Test units 1-2

Modal verbs: *Might, could, may* and *can*

1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

1 I've sent everyone a reminder about the party next week because some people *can/could* have forgotten.

2 Try this cake – you *may/can* like it.

3 This car *can/might* reach speeds of 300km an hour, although it's not possible to go that fast on the road!

4 I didn't know why you weren't speaking to me. I thought I *can/may* have done something wrong.

5 Our football coach *can/may* be really strict sometimes, although he always gets the best out of us.

6 I *could/might* not be the best cook in the world, but I know how to make a few nice dishes.

7 You *can't/might not* use your phone in here – please switch it off.

8 I wasn't expecting a conversation, but you *could/may* at least have said 'hello' to me when I arrived!

9 *Can/May* you try opening the window for me, please? It seems to be stuck.

10 I'm only halfway through my work, so I *might/could* not finish it before tomorrow morning.

Adverbs of degree

2 Complete the sentences with the correct answers (A, B, C or D).

1 My brother is a _____ qualified swimming instructor.

A fully **B** wholly **C** totally **D** completely

2 You can't speak like that to me. It's _____ unacceptable.

A fairly **B** extremely **C** bitterly **D** wholly

3 I _____ regret not training properly for the competition. I could have won.

A bitterly **B** fiercely **C** highly **D** entirely

4 I didn't go to the beach at the weekend like I usually do. I went somewhere different.

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A fully **B** entirely **C** perfectly **D** bitterly

5 I don't need help carrying these bags. I'm capable of doing it myself, thanks.

A extremely **B** fiercely **C** too **D** perfectly

6 Leo is only eight years old, but it's already clear that he's gifted when it comes to playing the piano.

A highly **B** utterly **C** totally **D** completely

7 I thought my test results were good, although I could have done better.

A quite **B** utterly **C** completely **D** absolutely

8 I'm ambitious when it comes to sports – I always want to win, no matter what.

A entirely **B** perfectly **C** fiercely **D** absolutely

9 We're exhausted after driving for nine hours.

A totally **B** very **C** too **D** fully

10 It can be tiring to smile and be polite to people all day long.

A highly **B** wholly **C** completely **D** very

Talking about the past

3 Complete each gap with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1 I (*never/use/like*) coffee, but I drink a lot of it now.

2 It's been a long time since my brother and I (*see*) each other.

3 I liked the town I lived in. I used to go cycling a lot by the river if I (*have*) time.

4 I (*hear*) a lot about Sam before I actually met him, so it felt like I already knew him.

5 I'd rather you (*not/call*) me after 10 o'clock at night, if you don't mind.

6 We (*stay*) in a tent, but we moved into a hotel when it started raining.

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7 Andy (*not speak*) to me at all since I arrived. Is anything wrong?

8 (*eat*) a big lunch, I won't have anything else today.

9 Tomorrow will be the second time that I (*watch*) the new *Star Wars*® film.

10 Max (*work*) a lot recently, which is why he's so tired and irritable.

Nouns in formal English

4 Rewrite the sentences in a more formal style.

1 It's difficult for me to focus on work when I'm listening to music. When listening to music, I tend to lose on my work.

2 I was really embarrassed when my friends posted all those photos of me online. When my friends posted my photos online, it caused me .

3 I was so disappointed when I got my exam results. Seeing my exam results gave me a sense of .

4 Why don't you try being a bit more responsible?
You ought to take more for your actions.

5 That customer wasn't very satisfied, was she? The customer expressed her .

6 Kids tend to want to be a bit more independent when they get to the age of eight. When reaching the age of eight, children often express the desire to have more .

7 Hannah's really been improving at tennis recently, hasn't she? There has been a recent in Hannah's tennis skills.

8 When you're in class, you should listen to the teacher. Please pay to the teacher in class.

9 I have been working for this bank for five years.
My period of for this bank started five years ago.

10 I applied for the job two weeks ago, but I haven't heard anything about it yet. Despite my for the job two weeks ago, I have yet to hear anything.

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Nouns

5 Complete each gap with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1 We are performing on stage tomorrow, but we are meeting tonight for one final (*rehearse*).

2 The (*neighbour*) I live in is popular with families with young children.

3 It's important to eat a (*vary*) of food to get as much nutrition as possible.

4 The children walked into the cinema after the film had started, much to our (*annoy*).

5 The writer's latest novel has been praised for its (*origin*).

6 I had to go online to find an (*explain*) of how this software works.

7 After three attempts, I managed to reach the top of the mountain – my (*persist*) finally paid off.

8 Due to a long period of hot, dry weather, there is a (*short*) of water in the region.

9 It's important to encourage children to read for (*please*) and develop a love of books.

10 There is a (*vacant*) for the role of coach in our local football team.

Changes

6 Complete the sentences with the correct answers (A, B or C).

1 Sara is almost always late. I don't think she'll ever change her .

A ways **B** side **C** tune

2 It didn't take me long to to my new laptop, and now I much prefer it to my old one.

A vary **B** alter **C** adapt

3 It was around this time last year that I jobs.

A adjusted **B** transformed **C** switched

4 The company has announced that it will be making changes over the next five years to completely transform its business plans.

A economic **B** sudden **C** sweeping

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5 When I started university, I was studying literature, but I to journalism in my second year.

A switched **B** converted **C** varied

6 Maria wasn't interested in the party, but she soon her tune when she realised who was going.

A shifted **B** changed **C** adjusted

7 Can we seats, please? I can't see the screen from here.

A vary **B** transfer **C** change

8 We're thinking of converting this room a bedroom. What do you think?

A into **B** as **C** for

9 I need to the strap on this bag to make it shorter.

A adjust **B** switch **C** convert

10 It's really annoying when we're talking about something and you suddenly the subject.

A modify **B** change **C** adjust

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