

Midterm exam 2024 - Grammar and Vocabulary - 6th Adolescents

GRAMMAR

1. Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (5 points)

(1) _____ (*ever feel*) that you have too much homework and not enough free time? If you do, you're not alone because there's a growing movement of people who believe that children should have less homework. They argue that homework (2) _____ (*be*) always a good thing and that there's evidence to support their claims. For example, one primary school study showed that the amount of homework

(3) _____ (*not make*) any difference to children's success at school. Another school reported that children (4) _____ (*become*) even more successful at school when they had less homework. There are now many schools around the world which (5) _____ (*not believe*) in giving homework. If this trend continues, it's likely that many children will find that they have more free time.

2. Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. Do not change the word given. Use two to five words, including the word given. (10 points)

- a. He regularly complains about the noise but he makes more noise than us.

ALWAYS

He _____ about the noise but he makes more noise than us.

- b. I'm worried about Natalie because her behaviour has been strange lately.

STRANGELY

I'm worried about Natalie because she _____ lately.

- c. There was a discussion about the best way for them to get home.

WERE

They _____ the best way to get home.

- d. Lily had failed to pay attention in class and that was reflected in her results.

BEEN

Lily _____ attention in class and that was reflected in her results.

- e. My brother started his search for a job months ago but he hasn't found anything suitable.

LOOKING

My brother _____ for a job for months but he hasn't found anything suitable.

3. Write the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives given. Add any other words you need. (5 points)

Leonardo da Vinci, known for the Mona Lisa and The Last Supper, is one of (1) _____ (*famous*) artists who ever lived. However, you could argue that his contribution to art was not (2) _____ (*important*) his contribution to engineering. His inventions showed great imagination and his designs were (3) _____ (*advanced*) than anything else in his day. He was particularly interested in flight and many of his designs featured different flying machines. For example, one of them shows a machine similar to a helicopter, a machine which didn't appear until four centuries (4) _____ (*late*). Another flying invention was the parachute. Although the first parachute didn't appear until the 18th century, Leonardo had actually designed one 200 years (5) _____ (*early*) that.

4. Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box. (5 points)

be join need pay use

Solving mysteries

Inspired by the great detectives like Sherlock Holmes, many people dream of cracking unsolved mysteries. There are lots of organisations which offer amateur detectives the chance to take part in mystery weekends. However, these mysteries are often far from easy to solve, even for the professionals. If you want to succeed, you (1) _____ to learn a few key skills. The first is having an eye for detail and noting down everything you see. Put simply, if you (2) _____ attention to the details, you'll miss something important. Secondly, you should develop your powers of concentration. If you are unable to concentrate on the clues, you probably (3) _____ able to solve the mystery. Another essential skill is the ability to come to a logical conclusion. You will only figure out the solution if you (4) _____ your powers of logic and reasoning. Finally, practice makes perfect. If you really want to become a master detective, (5) _____ an amateur detective group and start practising!

5. Complete the sentences with the future continuous, future perfect simple or future perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets. (10 points)

- 1 The police _____ (look for) the gang of thieves for three years by next Christmas.

2 I _____ (write) this essay for the rest of the evening so I won't be able to go out.

3 Ian asked us not to arrive before eight because he _____ (have) time to prepare the dinner before then.

4 William _____ (learn) the violin for a year when he plays in the concert this summer.

5 A: _____ you _____ (manage) to complete the assignment by tomorrow?

B: I think so. I've finished it and I just need to read through it.

VOCABULARY

1. Choose the correct words (A, B, C or D) to complete the text. (5 points)

It seems that whenever you open a newspaper, you come across more crime stories. You get the impression that there's a huge (1) _____ affecting the country. However, it's not all bad news; some criminals are actually helping in the fight against crime. For instance, one man, who had robbed a shop, hid in a cupboard. Thinking he had (2) _____ the crime, he shared a photo of himself in the cupboard on social media. Thanks to his notification, the police discovered his location and he was arrested. In another incident, it was the criminal's car which (3) _____ the criminal in to the police. In this case, a driver had hit a pedestrian and failed to stop. This is a serious crime, for which a driver can face (4) _____. Luckily, however, the computer on the woman's car detected that she had hit someone and called the police to report the accident. The woman was arrested, although she was later (5) _____ and allowed to leave the jail.

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| 1 | A crime rate | B crime wave | C crime prevention | D crime scene |
| 2 | A got away with | B broken in | C come forward | D beaten up |
| 3 | A got | B gave | C turned | D handed |
| 4 | A judge | B jury | C imprisonment | D evidence |
| 5 | A held up | B let off | C turned in | D made for |

2. Complete the sentences with one word from each of the boxes in the correct form. (10 points)

carry come figure look plug

in into on out (x2)

1 The construction of the new football stadium is _____ quickly. It should be finished by the summer.

- 2 I'm trying to _____ how soon I can finish this project. It'll probably take another week or two.
- 3 Is there somewhere I can _____ my phone? It's about to run out of battery.
- 4 I told the post office that my parcel hadn't arrived so they said they would _____ it.
- 5 We've been _____ a project at school to find out how effective our town's public transport is.

3. Complete the sentences with one word in each gap. (5 points)

- 1 My brother _____ up all the bread making his sandwich and there was none left for me.
- 2 Although Ian has missed a few weeks of class, he can _____ up with the rest of the class if he works hard.
- 3 Would you mind _____ up a bit? I can't hear a word you're saying.
- 4 Look! My dad's fallen asleep in his chair. Let's _____ up behind him and scare him!
- 5 If the weather doesn't improve, they'll _____ up cancelling the race.

4. Choose the correct words. (5 points)

- 1 Even when we weren't playing well, our football **lecturer / instructor / coach** was always encouraging.
- 2 Most university **certificates / degrees / graduates** in the UK take three years but some of them, like medicine, take longer.
- 3 I tend to go to the library if I have to **take / revise / pass** for an exam because I can concentrate better.
- 4 A lot of primary school teachers think they have too many **pupils / graduates / lecturers** in their classes.
- 5 A recent survey has revealed that you need a driving **certificate / qualification / licence** for around 20% of jobs.

