

Grammar

1 Complete the conversations in a grammatically correct way.

- A You mean to say that you queued for three hours to get into the stadium and then gave up?
- B Yes. If we had just waited another 30 minutes, we ¹ _____ in.
- A How do you know that?
- B Because our friends who were just behind us got in. It's very frustrating. I wish we ² _____.
- A What's that terrible noise coming from next door?
- B It's someone practising the piano.
- A Well, I wish they ³ _____. It's driving me crazy.
- B Is it? I don't mind it, personally. I'd rather ⁴ _____ than the violin.
- A If you hadn't become a doctor, what do you think you ⁵ _____ now?
- B I don't know really. My dream, when I was younger, was to become a comedian.
- A I wish you ⁶ _____ a successful comedian. Then I could be your agent or manager!

(12 points)

2 Complete this news story by putting the verbs into their correct form.

For the past 20 years, cyclists have been ¹ _____ (accused / take) performance-enhancing drugs. The most famous of these was Lance Armstrong. For years he ² _____ (denied / take) banned substances, but in the end he was ³ _____ (persuaded / confess) that he had used them in all of his seven Tour de France wins. It is thought that still more ⁴ _____ (people / come) forward in future and ⁵ _____ (confess).

⁶ _____ (It / believe) by many people that ⁷ _____ (Armstrong / be) the greatest sportsman of all time, but few people think that now. He has gone from hero to villain. So why do great athletes like Armstrong risk their reputations? Should we ⁸ _____ (blame him / cheat)? Or is it our society that has ⁹ _____ (encouraged him / cheat)?

(9 points)

3 Transform the relative clauses in these sentences to reduced relative clauses where possible.

- 1 I pity the people who are camping in these conditions. They must be freezing!

- 2 Anyone who is caught cheating will be disqualified.

- 3 They have removed all the Canadian holidays which were advertised in their brochure.

- 4 That's interesting. I'll tell my friend Pete, who is thinking of studying abroad.

- 5 The bus, which will be waiting at the North Gate, will take you to the city centre.

- 6 The talk, which was given by Professor Atwell of the Zoological Institute, focussed on the social behaviour of chimpanzees.

- 7 I'm interested in talking to people who have experience of learning a language.

- 8 We talked to some of the people who were working in the refugee camps.

(8 points)

4 Complete the conversations about habits using phrases with *used to* or *usually*.

- A How are you finding living in China?
- B Well, it's been four months so I'm ¹ _____.
- A Don't you find the food strange?
- B Well, I ² _____ a lot meat. So it is quite difficult.

- A How do you usually get to work? By car or bus or something else?
- B I ³ _____, but sometimes I walk if I am not in a hurry. I don't ⁴ _____ public transport.

- A Why don't you answer your home telephone during the day?
- B Because advertising companies ⁵ _____ me. That really annoys me.

(10 points)

5 Write questions for these answers with the words in brackets. Use *could*, *was able to*, *manage to* and *succeed in* for the first two conversations. Use the future in the past for the second two.

- A ¹ _____? (contact / the insurance company)
- B Yes, I spoke to them in the end, but only after being kept waiting on the phone for 40 minutes.

- A ² _____? (see / a lot from the top of the building)
- B Yes, we had a fantastic view over the whole city.

- A ³ _____? (remember / her name)
- B No, it was really embarrassing.

- A What ⁴ _____? (say)
- B Oh, nothing. It doesn't matter.
- A Go on – tell me. I want to know.

- A ⁵ _____? (reserve / a court in advance)
- B Well, really, yes. You should have. But there are some free now, so I will let you play without a reservation this time.

Life

6 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 hair / had / you / cut / have / your ?

2 a plumber / look / it / to / get / at

3 only / three / it / hours / takes

4 even / sometimes / cold / polar bears / get

5 I / transfer / the money / the bank / had

6 can / he / as well / sing / ?

7 she / there / without saying / just / a word / sat

8 I / should / think / you / have / repainted / it

(8 points)

7 Answer the questions.

1 How do you express this idea using *I'd rather*?

I would prefer it if you drove.

2 Which of these sentences has a stronger meaning?

a If I hadn't dropped out of college, I'd be a doctor now.

b If only I hadn't dropped out of college. I'd be a doctor now.

c I wish I hadn't dropped out of college. I'd be a doctor now.

3 Which of these verbs is followed by a different verb pattern to the others?

a afford b manage c avoid d decide e want f hope

4 Which of the following words have *the* before them, rather than zero article?

a sea b sugar c information d United States e evening f books g Moon

5 Which of these statements emphasises that the experience is new and strange?

a I didn't use to run such long distances as this.

b I don't usually run such long distances as this.

c I'm not used to running such long distances as this.

6 Which of these conditions are correct for using *managed to* rather than *could*?

a When describing a general ability.

b When describing what happened on a specific occasion.

c When describing that a difficulty had to be overcome.

- 7 In which of these sentences could you replace the verb *have* with the verb *get*?
- I'll have him call you when he gets back.
 - I had the tree cut down because it was blocking out the light.
 - How often do you have your eyes tested?

(12 points)

Vocabulary

8 Complete the sentences about natural resources with one word in each space. The first letter has been given for you

- There's no other place like Madagascar on Earth – it's u_____.
- Tigers are now a very rare species – they need to be p_____.
- Water is becoming a scarce commodity – you mustn't w_____ it.
- Oil is becoming more expensive because the world's oil r_____ are shrinking.
- Some environmentalists have lost hope of reversing climate change. They say the situation has become d_____.
- Trees are actually a r_____ resource: in theory we can replace those that are cut down.

(6 points)

9 Replace the phrases in *italics* with a phrase with *word* that means the same thing.

- He *promised* he wouldn't tell anyone.

- There's a rumour circulating* that she is going to retire.

- When he told me I had won the competition, I *didn't know what to say*.

- The business has grown just by *personal recommendation*.

(6 points)

10 Complete the story about someone's career with one word in each space.

Stan left school when he was 16, two months before his exams. Without ¹_____, he found it difficult to get a job, and after six months unemployed, he decided to ²_____ the navy. He ³_____ for six years, travelling around the world and learning new ⁴_____ at the same time, particularly how to maintain helicopters.

When he came out of the navy, he was still only 23 but he had gained far more ⁵_____ of the world and of life than he had at school. He ⁶_____ for a job as a technician with a helicopter manufacturer and was amazed when they accepted him. The company liked him and after nine months they asked him if he would like to ⁷_____ a flying course so that he could ⁸_____ a test pilot for them. Of course he said yes. At the age of 26, Stan is now the youngest (and perhaps the happiest) helicopter test pilot in Australia.

(8 points)

11 Write the opposite for each word.

- 1 obey _____
- 2 punish _____
- 3 polite _____
- 4 untreated food _____ food
- 5 a rare mistake a _____ mistake

(5 points)

12 Complete the sentences with these words.

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- 1 A good teacher is able to _____ with their students.
- 2 History was a subject that I found I could really _____.
- 3 Doing scientific experiments requires the learner to _____ a lot of information in a short space of time.
- 4 He said the subject didn't really _____ him.

(8 points)

13 Match the words with a similar meaning.

- 1 earnings _____
- 2 hard up _____
- 3 nanny _____
- 4 well off _____
- 5 cheap _____

- a child minder
- b comfortable
- c income
- d reasonable
- e poor

(5 points)

Functions

14 Circle the correct words to complete the conversations.

- A Do you know, ¹*apparently* / *evidently* that new resident at number 44 has got an African Rock Python in his living room.
- B Who told you that?
- A Well, ²*according to* / *in accordance with* Sheila, she saw it through his front window. She also claims that he feeds it live rabbits.
- B I'd take what Sheila says with a ³*grain* / *pinch* of salt if I were you. She quite often ⁴*inflates* / *blows* things out of proportion.
- A Well, I'm not taking any chances. They ⁵*reckon* / *guess* that rock pythons can grow up to five metres long!
- A Don't you think that it's ridiculous that even though the weather is changing before our eyes, we are still not doing anything about climate change?
- B Well, there's no ⁶*uncertainty* / *doubt* that we've had a few warm summers and wet winters recently. But is that a catastrophe? No, I'm afraid I don't ⁷*admit* / *accept* that.

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- A It's more than a few warm summers! ⁸*Take / Pick* last year, for example. It was the warmest year on record. Crops failed, rivers dried up completely ...
- B Well, I ⁹*for / as* one need to see more concrete evidence before I believe it's a global catastrophe.
- A That's just the ¹⁰*point / issue* I'm trying to make. If everyone takes the same attitude as you, it will be a catastrophe.

(10 points)

15 Imagine you would like to get a job helping to prepare for a summer outdoor festival. Complete the questions in this interview in a natural way.

- A So, are you good ¹ _____?
- B Yes, I do a lot of DIY around the house and I have built a few things out of wood: tables, bookcases and so on.
- A OK. That's great. And are you familiar ² _____?
- B Yes. I know a little about it. It's a summer music festival, isn't it? Does it ³ _____ every year?
- A Yes, but it's much bigger than it used to be. We get lots of visitors from all over the world. Do you have ⁴ _____ other festivals like this?
- B No, but I'm very keen to learn and to be involved.
- A So, why do you think you ⁵ _____ this job?
- B As I said, I like to work with my hands and I get on well with other people. Also, I really like the idea of the festival.

(10 points)

16 Complete these phrases according to the message you want to convey.

- 1 You don't understand
I'm not _____ you.
- 2 You want to speak honestly
To tell _____, ...
- 3 You didn't hear what someone said
Sorry, I didn't _____.
- 4 You want to advise what you would do in the same situation
If I were _____, I would ...
- 5 You want someone to explain an expression
What do you _____ that?
- 6 You want someone to accept the reality
Let's _____ ...
- 7 You want someone to understand your situation
If you look _____ ...

(14 points)

Writing

17 Add some vivid examples to this letter to a newspaper to make it more interesting.

From Ms Sarah Tennant

Sir, Harriet Keating (Motoring section, 12 September) complains about the fact that we are having to pay more and more to use our cars: more expensive petrol, higher road tax, rising parking charges. But she does not point out how wasteful many of our car journeys are.

Every morning I see _____

Life

In cities, people _____

Why can't we be a little more thoughtful in the way we use transport. We could easily

Or we could _____

I think that using a car should be expensive. It makes us think more carefully about how and when we use it, rather than always considering it as our first option for transport.

(12 points)

- 18 Read the short email to a good friend. Rewrite the phrases in *italics* to make the email more conversational. Then take out any unnecessary words.**

Dear Sarah

It was a pleasure to meet you on Friday. *There is one matter which* I forgot to mention. I am going to Switzerland next week to meet a watchmaker *with whom I am hoping to do business*. *Do you think it would be appropriate for me* to take a small gift? If so, what kind of gift would you suggest? *I do not wish* to cause any offence. I would appreciate *your advice on this question*.

With kind regards

Oscar

(12 points)

- 19 Rewrite the extract from a report to make it more concise by using bullet points and removing unnecessary words.**

So it seems that there are two suppliers who we could choose from. When we make our choice, I suggest that we consider three things. Is the price they are offering a good one and a fair one? Is the time from order of the goods to delivery of the goods going to be acceptable for us? Can they guarantee that the quality of the goods will continue to remain high?

(10 points)

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Speaking

- 20** What kind of news do you like to read or listen to? Can you think of a news story that you heard or read recently that interested you particularly? What happened? What did you think about it?
(10 points)
- 21** Are the things you like to eat very different from your parents' generation? How have people's eating habits changed in your country in recent years? Is this a good thing or a bad thing?
(10 points)
- 22** What subject would you most like to study and why?
(10 points)