

CONSOLIDATION 1

Units 1–4

1 Complete the text with the best form of the verbs in brackets.

Reporter Philip Taggart visits a farm where the sheep are super fit!

Farmers, as you may (1) *know* (know), (2) (have) a hard time of it in Britain lately, and (3) (turn) to new ways of earning income from their land. This (4) (involve) not only planting new kinds of crops, but also some strange ways of making money, the most unusual of which has got to be sheep racing. Yes, you (5) (hear) me correctly! A farmer in the west of England now (6) (hold) sheep races on a regular basis, and during the past year over 100 000 people (7) (turn up) to watch the proceedings. 'I (8) (pass) the farm on my way to the sea for a holiday,' one punter told me, 'and I (9) (think) I'd have a look. I (10) (not / believe) it was serious, to tell you the truth.' According to a regular visitor, betting on sheep is more interesting than betting on horses. 'At proper horse races everyone (11) (already / study) the form of the horses in advance, and there are clear favourites. But nobody (12) (hear) anything about these sheep! Most people (13) (find) it difficult to tell one from another in any case.' I (14) (stay) to watch the races, and I must admit that (15) (be) quite exciting. In a typical race, half a dozen sheep (16) (race) downhill over a course of about half a mile. Food (17) (wait) for them at the other end of the track, I ought to add! The sheep (18) (run) surprisingly fast, although presumably they (19) (not / eat) for a while just to give them some motivation. At any rate, the crowd around me (20) (obviously / enjoy) their day out at the races, judging by their happy faces and the sense of excitement.

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2 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

- 1 This matter is none of your business.

CONCERN

This matter *is of no concern to / does not concern* you.

- 2 This bridge will take us three years to complete.

COMPLETED

In three years' time this bridge.

- 3 When is the train due to arrive?

SUPPOSED

What get here?

- 4 Today is Liz and John's thirtieth wedding anniversary.

AGO

On this married.

- 5 To get to work on time, I have to get up at 6.00.

MEANS

Getting to work on time at 6.00.

- 6 Whose watch is this?

BELONG

Who to?

- 7 Cathy hasn't been on holiday with her sister before.

FIRST

This on holiday with her sister.

- 8 My dental appointment is for next Wednesday.

SEE

I have an Wednesday.

- 9 This will be the team's first match in the Champions League.

TIME

This will be the first in the Champions League.

- 10 The number of people who attended the fair exceeded our expectations.

HAD

More people expected.

- 11 I didn't receive the results of my test for a month.

BEFORE

It was the results of my test.

- 12 Quite a few books are missing from the class library.

RETURNED

Several members of the class library books.