Unit 1 Progress Test

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use the past perfect simple or past perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1 The bus got stuck in traffic, so, by the time we got to the cinema, we _____ (miss) the start of the film.

2 Clara _____ (perform) in small-town theatres for years before she got her first role in a Hollywood film.

3 Audiences were amazed when they first saw the film *Citizen Kane*. They _____ (not see) anything like it before.

4 The flight was so long I _____ (watch) five films from beginning to end by the time we landed.

5 My little brother started crying in the cinema because he thought I _____ (eat) all of his ice cream.

6 It wasn't until we left the cinema that I noticed my sister's eyes were red. She _____ (cry) all the way through the film.

2 Complete the extracts from biographies of famous Hollywood directors. Use the co simple or past perfect continuous form of the verbs below. Use the continuous form whenever possible.

become	**decide**	**direct**	**dream**	**not work**	**sell**	**try**	**win**

1 **Kathryn Bigelow**
Although she [1]_____ of being a painter when she was very young, Kathryn Bigelow discovered that her talents lay in film-making. After studying film at Columbia University in New York, she got a job at the Art & Language collective. She [2]_____ there for long when she made her first short film. By 2010, Kathryn Bigelow [3]_____ eight full-length films, many of them critically-acclaimed. Most importantly, she [4]_____ the first woman to win an Oscar for best picture, for her moving war film, *Hurt Locker*.

2 **George Lucas**
George Lucas directed his first film in 1971. He [5]_____ to get enough funding to direct a full-length film for a number of years before then, so he saw it as a great opportunity. Before long, he was established as a major figure in Hollywood. In 2012, it was reported that George Lucas [6]_____ his film company to Disney for over $4 billion, and that, generously, he [7]_____ to give most of the money to charity. His film company was worth such an incredible amount of money because it included the rights to Lucas' most well-known film franchise – the Star Wars films. In the 1970s, the first Star Wars film [8]_____ six Oscars.

3 Rewrite the sentences using *used to* or *would*. Whenever possible, use *would*. If neither are possible, write –.

1 My father had his own cine camera in the 1960s.

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2 As a small child, Laura watched cartoons on TV all day long.

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3 When in Hollywood, Amy Thistle never made a single good film.

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4 Did you watch horror films in your youth?

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5 During our summer holidays in France, we went to the open-air cinema every day.

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6 At school, I was jealous of my brother's acting talent, but now I just enjoy watching him perform.

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Vocabulary

4 Match descriptions 1–7 with adjectives a–g.

1 That lady always wears unusual clothes and behaves strangely. ☐

2 Jack is very unkind – he enjoys saying things that hurt other people. ☐

3 When I was crying because my goldfish died, Sally was kind. ☐

4 Andrea is mean with her money and doesn't like spending it. ☐

5 Patrick only thinks about his own ambitions. ☐

6 Chris is interested in other people's opinions. ☐

7 Agnes is a very polite child and is never rude. ☐

a stingy

b eccentric

c well-behaved

d sympathetic

e open-minded

f cruel

g single-minded

5 Complete the text with the correct words. The first letter of each word has been given.

The price of fame

Although most people don't want to stop [1]i_____ journalism, which aims to discover the secrets of criminals or corrupt politicians, they are critical of the actions of journalists from [2]t_____ newspapers who are only interested in discovering the personal secrets of celebrities. These journalists and photographers, sometimes known as the [3]'p_____', wait outside the homes of celebrities, often [4]i_____ their privacy by walking on their property, and [5]h_____ their children and other relatives by asking them questions, or taking their photo without permission. Surely, it can't be in the [6]p_____ interest for the press to disrupt the lives of the rich and famous as much as they do. And yet, there seems to be very little celebrities can do about it.

6 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 The film star wore an old ___ hat.
a fabulous **b** white **c** huge

2 We were ___ starving when we got home from the cinema after watching three Star Wars films.
a very **b** absolutely **c** a bit

3 Kelly had a blue ___ car.
a Japanese **b** small **c** wonderful

4 There are a lot of ___ people living on the streets.
a alone **b** sleeping **c** lonely

5 The actor's co-star seems ___ .
a friendly **b** happily **c** angrily

6 Improved ___ means that most people can find their favourite programmes online.
a interaction **b** accessibility **c** subscribers

7 The students thought the new film was absolutely ___ .
a amusing **b** funny **c** hilarious

Listening

4.01 Listen to the people talking about being lucky. Complete the sentences with the correct speakers A–E.

1 Speaker ____ saved some money.

2 Speaker ____ had a surprising exam result.

3 Speaker ____ was successful because he/she was relaxed.

4 Speaker ____ didn't expect to achieve what he/she did so quickly.

5 Speaker ____ doesn't plan ahead.

Reading

Complete the text with sentences A–F. There is one sentence you do not need.

A This happens from time to time when small boats run into difficulties in heavy weather.

B But there is a twist to this tale.

C Less than two hours later the enormous boat is alongside you, having altered course to come to your rescue.

D Finally you admit defeat and put out an SOS call.

E He was stunned by the coincidence.

F The cruise liner that came to his assistance was the Crown Princess.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

Picture this: You're in a boat, a small one, easily 4,000 miles away from home. You're being tossed from one wave to another in appalling conditions. Your mast has been damaged in a fierce storm and you haven't eaten for two days whilst trying to fix your craft and remain afloat. [1_____] You wait, hoping beyond hope that someone has heard you and can reach you before conditions worsen still further.

You're lucky. The message gets relayed to a cruise liner that is carrying thousands of passengers on the holiday of a lifetime and just happens to be in your vicinity. [2_____] You are very grateful. You are taken on board where you're given food and medical assistance and start to feel human again. You travel with the liner safely to land. Your small boat has unfortunately had to be abandoned in the ocean but you are safe thanks to the cruise liner.

So far, a straightforward sea rescue. [3_____] It's certainly not unheard of for large vessels to come to the aid of smaller ones, particularly in the big oceans where you can drift for days without seeing another boat. [4_____] The yachtsman whose boat got into trouble was John Fielder, a thirty-two-year-old man from a tiny village on the south coast of England called Warsash. Last year John was sailing a trimaran called (appropriately) 'Dangerous When Wet' from the Caribbean island Antigua to Rhode Island, north of New York, when he got into trouble. [5_____] She was the latest addition to the fleet of the US based Princess Cruises and it was captained by Captain Clark. Captain Clark and John Fielder had never met before, which is not surprising. What is surprising is that it turned out the two men live round the corner from each other in that tiny village of Warsash on the south coast! In all probability they buy their newspapers from the same shop but didn't meet until their paths crossed 4,000 miles away in the middle of the ocean!

An amazing coincidence! If you can beat that write in to 'What a coincidence!', *People Today Magazines*, Bristol. We're waiting for your story.