

# Abschlussprüfung 2016

an den Realschulen in Bayern



**Time:**  
**105 minutes**

**Englisch**

**Written Test**

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**MARK**

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**TOTAL SCORE**

## BILL BRYSON – A GOOD READ



### PART I: Reading

#### TASK 1

Read the text *Notes from a Small Island* (page 8). Are sentences 1-8 'True' (T) or 'False' (F)? Choose 'Not in the text' (N) if there is not enough information to answer 'True' or 'False'. **Tick (✓) the correct answer.**

- 1 Dover's terminal area was a quiet place all through the night.
- 2 Bryson found a hotel room in Dover.
- 3 The place where he slept was uncomfortable.
- 4 Bryson liked the restaurant that the old man recommended.
- 5 Bryson was familiar with British culture.
- 6 Bryson asked for information in a Chinese takeaway.
- 7 Service in British tearooms and pubs is similar.
- 8 Bryson was pleased with the eating habits in Great Britain.

**T F N**

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## TASK 2

Look at the text *Notes from a Small Island* (page 8). Six sentences have been removed from the text. Choose the correct gap (1-8) in the text for each of the sentences below (A-F). Write the correct number of the gap behind each sentence. Be careful: There are **two gaps** which you do **not need to use**.

A They always know the best places, don't they?

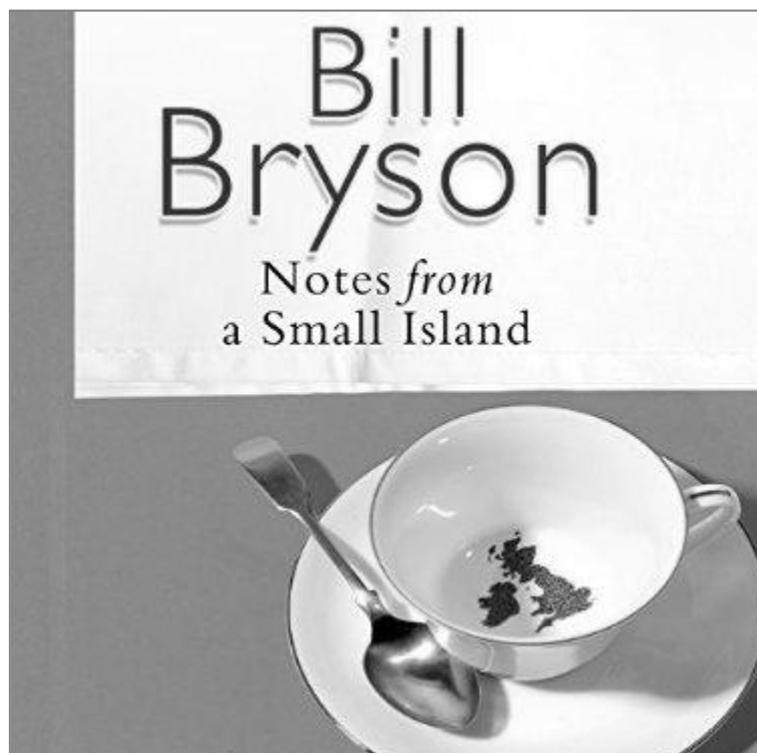
B I took off my sock mittens and looked at my watch.

C I had only been here for a few days and already the people loved me.

D Then I sank heavily back onto the bench and fell asleep.

E The simplest transactions were a mystery to me.

F It was rather wonderful having an English town all to myself.



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**TASK 3**

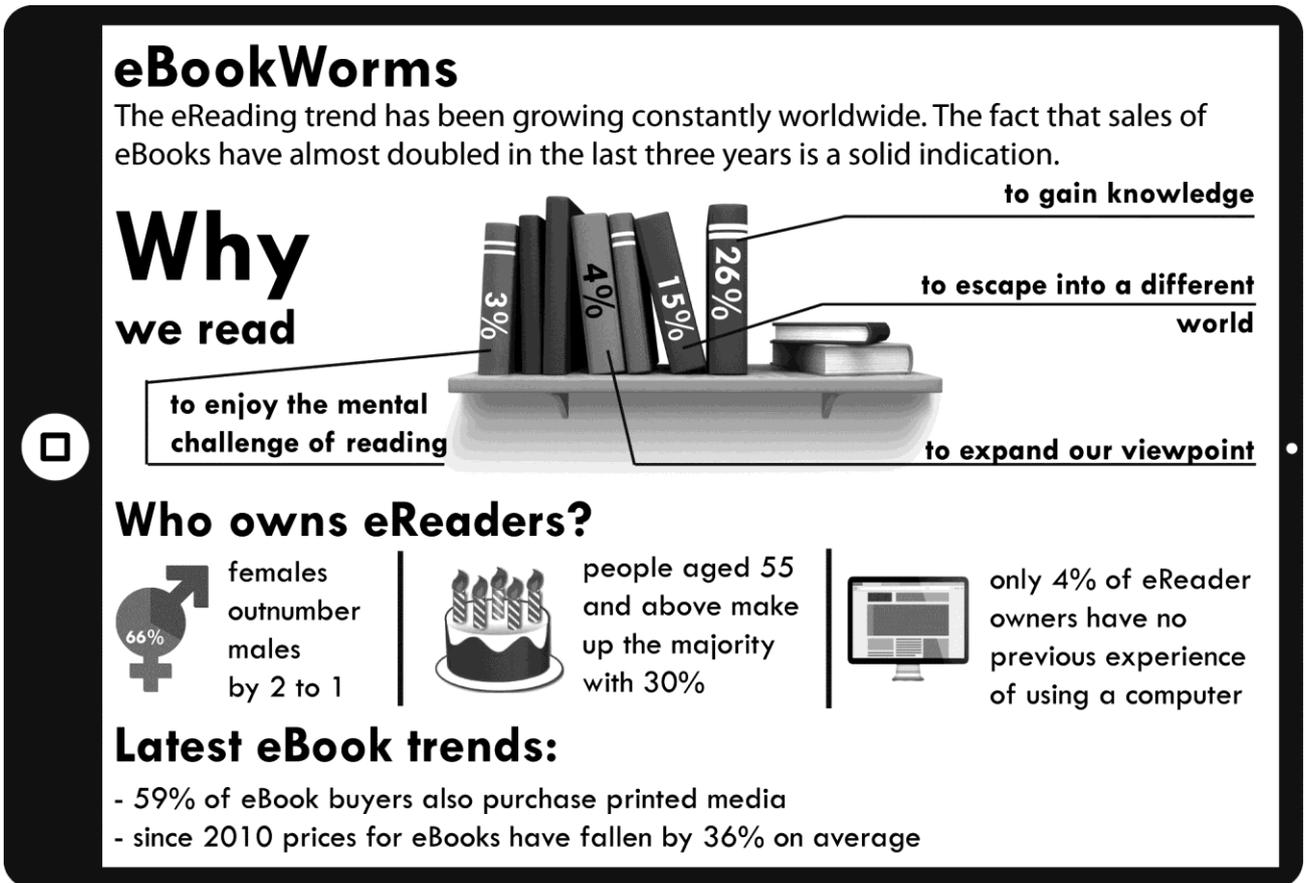
Here are reviews of **four travel books** by Bill Bryson. Read the reviews and **match them with the statements 1-8 below**. Choose the correct review (A-D) and **write its letter in the box**. The reviews may be chosen **more than once**. There is one example **(0)** at the beginning.

<p><b>A - Down Under</b> Australia is the only island that is also a continent and the only continent that is also a country. It is the driest, flattest and hottest of all continents and full of life – a large part of it quite deadly. Here, even the fluffiest of caterpillars can knock you out with a toxic bite. You may sadly be chewed up by sharks, or left to an unhappy death in the baking outback. Taking no notice of such dangers, Bill Bryson gives written proof that he fell in love with the country long ago. And who can blame him? The people are cheerful, quick-witted and helpful; their cities are safe and almost always near the coast; the food is excellent and the sun nearly always shines. Life doesn't get much better than this.</p>	<p><b>B - A Walk in the Woods</b> The longest continuous footpath in the world, the Appalachian Trail, stretches along the East Coast of the United States through some of the most attractive landscapes in America. In the company of his friend Stephen Katz, Bill Bryson set off to hike through the vast woods which have been frightening sensible people for three hundred years. Ahead lay almost 2,200 miles of remote mountain wilderness filled with bears, moose, rattlesnakes and poisonous plants. Facing savage weather, unreliable maps and a companion whose dearest wish was to go to a motel and watch TV, Bryson struggled through the wilderness to achieve a lifetime's ambition – not to die outdoors.</p>
<p><b>C - African Diary</b> In this book Bill Bryson goes to Kenya, a land of contrasts, with stunning wildlife and landscapes as well as a vibrant cultural tradition. It also provides plenty to worry a traveller like Bill Bryson, fixated on the dangers posed by snakes, insects and large predators. Kenya shares many human and environmental problems with the rest of Africa: refugees, AIDS, drought, and poverty. Travelling in a hot climate, Bryson casts his eye on an area previously unknown to him. Although the resulting diary might be short in length, it provides detailed information and precise observation. Bryson's royalty payments from this book and all profits go to CARE International, an organization that tries to reduce poverty around the world.</p>	<p><b>D - The Lost Continent</b> After ten years in England, Bill Bryson returned to the USA, where he grew up. He drove almost 14,000 miles in search of a mythical small town called Amalgam, the kind of sunny place where the films of his teenage days were set. But his search led him to Anywhere, USA: a lookalike strip of gas stations, motels and hamburger outlets populated by lookalike people. Travelling around 38 states – united only in their monotonous uniformity – he discovered a continent that was doubly lost; lost to itself because it was ruined by pollution, mobile homes and television; lost to him because he had become a stranger in his own land. <i>The Lost Continent</i> is extremely funny, yet sometimes touching and melancholy.</p>

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| <p><b>0</b> The author observed many serious social and ecological problems.</p> <p><b>1</b> People have been afraid of the travel route described in this book.</p> <p><b>2</b> Bryson undertook this journey in order to find some memories of his youth.</p> <p><b>3</b> The author ignored the dangers posed by wildlife.</p> <p><b>4</b> This book may have fewer pages than others, but it is rich in its descriptions.</p> <p><b>5</b> With this book Bryson supports a charity organization.</p> <p><b>6</b> Bryson realized that places throughout the country look more or less similar.</p> <p><b>7</b> Bryson's travel companion would have preferred different holidays.</p> <p><b>8</b> This book may make you laugh and feel sad at the same time.</p> | <p><input type="text" value="C"/></p> <p><input type="text"/></p> | <p><b>(8)</b></p> |
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**TASK 4**

Verwenden Sie die Informationen aus folgender Infografik. **Bearbeiten Sie die Aufgaben (1-4) stichpunktartig auf Deutsch.** Es ist keine wörtliche Übersetzung nötig, die Aspekte müssen inhaltlich jedoch vollständig erfasst sein. Einzelwörter genügen nicht als Antwort.



- 1 Welche Tatsache belegt die wachsende Beliebtheit von elektronischen Lesegeräten? 1  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Welche Motivationen für das Lesen werden genannt? (3 Aspekte) 3  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Was wird über die Besitzer von eReadern ausgesagt? (2 Aspekte) 2  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Was wird zum neuesten Trend in Bezug auf eBooks gesagt? (2 Aspekte) 2  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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#### TASK 4

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the KEY WORD given in brackets. **Do not change the KEY WORD given.** You must use **between two and five words including the KEY WORD.** There is one example (0) at the beginning.

#### EXAMPLE

0 "If only I had read Bill Bryson at school." (WISH) ← KEY WORD

(1) (2) (3) (4)

"I wish I had read Bill Bryson at school."

1 Travel books were reinvented by Bill Bryson. (WHO)

It was \_\_\_\_\_ travel books. 1

2 Bryson writes not only travel books but also books on science. (BOTH)

Bryson \_\_\_\_\_ books on science. 1

3 After he settled in Britain, Bryson worked as a journalist. (USED)

After Bryson settled in Britain, he \_\_\_\_\_ as a journalist. 1

4 "I'd strongly advise you to buy Bill Bryson's latest book." (WERE)

"If I \_\_\_\_\_ buy Bill Bryson's latest book." 1

5 "You should definitely watch the film *A Walk in the Woods*." (WORTH)

"The film *A Walk in the Woods* \_\_\_\_\_." 1

#### TASK 5

Complete the following text. Use the correct forms of the words in brackets and find words of your own to replace the question marks. There is one example (0) at the beginning.

#### Bill Bryson

William McGuire "Bill" Bryson is a best-selling author (0) who was born in Des Moines,

Iowa, in the United States in 1951. Both his parents were journalists. "Life was a lot

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (relax) in those days", Bryson states. His mother always made

something for dinner, but only when smoke came out of the kitchen did she remember that she

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ (put) food in the oven. As a college student Bryson went

travelling around Europe. If he had not gone to England to go backpacking for four months he

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (not / meet) the future mother of his four children. The

young couple went to live in Des Moines, the city in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (???) Bryson

completed his education. After this short period, the two settled in England. Bryson found work as

a journalist and remained with newspapers for many years before he plunged into full-time

writing. After another eight years in America, Bryson and his wife decided

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ (return) to England in 2003.

Bryson (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) numerous awards for his books so far and

he is the first non-Briton to be elected an "Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society". His works

include humorous books on travel, as (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (???) as books on the

English language and science. In 2003 his book *Notes from a Small Island*

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ (choose) by British radio listeners as the best book that had

ever been written about the British Isles. *A Short History of Nearly Everything* has sold more than

300,000 copies. Bill Bryson's books entertain and educate the reader at the same time. There

seems to be nothing he cannot write about in a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (total) engaging

style. In autumn 2015 he delighted his readers by (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (publish)

his latest book *The Road to Little Dribbling: More Notes from a Small Island*.

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## PART III: Guided Writing

You only have to do **one** of the following two tasks.

Important: First read both tasks, then decide whether you want to do Task A or Task B.

You can write down your ideas on your extra sheet before you do the task on your exam paper.

### TASK A

There is an **English Day** at your school. As a member of your school library team, you want to **promote the English department of the library**. You write **an article** for your school's website.

Include the following ideas in your **article**:

- what activities are planned in your library that day
- what else makes your library an attractive place
- why children should read in English
- how pupils can support the school library team

Find a suitable beginning and ending.

**Write about 200 words.**

### TASK B

You ordered 25 copies of Bill Bryson's book *Notes From A Small Island* on the internet for yourself and your classmates. Unfortunately, some problems occurred.

Write an **e-mail** and

complain about:

- payment
- delivery

include:

- the service on the hotline
- what you expect the company to do

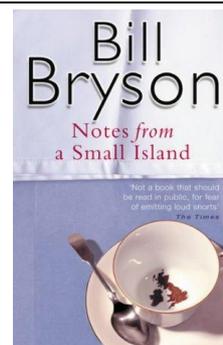
Find a suitable beginning and ending.

**Write about 200 words.**

Bill Bryson is a famous author of funny travel books and books on science.

## Notes from a Small Island

by Bill Bryson



1 My first sight of England was on a foggy  
 March night in 1973 when I arrived in Dover  
 on the midnight ferry from Calais. For twenty  
 minutes, the terminal area was vibrant with  
 5 activity as cars and lorries drove off, customs  
 people did their duties, and everyone made  
 for the London road. Then abruptly all was  
 silence and I wandered through sleeping  
 streets covered in fog. (1) The only mildly  
 10 annoying thing was that all the hotels and  
 guesthouses appeared to be shut up for the  
 night. I walked as far as the rail station,  
 thinking I'd catch a train to London, but the  
 station, too, was dark and shuttered.  
 15 Further along the road stood a roofed shelter  
 and I decided that this was as good as I was  
 going to get. With my backpack for a pillow, I  
 lay down and drew my jacket tight around  
 me. The bench was hard, full of big bolts that  
 20 made comfort an impossibility. I was far too  
 cold to realise it. Shivering, I searched my  
 backpack and extracted every potentially  
 warming item I could find: a flannel shirt, two  
 sweaters, an extra pair of jeans. (2) I used  
 25 some woollen socks as mittens and put flannel  
 boxer shorts on my head as a kind of  
 headwarmer. (3)  
 I was awakened by an abrupt bellow of a  
 foghorn. (4) It was 5.55 a.m. An old guy was  
 30 walking a little dog and nodded a good  
 morning. I politely asked him if there was a  
 restaurant anywhere that might be open. He  
 knew of a place not far away and directed me  
 to it. "Very popular with the lorry drivers.  
 35 (5)" He smiled amiably, then lowered his  
 voice and leaned towards me as if about to  
 share a confidence. "You might want to take  
 those pants off your head before you go in."

No one in the whole of Dover would have any  
 40 particular reason to remember 21 March  
 1973, except for me and a handful of children  
 born that day and possibly one old guy with a  
 dog who had encountered a young fellow with  
 underpants on his head. (6)  
 45 1973 was, in short, one of the most  
 extraordinary years in modern British history.  
 Of course, I didn't know this on that drizzly  
 March morning in Dover. I didn't know  
 anything really, which is a strangely  
 50 wonderful position to be in. Everything that  
 lay before me was new and mysterious and  
 exciting in a way you can't imagine.  
 England was full of words I'd never heard  
 before. Expressions like *streaky bacon*,  
 55 *serviettes*, or *high tea* were completely  
 unknown to me. I didn't know how to  
 pronounce *scone* or *pasty* or *Slough*. I had  
 never heard of *Tesco's*, *council houses*,  
*Christmas crackers*, *bank holidays*, and  
 60 *Poppy Day*. I was positively filled with  
 ignorance. (7) I saw a man in a newsagent's  
 ask for "twenty Number Six" and receive  
 cigarettes, and presumed for a long time  
 afterwards that everything was ordered by  
 65 number in a newsagent's, like in a Chinese  
 takeaway. I sat in a pub for half an hour  
 before I realized that you had to fetch your  
 own order, then tried the same thing in a  
 tearoom and was told to sit down.  
 70 The tearoom lady called me "love". All the  
 shop ladies called me "love" and most of the  
 men called me "mate". (8) And, as a  
 lefthander, I was happy to see that everybody  
 ate the way I did. This was truly exciting. And  
 75 they drove on the left! This was paradise and I  
 knew that this was where I wanted to be.

(adapted from *Notes from a Small Island*, Bill Bryson)



WRITING SCORE

	Task Achievement	Coherence & Cohesion	Grammar	Vocabulary	Impression of General Quality	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> examiner						<b>/30</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> examiner						<b>/30</b>

TOTAL SCORE

	Speaking	Listening	Reading	Use of English	Writing	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> examiner	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	<b>/150</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> examiner	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	<b>/150</b>

1<sup>st</sup> examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> examiner: \_\_\_\_\_