

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb (infinitive, infinitive + *to* or *-ing* form).

- 1 I never wanted _____ (become) a business woman; it just happened.
- 2 My parents let me _____ (do) more or less whatever I wanted.
- 3 They have decided _____ (sell) their house and move to the country.
- 4 I love London. I can't imagine _____ (live) anywhere else.
- 5 I rent a room in a shared house. I can't afford _____ (do) anything else at the moment.
- 6 It's a great opportunity for my career, even if it involves _____ (move) to a new city.

(6 points)

2 Circle the correct form of the verb to complete the sentences. Sometimes both answers are possible.

- 1 I don't regret *to leave* / *leaving* school early. I have a good job now and I can always go back to education later on.
- 2 At the end of a hard day, there's nothing I love more than *to relax* / *relaxing* in a hot bath.
- 3 Please try *to be* / *being* on time for the lesson. It's only one hour every week.
- 4 Following a brief period acting on the stage, she went on *to become* / *becoming* a highly successful film actor.
- 5 Please can you remember *to lock* / *locking* up when you leave?
- 6 We had to abandon the match when it started *to rain* / *raining*.

(6 points)

3 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences with *not*.

- 1 worry / not / to / try

- 2 come / have / don't / you / to

- 3 I / lose / hope / don't / we

- 4 that restaurant / go / let's / to / not

- 5 to / about it / did / he / want / talk / not

(5 points)

4 Complete the conversation with these questions.

Isn't this going to be the same? But you've done a lot of cycling, haven't you?
But it's not a competition, is it? Is that much harder?
Don't you want to go away?

Tara How are you, Asma? Looking forward to your holiday?

Asma Well, yes, and no.

Tara Why's that? ¹ _____

Asma I do, but I'm a bit nervous about cycling such long distances.

Tara ² _____

Asma Yes, but only on country roads.

Tara ³ _____

Asma No, it's on mountain tracks, mostly.

Tara ⁴ _____

Asma Yes, it is.

Tara ⁵ _____. You can take your time.

Asma I suppose so.

(5 points)

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

Adam If you were alone in your car, driving along a country road at night and someone ¹ _____ (wave) for you to stop, ² _____ (you / stop)? I'm asking this because I read about an incident where someone stopped to help a person by the side of the road and the person stole their car. Police are now advising motorists not to stop, if they ³ _____ (find) themselves in this situation. Before reading this, I think I ⁴ _____ (stop), but now I'm not so sure.

Harry You can't allow one story to change your view of human nature. If you ⁵ _____ (not / read) it, I'm sure you ⁶ _____ (still / feel) fine about stopping to help someone who was in need.

(6 points)

6 Circle the most appropriate form of the verb to complete the sentences.

- 1 I wish I *wasn't* / *hadn't been* so direct with her. I think I really hurt her feelings.
- 2 I wish the waiter *would hurry* / *hurried* up. I've got to be back at work at 2 p.m.
- 3 I wish I *would know* / *knew* the answer, but I'm afraid I don't.
- 4 I would rather you *not mention* / *didn't mention* it to her for now.
- 5 If only I *checked* / *had checked* my ticket before I left, I wouldn't have missed the train.
- 6 I would rather *take* / *I took* the train than the bus.

(6 points)

7 Circle the correct verb to complete the sentences. Look carefully at the grammatical form that follows each one.

- 1 Don't *blame* / *accuse* me for choosing the wrong colour of paint. It was your decision.
- 2 He *agreed* / *admitted* helping her to pass the exam.
- 3 He *urged* / *promised* us to think carefully about the proposal.
- 4 I've *offered* / *invited* them to come and stay with us if they want.
- 5 I *suggest* / *advise* you to book the room directly with the hotel.
- 6 Quite a lot of people have *complained* / *recommended* about eating there.

(6 points)

8 Write sentences from the prompts using passive reporting verbs.

- 1 It / estimate / three million foreign tourists / visit / the Taj Mahal / each year.

- 2 It / think / 15 million Indians / visit / Taj Mahal last year.

- 3 It / know / Shah Jahan / build / the Taj Mahal as a monument to his dead wife.

- 4 It / report / at the time / Shah Jahan / be / overcome / with sadness at his wife's death.

- 5 It / believe / it / take / over 20 years to build.

(5 points)

9 Complete the news story with one word in each space.

It ¹ _____ claimed in a report published today that between 30% and 50% of the world's food is being wasted. That's a frightening statistic, ² _____ it? But how does this happen? The people to blame ³ _____ this situation, says food campaigner Jessica Fox, are the supermarkets.

'With offers like "buy one, get one free", supermarkets have encouraged consumers ⁴ _____ buy more than they need. If people take up these offers, of course they ⁵ _____ throw more food away. The other problem is the physical appearance of food. Supermarkets don't want to be accused ⁶ _____ selling sub-standard produce and so they refuse ⁷ _____ take any fresh vegetables and fruit that ⁸ _____ look nice. It is estimated that if they ⁹ _____ not so fussy, we ¹⁰ _____ save about 20% of our crops. Personally, I would ¹¹ _____ eat a small apple than see it thrown on the rubbish. The supermarkets ¹² _____ not be allowed to carry on ¹³ _____ this. I wish more consumers ¹⁴ _____ recognise this and act against them. You see, it is not just food that is being wasted. ¹⁵ _____ we did not produce so much food, we would not waste so much energy or water either.'

(15 points)

Vocabulary

10 Complete the definitions with one word in each space.

- 1 '_____ development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.'
- 2 A _____ zone is an area in a city that is forbidden to all vehicles; cars, buses and bicycles.
- 3 A shopping _____ is a large collection of different shops under one roof.
- 4 An example of this is new transport links and better communications networks, which help a country's _____ development.
- 5 A _____ centre is a place where people can practise a variety of sports under one roof.
- 6 A motorway _____ is the point at which two or more motorways connect with each other.

(6 points)

11 Complete the expressions with these words.

pick of the bunch pick up pick holes pick on pick and choose
pick your brains

- 1 Other children always used to _____ me at school because I dressed differently.
- 2 My idea was to _____ English by going to live in Canada for a while. I think that's always the best way.
- 3 Can I _____ about the best university to study law at in the UK?
- 4 Edinburgh and Imperial College, London are good, but I think that Oxford University is still the _____.
- 5 I think he knew it was a poor argument and so he wasn't surprised when people started to _____ in it.
- 6 You have to take the accommodation that you are offered. You can't _____, I'm afraid.

(6 points)

12 Circle the correct words to complete the conversation.

- Jack Where are you going for your holiday?
- Emma We're trying ¹*in / out* something new this year. We're going on a railway ²*journey / travel* across Russia.
- Jack The Trans-Siberian? I've heard that the ³*views / sights* from the train are amazing.
- Emma Yes, and it should also be a completely relaxing holiday. No wondering 'Where shall we eat ⁴*in / out* tonight? No moving from place to place with a heavy ⁵*suitcase / luggage*. We just stay on the train all the way from Moscow to Vladivostok.
- Jack Oh, I'm very envious. How long does that ⁶*last / take*?
- Emma 14 days.

(6 points)

13 Match the expressions (1–6) with the correct meaning (a–f).

- 1 be in two minds _____
- 2 have a lot on your mind _____
- 3 bear in mind _____
- 4 put your mind to it _____
- 5 mind how you go _____
- 6 mind has gone blank _____

- a be determined
- b be careful
- c be undecided
- d be preoccupied
- e can't think / remember
- f remember

(6 points)

14 Complete the sentences with these verbs.

consumed protected run out of conserved preserved wasted spent saved

- 1 We've _____ milk. Shall I go to the shop and get some?
- 2 Even though it's 600 years old, the character of the building has been _____.
- 3 Black rhinoceroses are now a _____ species.
- 4 I think we _____ quite a lot of money by using a local builder.

- 5 They _____ their resources of oil and gas, because they knew that they were limited.
- 6 The underground pipe network is old and broken and a lot of water just gets _____.
- 7 My old car _____ much more petrol than this new one.
- 8 I _____ three months travelling in India – it was wonderful.

(8 points)

15 Complete the descriptions with these words.

inexhaustible resource ship pollution fossil fuel

- 1 An oil tanker is a kind of _____.
- 2 Coal is a kind of _____.
- 3 Sunlight is an _____.
- 4 An oil slick is a kind of _____.

(4 points)

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

inspiring amusing quirky charming

- 1 He reported a very *funny* _____ story about a dog which could sing.
- 2 I found the story of the teenage girl who worked in her free time to pay for her little brother's education very *moving* _____.
- 3 It was a *delightful* _____ story about two people who fall in love after being pen friends.
- 4 It's a slightly *odd* _____ story about a man who lives in the past.

(4 points)

17 Complete the sentences with one word in each space.

- 1 We don't advertise. All our customers come to us by word of _____.
- 2 _____ me your word that you won't tell anyone.
- 3 You always have to have the _____ word in a discussion, don't you?
- 4 That's so kind of you. I really didn't expect a present. I'm absolutely _____ for words.
- 5 We will do a good job. But if you don't believe me, don't _____ my word for it. Ask your neighbours at number 38. We built a new extension on their house two years ago.
- 6 There are rumours that the council is closing the library, but I've _____ no word of it.
- 7 Word is going _____ that you might be leaving the company. Is that true?
- 8 I don't know how I can prove that I behaved correctly. It's their word _____ mine.

(8 points)

Functions

18 Complete the conversation with the correct words.

- A OK, so this is the proposal from the Poster Road Cooperative to turn the old school into a market for local crafts people. What's your ¹v_____ of it?
- B ²P_____, I think it's a nice idea. But whether it will make money or not is another question.
- C I agree that it's a good initiative. I think we should give them the benefit of the ³d_____ and lend them the money.
- B Hang on, let's not be too ⁴h_____ here. I think they need to write a proper business plan.
- A Yes, I'd go ⁵a_____ with that. OK, are we all ⁶a_____ that we will ask for a business plan and then decide on the basis of that?
- B Yes, that ⁷s_____ fair to me.

(7 points)

19 Complete the conversation with these phrases.

Alternatively It's only a 20-minute ride If I get held up I can make my own way Look out for the Regal cinema on your right

- Josh Hi, Phil. I'm just calling to let you know that I'll be arriving at the station at 4.30 p.m. tomorrow.
- Phil Oh, OK. I'm afraid I can't pick you up then. I'll be at work.
- Josh That's OK. ¹_____. Just give me your address.
- Phil The easiest thing is to get a taxi. ²_____, you could hop on a bus.
- Josh I'll do that. I'll have a look around the city first. Which bus?
- Phil It's the No 22 to Highview. ³_____.
- Josh And where do I get off?
- Phil ⁴_____. Then get off at the next stop and you'll see Jackson Street opposite you.
- Josh That seems straightforward. ⁶_____, I'll let you know. Otherwise expect me around 6 p.m.
- Phil Great. See you then.

(6 points)

20 Complete the conversation with these phrases.

for example so I don't really accept that argument there's no doubt that the point is that so we're approaching the debate all wrong to be honest with you

- Annie ¹_____ water's becoming scarcer and that we all need to be careful about how much water we use. Most people understand this but the trouble is they only think about the water coming from their tap not their water footprint. Take a cup of coffee, ²_____. It takes 140 litres to make one cup of coffee, if you take into account the water used in growing the coffee, processing it and transporting it. ³_____ by just getting people to focus on showers and washing machines and so on. ⁴_____, that's just the tip of the iceberg.
- Maya Yeah, I see what you're saying, but ⁵_____ everyone has to do what they can. If you tell people that everything they do uses water, they'll just give up trying to save water completely. ⁶_____.

(6 points)

21 Match the expressions (1–6) with the same meaning (a–f).

- 1 Apparently _____
 - 2 According to X _____
 - 3 Take no notice of what X says _____
 - 4 X generally gets their facts right _____
 - 5 I heard that _____
 - 6 I'd take that with a pinch of salt _____
- a I'd take X's word for it
 - b Someone said that
 - c I wouldn't believe that necessarily
 - d It seems that
 - e X reckons that
 - f Ignore X

(6 points)

Writing

Choose two activities from this section.

22 Complete the sentences in this opinion essay in answer to this question: Is it a good idea to separate different areas – residential, commercial and industrial – in a city?

In the latter part of the 20th century there was a fashion in urban design planning for zonal planning: that is to say, separating residential, commercial and industrial areas from each other. As a result, _____

The question is: is this a good idea?

Cities bring together different types of activity so that it is more convenient for the people who live there. However by separating the different activities into zones _____

People have to travel further to work. In areas which are quiet at night, crime increases. In addition, _____

If you mix the different activities in a city, on the other hand, then _____

So, in conclusion, I would argue that the return to more mixed use of buildings and different areas in our cities is a positive trend, because it keeps each area varied and alive.

(12 points)

23 Complete this letter of complaint by rewriting the phrases in *italics* so they are more formal.

Hello ¹ _____

I am writing to *say how annoyed I was to find* ² _____ that the bank had closed early *the other day* ³ _____. I *wanted to put* ⁴ _____ some money into my account and so I left work early to make sure that I *got there* ⁵ _____ before you closed at 4.30 p.m.

I arrived at 4.20 p.m. and *was told* ⁶ _____ that the bank was closing and I could not come in. *After arguing* ⁷ _____ with an employee on the door for 10 minutes, she then rudely shut the door and left me standing on the street.

There are two *things here* ⁸ _____. First, you should open and close at the time advertised and secondly, you should *really look into* ⁹ _____ your customer service training policy, because the person I dealt with was very rude.

Regards ¹⁰ _____

Sam Weller

(12 points)

24 Number the different elements of this letter to the press in the right order.

- A However, there is a solution. In my local city of Oxford there is a scheme called the 'Food Bank'. Food which would otherwise be thrown away is distributed around needy people in the community: shelters for the homeless, orphanages and so on. Of course food is checked and nothing bad is given to these needy people. _____
- B From Ms S Matatu. _____
- C If such a scheme works in Oxford, why could it not work in other cities. It would solve the problem of waste and help vulnerable people in our society, too. _____
- D Sir, Godwin Ndlovo (Letters, 17 May) writes about the waste of food in our supermarkets where over 20% of the fresh food stock is thrown away. While I agree with him, rather than simply complain about this, I would like to point out that there is something we can do. _____
- E The problem is that supermarkets put very strict sell-by dates on fresh food to protect themselves against the possibility of selling food that is bad. A customer complaining about food poisoning could damage their reputation severely. The result is that a lot of food which is actually OK to eat is thrown away. At other times they over-order goods and find they have stock that they will not be able to clear. _____

(12 points)

25 Look at these comments from a local meeting about ideas for raising money. Report them as they would appear in the style of a written report. Use the words given.

- 1 Why don't we have a cake sale?
One suggestion _____.
- 2 Yes, but not everyone can bake.
The objection _____.
- 3 Just ask everyone to donate £10.
Another idea _____.
- 4 That's a terrible idea.
It _____ not a good idea.
- 5 We should ask everyone to give a piece of clothing that we could sell.
Another proposal _____.
- 6 Let's all organise a clothes sale then.
A decision _____.

(12 points)

Speaking

Choose two activities from this section.

- 26** What amenity or facility would most improve the quality of life for the residents in the place where you live? Explain your reasons.
(12 points)
- 27** What was the best place you have stayed in on holiday (hotel / hostel / campsite, etc.)? Describe the place and what made it so special for you.
(12 points)
- 28** What kind of waste most upsets you? Why is this and what suggestions do you have for how this waste could be reduced or avoided?
(12 points)
- 29** Describe a news story that you have heard recently that inspired you. What did the person or people do? Do you think this is an action that could be copied or reproduced elsewhere?
(12 points)