

## Lösung

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### A. Text-based tasks

#### 1. Decide whether the following statements are right or wrong.

- a) wrong
- b) right
- c) wrong
- d) wrong
- e) wrong
- f) right

#### 2. Find information in the text about...

(2 items each) (You do not have to write complete sentences)

- a)
  - people are fascinated by vampires
  - people love the scary feeling that vampires evoke in them
  - vampires suck human blood with their sharp teeth
  - vampires fly like bats
  - vampires sleep in coffins
  - vampires never die
  - vampires are mostly evil creatures
- b)
  - sales of over ten million copies worldwide
  - topped bestseller lists
  - filming of Twilight (movie was published in November 2008)
  - new perspective on vampires as a secret of the success of her books
- c)
  - lives together with her three children
  - believes in God very strongly
  - doesn't consume alcohol, cigarettes, tea or coffee
  - strict conception of sexuality
- d)
  - very beautiful outward appearance
  - high intelligence
  - self-disciplined as they are able to control their desire for human blood
  - possession of special powers and incredible strength of their body
  - want to take part in the humans' lives
  - sometimes fall in love with a human

e)

- wants to write many more stories (no more vampire stories but different topics)
- plans to decide on one of two possible topics for her next story soon

**3. Finish the following sentences using the information from the text.**

- a) ... took Stephenie Meyer only three months / ... wasn't easy for Stephenie Meyer because she had to care for her three young children.
- b) ... Stephenie Meyer didn't write one of them down (because she thought that people wouldn't be interested in reading them)
- c) ... refused to accept her manuscript of *Twilight*
- d) ... achieved sales of over ten million copies worldwide / topped bestseller lists
- e) ... addresses a topic which is completely different from the *Twilight* stories

**4. Answer the following questions in complete sentences using the information from the text.**

- a) He explained her that he had to struggle hard not to kill her and drink her blood.
- b) Stephenie Meyer thought that people wouldn't be interested in reading the stories
- c) She puts a new perspective on vampires as she doesn't present them as evil creatures but as beings that try hard to lead a good life.
- d) She was fed up with vampire stories and enjoyed dealing with different themes

**5. Ask questions.**

- Where did you have to travel for your research on *Twilight* in order to get all the information you needed?
- What is the main topic of your current manuscript?
- Do you sometimes exchange ideas with other authors?
- Isn't it sometimes hard to get up in the morning and start working if you are self-employed?

## B. Use of language

### **1. Find words or expressions in the text that mean more or less the same.**

- a) enormous
- b) carried on
- c) difficult

### **2. Explain two of the following words in complete sentences.**

- a) A dream is a mental experience you have while sleeping. It is often accompanied with vivid pictures rising in your head. Mostly a dream mirrors some of your personal experiences or reflects your wishes. After waking up, you often can't remember the dream or only parts of it.
- b) A bestseller is a marketing product (mostly a book) which is sold more frequently than the average compared to other similar items.
- c) To struggle means to try hard to achieve a special goal and expending a lot of energy on it.

### **3. Vocabulary – Grammar**

- a) is talking
- b) exactly
- c) is called
- d) personal
- e) travelling
- f) useful
- g) as
- h) be transferred
- i) Reading
- j) better
- k) than

## C. Creative Writing

### 1. Give your opinion.

- a) For this statement there are some pros and some cons. One point in favour of it is that a woman can fully concentrate on her child's care and education if she decides to take a break from work. However, if a woman is able to combine parenting and working in a balanced way, it can also be an advantage for her to continue the job. Anyway, it's important for a woman to make a responsible decision in advance and also discuss sharing the workload with her partner.
- b) It seems to be true that girls in particular prefer reading romantic stories, but sometimes boys also enjoy devoting themselves to stories like "Romeo and Juliet" or "Love Story". It shouldn't be taboo if boys have a passion for romantic stories as it shows part of their personality and individual character. As well as this, there are girls who don't like love stories at all and would rather read adventure stories or non-fiction. Choosing the topic of a book depends on one's personal interests and preferences.
- c) Watching a film definitely has a lot of advantages as a movie summarizes a story or the information of a book in a very compact way. However, when reading a book you can always use your own imagination. This might also be the reason why you are sometimes disappointed when you see the movie after having read the book. It's always a great achievement for a director if he manages it to put the charm of a book in his film in a convincing and inspirational way.

### 2. a) Write an article.

Hey there,

Not long ago, we celebrated our third Halloween Party here at school. It was a celebration with more than 80 guests and was a great success! Everybody seemed to enjoy the evening and some of the costumes were real eye-catchers. There were witches, vampires, spooky ghosts and many more creatures bustling about the dance floor in our gym. The prize for the scariest costume went to a 7th grader who was disguised as the Ghost of Canterville with a dress which was made up of heavy metal chains and a long white beard. Congratulations! Like every year, the money we raised from selling sweets, cake and drinks will be benefit our South Africa project and be donated to our partner school in Maseru. We enjoyed our Halloween Party to the fullest and hope to get the opportunity to celebrate many more great parties like it!

### 2. b) Write a story.

*After a long flight we finally arrived at our hotel. When I opened my suitcase... .. I could hardly believe my eyes: where had the little pink box gone? I was so sure I had put it right on top of all my clothes and toilet things when I was packing my suitcase at home. Where the hell could it be? Now if you are wondering why I was desperately searching for a little pink box, I should explain: my girlfriend Debbie and I had decided to travel here to Venice to celebrate her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday with a romantic holiday, just the two of us. This was supposed to be a perfect day, and as a special present I had bought her a nice little bracelet with a silver heart and our names written on it. So, when I couldn't find the box with my little present in it, I was horrified and starting to think about how to tell Debbie that I did not have a present for her birthday – it just couldn't be true! However, when I finally gave up searching and started to dress for dinner in the evening, I suddenly heard something chink and fall to the floor. Thank God! It really was the bracelet. It must have fallen out of the box and into my underwear! I can't describe how relieved I was – my pants had saved my day!*

## D. Skills and techniques

### 1. Mediation

- a) She wants to buy a book for her grandson.
- b) Wie alt ist ihr Enkel und was liest er gerne?
- c) He's 15 years old. It has to be something exciting because he doesn't usually like reading a lot.
- d) Wie wäre es mit "Diary of a Wimpy Kid"? Das ist ein wirklich lustiges Buch und dem Sohn der Verkäuferin hat es sehr gut gefallen. Diese Woche ist es im Sonderangebot.
- e) That could be right for him. She'll take it – thanks a lot for your help.

### 2. Pass on the information.

- a)
  - Auftritte von Straßenkünstlern und Musikanten
  - Blumen und viele überraschende Produkte
- b)
  - an sieben Tagen pro Woche, unabhängig von der Jahreszeit. Ausnahmen sind das Erntedankfest, Weihnachten und Neujahr.
- c)
  - Anfahrt mit dem Bus
  - Anfahrt mit dem Auto bis zum Seattle Center und Weiterfahrt mit der S-Bahn bis zur Innenstadt.
- d)
  - per Aufzug, der die Besucher innerhalb von 41 Sekunden auf die 520 Fuß hohe Aussichtsplattform befördert
- e)
  - Drehmechanismus des Restaurantraumes um 360°
  - bei Besuch des SkyCity-Restaurants keine extra Eintrittskarte für die Aussichtsplattform benötigt, der Preis hierfür ist inbegriffen
- f)
  - \$ 19.00
- g)
  - zweimaliger Besuch der Space Needle innerhalb von 24 Stunden (einmal untertags und einmal nachts)
- h)
  - für ein Jahr ab dem Zeitpunkt des Erwerbs