

**Qualifizierender Mittelschulabschluss 2019
Englisch (mündlich)**

Texte für den Prüfungsbereich „Expressive Reading“

Textbeispiel 1

Surprise in the night

In Britain people often talk about the weather since it is always changing. It rains quite a lot, and sometimes there is heavy fog, too.

One evening it was very foggy around Loch Lomond. Mr Scott was driving home in his beloved car, a Morris B 1902, which he was very proud of. He couldn't see anything in the fog. In front of him there was another car, but Mr Scott could only see its lights. He followed them for some time.

Then suddenly – crash! Mr Scott had driven into the car in front of him. He quickly jumped out of his car. 'Why did you stop and switch off the lights?' he angrily asked the woman in the other car. 'Because this is my garage,' the lady answered.

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Textbeispiel 2

The right place for a conversation?

Last week I went to the Palace Theatre at 352 London Road. I had a very good seat in the third row which had cost me £39. The play was interesting, but unfortunately I didn't enjoy it.

A young man and his girlfriend were sitting in the row behind me. They were talking all the time and so loudly that I wasn't able to hear the actors. I got very upset because I couldn't follow the play. After a while I looked at them angrily, but they didn't pay any attention. They didn't stop talking and I couldn't concentrate on what was happening on the stage. Finally, I couldn't bear it any longer. I turned round and said angrily, 'I can't understand a word!'

'Oh, that doesn't matter,' the young man answered in a friendly tone. 'This is a private conversation!'

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Textbeispiel 3

Castle of horror

It was a dark and stormy evening in the Scottish Highlands. An American tourist and his wife had lost their way and arrived at an old Scottish castle. They knocked at the door and after some minutes it was opened very slowly by a grim-looking old man.

‘Excuse me, please,’ said the tourist, ‘but we have lost our way in this terrible weather. Do you think we could spend the night in your home? We will pay you a good price, of course.’

‘All right, all right,’ answered the owner. ‘Come in by all means.’

‘Just a moment,’ the American’s wife said, ‘I’m terribly frightened of ghosts, and people often tell spooky stories about ghosts in old castles. Is there ...?’

‘Nonsense,’ the old man interrupted the woman. ‘I’ve been living here since 1378, that is, for more than 600 years, and I’ve never seen a ghost!’

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Textbeispiel 4

An invitation

Harry had had a wonderful time with some of his best friends celebrating Tom’s 60th birthday. When the birthday party was over and the guests were preparing to leave, Harry looked out of the window and said to his host. ‘What a terrible night, just look outside. It’s not raining, it’s pouring.’

The other guests had already gone and Harry wanted to leave, too. But his car wouldn’t start, so he decided to walk all the way back home.

‘You can’t go home in that rain,’ said the host. ‘You’d better stay the night with us.’ Harry answered: ‘Thank you for the kind invitation but I’ve got to get something first.’ And he ran out into the rain.

Two hours later he returned, wet through. ‘Where have you been all this time?’ asked the host. ‘I went home to get my pyjamas,’ said Harry.

(146 words)

Textbeispiel 5

Boy or girl?

In western countries a lot of boys and girls have the same kind of hairstyles and many of them wear similar clothes, so it is difficult to tell whether they are boys or girls.

One day an old gentleman went for a walk in the park in New York. When he got a bit tired he sat down on a bench. A teenager was standing near a pond feeding the ducks. 'My goodness!' the old man said to the person sitting next to him. 'Do you see that person over there, with the tight trousers and long hair. Is it a boy or a girl?'

'A girl', was the prompt reply. 'She's my daughter.'

'Oh!' the old man answered quickly. 'When I was young, back in 1933, boys looked different from girls. I'm sorry I didn't know that you were her mother.'

'I'm not', said the other person. 'I'm her father.'

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Textbeispiel 6

What a surprise

A doctor woke up in the middle of the night when his telephone rang.

Sleepily he lifted the receiver and said: '880397, Dr Jones speaking'.

It was a lady whose family he hadn't seen for a long time.

'Doctor,' begged the excited woman. 'Please come over at once. My husband is in great pain and I'm sure it's appendicitis.'

The doctor sleepily thought over the medical history of the family and said, 'Well now, I don't think it's anything like that. I'll visit you tomorrow morning. Don't worry. Probably just an upset stomach.'

'But, Doctor, you must come. I'm sure it's appendicitis,' protested the alarmed wife.

'Oh, come on, Mrs Johnson,' the doctor replied angrily. 'I took out your husband's appendix some years ago. You know as well as I do that he hasn't got another one.'

'That's right,' answered the lady. 'But I've got a new husband.'

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Textbeispiel 7

On the bus

It was during the rush-hour at about 5 p.m. As usual all the seats in the bus were taken. When a pretty young lady got in at Lonsdale Avenue, an old man who was sitting near the door wanted to stand up, but the lady pushed him back onto his seat.

'Thank you,' she said. 'I don't mind standing. I'm perfectly alright. I've been sitting all day.'

'But, madam, excuse me ...' – 'I want you to keep your seat,' she answered, 'I bet you are tired,' and putting her hand on his shoulder she pushed him back onto his seat again.

The man tried to stand up again. But he didn't have a chance. The lady would not let him.

'Madam,' he called out almost desperately. 'I don't care whether you take my seat or not, I just want to get off the bus.'

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Textbeispiel 8

No wonder

This is what the doctor told his patient:

'Medicine won't help you at all. What you need is a change in your lifestyle. After all you are near your 75th birthday. Get away to a quiet country place for a while. Or what about flying to a lonely island? There was an offer for elderly people, only £499. Go to bed early, eat more vegetables, drink good fresh milk and smoke just one cigar a day.'

A month later the man returned and saw his doctor again. He looked like a new man and the doctor told him so. 'Yes, doctor, your advice was wonderful. I went to bed early and did all the other things you told me. But, doctor, that one cigar a day almost killed me at first. It's no joke starting to smoke at my age.'

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Textbeispiel 9

Thank God

An Englishman bought a horse from a vicar. It was rather expensive - he paid £3548 for it. He was told that it was a well-trained animal, pretty smart and very tough, but it only moved when the rider said, 'Thank God' and only stopped, when it heard 'Amen'.

When he first tried to ride his new horse, he mounted the horse and said 'Let's go', but nothing happened.

Then he thought about what he had been told and said 'Thank God'. The horse galloped off at once. Soon they were near a cliff. The horse ran faster and faster. The rider shouted all kinds of orders, but the horse didn't understand. At the very last moment he remembered and said 'Amen'.

The horse finally came to a stop – right at the edge of a cliff. The man was frightened to death and sighed 'Thank God!'

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Textbeispiel 10

The professor's train

Once there were three professors waiting at the railway station. The 6.27 train to Edinburgh had just arrived. But they did not notice it because they were busy talking about their students and the forthcoming examinations in History, Biology and Science. Suddenly the guard shouted, 'All aboard, please!'

The professors heard the guard and rushed to the train as quickly as they could. Two of them got on the train before it started to move. But Professor Pike didn't make it as he had been too slow. He looked very sad. One of his students was at the station, too.

He tried to comfort the professor, 'Two out of three caught the train. That's really quite good, isn't it, sir? Don't you think so?'

'Yes, I know,' the professor replied. 'But it was my train. My friends only came to say goodbye.'

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Textbeispiel 11

Tracy's revenge

Every evening after work John stopped at the local pub, and he often spent a lot of time there. His wife Tracy was very angry with him because he often came home so late. She was also worried about it, but he wouldn't listen.

One day she had an idea. That evening she set the alarm clock for 3.00 a.m. When it went off, John got out of bed, very tired. Then he saw what time it was and became quite angry. He shouted at Tracy and wanted to know why the alarm was ringing in the middle of the night. 'Well,' Tracy explained. 'If it takes you five hours to come home from work in the evening, I thought it must take you just as long to get to work in the morning. And I really didn't want you to be late.'

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Textbeispiel 12

Baby-sitting

My wife had got a ticket for a concert, so I promised her I would take care of the house and our six children between 4 and 11 years old. I sat down to watch the film 'The Murderer' on TV. When I heard steps on the stairs I said: 'Please go to bed and don't disturb me.' The film was exciting. After a while I could hear the soft foot steps of a child again. This time I was angry. 'Stay where you are!' I said in a voice louder than before.

Then the door bell rang. It was our neighbour. 'Sorry to disturb you', she said, 'but I can't find my boy John. I've been looking for him everywhere.' 'Here I am, Mum,' said five-year-old John from the top of the stairs. 'I've tried to go home again and again, but he (now he pointed at me) didn't let me go.'

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