

Grammar

1 Circle the correct article (*the* or zero article) before each noun.

The inventors of a new aircraft engine called Sabre hope that it will be able to fly ¹*the* / – passengers from London to Sydney, Australia, in less than five hours, flying at 90,000ft, three times higher than ²*the* / – conventional aeroplanes. It is being called ³*the* / – greatest breakthrough in ⁴*the* / – air travel since ⁵*the* / – invention of ⁶*the* / – jet engine.

(6 points)

2 Complete the sentences with an appropriate relative pronoun, only if one is needed.

- 1 The company _____ developed the new Sabre aircraft engine is based in England.
- 2 The aircraft itself doesn't have windows because it goes to an altitude _____ the air pressure would break them.
- 3 The technology _____ it uses may be used in future to power spacecraft.
- 4 Unlike other spacecraft, _____ never return to Earth, the new spacecraft would be able to come and go.
- 5 A space version would go much faster than the passenger version, _____ top speed is over 400 kph.
- 6 The company is now looking for someone _____ will invest in the next stages of the aircraft's development.

(6 points)

3 Complete the text with the present simple, present continuous or *will*.

I ¹_____ (visit) my grandparents every summer. They ²_____ (live) in a beautiful old house in the country. I ³_____ (usually / spend) four or five days there as part of my summer holidays. We ⁴_____ (go) fishing and for walks in the countryside. My grandparents are both in their 70's. They ⁵_____ (always / complain) that they can't get around easily, but actually they're pretty fit and active. We ⁶_____ (have) a lot of fun.

(6 points)

4 Write sentences from the prompts to complete this conversation.

Shona How are you finding Wales? You / get / used to / live / here?

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Ade Well, I / used to / live / in London when I was boy, so some things are familiar to me.

2

Shona You mean, like the weather?

Ade Oh my goodness, don't talk to me about the weather! I don't think I / ever / get / used to / that. It's so wet and grey here.

3

Shona And how about the language?

Ade Well, we / usually / speak / English at home in Nigeria, so that's OK, but I / not / be / really / used to / listen / the Welsh accent yet.

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Shona Does that make it difficult to get to know people?

Ade No, the people are really nice. I've made a few good friends already.

(5 points)

5 Circle the correct verb forms in the sentences. Sometime both are possible.

A ¹Could you / Did you manage to get me the newspaper I asked about?

B Sorry, I ²wasn't able to / couldn't find the New York Times, so I got you the Washington Post instead.

A I got a flat tyre on the way home last night, but I ³could / was able to repair it and ride home.

B How ⁴could you / did you manage to see what you were doing in the dark?

A What ⁵could you / were you able to see from the top of the mountain?

B We ⁶could see / succeeded in seeing the whole of Cape Town and out into the ocean, too.

(6 points)

6 Complete the sentences with the future in the past using the words in brackets.

A Why didn't you call me?

B I ¹_____, but my phone battery ran out. (going)

A What ²_____ say? (about)

B Oh, nothing. It's not important.

A We're late. We ³_____ be there half an hour ago. (supposed)

A Did you get me a ticket too?

B No. I ⁴_____ you one, but I didn't know you wanted one. (would)

A Are you going to America this summer?

B We thought we ⁵_____ in July, but I can't get away from work then. (would)

(5 points)

7 Insert the focus adverb in the correct place in the sentences.

1 Sorry if I said the wrong thing – I was trying to help. (only)

2 She plays the guitar and she sings. (too)

3 It's a difficult mountain for an experienced climber. (even)

4 You can keep the directions and the map. (as well)

5 Be careful because it can get very cold at night. (also)

6 I've been abroad once in my life. (just)

(6 points)

8 Complete the sentences with the words in brackets.

- 1 I thought my hair was getting too long, so I got _____ yesterday. (cut)
- 2 My car was making strange noises so I got _____ it. (the garage / check)
- 3 Please take off your shoes. We just had _____. (new carpet / fit)
- 4 You should get _____ at this computer. It's very slow. (someone / look)
- 5 We're going to have _____ our house. (a surveyor / examine)
- 6 We need to have that _____. It's about to come off. (door / fix)

(6 points)

9 Complete the text with one word in each space.

If you were going to measure a country's happiness, how ¹ _____ you do it? What do you think makes a country a happy place to live in? Is it ² _____ a question of the standard of living ³ _____ people enjoy, or is there more to it than that? Each year ⁴ _____ business magazine, Forbes, publishes a list of the world's happiest countries. To get this information they use objective data, like income and educational qualifications, but they ⁵ _____ ask subjective questions like 'How safe do you feel?' 'How often do you ⁶ _____ your health checked?' Among the countries in the top 10 were: Switzerland, ⁷ _____ is the best governed; Canada, ⁸ _____ people enjoy the greatest personal freedom; Denmark, ⁹ _____ it is easiest to be an entrepreneur and New Zealand, ¹⁰ _____ citizens are the most tolerant of outsiders. People are ¹¹ _____ claiming that there is more to happiness than ¹² _____ money, but ¹³ _____ using this range of different criteria, no poor country managed ¹⁴ _____ get into the top 20 of the Forbes list.

(14 points)

Vocabulary

10 Complete the extract from a job interview with these words.

talents apply skills knowledge follow experience do background

- A So, what ¹ _____ do you have of selling electronic goods?
- B Well, I haven't actually sold anything before, but I do have a good ² _____ of electronic products, which I gained from building my own. You see my ³ _____ is as an inventor. My father was an inventor, too.
- A I see. So you don't really want to ⁴ _____ a career in sales at all?
- B In sales, no. That's not where my specific ⁵ _____ lie. But I think I would ⁶ _____ a good job.
- A Sorry, I'm a little confused. Why did you ⁷ _____ for this job?
- B Well, to earn some money, really. And it's always good to learn a few new ⁸ _____ as well.

(8 points)

11 Complete these expressions with *long*.

- 1 Thank goodness that's finished! *At long* _____ we can have a break and get some lunch.
- 2 I *long* _____ the day when my children are old enough to drive themselves places.
- 3 I think *in the long* _____ it will prove to be the right decision.
- 4 'Well, it was great to see you and I hope we'll meet again _____ *long*.'

(4 points)

12 Circle the correct words in the advice about raising children.

'I've tried to ¹*bring / raise* up my children to be respectful and well-behaved. I don't give ²*in / up* to their demands when they ³*push / pester* me to buy them something because I think that it is very easy to ⁴*shame / spoil* your children that way. The main things I tell them are not to ⁵*intervene / interrupt* when others are speaking, not to ⁶*rebel / disobey* their teachers or parents and always to ⁷*make / show* consideration to other people. I don't punish them when they are bad, but I always ⁸*praise / nag* them when they are good.'

(8 points)

13 Match the items of food (1–4) with the correct food type (a–d).

- 1 biscuits _____
- 2 cheese _____
- 3 pasta _____
- 4 white toasting bread _____

- a staple food
- b snack food
- c dairy products
- d processed food

(4 points)

14 Replace the words in *italics* with these words.

take in inspire grasp gut feeling pick up be ignorant of

- 1 Yes, I have a basic *understanding* ¹ _____ of how a computer works.
- 2 I didn't actually know the answer – I just followed my *instinct* ² _____.
- 3 I managed to *acquire* ³ _____ quite a lot of techniques just by watching her work.
- 4 Sorry, that's a lot of information to *absorb* ⁴ _____ all at once. Can you repeat it more slowly?
- 5 The test of a good teacher is whether they can really *motivate* ⁵ _____ their students to learn.
- 6 How can people *not know* ⁶ _____ their own country's history?

(6 points)

15 Match each statement or question (1–6) with the appropriate answer (a–f).

- 1 I have to read a poem aloud at the ceremony. _____
- 2 I've never driven a left-hand drive car before. _____
- 3 They've cut our lunch breaks at work from one hour to 45 minutes. _____
- 4 I burnt my tongue tasting the chocolate you left cooking on the stove. _____
- 5 Do you think I'm too old to take up tap dancing? _____
- 6 I don't want to spend a week with all the children in ski school. I want to get out there and ski. _____

- a You can learn as you go along, can't you?
- b I hope you've learnt your lesson.
- c You'll just have to learn to live with it, I suppose.
- d Do you have to learn it by heart?
- e You know what they say: it's never too late to learn.
- f You have to learn to walk before you can run.

(6 points)

16 Complete the conversation by converting the verbs in brackets into nouns.

- Customer I'd like to take out a ¹ _____ (lend) to buy a new car.
 Bank manager How much were you thinking of?
 Customer Around \$8,000.
 Bank manager I see. Do you have any other ² _____ (owe) at the moment?
 Customer No, just a small mortgage.
 Bank manager OK, I just need to have an idea of your ³ _____ (earn) and also your monthly ⁴ _____ (spend) and then we can work out what would be a realistic time to repay the money.
 Customer I was hoping the monthly ⁵ _____ (repay) wouldn't be more than \$150.
 Bank manager In that case you might need to think about reducing your ⁶ _____ (borrow).

(6 points)

17 Circle the correct verb that collocates with the noun. Sometimes more than one verb is possible.

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|---|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | assemble / do / plaster | a bed |
| 2 | hang / decorate / put up | a picture |
| 3 | tile / fix / fit | a tap |
| 4 | hang / tile / put up | some shelves |
| 5 | tile / decorate / assemble | the bathroom |
| 6 | clean / decorate / do | the garden |

(6 points)

Functions

18 Complete the dialogue with the correct words.

- Interviewer So, I see that you recently did an apprenticeship at a hotel in France. What did you do there exactly?
 Candidate I worked in the restaurant, so I'm ¹f _____ with how a restaurant works. I'm ²c _____ with all aspects of waiting and silver service.
 Interviewer Good. And what did you study at college?
 Candidate I ³s _____ in hotel and restaurant management.
 Interviewer And what attracted you to our hotel?
 Candidate I'm very ⁴k _____ on working for an international hotel chain, because I would like to use my languages and to have the opportunity to travel in the future.
 Interviewer What languages do you speak?
 Candidate I speak French, Spanish and English. I'm generally quite ⁵g _____ at learning new things and I'm very ⁶s _____ about wanting to work as an international manager.

(6 points)

19 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 The May morning celebrations take place _____
 - 2 May morning marks _____
 - 3 It's an occasion _____
 - 4 It's traditional for people _____
 - 5 The celebrations start _____
 - 6 After that, people _____
- a with singing by a choir from a tall tower.
 - b on the 1st May each year.
 - c go to have breakfast and to watch more dancing and singing.
 - d for people to celebrate the arrival of warmer weather and longer days.
 - e the beginning of spring.
 - f to stay up all night and see the arrival of the morning.

(6 points)

20 Complete the phrases with the correct preposition.

- 1 Can you speak _____ a little? I can't hear you.
- 2 I'm sorry. I'm not really _____ you. Can you explain that again?
- 3 Hang _____ a second. You're going a little too fast for me to note this down.
- 4 That's a lot to take _____ all at once.
- 5 What do you mean _____ 'staggered'?
- 6 Could you give us an example _____ the type of projects they do in the class?

(6 points)

21 Complete the conversation with the correct words.

- Agent So, what do you think?
- Customer I really like it, but the ¹k_____ thing for us was to get a flat with a garden.
- Agent Well, there aren't many of those around at this price, I'm afraid.
- Customer I was hoping perhaps we ²c_____ do a deal on the garden flat downstairs.
- Agent To ³t_____ you the truth, I've already got two other people interested in that.
- Customer And how much more is it?
- Agent The garden flat is an extra \$200 per month. What you have to ⁴a_____ is that it's already a very good price.
- Customer So, you couldn't drop the price a little?
- Agent I'm afraid not.
- Customer OK, we'll just have to make a decision then.
- Agent When all's said and ⁵d_____, you have to get something that not only feels right, but is also within your budget. If I were in your ⁶s_____ I would ask myself: can I really afford \$200 more per month?
- Customer Yes, you're right. OK, we'll take this one.

(6 points)

Writing

Choose two activities from this section.

22 Write the details from an online profile in note form.

This is my career history

E.g. Career History _____

When I worked at BMW, I was responsible for quality assurance

After that I went to Eden Higher Technical College and taught quality assurance to Business school undergraduates

My Professional objectives are as follows

I would like to continue working in this field as a consultant

I also want to develop my skills as a teacher

(12 points)

23 Look at this informal email. Circle the words in the underlined sentences which are unnecessary.

Hi Sarah

It was good to hear from you. It has been such a long time since we saw each other. All is going well here, thanks. My New Year's resolution is to spend less time at the office and more time with the family. So far I've not done very well!

It's great that you have been offered a job with Saxon Inc in Indonesia. You asked me what I thought of them. There's not much I can tell you I'm afraid. I only worked for them on a temporary basis for one month. But they seemed efficient and the people I worked with were pleasant. They were nicer than the people at Ashco, anyway!

I just have one word of advice. Make sure that you get all your resettlement costs paid. They can add up to quite a lot.

Anyway, I look forward to hearing about it and I wish you the best of luck with it all.

Dana

(12 points)

24 Complete the contrasts in this email about a misunderstanding.

Dear Sir / Madam

I enrolled on your course 'Spanish for beginners' this term and have attended two lessons. I expected everyone on the course would be a complete beginner like me, but in fact _____

Although the teacher is very kind and helpful, I _____

I was intending to give it a few more lessons before deciding what to do, but I feel that

While I appreciate that it is not the college's fault that the level of the other students is higher than mine, I

I would like to ask for a refund for the cost of the remaining lessons. I hope that if I can improve my Spanish a little by myself, I might be able to enrol for the next beginner's course when it starts.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours faithfully

Natalia Glenny

(12 points)

25 Rewrite the paragraph from a report about a hotel into three sections: an introduction and two sections with sub-headings and bullet points.

I visited the Gleneagles Bed and Breakfast in Vancouver with a view to including it in our list of recommended places to stay. I kept my identity secret so that the owners would treat me as a normal guest. Overall it was a positive experience. On the plus side, the owners Mr and Mrs English, were extremely welcoming and friendly. They were knowledgeable about the area and gave me good advice about things to do. The bed and breakfast is in a quiet area, although it is a little far from the centre of town. The rooms are small, but comfortable and mine had a bath as well as a shower (not all the rooms do, however). The breakfast was excellent: homemade bread, wild salmon and eggs – and there was plenty of it. The main disadvantage of the Gleneagles is the price, which at \$180 Canadian dollars a night is similar to most hotels. But this is Vancouver, after all!

(12 points)

Speaking

Choose two activities from this section.

26 Which do you think are more important for success in your career: good qualifications, natural talent or good interpersonal skills? Which of these things do you think will be of most use in your own future career?

(12 points)

Life

- 27** What do you think are the most difficult customs and features of daily life for visitors to your country to get used to? What food do foreigners find most strange? Why is this do you think?
(12 points)
- 28** What kind of learner do you think you are? Do you learn better by doing or by watching and listening? What is your most successful learning experience?
(12 points)
- 29** Overall, would you say your country was a happy country or not? What makes it a happy place to live? What conditions of life make it less happy?
(12 points)