

Senior 2 practice for Preliminary Exams

Which verb?

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Not all the verbs are needed.

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- 1 Alma always gets top marks in science.
- 2 Recently, we a project about local environmental problems.
- 3 I lots of research and found some interesting information.
- 4 The teacher me a good mark for my project.
- 5 At the end of term, we have to an exam in each subject.
- 6 Before the exams, our teachers us some advice about study skills.
- 7 You need a quiet place to your homework.
- 8 I make sure I to school early on the day of an exam.

Complete with go, do or play.

- 1 In the summer, we often go hiking in the mountains.
- 2 I know I should more exercise.
- 3 At the camp, you can lots of activities, like kayaking or climbing.
- 4 Sometimes, I tennis with my friend.
- 5 Nick gets up early and cycling before breakfast.
- 6 A group of us volleyball on the beach most days.
- 7 If it's warm enough, we could swimming in the sea.
- 8 When Lucy lived near the coast, she a lot of water sports.

Quantifier or determiner + noun

3 Complete the sentences with a word from the box or '-' if no word is needed.

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- 1 I saw a documentary about – life in the Himalayas.
- 2 I'm not very fit. I should do exercise.
- 3 I've heard you've got new job – that's great news!
- 4 José couldn't get a taxi because he didn't have money.
- 5 Who does all stuff belong to?
- 6 When are you arriving? I'll pick you up at airport.
- 7 Are all people queuing for tickets?
- 8 I think people watch too much TV nowadays.

4 Choose the correct option in *italics*. Choose '-' if no word is needed.

- 1 I met up with Emily, *a* / one girl from my college.
- 2 She's got *a* / - photos of her family on her desk.
- 3 I'm going to visit my grandparents *the* / - next weekend.
- 4 We were all wearing *the* / - jeans and T-shirts for the picnic.
- 5 My friend and I went to the cinema *the* / - last Sunday.
- 6 Anna and I were best friends at *the* / - school.

5 Choose the correct option in *italics*.

Last year, I went on (1) *holiday / holidays* to Costa Rica with my family. We stayed at a hotel in the (2) *mountain / mountains*, surrounded by rainforest. The resort was made up of wooden (3) *cabin / cabins* in the trees. My (4) *parent / parents* stayed in one cabin and I shared another one with my brother. Every (5) *day / days*, we went hiking with a local (6) *guide / guides*. We saw some amazing (7) *bird / birds*. The hotel had a (8) *swimming pool / swimming pools* too, where we usually spent the afternoon relaxing. But the most incredible part was at (9) *night / nights* – as we lay in bed, we could hear the sounds made by all the jungle (10) *animal / animals* around us.

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Comparatives, superlatives and adjectives with *-ed / -ing*

6 Choose the correct option in *italics*.

- 1 Our new home in the country is *quieter / more quiet* than our old flat in the city centre.
- 2 Living in a small village can sometimes be *bored / boring* – there's nothing to do.
- 3 The *worse / worst* thing about living in a city is the noise.
- 4 The scenery in the countryside is *most beautiful / more beautiful* than in the city.
- 5 The castle is the *older / oldest* building in our town.
- 6 The air is much *cleaner / more clean* in a small village than in a big city.
- 7 Being in the countryside is fine if you're *interested / interesting* in outdoor activities.
- 8 In a city, it's *more easy / easier* to get around – public transport is much better.

Adverb + adjective

3 Choose the correct option in *italics*.

- 1 We stayed in a *really* / *very* awful hotel.
- 2 The rooms were *absolutely* / *very* small and dark.
- 3 Mónica looked *completely* / *very* pale, but she said she was fine.
- 4 The local people were *absolutely* / *very* wonderful. They were kind and helpful.
- 5 When we arrived at the restaurant, it was already *absolutely* / *very* busy.
- 6 Josh was *really* / *very* great. He called the ambulance and stayed with me.
- 7 Some of the buildings were *absolutely* / *very* amazing. I've never seen anything like it!
- 8 All the people we met were *completely* / *very* friendly.

Verbs following adjectives and nouns

4 Choose the correct option in *italics*.

- 1 Going to university in the USA will be great, but I'm a bit sad *for leave / about leaving* my friends and family.
- 2 I think it's better *go / to go* away to study, because you meet new people and become more independent.
- 3 I don't really miss my friends. It's very easy *keep / to keep* in touch with people via the internet.
- 4 I think it's a good idea *studying / to study* in your hometown because you can live with your parents.
- 5 I'm not really interested *in travelling / to travel* abroad. For me, it's more important *focus / to focus* on my studies.
- 6 International students often have problems *to fit in / fitting in* with a different culture.

No, not, any, never, ever or '-'?

5 Choose the correct option in *italics*.

- 1 We went horse riding last weekend. None of us had *ever / never* ridden a horse. It was great!
- 2 This village is tiny. I can see *not / no* shops nearby.
- 3 There weren't - / *any* empty tables, so we had to wait.
- 4 My parents have *ever / never* been to the USA before.
- 5 The weather was quite cloudy, but *no / not* cold.
- 6 I couldn't get a taxi because I didn't have *any / -* money.
- 7 I went into Clara's office, but she was *no / not* there.
- 8 Sorry, we have *no / not* tickets left for tonight's concert.