English Department Online Placement Test (C-Test)

This online placement test is meant to help you find out what level of English you have in order to make your course selection at registration easier. It is meant as a guide only and is not binding. Students are still required to sit a placement test in the first session of each course. Final admission to a particular course depends on your score on the in-class placement test and NOT on this online version. If you need further assistance in determining which courses to sign up for, please contact John Nixon.

Read each passage below and fill in the missing letters, so that the words created fit grammatically and logically into the entire text. Half of the letters of each missing word have been left out. For example, if the word is three letters long, then two letters are missing. You should spend no more than five minutes per passage.

Please note:
Your score will not be automatically calculated, so you should print out your answers first before clicking on the answers link.

Ihr Ergebnis wird NICHT automatisch bewertet. Daher sollten Sie Ihre Antworten zuerst ausdrucken.

Answers
When you are finished, click here to see the answers.

Nothing beats the heat like a refreshing dip in a swimming pool. But wh_ _ it co_ _ to wa_ _ , both ki_ _ and adu_ _ need t_  be car_ _ _.

Susan King's daug_ _ _ — Alison, 12, a_ _ Christy, 9 — a_ _ in th_ _ grandparents' po_ _ every d_ _. King's gi_ _ have ma_ _ pool ru_ _ , including n_ _ being all_ _ in t_ _ pool ar_ _ without a_ _ adult, n_ jumping i_ the sha_ _ _ end, n_ running around the pool and no holding each other under water.

"Kids drown quickly and quietly," cautions Jen Costello of the National Safe Kids Campaign. Even less than an inch of water can be enough.

"Parents need to actively supervise children at all times," she says. "Don't take your eyes off them to answer the phone, to serve food or even to watch another child."
The global dominance in word processing software held by Microsoft is under threat from a new coalition. The Silicon Valley-based Google and Sun Microsystems have announced a formal alliance. The plan is to make word processing and spreadsheet programs available on the Internet, in a direct challenge to Microsoft. Industry observers say increased competition in the global software market will be good for consumers. The companies could not say whether Google would begin carrying Sun's technology, including OpenOffice, which was launched in 2000.

There are many possible causes of insomnia. Sometimes there is one main cause, but often several factors interacting together will cause a sleep disturbance. The causes of insomnia include psychological, physical or temporal factors. A lack of a good night's sleep can lead to various problems and a vicious circle can develop. Professional counselling from a doctor, therapist or sleep specialist can help individuals cope with these conditions.

A popular form of recreation in Britain is attendance at dog racing. The first impression of the atmosphere is attractive. However, the races themselves are unintentional -- a few dogs change a tin hat -- but this attracts two million people attending them annually. Out of two hours, barely five to ten minutes a place usually devolves to the actual race. There would be no interest in it if it were not for the betting. Many of the audience pay little attention to the racing, but have their eyes fixed on a board which gives the number of the winners.

OVERALL SCORE: 

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