Grammar

1 Read the text and choose the correct words.

Danny [1]**hasn't been drawing / didn't draw** for very long, but he's already [2]**been becoming / become** very good at it. He [3]**didn't start / hasn't started** drawing until his family [4]**have moved / moved** from Birmingham to Chester two years ago. But since then, he [5]**has been / he was** a member of the Chester Community School art club.

This weekend, Danny [6]**has been drawing / has drawn** a very big picture for a school art competition, but he [7]**hasn't been finishing / hasn't finished** it yet. It's Sunday afternoon now, and Danny is very tired because he [8]**worked / has been working** on the picture all weekend.

2 Complete the sentences using a different tense for each verb. Use the past simple, present perfect simple, or present perfect continuous.

1 Dan and I _____ (play) chess all afternoon, but I _____ (not win) a match!

2 I _____ (know) Penny for years, and she's a great friend. We _____ (meet) years ago at primary school.

3 I'm sorry I'm late, but the bus _____ (not come) on time. How long _____ (you / sit) here?

4 Have a rest, Dad. You _____ (work) in the garden for hours, and you _____ (not have) lunch yet.

5 _____ (you / ever / visit) Italy? I _____ (go) there for the first time last summer.

6 How long _____ (you and Mary / go out), and when _____ (you / meet)?

3 Complete the sentences with the correct past simple, present perfect simple, or present perfect continuous form of the verbs below.

build cry decide go not tidy play

1 These tennis courts are new. The school _____ them last summer.

2 Anna's room is a mess because she _____ it for ages.

3 Your eyes are red, Tom. _____ (you)?

4 We're tired because we _____ volleyball since lunchtime.

5 There wasn't any food in the fridge last night, so we _____ to eat out.

6 What's America like, Matt? We _____ (never) there.

Vocabulary

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6 Complete the email to a penfriend with the words below.

abroad **across** **astronomy** **collect** **go** **open-air** **photography** **sandwiches** **stew**

Hi Gracie,

I hope you're doing well at your new school. You asked me about my hobbies in your last email. I [1]_____ old postcards, and I also [2]_____ rollerblading sometimes. But my favourite hobby is looking at the stars. I'm in the local [3]_____ club. We go out at night and sit in a field or on a hill, then we watch the night sky. It's great fun. Some of our friends are interested in [4]_____ too, so they take pictures as the stars move [5]_____ the sky. We usually take [6]_____ with us, and something hot to drink. In winter we take a curry or a [7]_____ because it's a long night and it can be very cold. But I'd rather do an [8]_____ activity than stay inside. The only problem with my hobby is the British weather. Sometimes the club has to cancel a trip because it's too rainy to see anything. Maybe in the future I can go [9]_____ and watch stars in the desert.

Anyway, what clubs you are in at school?

Dominic

Use of English

7 Complete the dialogue with the words below.

decision	fancy	idea	keen	option	problem	rather	settled	think	would

Flora Let's do something this weekend. The weather's going to be lovely again.

Ben Great idea! I quite [1]_____ surfing. What do you think?

Flora I'd [2]_____ do something in the mountains. I was at the beach most of last week.

Ben Don't you think it [3]_____ be easier to go to the sea though? How will we get there?

Flora My sister's back from university and she can drive.

Ben OK. I'm quite [4]_____ on mountain biking but the [5]_____ with driving is that we can't take our bikes.

Flora You're right – she hasn't got a bike rack on her car. I [6]_____ hiking would be fun and we wouldn't have to worry about taking our bikes then.

Ben I don't think hiking would be as interesting as something like abseiling. I like the [7]_____ of doing something a bit more challenging.

Flora Well, we need to make a [8]_____!

Ben I think kayaking is a better [9]_____ than hiking *and* abseiling. It's a water sport and it's in the mountains!

Flora Brilliant! That's [10]_____ then. I'll text my sister.

Listening

8 2 Listen to two people talking about the preparations for a party. Put a cross (×) in the correct column.

Which person …

	Claire	Gareth
1 has been looking for a birthday present?		
2 went to Parma for the first time last year?		
3 has been having art lessons?		
4 hasn't downloaded any music for ages?		
5 doesn't think that dressing up is a good idea?		

Reading

9 Read the text and choose the correct answers.

A Scottish summer camp

Summer camps are becoming more and more popular with young people, but what are they like? Last month, junior reporter Sally Henshaw travelled to Loch Lomond, Scotland, to find out.

'I've been travelling for ten hours,' I thought, when the minibus finally drove past a sign saying 'Welcome to Camp Lomond'. It was dark, and I just wanted to go indoors and jump into a nice, soft bed. But the camp leaders had other ideas. We all had a barbecue, then we sat around a campfire and talked (or fell asleep). Finally, one of the leaders divided us into groups of three and gave us the really bad news.

'Now it's time to put up your tents,' he said.

I don't know how three of us managed to sleep in a tent the size of a single bed, but somehow we did. When we woke up the next day, my new friend Ingrid opened the front of the tent, and we all looked out. There, shining silver between the trees, was Loch Lomond. 'Loch' means 'lake' in Scottish, and Loch Lomond is one of the most beautiful places I've ever seen! That morning after breakfast, we went horse riding around the lake. I've never ridden in such an amazing place.

In the next few days, I went BMX biking, tried rock climbing and played volleyball every day until I couldn't stand up! It was great! The camp organises different activities every day. Most sports activities are in the afternoon, and in the morning you can choose lessons like drawing, chess, drama and cookery. I've never been very good at art or board games – and I'm not a great actor – so I went along to the cookery class. I love food, but I didn't know how to cook anything before I went to Scotland. Since I've been home, I've been baking cakes for my parents! (And they haven't been to hospital with food poisoning yet, so I must be quite good at it!)

You have to work hard on a summer camp. Everybody has to do chores, and you do activities all day, too – you can't just sit around and hang out. But I really had a great time. The best thing about the camp was making new friends. Since I came home, Ingrid and I have been texting every day. The activities are great, but the people are even better.

Have you ever wondered what it's like to go on a summer camp? I'll tell you the answer in two words: *exhausting* and *fun*!

1 How did Sally feel when she first arrived?

A She was hungry and cold.

B She missed her family.

C She was angry with the camp leaders.

D She wanted the evening to end early.

2 The next morning, Sally

A put up a tent.

B saw something amazing.

C rode a horse for the first time.

D cooked breakfast on a campfire.

3 What types of activities did Sally do at the camp?

A sports and cooking

B drama and art

C art and sports

D drama and cooking

4 What happened after she came home from the camp?

A Ingrid visited her.

B Her parents went into hospital.

C She made something for her parents.

D She emailed Ingrid photos of the camp.

5 Overall, how does Sally feel about Camp Lomond?

A It was too tiring.

B It was a very good experience.

C She didn't like sleeping in a tent.

D It helped her to become a friendlier person.