



INSTITUTO MONTEBELLO
EIGHTH GRADE
GRAMMAR 1ST PARTIAL TEST



NAME: _____

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I.

GRAMMAR NOTES 1-3 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verbs in parentheses. Use the present progressive where possible.

1. Many parents in the United States are choosing (choose) baby names such as Emma and Olivia for girls and Noah and Liam for boys these days.
2. At the moment, Jean Twenge is doing (do) research at San Diego State University. Dr. Twenge believes (believe) that a child's name can have a powerful effect later in life.
3. Some parents want (want) to give their children names that are currently in style. These parents are looking for (look for) names that their children will like as teens and adults.
4. In her research, Dr. Twenge has noticed (notice) a change in baby names. More and more parents are giving (give) their children names such as Moon, Hershey,¹ and Audi.²
5. These days, children have (have) names with unusual spellings like Mykel (Michael) or Jayceson (Jason). According to researchers, these names cause (cause) identity problems because the children do not know (not know) why people can't spell their names correctly.

II.

Examine each verb in italics in the following sentences. Rewrite the verb as a past continuous.

At midnight, I *sleep*.

At midnight, I *was sleeping*.

1. The chef *bake* the pie when the guests came.

2. As she *walk* down the street yesterday, she noticed the stray dog.

3. All last month, the teacher *grade* tests.

4. At the time of the hurricane, they *live* on the west side of the city.

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- III. **GRAMMAR NOTES 1–4** Complete these paragraphs about three people and their hobbies. Use the correct form of the verbs in parentheses—simple past, present perfect, or present perfect progressive. Sometimes more than one answer is correct.

Paragraph 1

May has been taking ^{1. (take)} photos ever since her parents ^{2. (buy)} her a camera when she ^{3. (be)} only ten years old. At first, she only ^{4. (take)} color snapshots of friends and family, but then she suddenly ^{5. (change)} to black and white. Lately, she ^{6. (shoot)} a lot of nature photographs. This year, she ^{7. (compete)} in three amateur photography contests—and it's only April! She hopes to win several awards before the end of this year. Last month, she ^{8. (win)} second prize for her nighttime photo of a lightning storm.

- IV. **Read the sentences below and then write or say what people had done by the times indicated.**

0. (Example) They went to the cinema and ate 2 bags of popcorn before the film finished.

They had eaten 2 bags of popcorn by the time the film finished.

1. I wrote 7 reports before finishing work.

2. She drank a whole bottle of wine before going to bed.

3. We ate 5 sandwiches before arriving in Scotland.

4. He qualified as a teacher before getting married.

5. He stole more than 500,000 euros before the police caught him.

