

SKILLS TEST

Grammar

1 Read the text and choose the correct words.

Local girl plans walk across Sahara Desert

By July this year, Sarah White, from here in Gerrards Cross, ¹ **will have finished** / **will be finishing** her A-level exams, but she ² **won't have relaxed** / **won't be relaxing** on a beach somewhere to celebrate. Sarah and two friends ³ **will be walking** / **walk** across the Sahara Desert!

People ⁴ **leave** / **will have left** water and food at different places along the girls' route, but they ⁵ **will still be carrying** / **will still have carried** 25 kilograms of food, water and equipment on their backs every day. It will be too hot for Sarah and her friends to walk in the middle of the day, so they ⁶ **get** / **will be getting** up early in the morning to walk before it gets too hot. Then they'll rest in their tents until the evening.

'Our bodies ⁷ **will have got used** / **get used** to the high temperatures by then,' Sarah says, 'because we'll stay near the Sahara for a few weeks before we start the trip. But I ⁸ **doubt** / **'m fairly sure** it will be very comfortable to sit inside a tent in temperatures of 45°C! And lots of things ⁹ **could** / **may** not go wrong too. Strong winds ¹⁰ **will have** / **may** come in from the Atlantic and blow sand around. This is called a "sand storm", and if one ¹¹ **happen** / **happens** on our trip, we ¹² **aren't** / **won't** be able to see anything – or go outside our tents for days!'

2 Complete the sentences. Use the past perfect, past continuous, or (didn't) use to and the words below.

have	like	listen	lose	save	wait	walk	work
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- 1 Josh didn't eat much at the party because he _____ dinner earlier.
- 2 I _____ chocolate, but now I love it.
- 3 We arrived really late, and everyone _____ for us.
- 4 Mick and Yasmina became good friends while they _____ in the same company.
- 5 After Ryan and Katie _____ some money, they bought a house.
- 6 Sorry, what did you say? I _____ to you.
- 7 Sally _____ to school every morning, but now she cycles.
- 8 So, did Max start a business after he _____ his job?

3 Write the second sentence. Use the future continuous, future perfect, *could*, or the first conditional.

1. You can borrow this magazine tomorrow. I / read / it / by then.

2. The concert is at eight o'clock tonight. A few hours from now, / I / dance / to Rihanna.

3. That man is driving quite fast. He / have / an accident.

4. Have you sprained your ankle? It / not recover / if / you / not rest / it.

5. The homework is really easy. You / do / it all / by dinner.

6. We haven't booked a hotel in Rome. We / stay / with an aunt.

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets. Use prefixes and suffixes.

1 There's a lot of _____ (sad) in the film, but there are some happy scenes, too.

2 Drink some water, or you'll become _____ (hydrated).

3 'You lied to me!' Jake said _____ (angry). Then he walked out of the room.

4 I can't ride a bike at all! I'm _____ (hope).

5 It's a bad cut, but the doctor will put a _____ (dress) on it.

6 I'm not interested in world events or _____ (politic) news – I only look at the sports pages in the newspaper.

2 Complete the sentences with the words below. Use one word to complete two sentences.

bank

disgusting

frostbite

heat

intestines

oxygen

1 A chicken and banana sandwich – that sounds _____ !

2 Your heart and lungs work harder at high altitude because there's less _____ .

3 I haven't got any money in my wallet so I have to go to the _____ .

4 Put some gloves on. It's freezing, and you don't want to get _____ .

5 We walked along the river _____ , then went over the bridge.

6 That's a really big fire. I can feel the _____ of it from here.

7 It takes food about twenty hours to go all the way through your _____ .

3 Complete the text with the words below.

annoyed antibiotics bandage bones cut proud surprised

Hi Stacey,

I'm sorry I didn't come to your school play. I really wanted to come, but I had an accident last night – I fell off my bike. Luckily, I didn't break any ¹ _____, but I ² _____ my left hand badly on some glass in the road. The doctor put a ³ _____ on my hand, and he gave me some ⁴ _____ to take as well.

I'm really ⁵ _____ about missing your play. Everyone says it was great. I'm not ⁶ _____ that it went well because I know you've all been preparing for it for ages. I'm happy that your parents were there, too. I'm sure they feel very ⁷ _____ of you!

Gareth

Use of English

1 Read the text and complete gaps 1–10. Circle the correct answer A, B or C.

The photo shows a group of people ¹ ___ leggings and T-shirts in a park. I think it's a yoga class ² ___ some kind because they are all standing in the same position with their hands on their hips. I'd ³ ___ that the man ⁴ ___ a beard is the teacher because everyone is looking in his direction and trying to copy him. It's a class for advanced students I ⁵ ___ say because they all look very confident. One of the women is holding a belt, or something ⁶ ___ that to help her stretch her arms. There is also a man in the background who is sitting on ⁷ ___ ball to help him balance. In front of him, a woman ⁸ ___ a blue top has her foot on something purple that looks ⁹ ___ some kind of brick. The photo is ¹⁰ ___ likely an advert for a holiday camp because everyone looks like a model and they are all wearing designer sports clothes.

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| 1 | A are wearing | B wearing | C wear |
| 2 | A by | B for | C of |
| 3 | A tell | B say | C think |
| 4 | A with | B in | C wearing |
| 5 | A can | B will | C would |
| 6 | A like | B as | C for |
| 7 | A a sort of | B sorts of | C sort of |
| 8 | A who is with | B with | C with in |
| 9 | A as | B for | C like |
| 10 | A more | B much | C most |

Listening

- 1  2 Listen to two people talking about the preparations for a party. Choose the correct column.

Which person ...

	Claire	Gareth
1 isn't hungry, but wants to have a coffee?		
2 has a Welsh father and an Italian mother?		
3 thinks the other person should use social media?		
4 has got a lot of good music on a laptop?		
5 would like to wear a Spiderman costume to the party?		

Reading

- 1 Read the text. Match headings A–G with paragraphs 1–5. There are two extra headings.

Colour and you

1 ____

Did you know that different people see colours differently? Some people, called tetrachromats, can see more colours than most people. Others, called bichromats, see fewer colours. This is important because colours can make you feel – and behave – differently, too.

2 ____

If a boy in your class comes to school tomorrow in pink jeans, you'll be surprised. And you probably won't be having your next lesson in a red classroom. But how we feel about colour depends on who we are and where we are born. In many cultures, people traditionally dress little girls in pink, and little boys in blue. So when we grow up, men and women like or hate these colours. And red walls aren't popular in Europe because red means 'danger'. But in China, red means 'good luck'.

3 ____

Artists know that paintings with warm reds and yellows sell better than pictures with cold greens and blues because warm colours make us feel excited. They may also wake us up, so if you put a big red picture in your bedroom, you probably won't sleep well! Blue might be a cool colour, but it helps us to relax. And yellow often makes people feel happier. It could also help people to get better more quickly, so hospital walls often have warm, yellow pictures.

4 ____

What football shirt will you be wearing to the next match? In a recent documentary, scientists showed that players in red football shirts felt more confident, and played better than players in blue shirts. Professional sports people also gave more points to players in red!

5 ____

Not all animals can see colour, but people, monkeys and birds can see it well. This may be because people – and these animals – eat fruit. Fruit like oranges and bananas are green when they are small. When they change colour, our eyes tell us they are ready to eat. So next time you eat a tasty orange, think how lucky you are to see the colour orange!

- A Dress for success
- B We may be lucky to see in colour
- C What colours make food attractive?
- D How do you see colour?
- E Making different colours
- F The colours in your house
- G Colour and who you are