

#### Grammar

**1 Complete the dialogues with the verbs in brackets using a suitable present tense (simple, continuous, perfect simple or perfect continuous - active or passive).**

A So, what do you do?

B I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (work)

A Do you have a particular project at the moment?

B Yes, I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (learn)

A Why don't you have your car with you today?

B It <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (repair)

A Is this your first experience of learning English?

B No, I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (study)

A Why are you at still at work?

B I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to stay late by my boss. (ask)

A What happens to the old print cartridges when they are finished?

B They <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (throw)  
(12 points)

**2 Complete the story with the correct past or present perfect simple tense.**

I have to admit that I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (never / enjoy) swimming, but when my friend Jack <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) me to join him on a sponsored swim to raise money for charity, I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (agree). He <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (do) a lot of this kind of thing in his time and I admire him a lot for it.

The idea was to swim across every swimming pool in the city in a day. There are twelve of them in all, three outdoor and nine indoor pools. I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not / look forward) to swimming in the outdoor ones because the weather <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) terrible in the weeks before.

Anyway, on 1<sup>st</sup> May at 9 a.m. we <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) at the first pool, an indoor pool in Cowley. We <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) our bicycles, so that we could get quickly from one pool to another. We <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to reception and the woman said 'I'm sorry, we're closed. In fact all the pools in the city <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) to close because a swimmer caught legionnaire's disease in one of the changing rooms yesterday.'

(10 points)

**3 Answer the questions with the verbs in brackets using an appropriate future tense.**

- 1 Have you decided what to do this weekend?  
Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go)
  - 2 When can you give me an answer?  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (tell)
  - 3 Where will you be this time next week?  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (sit)
  - 4 What do you hope to achieve by the time you are 50 years old?  
I hope I \_\_\_\_\_ (make)
- (8 points)

**4 Complete the answers with an appropriate determiner or expression of quantity.**

- 1 How often do you go swimming?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday.
- 2 Have you ever been to Paris?  
Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ times.
- 3 Which gallery do you prefer?  
I like \_\_\_\_\_ galleries.
- 4 How many chocolates did you eat?  
I ate \_\_\_\_\_ box.
- 5 What can we do in the evenings there?  
There are \_\_\_\_\_ things to do.
- 6 What are we going to do now?  
There's \_\_\_\_\_ point worrying about it.

(6 points)

**5 Complete the sentences using verbs in the infinitive, infinitive + to or -ing form.**

- 1 When did you decide \_\_\_\_\_?
- 2 I don't enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ as much as I did in the past.
- 3 If you don't succeed at first, keep on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 My parents never allowed me \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 You can't make people \_\_\_\_\_, if they don't want to.
- 6 I remember \_\_\_\_\_ when I was young.
- 7 Sorry, I meant \_\_\_\_\_, but I forgot.
- 8 Sorry, I can't help \_\_\_\_\_.

(8 points)

**6 Change the underlined words to make the sentences negative.**

- 1 It's a great idea, isn't it?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 They advised us to drive there, because of the roads.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Do you like chocolate?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 You told her, didn't you?  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 5 I hope it snows  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Let's wait and see.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 He wanted to do it by himself.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 You must tell me if you change your mind.  
\_\_\_\_\_

(8 points)

**7 Circle the correct option.**

- 1 Which of these ideas are usually expressed using the present continuous?  
a a temporary situation  
b a regularly repeated action  
c a scientific fact  
d a trend
- 2 In which of these sentences is the person definitely still an active traveller?  
a I visited many different places in South America.  
b I have visited many different places in South America.  
c I had visited many different places in South America.
- 3 Which of these is probably going to happen soonest?  
a I'm about to call her. Is there anything you want me to say?  
b I think I'll call her. Is there anything you want me to say?  
c I'm going to call her. Is there anything you want me to say?
- 4 Which of these sentences emphasise a small number or amount?  
a There are few opportunities to relax.  
b Hardly any people visit the city in winter.  
c We have a little time before we have to leave.
- 5 Which of these verbs can be followed by the infinitive + *to* and *-ing* with no change in meaning?  
a continue  
b start  
c regret  
d mean  
e like
- 6 In which of these sentences would you put *not* with the first verb?  
a On the whole, I think it's a very good idea.  
b I hope we will be late.  
c I want to be included.  
d You have to pay for entrance to the zoo.

(12 points)

## Vocabulary

### 8 Put the expressions into one of these categories.

- A a temporary relationship      B a more long-term relationship
- a blood relative \_\_\_\_\_ a passing acquaintance \_\_\_\_\_ a fair-weather friend \_\_\_\_\_  
 a flatmate \_\_\_\_\_ a true friend \_\_\_\_\_ a faithful companion \_\_\_\_\_  
 a travel companion \_\_\_\_\_ a fiancé \_\_\_\_\_

(8 points)

### 9 Match the pairs of words with a similar meaning about stories and films.

- 1 author \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 thought-provoking \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 storyline \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 scary \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 accurate \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 impartial \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 actors \_\_\_\_\_

- a plot
- b truthful
- c objective
- d writer
- e creepy
- f cast
- g powerful

(7 points)

### 10 Complete the text with these words.

**friendly ultra cutting nano handy neat**

Graphene is a new <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ -edge material that will change the way we build computers and mobile devices. Graphene has incredible properties: it is incredibly strong, flexible and <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ -thin. The hope is that it will transform <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ gadgets like the smart phone and tablet computer by making them even more portable and easy to use. Graphene is a <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ solution to the problem of large, breakable screens, because it means that in future we will be able to bend screens and fold them. Making things smaller also means making them more environmentally-<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Graphene is also very good at conducting electricity and some experts in the field of <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_-technology believe it could lead to the development of much faster computers.

(6 points)

### 11 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words.

- 1 I don't normally like \_\_\_\_\_ (class) music, but it was a great concert.
- 2 Timon of Athens is one of Shakespeare's lesser known \_\_\_\_\_ (play).
- 3 It's very difficult to make money as a \_\_\_\_\_ (comedy).
- 4 We went to a restaurant after the \_\_\_\_\_ (show).
- 5 It's a very interesting art \_\_\_\_\_ (exhibit) – full of surprises.
- 6 Leonardo di Caprio gives a great \_\_\_\_\_ (perform) as a plantation owner.

(6 points)

## 12 Complete the opposites of these phrases with the words in brackets.

- 1 to drop someone off at the airport to \_\_\_\_\_ (up)
- 2 a basic flat a \_\_\_\_\_ (apartment)
- 3 an area in a city where cars are allowed a \_\_\_\_\_ (zone)
- 4 a single-storey building a \_\_\_\_\_ (rise)
- 5 to find no fault with a plan to \_\_\_\_\_ (holes)
- 6 a built-up area a \_\_\_\_\_ (space)

(6 points)

## 13 Complete the expressions about holidays.

- 1 a \_\_\_\_\_ -catering apartment (has a kitchen)
- 2 have a couple of days \_\_\_\_\_ work
- 3 a room with a \_\_\_\_\_ of the sea
- 4 the time it \_\_\_\_\_ to get there
- 5 fill \_\_\_\_\_ an immigration form

(5 points)

## Functions

### 14 Complete the conversations in a natural way.

- A Oh, hello. Fancy meeting you here. <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?
- B Not great, actually. I broke my toe two days ago.
- A <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_! Does that mean you can't work?
- B No such luck, I'm afraid. I still have to go into the office.
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- A Do you see much of Celia these days?
- B Yes, I saw her the other day. She's very well.
- A Oh, well <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ when you next see her.
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- A Did you get the tickets?
- B Yes, I managed to get the last two.
- A That <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
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- A Would you like to go for a coffee?
- B Sorry, I'm in <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. I have some shopping to do.
- A Well, great <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
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- A So, <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ lately?
- B Oh, you know. Busy as ever. I sometimes don't get home til after 8 p.m. in the week.
- A Well be careful. I got ill from overworking last year.
- B Yes, I can <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. I had to take two weeks off, too.

(16 points)

**15 Match each question (1–4) with the two most appropriate responses (a–h).**

- 1 Can you give me a hand with this video camera? \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Do you fancy coming to see some Irish stand-up comedy tonight? \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Do you like country music? \_\_\_\_\_  
4 What else do you suggest? \_\_\_\_\_

- a You could check that the batteries are still working.  
b It doesn't sound like my kind of thing.  
c Sure. What are you trying to do exactly?  
d Switch it off, then on again. That should do the trick.  
e No, it doesn't really do anything for me.  
f OK. Let me have a look.  
g I'm really into it.  
h Yes, it sounds right up my street.

(8 points)

**16 Rewrite the phrases in *italics* in more conversational, idiomatic English using the words in brackets.**

- A Is it far by bus?  
B No, it's only *a journey of approximately 20 minutes* <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. (ride)

- A So you reckon you'll arrive around 8?  
B Yes. If *I happen to be delayed* <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, I'll call you. (held)

- A Sorry I can't come to get you.  
B That's OK. I can *manage to reach the destination by myself* <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.  
(way)

- A What do you think of my suggestion?  
B Yes, I *find it agreeable* <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. (go)

- A So, do we all agree to lend them more money?  
B Hang on. *We should not rush too quickly into a decision* <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.  
(hasty)

(10 points)

## Writing

**17 Imagine you are away from home either travelling, studying or working in another country. Write an email to a friend back home giving them your news. Write 150–200 words. Include the following elements:**

- ask them how they are and apologise for not writing sooner
- give them your news, explaining what you have been doing and how you are finding life in this foreign place
- tell them what your plans are
- ask them for their news

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# Life

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(14 points)

- 18** Imagine you bought a camera from an online retailer. When you opened the box, there was no instruction manual inside. Write a short email to the manufacturer explaining the situation and asking them how you can get an instruction manual. Write 50–100 words.

Hello

I am writing \_\_\_\_\_

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(10 points)

- 19** You have to write an opinion essay about this statement. Write the first paragraph (60–80 words) explaining the background to this situation and posing the central question.

‘Small is beautiful: small communities, local shops, small schools. These days the cities we build are too big and not on a human scale.’

Over the last 50 years \_\_\_\_\_

Cities are \_\_\_\_\_

But have \_\_\_\_\_?

(10 points)

## Speaking

- 20** Describe your best friend and why you like them. Explain how you met and some of the things that you do or have done together.

(10 points)

- 21** Think of three devices or tools that are particularly important to you. Describe them and say why you would find it difficult to live without them.

(10 points)

- 22** Imagine someone was visiting your area for a holiday. What activities would you advise them to do and what places should they visit? Would you have any advice for a visitor to your area?

(10 points)