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Anglais ab initio – Niveau moyen – Épreuve 2 – Compréhension écrite
Inglés ab initio – Nivel Medio – Prueba 2 – Comprensión de lectura

Monday 10 May 2021 (afternoon)
Lundi 10 mai 2021 (après-midi)
Lunes 10 de mayo de 2021 (tarde)

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Text A

Young Actors' Theatre Presents *Matilda the Musical*

Young Actors' Theatre is excited to announce that their next production is *Matilda the Musical*. The show opens in the fall. Talented students from grade 2* to college star in it.

- 5 Performance dates are scheduled for October 10–October 27 and the show will be presented at ENCORE! Theatre. Ticket prices are \$26.00. There are discounts for youth and seniors.

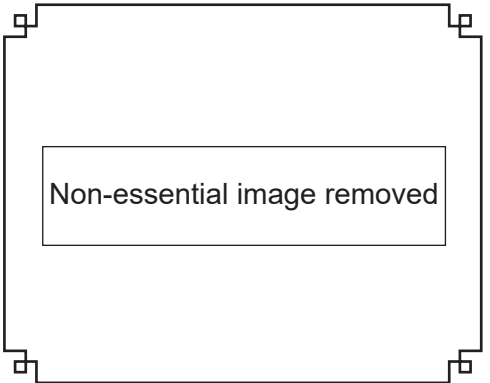
- 10 The musical is based on the novel *Matilda* by Roald Dahl. The young actors bring the story to life with their energy. The show, full of dances and songs, is a treat for the ears and eyes, brain and heart. It is simply unforgettable.

Matilda the Musical has won 47 international awards and continues to please audiences of all ages around the world. All tickets sell quickly so buy your ticket early to avoid disappointment!

- 15 Matilda is a five-year-old little girl with astonishing intelligence and magical powers. Her parents, however, laugh at her love of reading and passion for learning. On the other hand, her schoolteacher, Miss Honey, appreciates her extraordinary personality and intelligence.

- 20 Matilda's school life isn't easy. The school's cruel headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and just loves inventing horrible punishments for those who don't follow her rules. But Matilda is brave and clever, and with the help of her loyal friends and her caring teacher, she will change both the school and her own life when she starts to use her amazing magical powers.

Everyone in the audience will be delighted by the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination.



* grade 2: the second year of primary school. Students are usually 7–8 years old

Text B

An amazing teacher wins \$1 million prize



Peter Tabichi is a math and science teacher who has worked to change the life of students in a poor area in Kenya. He has won the \$1 million Global Teacher Prize this year. Over 10 000 teachers from 179 different countries took part in the contest.

5 Mr Tabichi works at Keriko Secondary School in Pwani Village, Kenya. The school is in an isolated area and it faces many challenges. The classes are huge. The school does not have many teaching materials. There is only one computer at the school, and the internet connection is not very good.

10 Despite these difficulties, Mr Tabichi has led his students to great results. Although the number of students has doubled in the last three years, there have been fewer behavior problems. His students have taken part in national and international science fair contests with creative science projects. In one project, they created electricity from local plants. Last year, the students won first place at a national science fair.

15 Mr Tabichi helps students by also teaching them after school and on weekends. He is also working to help the families of his students and the other people in the area. For example, once every three or four years, the area is hit by a serious drought, so Mr Tabichi has taught the local people how to grow plants that can survive when there isn't much rain. The school is in an area of Kenya where there has been a lot of fighting, and Mr Tabichi has created a Peace Club to help people find ways to get along.

20 Mr Tabichi comes from a family of teachers. He is a religious man so he believes in living simply and helping those around him. He also gives 80 % of the money he earns to help people in need. Mr Tabichi said that he would like to use the money he has won to improve his school. He wants to help build up the science programme. He also hopes to buy more computers and get the school a better internet connection.

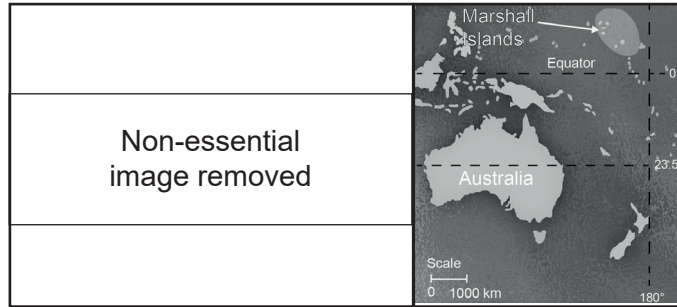
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Text C

An activist shares her ideas for fighting the climate crisis

More than 500 young people from around the world came to the United Nations Youth Climate Summit in New York over the weekend to discuss how to solve the climate crisis.

Here's what one young person suggested the world needs to do.



5 Bertine Lakjohn is 18. She comes from the Marshall Islands, a country in the Pacific Ocean made up of more than 1000 islands that are on average just over 2 meters above sea level. Global warming is bringing more frequent and more violent storms and the country's existence is threatened because the level of the sea is rising.

Bertine said her interest in climate issues began when she was in high school.

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10 In high school I facilitated a youth leadership camp about why leadership is important in fighting climate change. First, we educated young people about leadership, and about the impact of climate change. Then we had a dialogue about climate change and invited government officials to this discussion.

15 I also wrote a poem. It was about how industrialization has a huge impact on not just the environment but also on our culture and our traditions.

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20 I moved to Japan for high school, and when I came back everything was entirely different. Before I left, the water was warmer in a place where I used to like swimming, and then when I came back it was super cold. The fish that swam there are no longer there. That's when I knew I had to do something about it urgently.

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Before, youth were only informing people that climate change was happening. Now we're pressuring the government, not just people in general, but the people who can actually do something. We're telling them that we can't just wait until the crisis hits us.

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I think governments need to listen to youth. In my country, it's mostly the youth that are taking initiative on this climate change issue and the best way for us to have a voice is to have youth representation in the government.

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