

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous form of the verbs.

- 1 My friends _____ (buy) four tickets to New York.
- 2 Sami and Joe _____ (play) tennis for hours.
- 3 We _____ (spend) about 200 dollars since we arrived here.
- 4 I _____ (take) photos since lunchtime.
- 5 About 20,000 people _____ (visit) our town this year.
- 6 My boss gave me some days off so I _____ (look) online for a last-minute holiday.

(6 points)

2 Complete the questions to a tour guide with the past simple, present perfect simple or present perfect continuous form of the verbs.

- 1 How long _____ (you / be) a tour guide?
Since 2008. My first job was with Big Adventure.
- 2 How long _____ (you / work) for Big Adventure?
From 2008 to 2011. But now I work for myself.
- 3 How long _____ (you / have) your own company?
For a couple of years. We are specialising in safaris at the moment.
- 4 How long _____ (the company / offer) safaris?
Since we started, really. But we plan to offer helicopter tours when my partner gets his licence.
- 5 How long _____ (he / learn) to fly helicopters?
Only a few months. He flew us to the capital last week.
- 6 How long _____ (it / take) to get there?
It took about fifteen minutes – not long at all.

(6 points)

3 Complete the sentences about labels and signs with the correct modal verbs.

- 1 Eat on day of purchase or keep refrigerated
You _____ eat this product the day you buy it.
- 2 Mobile phones prohibited
You _____ use your phone here.
- 3 Suitable for diabetics
Diabetics _____ drink this.
- 4 Recommended use-by date 11 June
You _____ use this product after 11 June.

- 5 No cooking required
You _____ cook this product.
- 6 No eating in the library
You are _____ eat in the library.

(6 points)

4 Circle the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 If I lose weight on this diet, *I'm* / *I'll be* amazed.
- 2 I'll call you as soon as *I arrive* / *I'll arrive*.
- 3 I won't invite Kieran unless *you ask* / *you'll ask* me to.
- 4 Read the instructions before *you start* / *you'll start* cooking,
- 5 We won't serve lunch until everyone *is* / *will be* here.
- 6 When I speak to Jane, *I give* / *I'll give* her your message.

(6 points)

5 Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets.

- 1 I think country life is not as stressful as city life. (less)
I think _____.
- 2 I get to work faster from my new house. (quickly)
I get _____.
- 3 Driving your car isn't as fast as travelling by public transport. (faster)
Travelling _____.
- 4 Pollution in the city centre is getting worse. (polluted)
The city centre _____.
- 5 Sharing a flat is easier than I expected. (as)
Sharing _____.
- 6 It's easier to find a flat with an estate agent. (easily)
You can _____.

(6 points)

6 Circle the correct option or options in each sentence. Sometimes more than one correct answer is possible.

- 1 Before I came to this town, I *would live* / *used to live* in the country.
- 2 My family *moved* / *used to move* here when I was ten.
- 3 There *was* / *used to be* a lovely park on the corner of the street.
- 4 I *went to* / *used to go to* Madrid in 2012.
- 5 I *used to be* / *would be* afraid of my teacher.
- 6 I *would pretend* / *used to pretend* to be ill so I could stay at home.

(6 points)

7 Circle the correct modal verbs to complete the news item about Arctic ice.

Scientists say that the Arctic ice is melting more quickly than ever. Some even speculate that the Arctic region ¹ *might* / *must* have no ice by 2080, while others say that rainfall ² *mustn't* / *could* increase in northern Europe. The causes of the ice melt are not clearly understood – scientists think the changes ³ *may* / *must* be part of a natural cycle or they ⁴ *could* / *couldn't* be a result of climate change. One thing is certain, this ⁵ *may* / *can't* be simply an unusual year, it's part of a trend. And scientists agree that the data ⁶ *must* / *might* be correct as all their measurements are the same.

(6 points)

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8 Complete the two conversations with the correct form of the modal verbs.

- A Wow! The storm blew down lots of trees. The wind ¹ _____ strong. (must / be)
B Yes, and there was a boat lost at sea for three days.
A The passengers² _____. (could / die)
B Well, the weather forecast was fine, so they ³ _____ any problems. (couldn't / expect)

A Archaeologists have found some bones in the area.
B So people ⁴ _____ there long ago. (might / live)
A Well, they found no signs of any buildings or roads. So there ⁵ _____ any big towns. (can't / be)
B No, but perhaps they were nomadic people. They ⁶ _____ time in different places. (may / spend)

(6 points)

9 Complete the restaurant review with one word in each space.

In my career as a food journalist I have been to some fantastic restaurants and eaten some amazing food, but I've never forgotten a place I used ¹ _____ go to when I was a student: *Jake's Diner*. We didn't have much money then so we can't ² _____ come here very often, I suppose. Perhaps once or twice a term. So last week, I decided to return. To my surprise, the place looks the same as it did when I came here twenty years ³ _____. And some of the customers have ⁴ _____ coming here ⁵ _____ years. So it's clear they ⁶ _____ be satisfied! In fact, the menu hasn't changed very much either. And the quality of the cooking is as good ⁷ _____ it was then. The prices are still reasonable – I ⁸ _____ come back again, that's for sure.

(8 points)

Vocabulary

10 Circle the odd word out.

- | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 | beach | resort | scenery |
| 2 | baggage | luggage | trek |
| 3 | crowded | pollute | vibrant |
| 4 | journey | travel | trip |
| 5 | habitat | rubbish | waste |

(5 points)

11 Complete the sentences about travel problems with the correct two-word noun.

- 1 The airline always checks your b_____ c_____ before you get on the plane.
2 We can take two cases because our b_____ a_____ is 30 kilograms.
3 I spent four days in bed with f_____ p_____ after eating in that café.
4 I usually take tablets for t_____ s_____ but they make me feel very sleepy.
5 At busy times there are often f_____ d_____ at many airports.

(5 points)

12 Circle the correct verb in the advice for a healthy lifestyle.

- 1 Give up / Take up smoking.
- 2 Change / Learn any bad habits you have.
- 3 Cut out / Take up a new sport.
- 4 Learn / Cut down on sweet and sugary snacks.
- 5 Avoid / Give up stressful situations.

(5 points)

13 Complete the questions in a restaurant with the correct verb.

- 1 Do we need to b_____ a table in advance?
- 2 Would you like to o_____ a drink?
- 3 Are you going to h_____ a starter?
- 4 Can I p_____ the bill, please?
- 5 Do you think I should l_____ a tip?

(5 points)

14 Circle the correct option.

- 1 A balcony is *inside* / *outside* a house.
- 2 A basement is *on the roof* / *under the ground floor* of a house.
- 3 An attic is *at the top* / *at the bottom* of a house.
- 4 A fireplace is usually found in the *garage* / *living room* of a house.
- 5 Double glazing is used in the *windows* / *walls* of a house.

(5 points)

15 Complete the sentences about cities with the correct words.

- 1 The people who live in an area of a city are the r_____.
- 2 Areas of a city in a poor condition are r_____.
- 3 A b_____ area has a lot of buildings.
- 4 People live in n_____ which often have distinct identities.
- 5 Many cities have parks, gardens and other o_____ s_____.

(5 points)

16 Circle the correct expression with *look*.

- 1 Why does Andrew *look as though* / *look* so sad today?
- 2 What a strange insect! It *looks like* / *looks as though* a leaf.
- 3 I've *looked like* / *looked carefully* at this photo and I think it's fake.
- 4 These results don't add up. It *looks as though* / *looks* I've made a mistake.
- 5 Are you sure this is new? It *looks* / *looks like* old to me.

(5 points)

17 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words.

- 1 The ancient societies of South America had different _____ (religion) beliefs.
- 2 What do you think were the key _____ (history) events of the twentieth century?
- 3 Do people wear _____ (tradition) dress on special occasions in your country?
- 4 Some ancient sites seem _____ (mystery) to us because we don't know much about them.
- 5 Many ancient monuments probably had a _____ (ceremony) function.

(5 points)

Functions

18 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences about problems.

1 help / us / I / could / you / wonder / if / ?

2 you / luggage / do / to / gone / where / our / know / has / ?

3 like / feeling / how / have / you / long / been / this / ?

4 anything / there / you / do / can / is / ?

5 I'm / delayed / the / been / flight / has / afraid / .

6 ask / arrange / don't / I'll / the / manager / worry, / to / everything / .

(6 points)

19 Complete the expressions for talking about food with six of these words.

bit come hot kind like made sweet tastes

1 What does akkra taste _____?

2 Couscous _____ a bit bland by itself. The flavour comes from the meat stew.

3 Sauerkraut is _____ from cabbage.

4 Does the saltfish _____ with vegetables?

5 Tamarillos are a _____ of fruit.

6 Coca is a _____ like a square pizza. It's from north east Spain.

(6 points)

20 Circle the correct option in the conversations.

A Would you rather ¹ *live / to live* in a hot country or a cold one?

B A hot one, I think. As a rule, I prefer ² *be / being* warm.

A Do you drive or get the bus to college?

B Neither. I prefer ³ *cycle / to cycle* when I can.

A You live a long way from town. Would you prefer ⁴ *be / to be* closer?

B Yes. We'd rather ⁵ *be / to be* near our friends.

A Do you prefer ⁶ *play / playing* or watching sport?

B To be honest, I don't like sport at all.

(6 points)

21 Complete B's reaction in each conversation.

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A Have you heard? Heathrow Airport is going to close.

B That can't _____ !

2

A I'm going to be in a Hollywood movie.

B You're having _____ !

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A They've changed the name of Big Ben. It's called Elizabeth Tower now.
B Come _____ !
4
A I'm going to run the New York marathon next week.
B You must be _____ !
5
A We weren't paid our salary this month.
B They must have _____ !
6
A My best friend has failed all his exams.
B Are you _____ ?

(6 points)

Writing

Choose two activities from this section.

- 22 Rewrite the sentences from a postcard from a backpacker in Kenya. Include the missing words.**

1 Arrived Monday.

2 Met amazing people on bus.

3 Lots of tourists here.

4 Some American, but mostly European.

5 Not seen elephants yet.

6 Weather fantastic!

(12 points)

- 23 Your local library, swimming pool and youth club are all going to close due to spending cuts. Write a formal letter to your local newspaper. Write 80–100 words.**

(12 points)

- 24 Write a short paragraph about the place where you live. Talk about the people, the facilities and the atmosphere. Write 80–100 words.**

(12 points)

- 25 Complete the news story with six of these adverbs.**

**apparently deliberately gradually hopefully immediately sadly
slowly temporarily**

A newspaper in the UK has announced that it will only accept online comments via Facebook. Many readers ¹_____ condemned the decision. ²_____, the newspaper wants to end anonymous comments. A spokesperson said, ‘³_____, the system of anonymous comments leads to abuse. A minority of commentators are ⁴_____ provocative. In the future, people will only be able to register with our website using Facebook.’ One reader said last night, ‘⁵_____, the paper will think again. Not everyone wants to have a Facebook account.’ The paper’s website crashed ⁶_____ yesterday but was running again by lunchtime.

(12 points)

Speaking

Choose two activities from this section.

- 26 Talk about two different kinds of trips you have taken. Describe the journeys to get there and the destinations.**

(6 points)

- 27 Describe the dishes you eat on special occasions. How are they different to your normal eating habits?**

(6 points)

- 28 Compare the place you live to another place you know well. Which place do you prefer? Why?**

(6 points)

- 29 What stories are currently in the news? Explain what you know about them and what you are not sure about. (6 points)**

(6 points)