

# August MID-TERM test (A1)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1) Reading comprehension.

It started in 1998 and from now on Google has become one of the most popular search engines. It has grown from a research project in the room of two college students to a business that now employs approximately 20,000 people. Google's founders, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, met in 1995 when they were in their twenties and graduate students in computer science at Stanford University in California.

They realized that Internet search was very important and began working together to make searching easier. Both Page and Brin left their studies at Stanford to work on their project. Interestingly, they have never returned to finish their careers. Brin was born in Russia, but he has lived in the U.S. since he was five years old. His father was a mathematician in Russia. Page, whose parents were computer experts, has been interested in computers since he was six years old. When Google started in 1998, it did 10,000 searches a day. Today it does 235 million searches a day in 40 languages

. How is Google different from other search engines? Have you ever noticed how many ads and banners there are on other search engines? News, sports scores, stock prices, links for shopping, and more.

Brin and Page wanted a clean home page. They believed that people come to the Internet to search for specific information, not to find a lot of unnecessary data. The success of Google over its rivals has proved that this is true.

Over the years, Google has added new functions to its Web site: Google Images, where you can type in a word and get thousands of pictures; Google News, which takes you to today's news; Google Maps; and more. But one thing hasn't changed: the clean opening page that Google offers its users. In 2009, Forbes.com listed Page and Brin as having \$12 billion each, at 36 and 35 years old.

### Glossary:

engine: motor

employs: emplear

ads and banners: publicidad y banners



## Decide if the sentences are True (T) or False. (F)

1. Google has grown over the years.
2. Sergey Brin has lived in the U.S. all his life.
3. Larry Page and Sergey Brin have known each other since they were children.
4. Larry Page has been interested in computers since he was a child.
5. Brin and Page have returned to college to finish their degrees.
6. Brin and Page have become rich.
7. The noun "Google" has become a verb.

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## 2)Put the verbs into the correct tense (present simple OR present continuous):

- 1.The train always \_\_\_\_\_(leave) on time.
- 2."What's the matter? Why \_\_\_\_\_(cry/you)?"
3. That's strange. They \_\_\_\_\_(not to watch) TV.
- 4.He \_\_\_\_\_( not to speak) very good English. Please be quiet!
- 5.I \_\_\_\_\_( do) my homework. Where \_\_\_\_\_( live/they)?
6. Listen! John \_\_\_\_\_(play) music!
7. I never \_\_\_\_\_( go) to the swimming pool.

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## 3)Complete the sentences. Use the negative form of the underlined verbs.

- 1)Yesterday ... - I **drank** coffee but I ..... tea. -
- 2)She **found** her purse but she ..... her keys. -
- 3)The children **broke** the window but they ..... the door. -
- 4)He **had** a shower but he ..... breakfast. -
- 5)My father **made** a cake but he ..... any pastries. -
- 6)We **spoke** English and French but we ..... German

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#### 4)ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS OF MANNER

- angry →
- bad →
- careful →
- comfortable →
- fast →
- good →
- happy →
- hard →
- loud →
- nervous →
- quick →
- quiet →
- slow →

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#### Write two examples

E.g; " Tania always sings very loudly in the mornings".

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 5) LISTENING COMPREHENSION.

You will listen to a woman talking about "selfies" and "happiness".  
Choose the correct option for each of the sentences.



- 1)The woman says she ..... takes selfies.
- 2)She says that many people ..... to take selfies.
- 3)Her son is ..... years old.
- 4)Studies at a University have shown that taking selfies might be ..... for you.
- 5)The problem with these studies is that .....people participated in them.

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## 6) WRITING.

You travelled to London last month. You met an old friend there. Now, you are back in Uruguay .

Write a letter to Ana telling her about:

- The places you visited
  - The hotel where you stayed
  - Compare London and Montevideo
  - Your friend´s appearance and what you did together.
  - How you felt about the trip
- (150 words approximately. )

