

# Vocabulary and Grammar Test Unit 8

## 1 Complete the text with the words below.

married novels fell grew up work divorced stories died university born

William Faulkner was an American writer who won the Nobel Prize for Literature. He was <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in 1897, and was the oldest of four boys. He <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in Mississippi, where he also went to <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. He was an excellent student and began writing at an early age. He wrote <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, poems, short <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and screenplays. When he finished his studies, he wanted to <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in his father's railroad business, but his father sold it. Faulkner <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in love with Estelle Oldham when he was a teenager, but she wasn't interested in him then. They eventually got <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in 1929 after Estelle got <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ from her first husband. Faulkner was badly hurt in a horse-riding accident in 1959, and <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in 1962.

## 2 Complete the sentences with these adjectives.

wonderful musical powerful political peaceful natural professional successful

- 1 Tiger Woods is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ golfers of all time. He has won lots of competitions.
- 2 I am taking part in a \_\_\_\_\_ protest. I don't agree with the government.
- 3 My doctor gave me painkillers, but I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ medicines, such as herbs.
- 4 David Beckham became a \_\_\_\_\_ football player when he was seventeen, and started playing for Manchester United.
- 5 The actress Julia Roberts plays two \_\_\_\_\_ instruments: the clarinet and the oboe.
- 6 Koala bears are very quiet and \_\_\_\_\_ animals. They sit in trees and eat leaves.
- 7 'I got the job I really wanted!' 'That's \_\_\_\_\_ news! Congratulations!'
- 8 Elephants are extremely dangerous and \_\_\_\_\_ animals.

## 3 Complete the sentences with correct collocations using the words below.

place test turns control photos a break part care

- 1 Can you take \_\_\_\_\_ of Grandma at the weekend? She is feeling ill.
- 2 I'm really tired. Let's take \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Our teacher wants us to take another \_\_\_\_\_ on Friday!
- 4 We didn't take many \_\_\_\_\_ on holiday.
- 5 I took \_\_\_\_\_ in a school play at the end of term. It was great fun!
- 6 Mum said we have to take \_\_\_\_\_ using the laptop.
- 7 The film takes \_\_\_\_\_ in Paris in 1942.
- 8 My dad took \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation and asked everyone to calm down.

# Grammar

## 4 Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Last Saturday, my friend James and I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) an afternoon in the city. We <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the train from our village and <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to go directly to the city centre. When we <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get) there, we <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to have something to eat. We <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a café near the station and <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (order) a sandwich. Unfortunately, James hadn't brought any money and I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) much money. The waiter <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) very happy when we <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not leave) him a tip!

## 5 Read the answers to the questions. Write questions using the past simple.

1 \_\_\_\_\_ ?

He finished writing the book **yesterday**.

2 \_\_\_\_\_ ?

I bought **two** sandwiches.

3 \_\_\_\_\_ ?

The match finished **at 5 p.m.**

4 \_\_\_\_\_ ?

I was late for school **because I missed the bus**.

5 \_\_\_\_\_ ?

I phoned **Gill** last night.

6 \_\_\_\_\_ ?

I paid **a hundred dollars** for the phone.

7 \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Iris flew **to the USA** on Monday.

## 6 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs below.

*ride not answer post study ring not pass open*

1 I \_\_\_\_\_ Jack last night but he \_\_\_\_\_ the phone.

2 When she \_\_\_\_\_ the window, the room was cooler.

3 Paul \_\_\_\_\_ the letter before 5 p.m. They should get it tomorrow.

4 I \_\_\_\_\_ my bike to school this morning.

5 Mark \_\_\_\_\_ really hard but unfortunately he \_\_\_\_\_ the exam.

## Listening

7  Listen to an interview with Anita Mellows. Circle the correct answer.

Anita thinks:

- A most people get married in their twenties.
- B in your twenties, you take control of your life.
- C people should travel in their twenties.

8  Listen again. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 The radio interview is part of a teen chat show. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Our teenage years are all about growing up. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 According to Anita, we don't have any control over our lives in our early twenties. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Anita met her husband in her twenties. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Anita's career didn't start until she was in her forties. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 When Anita was younger, it was unusual to have babies in your early twenties. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Anita believes that our personalities change when we are twenty. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Anita is now in her sixties. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Anita travelled when she was twenty. \_\_\_\_\_

## Everyday English

9 Complete the dialogue with the phrases below.

Poor you   How was   What about   It was   Lucky you

**Helen**   Hi, Stella. <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ your weekend? Did you do anything interesting?

**Stella**   It was fantastic, thank you. We went skiing in the mountains.

**Helen**   Wow! <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ! Where did you go?

**Stella**   We stayed with my sister and her husband. They live in the mountains.

<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ your weekend?

**Helen**   <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a disaster! I wanted to finish my essay but I was sick all weekend!

**Stella**   Oh dear! <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ !