

Grammar

1 Circle the correct form of the verbs to complete the interview.

- Interviewer So, do you think life for a sheep farmer in this area ¹*changed / has changed* a lot since your parents ²*were doing / had been doing* the same thing 30 years ago?
- Sheep farmer No, I don't think so. We ³*are riding / ride* quad bikes now, which they didn't have, but we ⁴*are still using / still use* sheepdogs. We ⁵*were farming / have been farming* here in more or less the same way for 400 years and I think we ⁶*are going to farm / will be farming* like this for many generations to come.
- Interviewer Do you really think that farming ⁷*is continuing / will continue* to be profitable?
- Sheep farmer Well, it couldn't be less profitable than it is now. ⁸*I joke / I'm joking* – it's not that bad. Ten years ago we ⁹*went / had gone* through a very bad period, but food prices ¹⁰*rise / have risen* a lot since then, which is great for us.
- Interviewer So, what ¹¹*will you do / will you be doing* ten years from now? Will you still be here?
- Sheep farmer Definitely! Even before times got easier, I ¹²*have never once thought / had never once thought* of doing anything else. It's what I know and love.

(12 points)

2 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs. Insert a preposition before the verb if it is necessary.

I think we all enjoy ¹_____ (do) the things that we are good at and we all tend to avoid ²_____ (do) the things we are less good at. So when several people complimented me ³_____ (write) a good description of our company's services for our website, I decided ⁴_____ (go) into copy writing full-time.

I persuaded my boss ⁵_____ (transfer) me to the marketing department and she agreed ⁶_____ (let) me go on one condition: that if she needed me to help her ⁷_____ (write) any marketing literature for her department, I would always be available to do that.

I don't regret ⁸_____ (make) the move. I am now a senior copy writer in the company and I hope that one day I can go on ⁹_____ (work) for one of the big advertising agencies.

(9 points)

3 Circle the correct words or – to complete the conversations.

- A Have you got a signal on your phone? I haven't and I need to phone Marie to ask her if she wants us to buy ¹*a few / some* fruit.
- B No. I've got hardly ²*no / any* signal. But if we go out of ³*the / –* shop, it might be better.

- A There are ⁴*several / few* reasons I don't want to drive. First, the roads are icy. Second, this isn't my car. And third I haven't had ⁵*much / many* practice of driving at ⁶*the / –* night.
- B OK. That's fine. We'll take ⁷*the / –* train instead.
- A Good. As long as we leave ⁸*plenty of / much* time to get there, we'll be fine. I'll book ⁹*each / both* train tickets online – yours and mine.

(9 points)

4 Circle the correct form of the verb to complete the monologues. Sometimes more than one correct answer is possible.

- A I ¹*used to ski / am used to skiing* a lot when I was younger but I damaged my knee, so now I snowboard instead. It's easier than skiing once you ²*are used to / get used to* doing it. I ³*usually go / am used to going* to Austria in February to do some.
- B Our youngest son, Jimmy, who's 14, has just won third prize in a cycling race. The strange thing is that he ⁴*wasn't able to / couldn't* ride a bike until he was ten years old. But he ⁵*could persuade / succeeded in persuading* the sports teacher to let him join the school cycling team and now he's doing really well. It takes up a lot of his time though.
- C Every summer I ⁶*work / will work* as a youth leader at a summer camp. Each year we ⁷*go / will go* to the Welsh hills for two weeks camping. The kids ⁸*will always ask / are always asking* if we can go somewhere else for a change. But actually they love it there. We ⁹*climb / will climb* mountains, go canoeing, make campfires – all the usual kinds of things. It's great fun.

(9 points)

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs.

- 1 I had a letter _____ (publish) in the newspaper once.
- 2 The teacher got me _____ (read) my poem to the rest of the class.
- 3 My boss didn't like my report so he had me _____ (write) the whole thing again.
- 4 I need to have my shoes _____ (repair).
- 5 Who did you get _____ (do) your garden? It looks amazing.

(5 points)

6 Rewrite the sentences into questions using the prompts in brackets.

- 1 You knew that.
_____ (negative question)
- 2 I gave you the money.
_____ (tag question)
- 3 You work here.
_____ (tag question)
- 4 This is the house where Tom lives.
_____ (negative question)
- 5 You haven't met Tom.
_____ (tag question)

(5 points)

7 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb.

- 1 If we had bought the house 20 years ago, we _____ (be) rich now.
- 2 I wish it _____ (stop) raining.
- 3 I would rather _____ (not / eat) anything before I swim.
- 4 If only you _____ (can / come) with us. We had such a good time.
- 5 I'll do the food shopping, if you _____ (want).

(5 points)

8 Rewrite the sentences with the words in brackets in the correct place.

- 1 I think they live there now. (not)

- 2 I have lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (only)

- 3 He speaks Russian and some Chinese. (as well)

- 4 I'd prefer to say. (not)

- 5 They took everything camping – the toaster. (even)

- 6 Don't worry – it's me. (just)

(6 points)

Vocabulary

9 Complete the sentences with these prefixes.

mega semi bio over re ultra

- 1 He is _____ *retired*. He still works two days a week as a relief doctor.
- 2 The biggest problem facing the world is one of _____ *population*: 7 million people and rising.
- 3 The official definition of a _____ *city* is one with over 10 million inhabitants.
- 4 We have been _____ *cautious* in our experiments, because the materials we are using are so dangerous.
- 5 The car uses _____ *fuels*, which are made from crops like sugar cane.
- 6 After the area was flooded all the inhabitants had to _____ *locate* to another area.

(6 points)

10 Circle the best word to complete the collocations.

- 1 Can you *maintain* / *keep* / *hold* a secret?
- 2 We're looking for a long-term solution, not just a quick *fix* / *repair* / *mend*.
- 3 I *made* / *sat* / *did* a writing course at college.
- 4 It's very difficult to *treat* / *consume* / *process* such a lot of information in a short time.
- 5 It's for removing the skin from a pineapple – it's a *task* / *labour* / *work*-saving device.
- 6 It's not difficult. It just takes a bit of common *practice* / *intelligence* / *sense*.
- 7 There's a very strong *bond* / *bind* / *band* between mother and son.

- 8 Although they disagree on many things, they have a *passing* / *mutual* / *joint* respect for each other.
- 9 They employ a child *attendant* / *guardian* / *minder* so that they can both go out to work.
- 10 It's better to get a professional painter to *decorate* / *restore* / *assemble* your house – they'll do a better job than you can.

(10 points)

11 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- 1 We've run _____ of milk. Can you get some from the shop on your way home?
- 2 I couldn't take _____ everything the lecturer said. He spoke so fast.
- 3 It's very important to learn _____ your mistakes so that you don't make them again.
- 4 We were very hard _____ in those days. We couldn't afford to eat much meat.
- 5 What's wrong with Jane? She was very cool _____ me on the phone just now.
- 6 Shall we try _____ that new Indonesian restaurant in town tonight?
- 7 Can you keep an eye _____ my bag while I go to the toilet?
- 8 We are the same age, but that's the only thing that we have _____ common.

(8 points)

12 Complete the sentences with these idioms.

out of my hands for words my word in two minds
common ground my chin up

- 1 I am _____ whether to accept the job. There are advantages and disadvantages to it.
- 2 I'm afraid the decision is _____ now. The committee will decide on Monday.
- 3 I have to admit I was lost _____ when they awarded me first prize. I really didn't expect it.
- 4 Losing in the semi-final was a big disappointment. But I'm trying to keep _____.
- 5 Although we disagree about the timing, there is a lot of _____ between us on what we want to do.
- 6 I gave him _____ that I wouldn't be late.

(6 points)

13 Complete the texts with one word in each space.

- 1 The film was shot on lo_____ in Tunisia using a small ca_____ of seven actors. They were not given a script to learn; they were just told the basic pl_____ and then the director asked them to make up the dialogue.
- 2 University students used to be given a gr_____ by the government to pay for their studies, but now they have to take out a private lo_____. This means that they often leave university with big de_____.
- 3 Some parents sp_____ their children by giving them everything they ask for. It's difficult for them because children pe_____ them until they get what they want.
- 4 What is the best way to co_____ a declining resource? One way is to put the price up. As oil becomes more sc_____, so the price will rise and people will have to think more carefully about how they use it.
- 5 When I book a place to stay on my holidays, I always insist on two things: first that I have se_____ -catering accommodation so that I can eat when I choose to; and secondly that I have a balcony so that I can sit in the evening and look out at the vi_____.

(12 points)

14 Complete the sentences with one word in each space about the stories in *Life Upper Intermediate*.

- 1 The hound dog and the orang-utan in Unit 1 make an odd co_____.
- 2 In Unit 2 the two journalists have a close sh_____ with a rhino.
- 3 In Unit 3 you learnt about a technology called au_____ reality that imposes digital images on the world you see.
- 4 In Unit 4 an artist did reverse graffiti by removing di_____ from the walls of car tunnels.
- 5 In Unit 5 you read about a dam project that was supposed to be an example of su_____ development.
- 6 Unit 6 described the phenomenon called couch su_____, where travellers stay at other people's homes for free.
- 7 Unit 7 describes the un_____ environment of the island of Madagascar.
- 8 In Unit 8 you heard some news stories with the fe_____ -good factor.
- 9 In Unit 9 you read about Neil Armstrong, also called 'the ul_____ professional'.
- 10 Unit 10 described tiger mothers who sometimes seem to be cr_____ to their children in order to be kind.
- 11 The parrot, Alex, in Unit 11 learnt almost 100 English words by he_____.
- 12 In Unit 12 you heard why it is sometimes better to employ people to do jobs rather than do it yo_____ (DIY).

(12 points)

Functions

15 Complete the conversation in a natural way with one word in each space.

- Adele Hi, Kate. Fancy _____ you here. How are things?
- Kate Not bad, thanks. I haven't seen you for ages. What have you been _____?
- Adele I've been working in Beirut for the last two months.
- Kate Well, it obviously _____ you. You're looking well.
- Adele Thanks. You _____.
- Kate And how's Ryan getting _____?
- Adele Oh, he's fine. Busy as _____. You know.
- Kate Oh, well, _____ give him my _____.
- Adele I will. And say hello to Pete _____ me. Sorry, I have to _____. Great to see you, Kate.

(11 points)

16 Put the words in the correct order to complete the conversation.

- Ryuchi So, what do you think we should do?
- Satori Well, / I / see / the / it / way _____, we ought to rent the building as soon as possible.
- Ryuchi *hasty / not / too / be / let's* _____. We haven't even seen it yet.
- Satori We've seen the description. Look, if we don't do something, someone else will take it.

- Ryuchi *if / we / consider / to / need* _____ we can afford it first.
- Satori We've discussed the money side of things. Look, it's a perfect location ... *on / we / agreed / that / are* _____?
- Ryuchi Yes, I guess so, but *we / think / personally / I / should see / it first* _____.

(5 points)

17 Complete the telephone interview with one word in each space. Most are prepositions but two are verbs.

- Interviewer So, Keira. What attracted you to this job?
- Keira Well, I'm very keen ¹ _____ the idea of helping people with disabilities and I specialised ² _____ teaching children at college.
- Interviewer Have you worked with autistic children before?
- Keira Sorry, I didn't ³ _____ that.
- Interviewer I asked if you'd had experience ⁴ _____ working with autistic children?
- Keira No, not directly. But I'm familiar ⁵ _____ their needs because my mum used to work with them.
- Interviewer Could you ⁶ _____ me an example of the work you have done with children?
- Keira Yes, at college, I did one term of teaching SPLD kids.
- Interviewer Sorry, what do you mean ⁷ _____ SPLD?
- Keira Oh, sorry. Special Learning Difficulties. I had a commendation from my tutor who said I was very good ⁸ _____ coping with the kinds of problems they have.
- Interviewer I see, and ...

(8 points)

Writing

18 Circle the correct words to complete this email.

Hi Fred

Would you ¹*like / mind* popping around to have a look at our boiler? It's stopped ²*to work / working* and we really need it in this cold weather. I'd be very grateful. Please don't go out of your ³*journey / way*, though. ⁴*Anytime / Every time* over the weekend is OK.

Thanks, Will

Hi Will

Sorry, ⁵*I'd love / I want* to help, but we're away this weekend. I can give you the name of our plumber, though. His name's Basil Winston. I'm sure he ⁶*'s going to / will* know what the problem is. Why ⁷*not / don't* give him a ring? Fred

Thanks for the ⁸*advice / advise*, Fred. I'll try that. Can you tell me where ⁹*can I / I can* find his number? Also, just ¹⁰*out of / from* interest, are his prices reasonable?

(10 points)

19 Complete the letter of complaint with one word in each space.

Dear Sir / ¹ _____

I am writing to ² _____ my dissatisfaction ³ _____ a ready-made meal that I bought at one of your stores on 6th October. The packaging described the meal as fish and chips for two people. ⁴ _____, when I opened the packaging, there was only one piece of fish in the box. I took the meal back to the store to complain, but the staff said there ⁵ _____ nothing they could do. Although I spoke to two members of staff, neither of them apologised ⁶ _____ the mistake. ⁷ _____ some discussion with the manager, he suggested ⁸ _____ to you.

⁹ _____ the circumstances, I would like to ask for a full ¹⁰ _____ and also that you investigate the matter to ¹¹ _____ that this does not happen to anyone else in future.

Yours ¹² _____

Steven Gates

(12 points)

20 The personal profile below has no shortened phrases in the section before the summary. Find the places where it would be appropriate to use them and rewrite the sentences in a shortened form.

Sarah Fowler: I work as a research assistant at Iris Biomedical

Location: I live in Cambridge in the UK **Industry:** My field is medical research

Current: I am part of a team which is researching cures for Alzheimer's disease

Past: I was a research assistant at Janer Pharmaceutical where I was responsible for recruiting patients for clinical trials • Before that I was a library assistant in the local public library in Cambridge

Education: I graduated from York University in 2010 with a degree in Medical Science.

Summary: I am an efficient administrator with a background in medical science. I have experience of working for private companies and in the public sector. I am knowledgeable about all areas of drug development and my ambition is to become a senior research assistant with an international pharmaceutical company.

(10 points)

Life

Speaking

- 21 Which unit or story in the book did you like the most? Why? Can you retell it?
(10 points)
- 22 Which photograph in the book did you find the most memorable? Can you describe it and say why it had an impact on you?
(10 points)
- 23 Which place featured in the book would you most like to visit? Why? What would you do there?
(10 points)