog og sprogbrug med et oplæg til en fri skriftlig fremstilling svarende til prøvens hæfte 2.

Bagerst i hæftet findes en facitliste med karakterliste, samt enkelte sider til brug for brainstorm/mind mapping ved den fri skriftlige opgave.

Læreren kan vælge, om eleverne skal arbejde individuelt eller parvis i deres eget tempo, om de skal arbejde på tid med enkelte opgaver evt. bundet op på den daglige undervisning eller om læremidlet skal benyttes som et fuldt realistisk testmateriale.

Da der er tale om et læremiddel og ikke udelukkende et testmateriale, er materialet bygget op over 3 temaer: Great Britain, USA og Canada, dvs. at samtlige tekster og opgaver handler om kultur og samfundsforhold i disse engelsktalende lande. I materialet er adskillige fotos fra de 3 destinationer for også på denne måde at medvirke til at inspirere og motivere eleverne til arbejdet.

Mens eleverne arbejder med forståelse af læsetekster, løser grammatiske opgaver eller opgaver i forbindelse med lytteøvelserne, arbejder de altså også med tekster om fx historie, geografi og det daglige liv for unge i Storbritannien, USA og Canada.

Ex på overskrifter og indhold fra de enkelte temaer:

GB: 'Attractions in and around London', 'Is Nessie really there?', 'Hadrian's Wall'.

USA: 'Food', 'Going to California this summer?', 'New York', 'American National Parks'.

Canada: 'The original people of Canada', 'Wildlife', 'An Indian Legend', 'Avril Lavigne'.

Elevernes receptive kompetencer trænes gennem lytteøvelserne, hvor eleverne både skal lytte efter det generelle indhold, samt lægge mærke til detaljer ift. de tilhørende multiple-choice-opgaver. Elevernes læsefærdighed udfordres ved, at der skal læses både korte og lange tekster med multiple-choice svarmuligheder, samt tekststykker med multiple-match muligheder.

De grammatiske opgaver er lidt forskellige indenfor de 3 temaer, men eleverne skal fx arbejde med opgaver som 'Cross out ten mistakes', 'Write the missing verbs/adjectives/nouns in the correct form', 'Numbers' og 'Homophones'.

Oplæggene til de frie skriftlige opgaver holder sig ligeledes indenfor de 3 temaer, dvs. at eleverne undervejs i arbejdet med teksterne opnår et ordforråd og en indsigt, der gør dem i stand til lettere at kunne skrive en fri skriftlig opgave.

Materialet kan benyttes uafhængigt af, hvilket lærebogssystem der benyttes i den daglige undervisning.

God fornøjelse med TEST YOURSELF 9.kl. – forhåbentlig vil dette læremiddel være medvirkende til at lette forberedelsesarbejdet inden afgangsprøven og samtidig give et relevant fagligt indhold i den daglige undervisning for både elever og lærere.

Venlig hilsen
Pia Nielsen

Lyttetekst

Opgavesæt A: Great Britain

Listening comprehension.

Section 1.

Read the questions for section 1.

You'll hear the text twice.

(herefter pause i ca. 25 sekunder)

Now listen to Peter telling about his family.

My name is Peter Smith. I'm 17 years old and I live in Windsor just outside London. I live in a house with my parents and my younger sister Caroline. She is 15. We also have two cats. They are called Harry and William – guess why! As you may know the queen has a castle in Windsor and she often visits it with her family – including Prince Harry and Prince William! Ha-ha.

I'm at my last year in the local secondary school which is called Windsor Secondary. I'm not sure what I want to do after I leave school next summer. I think it would be nice to have an odd job just to relax from the routine of going to school, - you know - reading books and doing homework. My parents don't agree with me. They want me to go straight on to a technical school to become an engineer. I've always wanted to become an engineer so it might be a good idea to start in September because a lot of my friends will also be starting there.

On the other hand this might be my chance of experiencing life outside school. Maybe I don't want to become an engineer after all? One of my favourite subjects at school has always been maths but I also like modern languages such as French and Spanish and I definitely like to travel. Maybe I should go into international business instead? This would mean that I would have to go to business school instead. Maybe I should do some travelling before starting school again? I could visit my friend Florence in Paris. She could help me to get a job in a supermarket or something...or at a fast-food restaurant there. I have only had 4 years of French at school so I'm sure my French could become a lot better if I worked there for a year. Maybe later on I could do the same when I want to learn Spanish? I feel that it's just so much easier for me learning languages when I'm in the right surroundings instead of learning it in a classroom.

My sister Caroline has always wanted to become a nurse. That is something I've definitely never wanted to become! It's okay working with people but I think I would faint if I was to see all the blood and the injured patients.

Listen again and check your answers.

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Section 2

Read the questions for section 2.

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Now listen to Peter telling about sport.

I'm a big fan of football. I support Chelsea which is a real London club. Chelsea is also known as 'The Blues' – maybe because they always wear blue when they play on their home ground. My dad always fancied Manchester United. He used to be a footballer himself – a goalkeeper. I think that's why he likes Manchester United and he has always liked the Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel. Peter Schmeichel doesn't play anymore but his son is also a goalkeeper – Kasper Schmeichel. Kasper plays for Manchester City I think. Maybe one day he will become just as good as his dad?

My mum doesn't really like football but she always says that she supports Liverpool. Liverpool!!! I think she says that just to annoy Dad and me! Just because she liked the first really famous British pop band called The Beatles when she was young and they came from Liverpool. Honestly, that is the weirdest reason I've ever heard of why someone supports a football team! I mean – she is Scottish so you would think that she at least supports a Scottish team like Glasgow Rangers or Celtic. But no....Liverpool!

I play some football myself but I'm not very good at it. I'm much better at cricket. So is my dad. He has taken me to cricket matches as long as I can remember so that's probably why I like it. Last year I was playing for the national team for the under seventeen's. We were playing cricket matches against countries like India, Pakistan and Australia. They are all very good at cricket – maybe because they all used to be English colonies or something...and they have kept the English traditions about cricket? Unfortunately I'm too old now – or you can say that I'm not good enough to play for the under nineteen's team so I don't think I'll ever join the real national team. Anyway – it's good fun playing cricket and it's the kind of sport you can play for many years.

Caroline – my sister – she doesn't really do any kind of sports. It's like with most of the girls I know. They stop doing sports when they become teenagers and at the same time they complain about getting too fat. Then they start going on diets. I don't understand it. Why don't they just have fun doing some kind of sport instead?

The only thing Caroline does is that she plays some golf now and then. In my family we all play golf. My mother has played since she was a young girl. Her family originally came from St. Andrews before they moved to Glasgow. St. Andrews is on the east coast of Scotland, and it's where they invented golf. A lot of people in Scotland play golf. It's not like in a lot of other countries where golf is very expensive and therefore sort of a snobbish sport. In Scotland it's a sport for everybody.

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Section 3

Read the questions for section 3.

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Now listen to Peter telling about food.

Last summer when I was on holiday in France with my parents I met a French girl called Florence. I'm really looking forward to seeing Florence again. It has been quite a while. We have been e-mailing and we have also been on the phone a couple of times but it's not the same as seeing each other. I know that I still fancy her but I wonder if she also fancies me? I hope she does but I'm sure we'll have a great summer anyway.

Florence is a real Frenchman....well, French woman! She just loves good food. She eats everything – very unlike most of my friends who are very picky. Some of them only eat stuff like burgers, chips, spaghetti and pizza. Florence likes weird things like frog’s legs and foie grass. That’s like a kind of pate or I think you call it liver paste – foie grass just comes from a goose instead of a pig.

Florence is also very prejudiced against British food. She thinks that we only eat fish and chips or stew cooked for hours made out of old lamb’s meat. Some British people do eat that kind of food but not my family. We do like a traditional English breakfast but we only get it on Sundays though. Then we get bacon, sausages, ham, fried eggs, fried tomatoes and sometimes also fried potatoes. When we’re at my grannies house we also get black pudding. You would think it was a kind of sweet dessert, right? But oh, no – it’s more like a sausage made out of blood! BVADR! I hate it. I’m not going to serve that for Florence.

After a heavy Sunday breakfast we often just get sandwiches for lunch. Did you know that sandwiches got their name from the Earl of Sandwich? He loved playing cards, but he hated to stop playing just because it was lunchtime, so he had his servants to serve him slices of bread with meat between them. In that way he could go on playing cards AND have lunch at the same time.

Sometimes we go for a picnic on Sundays. Then my mum has made cucumber sandwiches, ham sandwiches and BLT’s. Do you know what that is? A BLT is a sandwich with bacon, lettuce and tomato.

When I’m at school I usually buy lunch. Strangely enough it is often called school dinners. When I was at primary school we got stuff like casseroles with mashed potatoes or pies with minced meat. For dessert we would get vanilla pudding with jelly or jelly with a kind of vanilla sauce. But things have changed now and not only in primary schools but also at secondary schools. Now we have a choice between a lot of different and delicious food. Sometimes we can even get pizzas but it always includes something like a salad, some carrots or other raw vegetables.

British food has always had a terrible reputation. It was too fat and had no taste because it had been cooked for hours. Now things have changed. Have you heard of Jamie Oliver? He is a young British chef who has had his own television shows for some years now. He also writes cookery books. I think he is famous all over Europe for making very delicious and tasty food. I think Florence is gonna like his kind of British food.

One thing I’m sure of though is that she will NOT like Haggis which my Scottish grandmother makes on Burns night. Robert Burns was a very famous Scottish poet. On his anniversary January 25th some people will have the traditional Scottish meal called Haggis. It’s made out of minced liver and heart mixed with oatmeal and onions. It is then put in a sheep’s stomach and cooked for hours. It’s traditionally served on a silver tray by a man in a kilt while someone is playing the bagpipe. I think it’s quite fun having it when we visit my family in Scotland, but it is definitely not my favourite kind of food – it’s more like an acquired taste.

Instead of that I think I’ll rather take Florence to a traditional English Pub lunch where we can get fish and chips – or maybe we can even go to a burger place!

Listen again and check your answers.
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The listening text is now finished.

Lyttetekst

Opgavesæt B: USA

Listening comprehension.

Section 1.

Read the questions for section 1.

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Now listen to Carl telling about his family.

Hi, my name is Carl Krukenberg and I'm seventeen years old. I'm American and so is my older sister Jackie. My parents, Charlotte and John, are also American, but actually my mum was born in Denmark. Strange isn't it? Her parents were both Danish, but they decided to move to the States and become Americans, when my mum was just 2 years old. She can't really remember anything from her Danish childhood and she doesn't even understand a word of Danish, which I think is a shame.

My grandmother still speaks Danish but with a heavy American accent. I understand that, since she has lived in the States for 50 years now. When I was younger I tried to learn some Danish when I visited my grandmother, but I'm not very good at it. I can only say things like: "Hello, my name is Carl. What is your name? How are you?" and so on in Danish so it doesn't really help a lot, does it? Especially because my pronunciation is really terrible. I think I would have to go and stay in Denmark for some time to get a better accent.

Last summer I visited my Danish family – you know – cousins, aunts and uncles. That was a lot of fun. I have only been to Denmark twice: When I was 6 years old and last year when I was 16 so I don't get to see my Danish family so often.

Luckily some of them have been to visit us – their American family. I think Europeans are much better at travelling to other countries during their holidays especially if they come from a small country like Denmark. I also find that a lot of Danes are very good at speaking English, so it is not a problem for them to go to the US.

Listen again and check your answers.

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Section 2

Read the questions for section 2.

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Now listen to Carl telling about cities in the USA.

I live with my family in Indianapolis in the State of Indiana. Do you know where that is? Most people don't. Certainly not people from outside the US, but even a lot of Americans don't know where it is. Indiana is in the Midwest about 700 miles...sorry1100 kilometres west of New York. It's next to the very big Lake Michigan. You may know that there are 50 states within the US and we are almost 300 million inhabitants. Almost 1 million live in and around Indianapolis which means it is the 13th largest

city in the US. Did you know that? It's almost the same number of inhabitants as in your capital of København or Copenhagen as we call it.

If you ask people what big cities they know in the US they will come up with places like New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington DC – you know, the capital of the US – but other than that it's only if you have actually visited even big cities like Boston, Philadelphia, Seattle or Chicago that you know where they are.

Maybe you have heard of Chicago? Chicago is in the state of Illinois which is next to Indiana. Many people have heard of Chicago in gangster movies but not very many people know that Chicago is the 3rd largest city in the USA. Only New York and Los Angeles have more inhabitants.

I have travelled quite a lot within the USA. We usually stay within the US when we go on holiday – but then again USA is SO big that you'll never get to see it all anyway.

Indiana is cold in the winter with lots of snow and the summers are pretty warm, but not as warm as in the South like in Texas or Florida. I have been on holiday several times in Florida which is quite nice and I've also been to Hawaii a couple of times which is even nicer! Did you know that the eight main Hawaiian Islands are also called the Sandwich Islands? I don't know why.

For shorter holidays we often visit my Danish grandparents in Cincinnati, Ohio or my American grandparents in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It takes us less than 2 hours to go to Cincinnati by car but longer to go to my father's parents in Pittsburgh.

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Section 3

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Now listen to Carl telling about school and history.

I'm at my last year of high school so next year I'll go on to university or college as we call it. I think I'll go to Purdue University. It's quite a big university so there are plenty of opportunities when it comes to choosing what to study. My parents both went there – they actually met each other there – and my sister also went to Purdue. She studied Architecture.

My best subjects at school are maths and science so I'll probably just study something in that area. Maybe I'll become an engineer or I'll study Computer Science or even some kind of economics.

I think it's quite hard at my age to decide what I want to do for the rest of my life – don't you?

I also quite like history but I'm NOT good at languages. I've studied German for three years but I still can't even ask for anything else but a burger and a coke. It's so pathetic! Maybe I should have studied Spanish instead? People say it's easier but I don't know – maybe I just haven't put enough work into it?

A lot of people speak Spanish in the US. Next to English it's the most spoken language. Over the years a lot of immigrants have come to the USA. Especially a lot have come from Mexico but also a lot of people from around the world. Maybe it's because we are sort of a new country so it's easier to fit in?

I mean, if you look at the history of Denmark and compare it to the history of the USA.....well, your country officially dates back to at least the 10th century and you have the oldest flag in the world, whereas it wasn't until 1789 we had our first president, George Washington!

Before that Indians had lived here for a long time, but it wasn't until after Christopher Columbus had 'discovered' America in the year 1492 we had people from European countries like France, Portugal and England coming here. By the way – how can you discover a country when there are already people living there? Strange – and even more strange because Columbus thought he had gone to India when he had actually reached some of the smaller islands in the Caribbean Sea close to Florida!

When I visited Denmark I went to cities that were SO much older than any city in the USA. For instance I went to Ribe, where I saw Ribe cathedral. It was build around the year 1100 so it's like 900 years old. Amazing! We don't have ANY building in the USA as old as that.

Just a couple of years ago a new highway was going to be built in Indianapolis but an old house was in the way. It was decided to take the house down bit by bit and rebuild it again and make it into some kind of museum because it was so old – and it was less than 200 years old!

As you can hear I do like history and I especially like churches. I go to church and I also read the bible every day. I'm not a fanatic but a lot of Americans DO go to church. Also a lot of young people my age go to church.

We have a youth club at my church and we do different kind of humanitarian work. Like in 2005 we went down to New Orleans in Louisiana to help after Hurricane Katrina. It was one of the worst hurricanes ever in the USA and thousands of people lost their homes and almost 2,500 either died or were reported missing so I'm glad we could help just a little.

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Lyttetekst

Opgavesæt C: Canada

Listening comprehension.

Section 1.

Read the questions for section 1.

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You'll be introduced to Laura and Céline and hear about languages in Canada.

Laura James is 15 years old and so is her friend Céline Trudeau. They both live in Calgary in Canada. Calgary is in the Rocky Mountains in the state of Alberta in the western part of Canada. Laura has lived in Calgary all her life but Céline was born in Montreal in the state of Quebec in the eastern part of Canada. She moved to Calgary just a little over two years ago with her family.

Montreal is the second largest city in Canada with around 3 and a half million inhabitants. Calgary on the other hand is much smaller with only around 1 million inhabitants. In Calgary people speak English whereas people speak French in Montreal. Actually Paris in France is the only city in the world where you'll find more people speaking French than in Montreal. You'll find that street signs are often written in both languages.

In Canada approximately 20 million people speak English, 4 million speak French and almost 5 million speak both languages. Both English and French are official languages according to Canadian law.

Canada is the second largest country in the world. So with 'only' 29 million Canadians and a lot of them living in the bigger cities you'll find enormous areas where hardly any people live. Most of the big cities are in the southern part of the country close to the American border. In the rest of the country you'll find farmland and prairies with cattle like in the Wild West, mountains, huge forest areas with lots of wildlife and finally in the North of Canada you'll find tundra where no trees can grow because it's too cold and too dry. You'll even find icebergs in the area of Canada that is close to Greenland.

Listen again and check your answers.

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Section 2

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You'll hear about school and sport in Canada.

When the girls go to school they speak English during classes, but outside school they often speak French – mainly because Laura wants to practice her French. In her family she is the only one who speaks both English and French whereas everybody in Célines family speaks both French and English.

When Céline lived in Montreal she went to a French speaking school, but here in Calgary she goes to an English speaking school, Calgary Junior High School. This was where she met Laura when she first

came to Calgary in grade seven. Now they go to grade nine which is their final year at junior high. Next year the girls will go to St. Mary's High School. It's a school where you go from grade 10 to grade 12. They are both looking forward to going to the new school. First of all because they'll get new friends, but also because the school is famous for the sports activities – especially winter sports. The school has good teams for skiing, ice hockey, figure skating and bobsled.

In Canada the winters are very cold with lots of snow especially in the Rocky Mountains so it's a good climate for winter sports. The summers are very warm so it's also a good climate for playing golf or going hiking in the mountains.

Both Laura and Céline like to go down hill skiing and they are quite good at it. If they get the chance they'll go to Banff in the Rocky Mountains in the weekends to go skiing. Laura's family has a small winter cottage there, so she has been going skiing with her family since she was very young. None of them has a driver's license yet so they can only go if they can get Laura's parents or her older brother to take them.

Even though Laura likes skiing she just loves going in a 4-person bobsled even more. She's also good at it. Actually she's so good that she's in the junior national team for Canada. She hopes that when she gets older she'll join the real national team and maybe make it to the Winter Olympics one day. In 1988 the Winter Olympics took place in Calgary, so maybe it'll be held in Canada again soon?

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Section 3

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You'll hear about music and ice hockey in Canada.

When Céline first came to Calgary she didn't like it there. She missed all her friends at school and she missed being in a big city. She thought that moving to Calgary would be like moving to the country side. In Montreal she had been at several concerts with some of her favourite singers and bands. She had been at concerts with famous Canadian musicians like Celine Dion, Shania Twain and Avril Lavigne. What kind of music would she have to listen to out here in the countryside in the mountains? Maybe the kind of Canadian music her parents listened to when they were young? People like Leonard Cohen, Joni Mitchell and Neil Young? Not that she didn't like folk music, but she just couldn't imagine being at a concert next to a barn full of cows!

But she was in for a surprise! Even though Calgary is smaller than Montreal it's still a very modern city with lots of skyscrapers and shops. Because it's so cold in winter most of the shopping is done indoors in shopping malls. At Christmas they have signs like "Under cover shopping so you won't get caught in the reindeer!"

In the summertime Céline likes to get away from Calgary though. Not because of the weather as it's really warm and sunny but more because she wants to visit her old friends in Montreal or to visit some family

in Vancouver on the West coast. When she's there they often cross the border to the USA and drive into Seattle in Washington State.

In Seattle they have a lot more shops, but they also have a tower with a restaurant at the top that revolves, which means that it rotates, so that within an hour your view has changed 360 degrees!

In Calgary there's Husky Tower or Calgary Tower as it is usually called which also has a restaurant at the top which is revolving. For the Winter Olympics in 1988 a natural gas-fired cauldron was constructed at the top of the tower. It uses 850 cubic meters of natural gas every hour! It was lit throughout the Games, but since then it's only been lit at special occasions such as when the British Queen Elizabeth II – who is also queen of Canada – visited Calgary some years ago. That was just after Céline moved to Calgary, so she HAS seen the flame lit.

Céline's family moved to Calgary because her father, Pierre Trudeau, is a famous ice hockey coach. He was hired by one of the big professional ice hockey teams in NHL (The National Hockey League) in Canada: The Calgary Flames. In Calgary they also have two other major teams: 'Calgary Tigers' and 'Calgary Cowboys'. They are all very popular in Calgary and their fan clubs are huge. They play up to 14 games each month against other teams with funny names like 'Devils', 'Panthers', 'Penguins', 'Ducks', 'Predators' and 'Red Wings'.

Now Céline is very pleased with living in Calgary because now she has friends like Laura and other young people, but she knows that she might have to move again if her father gets a job in another city. She hopes it won't be for a couple of years because then she'll go into college and that usually means that you have to move away from home anyway and live on your own at the college.

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