

File Test 1 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation B

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences with an auxiliary verb.

Example: Your brother plays the piano, doesn't he?

- 1 A We're going out for dinner tonight.
B So _____ we!
- 2 We both like Chinese food, but none of our children _____.
- 3 A I'd love to be a politician.
B _____ you? I think I'd find it much too stressful.
- 4 A Will Bettina be at the meeting today?
B No, she _____. She's in Brussels this week.
- 5 You've been to Mexico before, _____ you?
- 6 A I don't think Matteo wants to come on holiday with us this year.
B He _____ want to! He told me yesterday.

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2 Read the questions and complete the indirect questions.

Example: What time is the Glasgow train due?

Do you know what time the Glasgow train is due?

- 1 When does the film finish?
Do you know _____?
- 2 Where did I leave my car keys?
Did you see _____?
- 3 Why did Ali leave before the end of the meeting?
I wonder _____?
- 4 Can we bring guests to the barbecue?
Do you have any idea _____?
- 5 Where is the interview room?
Can you tell me _____?
- 6 What type of questions will you be asked in the interview?
Do you know _____?

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3 Order the words to make questions and sentences.

Example: Elsa / the / enjoy / didn't / film / ?

Didn't Elsa enjoy the film?

- 1 know / experience / about / like / work / to / I'd / more / your / .
- 2 mobile / I / where / my / remember / can't / I / left / phone / !
- 3 to / aren't / you / home / glad / didn't / you / go / that / decide / ?
- 4 interview / the / suit / should / I / this / wear / to / ?
- 5 haven't / , / met / you've / Martine / you / before / ?
- 6 seen / film / the / you've / isn't / this / ever / best / ?
- 7 car / more / , / the / older / it'll / the / need / the / repairs / .
- 8 have / how / worked / companies / you / many / for / ?

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VOCABULARY

4 Choose the correct words for the definitions.

geek candidate foolproof mystery weird gut feeling job-seeker

Example: an unusual situation or puzzle that nobody can solve mystery

- 1 so easy to use that it cannot fail or be used wrongly _____
- 2 person who has applied for a job _____
- 3 a strong sense that something is right or true, but you can give no good reason why _____
- 4 person who knows a lot about a particular subject _____
- 5 very strange and unusual _____
- 6 person looking for employment _____

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5 Underline the correct word.

Example: Actually, the presentation was a bit **enjoyable** / **boring** / interesting.

- 1 My cousin's nice but he can be a bit **open-minded** / **narrow-minded** / **good-tempered** at times.
- 2 This cake is extremely **alright** / **delicious** / **OK**.
- 3 I like working with Adnan but he is rather **well-behaved** / **strong-willed** / **hard-working** at times.
- 4 I think Rita is being quite **well-balanced** / **self-centred** / **self-confident**. We should work together as a team.

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6 Complete the words in the sentences.

Example: Sean's really easy-going – he'll be a good boss.

- 1 Tara's very good-**n**_____. I've never seen her get angry.
- 2 I think my life's pretty well-**b**_____ overall. I do work hard but I also manage to spend time with my family.
- 3 Why did you say that to Alana when you told me the opposite? You're so two-**f**_____!
- 4 Lukas is so **b**_____ -headed – he's always talking about how good he is at basketball!
- 5 Annie isn't very open to new ideas – she's quite **n**_____ -minded.
- 6 I'm so **a**_____ -minded these days – I've forgotten my PIN number again!
- 7 It's hard to get Stephan to spend money – he's really tight-**f**_____.
- 8 If Olivia wants something she works hard until she gets it – she's extremely strong-**w**_____.
- 9 Ahmed will be relaxed about the interview – he's really **i**_____ -back.
- 10 You're so **s**_____ -centred. You should think about other people for a change!

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Read the article about an unusual storybook. Five sentences have been removed. Which sentence (A–F) fits each gap (1–5)? There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

The Puzzle of Masquerade

Everyone likes a good story, but few tales have thrilled readers more than *Masquerade*, a storybook written and illustrated by the British artist Kit Williams. As soon as it was published in 1979, people realized *Masquerade* was a storybook unlike any other. It was a work of fiction with a fascinating puzzle attached: each detailed painting in the book held a clue that could lead the reader to real buried treasure – an intricate piece of gold jewellery in the shape of a hare.

(---- 1 ----) The story caused an international sensation, started the UK's biggest ever treasure hunt, and sold over a million copies worldwide. Overnight, Kit Williams, the shy artist, became world-famous. Over the next two years, he received more than a hundred letters a day, but he would not give away his secret. It would be three years until the jewel's hiding place was revealed.

William's had set a difficult and thrilling challenge. The book's fifteen paintings were decorative with plenty of details designed to lead the readers in the wrong direction. The story follows Jack Hare on a special journey to deliver a precious jewel from the moon to the sun with whom she was in love. Along the way he meets various animals and people who give him difficult puzzles to solve. (---- 2 ----) He had buried it in a special case with the message, *'I am the keeper of the jewel of the Masquerade, which lies waiting safe inside me for you ... or eternity'* written on it.

In order to solve the main part of the puzzle, you had to look carefully at each of the fifteen paintings. Then you had to draw a line from the eye of each character Jack Hare meets through their hand or paw to a word at the edge of the page. When you put the first letters of each word together, they read, 'Close by Amphill'. (---- 3 ----)

The puzzle was first solved by two physics teachers, but despite this they did not end up with the treasure. Although they dug in Amphill Park, where the jewel was buried, they couldn't find it. This is because Williams had intended the edge of a shadow from the statue in the park to indicate where the treasure was buried – but only at twelve noon on the day of either the Spring or Autumn equinox (when day and night are equal). The two teachers realized this so they decided to come back at the equinox in March.

But before they could return, the treasure was found by a man known as Ken Thomas. (---- 4 ----) They began to think that perhaps he had not solved the puzzle at all. Then several years later, a newspaper printed a story which revealed that 'Thomas' was actually operating under a false name. He knew Williams' ex-girlfriend who had apparently guessed the location of the treasure based on a visit she and Williams had once made to Amphill together. Sadly, it seemed the puzzle had not genuinely been solved after all.

The golden hare was sold privately and disappeared. Williams was very upset and stayed away from the media, but he continued painting and creating artworks. Then, over twenty years later, Williams returned to public life with an exhibition of his art. This received a lot of publicity and he agreed to feature in a BBC TV documentary. The makers of the

documentary wanted to know what had happened to the golden hare which had not been seen for twenty years. They traced its owner, and he agreed to display it at Williams' exhibition. When Williams saw the hare again, he said he felt emotional but proud. (----- 5 -----) There are websites devoted to the genius of Williams' work, which explain how to solve each of the complex puzzles, and Ampthill still remains a popular destination for Masquerade fans decades later.

- A This gave away the location – a small town Williams had once lived near.
- B While Masquerade had had a disappointing ending, for many, the wonder and fascination of it lives on.
- C The jewel in the story is, of course, the real jewel that Williams had handcrafted from gold and precious stones.
- D However, Masquerade fans soon became suspicious because he would not talk about or share what he'd found.
- E In the days before social media, no one could have predicted the effect Masquerade's publication would have.
- F There were rumours that the buyer paid over three million pounds for the jewellery.

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