

Intermediate B1 - Test 1

1. VOCABULARY

A. Complete the following sentences with a suitable preposition.

1. It's time for you to get ready. Mark is picking you _____ in half an hour.
2. This TV series focuses _____ the problems of teenage life.
3. In some countries black is associated _____ mourning.
4. I would like to talk to the manager _____ person. Is he available?
5. The aim _____ this music festival is to bring young people from different countries closer together.
6. He is suffering _____ a terrible cold.
7. I am very enthusiastic _____ our two-day trip to the ski resort.

B. Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the words in capitals.

1. They had an argument over a slight _____ and haven't spoken to each other ever since. **UNDERSTAND**
2. There is a growing _____ that the government must do more to protect the environment. **AWARE**
3. His _____ made everyone feel uncomfortable. **PRESENT**
4. Karen's _____ about everything can be really annoying. **CURIOUS**
5. Eric is _____ as he has been living on his own since the age of sixteen. **DEPENDENT**
6. There is a modern art _____ at the local museum. **EXHIBIT**

C. Circle the correct words.

1. When is the song competition **taking place** / **taking part**?
2. When I go shopping, I always **try out** / **try on** different clothes before I decide which ones suit me best.
3. He **expected** / **waited** to be the winner of the contest and was really disappointed when he wasn't.
4. Learning English will allow you to communicate with **strangers** / **foreigners** that visit your country.
5. Are there any special **habits** / **customs** in your country for New Year's Day?
6. The Smiths like spending their holidays at a seaside **resort** / **region**.
7. Ever since her husband died, Mrs Gordon has been feeling **lonely** / **alone**.

D. Match the American English words with their British equivalents.

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| 1. garbage | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. lift |
| 2. vacation | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. autumn |
| 3. elevator | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. trainers |
| 4. fall | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. crisps |
| 5. sneakers | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. holiday |
| 6. gas | <input type="checkbox"/> | f. trousers |
| 7. check | <input type="checkbox"/> | g. mobile phone |
| 8. chips | <input type="checkbox"/> | h. rubbish |
| 9. pants | <input type="checkbox"/> | i. bill |
| 10. cell phone | <input type="checkbox"/> | j. petrol |

2. GRAMMAR

A. Complete the sentences using the Present Simple or the Present Progressive of the verbs in brackets.

1. Bob _____ (not like) science-fiction films.
2. We _____ (think) of going on a trip abroad next month. Would you like to join us?
3. They usually _____ (go) to work by bus but since there is a bus strike today, they _____ (take) a taxi.
4. A: Who _____ this house _____ (belong) to?
B: I _____ (not know). Probably to some famous person.
5. Peter and Tanya have been together for quite some time. _____ they _____ (get) married soon?

B. Turn the following questions into indirect ones.

1. How can I get to the post office?
Do you know _____?
2. Is there a petrol station near here?
I would like to know _____.
3. Why are you late?
Can you tell me _____?
4. Where did you put the keys?
Do you remember _____?
5. Is Jenny coming to the party tonight?
Could you tell me _____?

4. READING

Read the text and decide if the statements are True, False or Not Mentioned. Write T, F or NM.

A

International Beans

fter water, coffee is probably the most popular drink in the world. Coffee has many positive properties that are good for your health. Drinking coffee can help reduce the chances of getting some cancers, stomach and neurological diseases, type 2 diabetes, and even heart disease.

Coffee has had a long and interesting history on its road to becoming the much-loved drink that it is today. The coffee bush was first discovered in Africa in the 9th century. The coffee berries that grow on the bushes contain coffee beans which can be made into a drink. The recipe for this drink was passed from Africa to the Middle East, to Europe, and then to the Americas.

Even though the drink we know as coffee is well known all around the world, most countries have their own special way of making it. 'Cowboy coffee' is made in Finland and Norway by mixing coffee and boiling water together in a kettle and pouring out the liquid into a cup without the grounds. Turkish coffee is made by mixing very finely ground coffee and sugar in a small pot with a long handle called an *ibrik*. The *ibrik* is held over a fire and then removed when the coffee comes to the boil. The mixture is poured into a small ceramic cup and drunk slowly, leaving the grounds at the bottom. Italians typically drink small cups of espresso every day and usually don't even sit down when they order it; they drink it and leave. Many people in the U.S. have an electric coffeemaker which uses a filter to separate the water from the coffee. Hot water drips through the grounds and comes out as the drink they know and love. There is even a way to make coffee using a roasted coconut and the milk inside it!

Whichever way you prefer your daily cup of coffee, there's no doubt about it, coffee is something the whole world loves!

1. Coffee is the most popular drink in the world.
2. Drinking too much coffee is bad for you.
3. The first coffee was made in Africa.
4. Coffee is always prepared in the same way.
5. Italians drink espresso quickly.

5. WRITING

Marie lives in Glasgow and she will be going to Spain to do a language course. Read the e-mail she has sent to her friend Roberta, who lives in Seville, and use the prompts given to write Roberta's reply.

Hi Roberta,

I have some great news. I'm coming to Spain for three weeks in the summer! I am doing a two-week Spanish language course; however, during the last week I will be free so I was wondering if I could come and visit you in Seville.

My language course is taking place in Barcelona. It starts on 31st May and finishes on 13th June so I was thinking of coming to Seville for a few days after my course. Let me know when is convenient for you. Also, could you recommend a good hotel in Seville for me to stay in?

I'm really excited about this trip and I hope we'll be able to see each other.

Write back soon.

Take care,

Marie