

Insight Upper-intermediate Unit Test 3 A

Grammar

Complete the sentences with one word. Use a/an, the or – (no article).

- 1 There are more than 7,000 languages spoken around ____ world.
- 2 Rome has always been popular with ____ visitors.
- 3 Some people believe that ____ rich are getting richer.
- 4 Sam runs ten kilometres ____ day to keep fit.
- 5 Did you switch ____ oven off, Claire?
- 6 Knowing when to remain silent is a sign of ____ intelligence.

Read the sentence and choose the correct answer.

- 1 The trade union had strong support, as ____ workers agreed with its ideas.
A ☐ any B ☐ a few C ☐ a lot of
- 2 Beth had ____ batteries left at home, so she picked up a box with her shopping.
A ☐ several B ☐ no C ☐ almost all
- 3 Unfortunately, there are ____ undiscovered places left in the world.
A ☐ hardly any B ☐ far too much C ☐ any
- 4 Filip spends ____ hours a week practising the piano.
A ☐ several B ☐ all C ☐ much
- 5 We need to book our flights soon. There are only ____ seats left.
A ☐ hardly any B ☐ little C ☐ a few
- 6 Would you like ____ milk in your tea?
A ☐ all B ☐ some C ☐ little

Choose the correct verb from the box. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb. There are three verbs you do not need.

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- 1 Anjali's teacher always encourages her _____ her hardest.
- 2 Zak suggested _____ the museum in the afternoon, as it would be less crowded.
- 3 Cathy promised _____ milk on her way home from work.
- 4 James remembered _____ the list, but now he couldn't find it.
- 5 You should let Oscar _____ where he goes to university. It's his life.
- 6 After completing her degree, Alison went on _____ a successful doctor.

Vocabulary

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence below.

- 1 This project will be difficult, so we need to take out our best architect for the job.

- 2 I'm going to spread out of the study group because I'm not finding it helpful.

- 3 James picked out to his friend because he hadn't heard from him in a while.

- 4 We've spilled out of cheese, so I'll need to get some at the supermarket.

- 5 The small group of dancers were asked to opt out on stage in order to appear bigger.

- 6 I need to help out the kitchen drawers – they're so disorganized!

Reading

Read the article about lost luggage and choose the correct answer for each question.

Where's my stuff?

Beth Conway

When travelling, we tend to take some of our most valued possessions. From practical gadgets like smartphones and laptops, to more personal items, such as jewellery and favourite clothes. But recently, travellers are having to deal with luggage that disappears during flights. Why is this happening, and what can we do about it?

The good news is that most bags are eventually returned to their owners. I'm sure they are delighted to hear their luggage is being returned but I can imagine not having what you expected for your holiday, or business meeting. However, that still means a small proportion does disappear forever though and surprisingly some owners, it seems, don't even put their name on their bags, which can't help. Although I've never experienced it, I can well imagine the stress

associated with worrying whether you'll be reunited with your possessions.

The main cause of missing luggage is how we travel. As we cross the globe making transfers and catching connecting flights, our luggage just can't keep up. At some airports, a shortage of baggage handlers means that there are too few people loading and unloading planes. Despite air travel being a hi-tech industry, most planes are loaded by hand. The average loader has to lift 150 bags in 40 minutes. In a daily eight-hour shift, loading six planes, they lift an exhausting 20,000 kilograms. Any break taken in unloading means that travellers may have moved on in their journey before their bags arrive in an air terminal.

Another key area is check-in. Studies have shown that 16% of lost luggage becomes lost because it is incorrectly tagged by airline staff. While you are comfortably setting out for one destination, your bags are heading elsewhere. Experts believe that this issue is caused by the pressure to move greater volumes of passengers at greater speeds. However, they point out, taking a few seconds to check that printed labels match tickets could save passengers days of inconvenience, and the industry millions in penalties.


Many passengers are already taking their own precautions. Tracker tags provide real-time information on the specific location of an item. These affordable gadgets are now commonly used by seasoned travellers. But while placing a tag in your luggage should mean you know where it is, the system is not always accurate. The tags use wireless technology to send signals between devices to register their position. However, if there are too few devices in range, or the mode of transport is moving too quickly, the signals may not be picked up. The same issue can occur in more remote areas where signals are weak.

But some technological solutions are working hard to reunite lost luggage to its rightful owners. The automated lost and found AI system requires users to upload a photo of their missing personal items. It then sorts through images of personal possessions found in airports to find a match. Currently, the software has a successful match rate of 89.6%. The more data it receives, the better it gets at doing its job, which means lost items are returned faster. Perhaps soon we'll be able to travel without wondering where and when our luggage will arrive.

- 1 What does the writer feel would be frustrating about bags going missing?
A ☐ Being unsure if the missing luggage will be found
B ☐ Having to replace vital items at very short notice
C ☐ Wondering if you could have done something to avoid it
- 2 According to the writer, why do so many pieces of luggage get lost?
A ☐ Airports nowadays do not have enough staff for the system to work.
B ☐ Air travel nowadays relies too much on technology.
C ☐ Air travel nowadays means people move faster than bags.
- 3 Why does the writer mention the weight of bags a loader lifts during a working day?
A ☐ To highlight the skill required to load a plane
B ☐ To illustrate how much luggage is on a plane
C ☐ To suggest tiredness contributes to delayed luggage
- 4 What impact would being more careful at check-in have on airlines?
A ☐ It would allow them to process passengers quickly.
B ☐ It would save them large sums of money.
C ☐ It would make them reconsider passenger convenience.
- 5 Why are tracker tags not the perfect solution for the issue of lost luggage?
A ☐ They are not effective in many locations.
B ☐ They are too expensive to be widely used.
C ☐ They quickly lose their signal strength.

- 6 What makes the lost and found AI system a potential solution to returning lost luggage?
- A ☐ It is able to accurately match owners to all their possessions.
- B ☐ It is continually learning to match owners and possessions.
- C ☐ It is a simple way for owners to locate possessions.

H Listening

 Listen to a radio interview with a girl called Yasemin who has a hobby called upcycling. Choose the correct answer for each question.

- 1 Yasemin believes that selling upcycled vases ____.
- A ☐ requires too much effort to find customers
- B ☐ takes the pleasure out of making them
- C ☐ will make her upcycling less creative
- 2 Yasemin started upcycling because ____.
- A ☐ she could not find the style of clothing she wanted
- B ☐ environmentally friendly clothing appealed to her
- C ☐ the clothes she found in shops did not fit her well
- 3 Yasemin says that anyone who wants to upcycle clothes ____.
- A ☐ should not be too concerned about style
- B ☐ should not spend any money on equipment
- C ☐ should not worry about developing expert skills
- 4 Yasemin says that upcycled furniture ____.
- A ☐ is likely to retain its value
- B ☐ is popular due to its originality
- C ☐ is often very difficult to produce
- 5 When Yasemin creates art by using parts of old items ____.
- A ☐ she includes elements that mean something to other people
- B ☐ she aims to represent significant moments in her friends' lives
- C ☐ she combines things found in nature with more modern materials
- 6 In the immediate future, Yasemin plans to ____.
- A ☐ create upcycled items for all age groups
- B ☐ promote upcycling in her community
- C ☐ show her upcycling work in an exhibition

Making suggestions

Read the dialogue and choose the correct answer.

- 1 **Boy** Let's do our project on the geography of Australia.
Girl Maybe, although that's a very big topic. ____ you agree?
Boy Hmm. I suppose you might be right.
- A ☐ Don't B ☐ Won't C ☐ Can't

- 2 **Student** What shall I talk about in my presentation?
Teacher Well, the aim is to concentrate ___ some area of health and fitness.
Student OK, so perhaps I should choose a particular sport.
 A ☐ at B ☐ for C ☐ on
- 3 **Man** We could come into the office early each day next week to get all this work finished.
Woman Yes, that might be the ___. The extra hours would help us get everything ready for the meeting.
 A ☐ place B ☐ solution C ☐ objective
- 4 **Woman** What could we have as the theme of our exhibition?
Man We could have something to ___ local history.
Woman That's not a bad idea.
 A ☐ do with B ☐ involve C ☐ look at
- 5 **Girl** How can we raise money for the school?
Boy How about ___ a concert? The school band could play.
Girl That could work. We would probably sell a lot of tickets.
 A ☐ organize B ☐ to organize C ☐ organizing
- 6 **Boy** How are we going to finish all this homework on time?
Girl I still think that we should work all through the weekend.
Boy OK, you've ___ me!
 A ☐ concentrated B ☐ involved C ☐ convinced

Writing

Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence using the words given. Use between two and five words and do not use contractions.

- 1 I locked the door and then put the key in my bag.
 (locking)
 I put the key in my bag _____ door.
- 2 The girl took off her coat and then sat down at the table.
 (taken)
 _____, the girl sat down at the table.
- 3 Emma looked carefully in both directions and crossed the road at the same time.
 (looking)
 _____ in both directions, Emma crossed the road.
- 4 They listened to my story and smiled at the same time.
 (listened)
 _____ to my story, they smiled.
- 5 Jack did a lot of preparation and then found the interview easy.
 (having)
 _____ preparation, Jack found the interview easy.
- 6 We entered the room at the same time as we felt a strange, cold sensation.
 (entering)
 _____, we felt a strange, cold sensation.

End your test with a smile 😊