

A Splash Scuba & Snorkeling Center

Our instructors offer one-month courses in diving¹ for beginners. There are two evening lessons a week. Learn to swim underwater and to use the equipment safely.

B Darby Downs Equestrian Center

You can start horse riding at any age. Choose private or group lessons any weekday between 9 am and 8.30 pm. There are 10 kilometers of tracks for rides across farmland and open country.

C City Tennis

Learn to play tennis in the heart of the city and have fun at our tennis weekends. Learn the basics on Saturday and play in a competition on Sunday. There's also a disco and a pool.

D Pittsburgh Ski Club

If you take our 20-hour course before your skiing holiday, you'll enjoy your holiday more. Learn how to use a ski lift, how to slow down and how to stop. The center is open from midday to 10 pm.

E Example: Allegheny Watersports Club

We use the River Allegheny for speedboat racing and waterskiing. The course consists of ten 20-minute lessons. You will learn how to handle boats safely. The club is open daily from 9 am to 4 pm.

F Grandview Golf Club

This club is in the countryside about 20 miles from the city center. After a weekend beginners' course, you can play any day of the week. There are regular dances on Saturdays in the club bar.

G Aero Club of Pittsburgh

Enjoy a different view of the countryside from one of our two-seater aeroplanes. After a 50-hour course, you could get your pilot's licence. Beginners' lessons for over-18s are on weekdays after 4 pm.

Annotation:

¹ (to) dive – swim underwater

Zweiter Prüfungsteil: Leseverstehen – Wortschatz – Schreiben

3 I'll wear a rose

This is a story about the beginning of a romance between John and a woman named Hollis. They got to know each other by writing letters. Now they are meeting for the first time face to face.

► Read the following text first and then do tasks 3.1–3.3.

John Blanchard was studying the crowd in Grand Central Station. He was looking for the girl he loved, but whose face he didn't know; the girl with the rose. His interest in her had begun thirteen months before in a Florida second-hand bookshop. Taking a book off the shelf, he had found himself lost in the notes written on the page.

In the book, he had discovered the original owner's name, Hollis Maynell. With time and effort, he had found her address.

She now lived in New York City. He wrote her a letter introducing himself and inviting her to correspond. The next day, he went to Europe to work for a big company. For the next year and one month, the two got to know each other through their letters.

A romance was starting. Blanchard asked for a photograph, but she refused. She felt that if he really loved her, her appearance wasn't important. When the day finally came for him to return from Europe, they planned their first meeting for 7.00 pm at Grand Central Station, New York. "You'll recognize me," she wrote, "by the red rose I'll be wearing on my jacket."

A young woman was coming towards him. She was slim. She had blond hair and delicate ears; her eyes were as blue as flowers. In her green suit she was so beautiful.

He started to walk to her, forgetting to notice that she wasn't wearing a rose. As he moved, she gave him a smile. "Going in my direction?"

Then he saw Hollis Maynell wearing a rose. She was standing just behind the girl. A woman well past forty, she had greying hair and an old hat. She was quite fat and wore grey, dull clothes. The girl in the green suit was walking quickly away.

He felt as though he was split in two. He wanted to follow the girl, but he needed the woman whose personality he loved.