

Grammar**1 Complete the text with the comparative or superlative form of the words.**

A UK newspaper asked its readers ‘Where are the world’s ¹ _____ (good) places to live?’ Here are some of the comments people sent in.

‘In my opinion, nowhere is ² _____ (exciting) as New York.’

‘The ³ _____ (interesting) place I’ve ever lived in was Rio de Janeiro – absolutely fascinating!’

‘If you like sunshine, then the South Pacific has some of the ⁴ _____ (sunny) islands in the world.’

‘I prefer the Caribbean – you can get there ⁵ _____ (easily) than the South Pacific.’

‘Not London! It ⁶ _____ (get / more / crowded) every day.’

(6 points)

2 Complete the article with modal verbs and the correct form of the verbs.

On the morning of 19 May in 1780, on the coast of eastern Canada, the light suddenly disappeared. Day became night. At the time, nobody understood what was happening. What ¹ _____ (have) this effect? Experts today say that it ² _____ (be) a solar eclipse because they only last a few minutes. There ³ _____ (be) thick, low clouds over the whole region, but weather experts say this is not likely. Another theory involves volcanic ash, but there weren’t any volcanic eruptions in that area in 1780, so ash ⁴ _____ (cause) the darkness. Now a study has found signs of old fire damage in forests near the area. Experts have concluded that a huge fire ⁵ _____ (start) there and the smoke ⁶ _____ (blow) east, covering the coastal area.

(6 points)

3 Complete the text with the passive form of the verbs.

Cafés and coffee houses are more popular now than ever before. Billions of cups ¹ _____ (consume) every day. In Britain alone, £730 million ² _____ (spend) on coffee last year. New branches of the big global brands ³ _____ (open) every week – and their familiar logos ⁴ _____ (can / see) in every corner of the world. By 2020, double the amount of coffee ⁵ _____ (drink), according to some experts. And ‘decaf’, that is coffee from which the caffeine ⁶ _____ (remove), is also becoming more popular.

(6 points)

4 Write sentences in the second conditional with these words. Add 'if' in the correct position in each sentence.

1 I not have exams / I go with you

2 I earn more / I work in a bigger company

3 most people not be happier / they be millionaires

4 we have more money / we have less time

5 we explore the planets / we can understand more about Earth.

6 I see family more often / I live closer to them

(6 points)

5 Complete the report with the correct form of the verbs for reported speech.

Mobile communications conference report

One speaker said that in 2001, 30 percent of people in the world ¹_____ (have) access to digital communications. She also said that in many remote places the mobile phone ²_____ (replace) the radio as the essential communication tool. She explained that these days 80% of internet connections ³_____ (be) via mobile phones.

In a survey, students had been asked if they ⁴_____ (consider) their phones useful in their education. Many students said they ⁵_____ (often) recorded their lectures in the past. Others said that mobiles ⁶_____ (become) more important in the future.

(6 points)

6 Rewrite the pairs of sentences in the third conditional. Use the words in brackets where given.

1 I didn't pay attention in school. I didn't get any qualifications. (more)

If _____

2 You arrived late for the interview. You didn't get the job. (might)

If _____

3 We wore jeans. We didn't know it was a formal event.

We _____

4 They had an accident. They were in a hurry.

They _____

5 You didn't check your work. You didn't correct the mistakes. (could)

If _____

6 I didn't know what I was doing. I hadn't done this before.

I _____

(6 points)

7 Decide if these sentences are grammatically correct (C) or incorrect (I). Correct the incorrect sentences.

1 House prices are getting more and more expensive than they were.

2 When I was young I would live in London.

3 The theory is very convincing but it might be wrong.

4 You would be more successful if you learn a foreign language.

5 The manager told the reporters not asked questions.

(9 points)

8 Complete the article about an explorer with one word in each space.

Sir Douglas Mawson, although born in England, is the face on the 100 dollar note in Australia. He moved to Australia ¹_____ a child and he was one of ²_____ heroes of an Antarctic exploration at the beginning of ³_____ 20th century. Scott, Shackleton and Amundsen are possibly more well-known than Mawson. In fact, Scott had invited Mawson ⁴_____ take part in his 1910 expedition. Mawson was a geologist ⁵_____ was more interested in scientific discovery than racing to the South Pole. He turned down the invitation. However, if he ⁶_____ accepted, he ⁷_____ probably have died along with all the other members of Scott's team. Instead, Mawson led his own expedition, the Australasian Antarctic Expedition, ⁸_____ lasted from 1911 to 1914. This expedition was also hit ⁹_____ tragedy. Two of Mawson's team members died and Mawson also nearly died.

(9 points)

Vocabulary

9 Complete the words in this estate agent's description of a flat.

This is a three-bedroom flat in a pleasant and quiet ¹n_____. The living room has doors leading out onto a large ²b_____ which overlooks the park. All the ³w_____ have double-glazing for extra noise insulation. There is a communal ⁴g_____ in the basement of the building where ⁵r_____ can park their cars.

(5 points)

10 Circle the correct option.

1 A beetle is a type of *particle* / *insect*.

2 Predators *eat* / *are eaten* by other animals.

3 *Ants* / *Butterflies* often have beautiful coloured patterns on their wings.

4 The Earth's atmosphere is made of *air* / *water*.

5 *Species* / *Spikes* is the scientific word for a group of similar animals or plants.

(5 points)

11 Complete the sentences with words or expressions related to money.

- 1 The most common way of buying things online is with a c_____ c_____.
- 2 I get some c_____ from the bank every week to pay for small things.
- 3 If you have to take goods back to a shop, you usually need the r_____.
- 4 I don't spend money that I haven't got – I don't want to have any d_____.
- 5 Some people b_____ money from a bank when they need to buy expensive items such as cars.

(5 points)

12 Complete the words in the sentences.

- 1 If you c_____ yourself with a knife, make sure you clean the area well.
- 2 I've got a big, purple b_____ on my arm from my fall.
- 3 A bee s_____ can be painful but the pain doesn't last long.
- 4 I don't think your ankle is broken if you can walk – it's probably a s_____.
- 5 Malaria is one of several diseases spread by mosquito b_____.

(5 points)

13 Complete the words or expressions for the definitions.

- 1 a very fast internet connection b_____
- 2 a short written phone message t_____
- 3 a connection without cables w_____
- 4 something you write regularly on your webpage b_____
- 5 online news and communication d_____ m_____

(5 points)

14 Circle the odd word out.

- 1 field trip duty expedition journey
- 2 combat hammock sleeping bag tent
- 3 army remote soldier enemy
- 4 healer guide repellent tracker
- 5 camp machete sword weapon

(5 points)

Functions

15 Complete the conversation in a shop with expressions using the words in brackets.

- A Excuse me, _____ (work in) the electronics section?
 B Yes, can I help you?
 A Well, we _____ (look for) a TV we saw in an advert.
 B OK. _____ (model name)?
 B Yes, it's a Panasonic TX 42 inch. _____ (in stock)?
 A Just a moment Well, _____ (three on order), actually. They'll be here tomorrow.
 A Oh, good. And can we pay in cash?
 B Oh yes, we _____ (payment) in cash or by card.

(6 points)

16 Complete the expressions for telephone messages with one word or contraction in each space.

- 1 _____ take _____ message?
- 2 _____ ask him _____ ring me?
- 3 _____ try _____ call _____ later.
- 4 _____ number _____ 0157 457993.
- 5 This _____ message _____ Jane Macy.
- 6 _____ calling?

(6 points)

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

You arrive late for an appointment. Write three ways of apologising to the other person.

- 1 keep waiting _____
- 2 late _____
- 3 fault _____

Someone apologises for arriving late. Write three ways of accepting the apology.

- 4 need _____
- 5 worry _____
- 6 fault _____

(6 points)

Writing

18 Imagine the flat or house you live in is for sale. Write an estate agents' advert for it.

(10 points)

19 Read the news story about a strange discovery on a beach. Match five of the sentences (a–f) with the spaces (1–5).

A man from a coastal town in the UK has found a strange-smelling 'rock' which could be worth 50,000 euros on his local beach. The man was walking along the beach with his dog when they found the object. ¹ _____ When the man, Mr Wilman, picked it up he dropped it back onto the sand. ² _____ But apparently, the 'rock' could be ambergris – a substance used in making perfume. ³ _____ Mr Wilman left the object and went home. ⁴ _____ Amazingly, ambergris is extremely rare and therefore valuable. It isn't a rock or a mineral, but it comes from whales. ⁵ _____ Now Mr Wilman is waiting to see if tests confirm that his piece of ambergris is genuine. Meanwhile, lots of people are down on the beach, looking for more ambergris.

- a And although it smells awful at first, its smell becomes more pleasant.
- b But fortunately, when he went back to the beach later, it was still there.
- c Incredibly, it is actually produced in a whale's digestive system.
- d It had a horrible smell.
- e The weather had been very bad.
- f The dog started sniffing the large, yellow rock-shaped lump.

(10 points)

20 Write an email to a friend asking for advice about the following situation.

You recently started a course at college and now you think you are doing the wrong course. You find it both difficult and boring. Your friend is doing a course that appeals to you more.

(10 points)

Speaking

21 Describe the advantages and disadvantages of city life.

(6 points)

22 What would be your dream job? Describe what your life would be like both at work and outside of work.

(6 points)

23 Describe a decision or event in the past that affected you or people you know. What would have happened if a different decision had been taken?

(6 points)