

Grammar

1 Complete the interview with a cyclist with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs.

- A You are currently the UK's top cyclist. What ¹ _____ (it / feel) like?
- B It's a fantastic feeling, but it's hard to explain exactly.
- A ² _____ (you / take) some time off after a difficult race?
- B Well, I ³ _____ (need) about a day to recover, that's all.
- A ⁴ _____ (you / train) at the moment?
- B Yes, I am. My next race is in a couple of weeks.
- A What's your training routine?
- B Well, I cycle about 60 kilometres a day and then I'm at the gym. ⁵ _____ (it / not / change usually) much from season to season.
- A How much time ⁶ _____ (you / spend) in the gym?
- B A couple of hours, usually.

(6 points)

2 Complete the article about folk musicians with the correct form of the verb (present perfect simple, -ing or infinitive with to).

Ryan Byrne and Ewan Burton met as students with a shared interest in folk music. They ¹ _____ (know) each other for six years and they ² _____ (be) in three different folk bands in that time. They ³ _____ (play) at festivals up and down the country but they ⁴ _____ (never / make) a record until now. So what's changed? Well, after ⁵ _____ (set up) a website with their music, they've got more fans than ever. So they have decided ⁶ _____ (sell) their songs online.

(6 points)

3 Circle the correct option to complete the story.

When I was about 10 years old we went on a school trip abroad for a week. Most of us ¹ *were never going / had never been* abroad before. It was exciting. The year before, my sister ² *was going / had been* on the trip, so I really wanted to go.

On the first morning, while we ³ *got / were getting* onto the bus, one boy ⁴ *decided / had decided* not to come. His parents were annoyed because they ⁵ *already paid / had already paid* for the trip.

We travelled by bus and then on a ferry across the English Channel. When we arrived in France it ⁶ *rained / was raining* heavily. It felt just like home.

(6 points)

4 Circle the best option in these comments about news of a new factory opening.

- 1 I was pleased to find out about it. *I'm going to apply / I'll apply* for a job there.
- 2 I hadn't heard about it but it *is going to be / could be* a good thing.
- 3 I've already got a job on the construction team. *I'm starting / I'll start* work on Monday.

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- 4 I'm sure it *is bringing* / *will bring* a lot of work to the area.
5 I'm not sure. I think some people *might be* / *couldn't be* against it.
6 In the next few years, the local economy *may* / *will* definitely benefit from this.

(6 points)

5 Complete the article with the present perfect simple, present perfect continuous or past simple form of the verbs.

Gary Davis is the editor of one of the most popular travel blogs on the Internet. He ¹ _____ (write) the blog for five years now and in that time he ² _____ (also / visit) forty seven countries. 'I ³ _____ (realise) a long time ago that you can't write about a place that you ⁴ _____ (not / go) to,' he says. 'But I do have guest writers on the blog too. One of my contributors ⁵ _____ (leave) his home in 2006 and he ⁶ _____ (travel) ever since. I trust his opinion.'

(6 points)

6 Complete the sentences in the article with the first conditional.

Can you still eat well if you haven't got a lot of money to spend? We asked three top chefs their opinions.

- 1 'If you _____ (look) online, you _____ (find) lots of recipes that don't cost a lot.'
2 'This recipe _____ (not / taste) any different if you _____ (use) cheaper ingredients.'
3 'When you _____ (make) your own bread, you'll never _____ (buy) supermarket bread again.'
4 'Junk food is expensive so if you _____ (stop) buying it, you _____ (have) more money for better food.'
5 'Actually, most people _____ (be) healthier if they _____ (eat) meat less often.'
6 'Unless people _____ (be) prepared to try cheaper ingredients, they _____ (not / save) money.'

(6 points)

7 Complete the profile of a famous photographer with one word in each space.

Sebastião Salgado ¹ _____ born in Brazil. He is now an internationally-known name. ² _____ he originally studied economics, he ³ _____ found fame as a photographer. He had never intended ⁴ _____ become a photographer and he only began taking photographs ⁵ _____ his wife bought a camera. At the time, they ⁶ _____ living in Paris. ⁷ _____ he was living there, Salgado met the world-famous French photographer Cartier-Bresson. He was a big influence on Salgado, ⁸ _____ having a completely different style. He specialises in documentary photography and long-term projects in particular. Many people ⁹ _____ described his images as absolutely unforgettable.

(9 points)

8 Complete the article on air pollution in cities with a word or expression in each space.

In big cities all over the world, people ¹ _____ commute to work. They drive, ride motorbikes or take public transport. But how does this affect their health? Health experts ² _____ been warning us about the harmful effects of petrol fumes ³ _____ many years. But now new research shows that diesel fumes ⁴ _____ be even worse.

Diesel fumes ⁵ _____ lead to more heart attacks and lung problems than petrol fumes. The sales of diesel vehicles have been increasing steadily ⁶ _____ the government gave them a 'green' label. Consumer groups say that ⁷ _____ the government changes its policies, people will continue to buy diesel cars. And as a result, our health ⁸ _____ suffer. A government spokesperson said, 'All new vehicles ⁹ _____ meet our air pollution standards. We have no plans to review these.'

(9 points)

Vocabulary

9 Write the words with the correct spelling.

- 1 someone in a contest or competition A E C O N N S T T T _____
- 2 someone whose job involves organising and leading A A E G M N R _____
- 3 someone you work with A C E E G L L O U _____
- 4 someone who has children A E N P R T _____
- 5 someone who guides you or helps you in something new E M N O R T _____

(5 points)

10 Complete the words for describing performances.

- 1 The show was h_____. We couldn't stop laughing.
- 2 It was a very d____ exhibition. It had no interesting ideas at all.
- 3 It's a s_____ musical. The special effects are especially good.
- 4 The film was very d_____. Almost everyone in the audience was crying.
- 5 That performance was t_____. Do you think they had any rehearsals at all?

(5 points)

11 Complete the sentences about places with water.

- 1 The m_____ is full of both luxury yachts and smaller sailing boats.
- 2 A lot of people go fishing on the l_____ but the water's too cold for swimming.
- 3 The construction of the r_____ has provided a lot of water for the towns.
- 4 There's a spectacular w_____ where the river drops over 100 metres.
- 5 There's a small s_____ near the village where people get their water from.

(5 points)

12 Complete the sentences about jobs with a suitable adjective.

- 1 A fire fighter's job can be d_____.
- 2 Film stars have g_____ careers.
- 3 Top footballers are very w_____ p_____.
- 4 Treating animals as a vet is r_____ work.
- 5 Airline pilots have very r_____ jobs – passengers' lives depend on them.

(5 points)

13 Match the words (1–5) and (a–e) to make expressions related to travel.

- 1 business _____
- 2 natural _____
- 3 package _____
- 4 travel _____
- 5 vibrant _____

- a city
- b documents
- c habitat
- d holiday
- e trip

(5 points)

14 Circle the odd word out.

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|---|---------------|---------------------|---------|-------------|
| 1 | peanuts | tip | steak | popcorn |
| 2 | menu | bill | table | avocado |
| 3 | heart disease | high blood pressure | starter | tiredness |
| 4 | give up | cut out | learn | avoid |
| 5 | stress | dessert | drink | main course |

(5 points)

Functions

15 Write six sentences according to the instructions using the words given.

Two suggestions for going to an arts event

- 1 feel like _____
- 2 want _____

Two responses declining suggestions

- 3 keen _____
- 4 appeal _____

Two questions asking for details of an arts event

- 5 about _____
- 6 where _____

(6 points)

16 Complete the requests using the words in brackets.

- 1 Can you _____ (give / lift / tomorrow)?
- 2 Would it be OK _____ (use / phone)?
- 3 Is it all right if _____ (I / make / copy / this form)?
- 4 Could you _____ (send / CV / email), please?
- 5 Would you mind _____ (open / window)?
- 6 Would it be all right if _____ (I / borrow / car)?

(6 points)

17 Complete the three conversations about travel problems. Write one word in each space.

A I wonder if you could ¹ _____ us. We've missed our flight to Glasgow.

B I'm ² _____ there are no more flights today.

A Is ³ _____ wrong?

B Yes. I've lost my boarding pass.

A Don't ⁴ _____, your name will be in the computer.

A ⁵ _____ I help?

B My friend is really ill. Is there anything you can do?

A I ⁶ _____ ask the hotel doctor to have a look at him.

(6 points)

Writing

18 Last term you started a small business with some other students in your class. You offer translation, interpreting and other English language services. Write a profile of your company for a website. Describe who you are, what kind of services you offer and who your customers are.

(10 points)

19 Write a blog post about something you did. Use these notes.

Last weekend I went to

The weather

I was with

In the morning,

Everyone

Then

On the way home

It had been

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(10 points)

20 Complete the sentences from a letter about a decision to increase college course fees. Use the words in brackets.

1 we object strongly to this decision / write to express this (therefore)

2 course fees went up by 20 percent last year / a fall in student numbers (led to)

3 falling student numbers / the cancellation of some courses (result in)

4 similar problems in other colleges / concerned about this proposal (so)

5 living expenses rising / many students have financial problems (consequently)

(10 points)

Speaking

21 Describe how you spend your free time. What cultural activities do you enjoy or participate in? Give details.

(6 points)

22 Describe an experience from your past when you feel you learned something about life. How will it affect your life in the future?

(6 points)

23 Some people say that the modern world or way of living is harmful to both humans and the planet. What is your opinion?

(6 points)