

## Progress Test 1: Units 1–2

### Reading and Use of English

#### Part 3 Word formation

For questions **1–8**, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the space **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning (**0**). Write your answers in **CAPITAL LETTERS**.

**Example: 0 ACTORS**

## Don't put them down

It's easy to criticize amateur theatre productions. (0) \_\_\_\_\_ are **ACT**  
sometimes miscast or (1) \_\_\_\_\_, and technical aspects can often **EXPERIENCE**  
go wrong too. However, in my opinion, I think this sort of criticism is  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ unfair. It's true that amateur productions do experience **USUAL**  
problems such as these, but not because the people involved are  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ actors or directors. We must remember that drama is **COMPETENT**  
a hobby for them, not a job, and tickets aren't that (4) \_\_\_\_\_ **EXPENSE**  
to attend a (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Many of the amateurs have talent but not **PERFORM**  
always the training, and we mustn't (6) \_\_\_\_\_ their enthusiasm, **ESTIMATE**  
dedication and above all stamina. In last night's production of *Streetcar*  
*named Desire*, a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from the local secondary school played **TEACH**  
the lead role of Blanche Dubois after a full day's work. I thought she  
was (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and will definitely go and see her act again. **ORDINARY**  
So, support your local drama group and book a couple of tickets now.

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### Part 4 Transformations

For questions 1–6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given. Write the missing words in **CAPITAL LETTERS**. Here is an example (0).

#### Example:

- 0 I don't usually listen to the radio in the evening.

**UNUSUAL**

It's UNUSUAL FOR ME TO listen to the radio in the evening.

- 1 Our teacher is preparing us for a difficult examination next month.

**READY**

Our teacher is \_\_\_\_\_ a difficult examination next month.

- 2 My boss said that I couldn't take the files home.

**LET**

My boss refused \_\_\_\_\_ the files home.

- 3 It will be so good to see the band live on stage next Friday.

**LOOKING**

I \_\_\_\_\_ the band live on stage next Friday.

- 4 Driving this new car still isn't easy for me.

**GET**

I can't \_\_\_\_\_ this new car.

- 5 I have to dance when I hear that song.

**HELP**

I \_\_\_\_\_ when I hear that song.

- 6 If we want to get there by 6pm, we need to catch the 5.15 train.

**MEANS**

If we want to get there by 6pm, \_\_\_\_\_ the 5.15 train.

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### Part 7 Multiple matching

You are going to read an article about four people who have recently moved house. For questions 1–10, choose from the people (A–D). The people may be chosen more than once.

#### Which person

helps family members with transport?	1 <input type="text"/>
moved to a house that was easier to look after?	2 <input type="text"/>
finds transportation more difficult than before?	3 <input type="text"/>
has to do more housework than she'd like?	4 <input type="text"/>
had expected to miss her previous house more than she did?	5 <input type="text"/>
regrets not moving before?	6 <input type="text"/>
has some meals cooked for her?	7 <input type="text"/>
was concerned she had made the wrong decision to move?	8 <input type="text"/>
enjoys the scenery in the new location?	9 <input type="text"/>
has returned to live in the same place as she did before?	10 <input type="text"/>

**A Katy Brown**

Quite honestly, our recent decision to move out of the city was probably the best one my husband and I have ever made. It wasn't an easy decision by any means as moving to a village was like stepping into the unknown. And it's true that once the decision had been made and the sales on both the properties were going through, the doubts began to set in. Would it be too quiet? Would we miss the constant noise of the traffic and the crowds of people? Unsurprisingly, we didn't! It was a wonderful change to sleep right through the night. Getting around in the countryside is not without its problems, but paying extra for petrol to get to work is certainly worth it. The view we have over fields and trees and the clean, fresh air all around us is a whole world away from the noise, stress and pollution that a life in the city brings.

**B Janet Saunders**

Last year I was living in student accommodation at the university, but a month ago I moved out to share a flat in town with three of my fellow students. I have to say that I wish I'd done it sooner! Obviously there are some downsides to looking after a house. My housemates aren't that tidy and I seem to be the one who clears up after everyone, which is a pain. Also, we have to do the cooking. When I lived in student accommodation, my room was cleaned for me and I ate all my meals in the cafeteria! But there are so many good things about sharing. We all get on very well. We take turns to cook and if I get stuck doing an assignment, there's always someone to help. One of my housemates has a car and can give us lifts into university, otherwise there's a bus stop just a few houses away. Also, we can have parties and we invite the neighbours so no one can complain about the noise!

**C Penny Barker**

Most people can't wait to leave home and get their own place to become independent. I did just that when I started my first job at the age of twenty-four after university. However, I recently asked my parents if I could move back in! It wasn't because I didn't have enough money or didn't like doing the housework and cooking. I actually enjoyed those aspects of having my own flat. The truth is that I missed my family. It was just too quiet. I'm much happier now that I'm back. I learned a lot from the experience and my mother appreciates the help I can give her in the house. My brothers are pleased that I'm home too as they like to borrow my car from time to time! That's fine with me as long as they pay for the petrol!

**D Ruth Markham**

We'd put off the decision for a long time but in the end we had to move. My husband and I loved the big old family house where we'd brought up three children but it was really far too big for us. It was also getting very difficult and expensive to maintain. The move to a smaller, more modern house was a relief in the end and nowhere near as stressful or emotional as we had imagined. We now live near the town centre so it's easy to walk to the shops. We still live quite close to two of our children and their families and see them a lot. So, really we have no regrets at all. My husband certainly doesn't miss cutting the grass in that huge garden!

## Listening

### Part 3 Multiple matching

You will hear five people talking about doing sport at school. For questions **1–5**, choose from the list **A–H** what each speaker says. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

**A** I stopped doing a sport I was good at.

**B** I read a lot of books about sport.

**C** I found one sport particularly tedious.

**D** I couldn't do a lot of sport because of illness.

**E** I became successful because of good training.

**F** I blame my lack of talent at school for my dislike of sport.

**G** I worried about the selection procedure for sports teams.

**H** I disliked doing sports outside in certain weather conditions.

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Speaker 1

Speaker 2

Speaker 3

Speaker 4

Speaker 5



## Vocabulary

Choose the correct alternatives to complete each sentence.

- 1 Today a lot of people get back problems because of their *sedentary/simple* lifestyles.
- 2 My dad used to *direct/lead* a very active social life, but he now spends more time at home.
- 3 Sam knocked over the board and all the chess *bits/pieces* fell on the floor.
- 4 I always find *getting/going* out of bed on a Saturday morning very difficult!
- 5 I recently took up the flute. I'd wanted to play a *stringed/wind* instrument for years.
- 6 It's important not to look *scruffy/baggy* when you go for a job interview.
- 7 If I don't wear *goggles/a helmet* when I swim, my eyes get red and sore.
- 8 At the wedding reception the *bride/groom* gave an amusing speech about how he first met his new wife.
- 9 The singer was criticized for *mimeing/imitating* a song when everyone thought she was singing live.
- 10 I feel sad every time I hear that *record/track* on the album.
- 11 He *hit/passed* the golf ball so hard that it disappeared into the trees.
- 12 You've never been asked to join a choir because you can't sing in *tune/song*!
- 13 Our club isn't *making/taking* part in the tournament this year because we haven't got enough good players.
- 14 She has to finish her homework tonight or she'll *go/get* into trouble.
- 15 I tend to run faster if I'm in the middle *lane/path*.