

Mini-test week 1-2

GRAMMAR

1 Underline the correct form.

Example: We usually get up / get up usually early every morning.

- 1 Jake is taking / takes vitamins every day.
- 2 Clare buys a lot of takeaways, but I prefer / I'm preferring home-made food.
- 3 Do you watch / Are you watching the football match tomorrow night?
- 4 I don't usually have / I'm not usually having dessert, but I'll have one tonight.
- 5 Helen doesn't work / isn't working tomorrow, so we're meeting for lunch.
- 6 In the summer, we often cycle / we're often cycling to work.

2

Complete the conversation using the present simple and present continuous form of the verbs.

A: ¹ What / you / do / at the moment?

B: ² Well, currently / I / work / as a chef in a restaurant, but I / look / for a new job.

A: Oh, why's that?

B: ³ Well, I / like / the work generally, but right now I / not / learn / anything new.

A: ⁴ What / you / want / to learn?

B: ⁵ I / hope / to be a pastry chef one day.

A: You mean making cakes and things?

B: Yes, that's right. ⁶ I / currently / do / a French pastry course. ⁷ I / go / to classes every week.

A: Good for you! ⁸ I / often / think / about training to do something different, but I / never / do / anything about it!

3 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Example: We're meeting (meet) Bob outside the cinema at 7.30.

- 1 Paolo _____ (buy) a new car next week.
- 2 I _____ (need) a lot of sleep at the moment so I can concentrate on my exams.
- 3 We hardly ever _____ (eat) together as a family.
- 4 Hi, Beth. Sorry, I can't talk right now. I _____ (drive).
- 5 You look very serious! What _____ (think) about?
- 6 I know that Carlos _____ (hate) me! He never says anything nice to me.
- 7 I _____ (have) dinner with my younger brother at 8.00 tonight.

4 Choose the correct options to complete the conversations.

1 A: *Do you smoke / Are you smoking?*

B: *Occasionally. But I try / I'm trying to stop.*

2 A: *What do you read / are you reading at the moment?*

B: *It's a book by Len Deighton. He writes / is writing thrillers.*

3 A: *Does anyone sit / Is anyone sitting here?*

B: *Yes, my friend. He just gets / He's just getting a coffee from the canteen.*

4 A: *I usually take / am usually taking the train to work, but they do / are doing some work on the line at the moment.*

B: *Oh, I never take / am never taking the train. It's too expensive.*

5 A: *What does your company do / is your company doing?*

B: *We make / are making parts for helicopters.*

5 Choose the correct time expression to complete the sentences.

- 1 Sorry, I can't speak. I'm working *at the moment* / *always*.
- 2 They clean the room *this week* / *every day*.
- 3 We're *currently* / *this week* looking for a new editor.
- 4 They're interviewing people for the job *every day* / *this week*.
- 5 She *currently* / *usually* goes for a run on Saturday morning.
- 6 Where is he living *sometimes* / *now*?

VOCABULARY

1 Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. The first one is done for you.

Working from home

If you're like me, there's a pretty good (0) B that you sometimes think about (1) _____ your job from home. Perhaps you know people in your company who you never see except when they (2) _____ meetings via Skype. 'Telecommuting' is becoming more (3) _____, but is it the right move for you?

First, is your job suitable? If you work in a team, don't think you can get (4) _____ on the work action by emailing your (5) _____ every day. You may need to (6) _____ with difficult situations that need face-to-face communication. Second, can you work independently and (7) _____ tasks without your (8) _____ there to manage you? And can you balance home and working life? For example, will your other (9) _____ be happy with you at home all the time? And what's to stop you (10) _____ fun when you should be working?

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|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 0 A opportunity | B chance | C hope | D probability |
| 1 A earning | B having | C working | D doing |
| 2 A attend | B watch | C make | D visit |
| 3 A often | B widespread | C wide | D increasing |
| 4 A by | B through | C at | D in |
| 5 A partners | B subjects | C colleagues | D friends |
| 6 A treat | B solve | C deal | D sort |
| 7 A make | B attend | C solve | D prioritize |
| 8 A trainee | B boss | C apprentice | D assistant |
| 9 A half | B partner | C part | D wife |
| 10 A taking | B doing | C having | D making |

LISTENING

75 Listen to the book review and fill in the missing information. The first one is done for you.

- 0 The book is by Joanna Biggs and is called *All Day Long: A Portrait of Britain at* Work.
- 51 As well as being a journalist and writer, Biggs is also a book _____.
- 52 Catherine didn't read _____ the book.
- 53 Gareth was interested in the way the book compares different people's _____ lives.
- 54 The writer estimates that most of us work a total of _____ hours in our lives.
- 55 The first area of work that the author looks at in the book is _____.
- 56 These days, robots do most of the work in Britain's _____ industry.
- 57 Some manufacturers of _____ objects, e.g. ballet shoes, still survive in Britain.
- 58 Company directors and poor people who do several jobs to survive both have to work _____.
- 59 The company director and the coffee shop barista both have to _____ their customers.
- 60 The writer thinks that in the future many jobs will change because the world will be more _____.