

Grammar

1 Write questions for these answers using the words in brackets.

1 You can see yellow taxis in New York. (where)

2 Red symbolises 'luck' in China. (colour)

3 Venice is famous for its canals. (Italian city)

4 The colour blue means mourning in Mexico. (blue)

5 I speak French quite well. (how)

(5 points)

2 Complete the sentences with one time expression in each space.

1 It's impossible to get tickets for the concert. It's been sold out _____ February.

2 Adele has a new CD out but I haven't heard it _____.

3 The film was released last weekend and it has _____ made 80 million dollars.

4 A 'Fleetwood Mac have _____ announced they are going to tour.'

5 B 'Really? They haven't performed together _____ years.'

(5 points)

3 Complete the story with the past continuous or past perfect simple form of the verbs.

News reports last week said that the Hawaiian surfer Garrett McNamara ¹ _____ (broke) the world surfing record. He ² _____ (surfed) in Portugal near the town of Nazaré. The beach is famous for its huge waves and dangerous rocks. McNamara managed to ride a 100-foot wave while he ³ _____ (tried) to avoid crashing into the rocks. McNamara ⁴ _____ (spent) the previous week monitoring the weather conditions. He ⁵ _____ (flew) to Portugal from Hawaii especially for the world record attempt.

(5 points)

4 Read the predictions and decide if the speaker is sure (S) or not sure (N) of their prediction.

1 I might get an interview for this job. _____

2 They won't employ anybody without qualifications. _____

3 You'll definitely get a promotion soon. _____

4 It may not be too late to apply for a position. _____

5 The new shopping centre could make a big difference to the area. _____

(5 points)

5 Read the exchanges. Complete the questions with the past simple, present perfect simple or present perfect continuous form of the verbs.

- 1 How long _____ (you / be) a tour guide for?
Ten years in total, from 2000 until 2010. It was fun.
- 2 How long _____ (you / come) here on holiday for?
About four years – and I've already booked for next year.
- 3 How long _____ (they / know) each other?
Oh, for years. They met when they both worked in the same office.
- 4 How long _____ (you / stay) in that hotel?
Only one night, then we moved to a better one.
- 5 How long _____ (you / have) this headache?
Not long. It started last night.

(5 points)

6 Complete the sentences with the correct modal verbs.

- 1 (you / eat) in this theatre. NOT PERMITTED

- 2 (you / defrost) meat before you cook it. OBLIGATION

- 3 If you're taking this medicine, (you / drink / alcohol) PROHIBITION

- 4 (older people / get) their blood pressure checked once a year. RECOMMENDATION

- 5 (you / keep) this drink in the fridge. NO OBLIGATION

(5 points)

7 Rewrite the sentences with *used to* or *would* where possible.

- 1 When I was little I *walked* to school.

- 2 There *weren't* any skyscrapers in this city when I first arrived.

- 3 What *did you do* in the school holidays as a kid?

- 4 In sunny weather my mother *took* us to the park.

- 5 Which building *was* on the corner of this street?

(5 points)

8 Rewrite the second sentences using a modal verb instead of the words in *italics*.

- 1 What are those lights in the distance? They *are possibly* from a car.

- 2 Sheila's phone is on voice mail. She *is certainly* busy.

- 3 I wonder why Anna doesn't come to the door. *Perhaps she doesn't realise* we are here. Knock again.

4 Is that a snake over there? It *isn't possible*. There are no snakes on this island.

5 How do some birds fly at night? They *certainly have* amazing eyesight.

(5 points)

9 Complete the sentences with one word.

1 'Hi. I've got an appointment with _____ bank manager.' 'Just take a seat, please.'

2 'Is there _____ cash machine in this bank?' 'Yes, it's by the door.'

3 'Excuse me, have you left _____ card in the machine?' 'Oh, yes. Thanks!'

4 Oh, look at _____ the people in the queue! Let's come back later.

5 'Do you get a water bill _____ month?' 'No, they come every three months.'

(5 points)

10 Write sentences from the prompts using the correct relative pronoun if necessary.

1 this is the nurse / she looks after me

2 that's the x-ray / it shows the problem

3 a ward is a room / patients can stay there

4 he's the receptionist / I talked to him

5 she the patient / her arm was broken

(5 points)

11 Complete the sentences with the correct form of five of these verbs.

ask invite offer promise remind say

1 The journalist _____ the politician if she was going to make a statement.

2 The spokeswoman _____ to comment as soon as she had the information.

3 The teacher _____ the students to bring their dictionaries to class the next day.

4 The student _____ his friends to an end-of-year celebration.

5 The man _____ to help his neighbour.

(5 points)

12 Complete the text with *could (not) have* or *should (not) have* and past participle forms.

I was late for work this morning because of the traffic. I ¹ _____ (listen) to the radio before I left the house, because they always tell you which roads are closed. Then I ² _____ (leave) the house earlier. But I didn't, I just got on my usual bus. The problem was, I had a really important meeting at 9.00. Maybe the bus driver ³ _____ (say) something about the road closures, but I suppose he ⁴ _____ (know) about my meeting. Anyway, he ⁵ _____ (take) a different route, he has to do his job! So, I was late and I missed the meeting.

(5 points)

Vocabulary

13 Complete the time expressions in the sentences with five of these words.

always at every month right this

- 1 What are you reading _____ the moment?
- 2 Do you go swimming _____ day?
- 3 I don't know why he _____ wears black.
- 4 Sorry, she can't talk _____ now, she's driving.
- 5 I'm working late _____ week.

(5 points)

14 Write the words to describe music with the correct spelling.

- 1 It has a beautiful tune. CDEIMLO _____
- 2 You can't get it out of your head. ACCHTY _____
- 3 It makes you feel sad. AEOCMMLNHY _____
- 4 It has a strong beat. ICHHRYTM _____
- 5 It affects you emotionally. IOGMVN _____

(5 points)

15 Replace the adjectives with the correct adverbs.

- 1 We *quick* _____ realised that there was a problem.
- 2 The crocodile climbed up the river bank *easy* _____.
- 3 We paddled as *fast* _____ as we could.
- 4 The situation was *extreme* _____ dangerous.
- 5 The river was *unexpected* _____ deep.

(5 points)

16 Complete the phrasal verbs in the sentences with these words. You can use one word more than once.

down on out up

- 1 Three candidates didn't turn _____ for their interviews.
- 2 Our car ran _____ of petrol this morning.
- 3 In our factory we clock _____ at 7 a.m.
- 4 My friend has dropped _____ of college.
- 5 He's 22. He's too young to settle _____.

(5 points)

17 Complete the sentences with words about holiday destinations.

- 1 There are too many tourists here in my opinion. Everywhere is very c_____.
- 2 There are no resorts or tourism developments on the coast. It's u_____.
- 3 What a v_____ place – it's so full of life and excitement 24 hours a day!
- 4 It takes about three days to get to the ruins on foot, they're very r_____.
- 5 In a t_____ resort like this it's always hot and it rains most afternoons.

(5 points)

18 Complete the expressions used in a restaurant with an appropriate word. Then decide if the waiter (W) or the customer (C) says each one.

- 1 I'll _____ the fish. _____
- 2 Are you _____ to order? _____
- 3 Does it _____ with rice? _____
- 4 Can we look at the _____? _____
- 5 And what _____ dessert? _____

(5 points)

19 Write the words with the correct spelling.

- 1 The city authorities tried to cut down the A C I F F R T but there are still too many cars.

- 2 Most cities are D E L L O P T U to some extent and the air quality is poor.

- 3 The banks and insurance companies are in the A A C F I I L N N district of the city.

- 4 Most of the people use the B C I P U L O R A T N T S P R system to get around town.

- 5 This town has a great E E A H M O T S P R – everyone's friendly and there's lots going on.

(5 points)

20 Complete the sentences with five of these words.

as at like like nice though

- 1 This strange insect looks _____ a leaf. It's the same colour and shape.
- 2 You look as _____ you need a rest. Take five minutes off.
- 3 Can you look _____ this? I'm sure there's something wrong with it.
- 4 Be careful. That looks _____ water but it isn't.
- 5 You look _____ today. What's the special occasion?

(5 points)

21 Complete the compound adjectives with five of these words.

dyed famous fashioned looking made powered

- 1 I bought some really comfortable hand-_____ shoes.
- 2 You can go shopping in the world-_____ market.
- 3 There are a lot of stalls selling hand-_____ fabrics.
- 4 He's only 20 but he wears strangely old-_____ clothes.
- 5 In remote places, a solar-_____ battery charger is useful.

(5 points)

22 Complete the adjectives with the correct suffix, -less or -ful.

- 1 Toothache can be very pain_____, especially when you eat or drink cold things.
- 2 The story could go on for ever. It's end_____.

- 3 The treatment is completely harm_____ and has no side effects.
- 4 The operation was success_____ and the patient is fine now.
- 5 There's nothing I can do. I feel power_____ to help.

(5 points)

23 Write the words with the correct spelling.

- 1 Is there any news about bank charges in the ENUISBSS section of your paper?

- 2 I read in the OPRSST pages that David Beckham is retiring.

- 3 I like reading the DLORW ENSW to find out about different countries.

- 4 The AEEENTRTTINMN pages in this paper have some really good reviews of shows.

- 5 I never agree with what they say in the CEMOTMN and AAINLSSY.

(5 points)

24 Complete the sentences with five of these words or expressions in the correct form.

go back go on go quiet go up go wrong have a go

- 1 Nobody can really _____ in time. We can only go forward.
- 2 All the noise stopped. Everything _____.
- 3 That looks like fun. Can I _____?
- 4 The celebration _____ until all the food had been eaten.
- 5 'What _____?' 'Everything – it was a total disaster.'

(5 points)

Functions

25 Complete the conversation at a business event.

- A Good afternoon. Allow me to ¹_____ myself. My name's Andrew Bailey.
- B How ²_____ you do? I'm Mark Ho.
- A It's a ³_____ to meet you, Mark. I'm the new manager here.
- B Oh, are you?
- A I see you ⁴_____ in web design. I'm thinking about changing our website.
- B That's interesting. Why don't I give you my card? Here you are.
- A Thanks. Let's stay in ⁵_____.

(5 points)

26 Complete the extracts from people's stories (1–5) with five of the expressions (a–f).

- ¹_____ the time I was in a film? I was walking along the street and ²_____ I heard someone shout 'action'.
- ³_____ we nearly won the lottery. We sent off our claim ⁴_____ we realised it was a mistake.
- ⁵_____ to my brother. A crocodile bit him.

Life

- a Did I ever tell you about
- b during
- c I remember once,
- d the next thing was
- e then a couple of weeks later
- f You'll never believe what happened once

(5 points)

27 Complete the conversation about an accident.

- A What's the ¹ _____?
- B My ankle ² _____ when I move it.
- A Have you fallen ³ _____?
- B Yes, I ⁴ _____ on the steps.
- A You ⁵ _____ have broken it.
- B I don't think so. I think it's just a ⁶ _____.
- A It ⁷ _____ a bit swollen. Why ⁸ _____ you get it X-rayed?
- B Do you think I ⁹ _____?
- A Yes, of course. I ¹⁰ _____ just ignore it.

(10 points)

Writing

28 Write a covering letter to go with an application form for the job in the advert. Include the following information.

- where you saw the advert
- your qualifications
- your relevant work experience
- your relevant personal skills
- when you can go for an interview

Red Records Store

is looking for a motivated and energetic person for a full-time position as sales assistant
at least one year's sales experience required

Submit online application form here with covering letter to Mr P Rawling@redstore.com

(10 points)

29 Rewrite this postcard in a more informal style.

Dear mother and father

I arrived in Wellington last week. This is the home of the famous film studios. The scenery in New Zealand is out of this world. I have been on a tour of all of the 'Hobbit' places. We are going to see a volcano. We are going to see a lake. We are going to see a hot spring. I will see you in June. Amanda.

Do not forget to look at my photographs and my videos on my blog.

(10 points)

30 Complete the paragraph from a website about studying English with one word in each space. Then find and replace six more words which are incorrect.

I've gone on three different study trips to English-speaking countries and I'd like to offer ¹_____ advice to anyone what is thinking about doing ²_____.

³_____, go alone. Don't go with the group of friends from home. You will simply speak to ⁴_____ in your own language instead of practising English.

Second, stay at a local family. ⁵_____ will only speak English to you, ⁶_____ you will learn more.

Third, enjoy yourself, however you learn more when you are spending a good time.

(10 points)

Speaking

31 What was the most interesting thing you did on this year's English course? Describe it and say why it was interesting.

(6 points)

32 What are your plans now that this course is finished? Talk about if / why / where / how / what you will study in the future.

(6 points)

33 What recommendations or advice would you give to people who want to learn English? What would be your ideal way to learn to speak English?

(6 points)