

UNIT 4: LANGUAGE TEST A

GRAMMAR

Task 1

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use contractions where possible.

- 1 If experts are to be believed, the world population (reach) almost ten billion by the year 2050.
- 2 If they hadn't built a factory near our village, my family (not move) house.
- 3 If I want to go shopping, I (catch) the bus from my town to Manchester. It only takes thirty minutes to get there.
- 4 If I had a dog, I (walk) it every day in our local park. It's only five minutes from my house.
- 5 If it rains heavily, the road near our house (flood) and we can't get into the nearby village.
- 6 If we don't hear from the town planners about our planned house extension soon, Dad (phone) them.
- 7 If I lived in a village, I (learn) to drive. That way, I could visit my friends.
- 8 If the bus hadn't been late, I (see) the start of the film.

Task 2

Complete the sentences with these words/phrases.

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- 9 I wouldn't move to the country I had to. I much prefer living in the city.
- 10 I didn't have to share a bedroom with my younger sister. She's so annoying!
- 11 I I lived near the sea. I'd walk on the beach every day.
- 12 It's really annoying there are traffic jams. It takes twice as long to get to school.
- 13 My dad's company will pay for us to move to the city he stays with the company for three years.
- 14 Can you give me your mobile number I need to phone you?
- 15 My mum is happy to move to the city the house has a big garden.

VOCABULARY

Task 1

Complete the sentences with the correct compound nouns. The first letter of each word is given.

- 16 They are planning a new a..... c..... next to the river, with great views.
- 17 The w..... c..... were perfect for skiing. It was cold, with blue skies and the snow was powdery, not icy.
- 18 I always try to use p..... t..... when getting about the city. The bus lanes mean it's much quicker than going by car.
- 19 We got lost in the middle of the city because the t..... s..... were so confusing. My dad didn't know which way to drive so we asked someone for directions.
- 20 There aren't enough p..... s..... where people my age can meet up safely.
- 21 My grandparents live near a small village in a pretty little c..... c..... . The rooms are really small, but they are charming.
- 22 The recent h..... c..... means that there are many families living in overcrowded conditions.
- 23 At the council meeting, the t..... p..... agreed the project to build a new leisure complex.

Task 2

Read the text and complete the gaps with one word only.

Have your say!

Do you wish you had a place to hang out with other young people in your town or city? Well, perhaps you should tell your local council. (24) a start, they may know of a place where you can meet people of a similar age. In (25) , one city council has asked for suggestions for a place that could be used (26) a centre point. (27) least you could do the same and make a real (28) to the lives of others. It's important not to have (29) of date ideas so find out what people your own age want first. And you should keep them informed of progress so that they don't (30) interest.

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USE OF ENGLISH

Task 1

Read the text and complete the gaps with one word only.

An ideal park

Do you (31) there was a park for young people where you live? Well, in Boulder, Colorado, USA, people your age were asked (32) they would like to see in city parks. Top of the list was WiFi. 'I couldn't do my homework (33) there was a study space with WiFi,' said Kim. They'd also like to see more cafes, (34) that they offer a wide range of food options. Young people also wanted places (35) they could create art, such as a graffiti wall. Also important were play spaces on (36) that they were for all ages, not just young children. 'I'd like to see ping-pong tables,' and 'It (37) be fantastic if there was a zip wire,' were some of the comments. They also wanted to listen to music so we showed them a park where young people could connect their own phone to a music system, hang out and dance. 'If (38) our park had one! We'd go there all the time!' Important to this age group is safety, and they asked for lighting in (39) they were in the park after dark. Lastly, water features were popular. 'If we (40) these, we could play with our younger brothers and sisters in them,' said Kelly.

Task 2

Read the article and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

City break: destination London

In my next school holiday, my parents are taking me on a city break to London. We'll be staying in an apartment (41), which will give us more freedom than staying in a hotel. It's close to a couple of supermarkets, which is (42) for shopping for food. It's also (43) to the centre as it's near a tube station. We're flying to Heathrow airport from where we'll catch the (44) train to the centre, then we'll take a taxi to our apartment. So what will we see? (45) a start, London is one of the best cities to visit in Europe with lots of places (46) the Natural History Museum. We're going to be (47) foot most of the time, though we will use the tube a lot too. We want to go on the London Eye at night as we've heard the views (48) your breath away. It will be my first visit to London so I want to see all the usual tourist (49), like Big Ben and Buckingham Palace. I also want to go to Westfield, which is a big shopping (50) in West London.

41 A group

42 A useless

43 A insulated

44 A secure

45 A For

46 A as

47 A at

48 A take

49 A visits

50 A amenities

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B imposing

B remote

B express

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C high-speed

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C signs

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D hall

D urban

D well-connected

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D park

UNIT 4: SKILLS TEST A

READING

Task 1

You are going to read an article about underground transport in different cities. For questions 11–18, choose from the young people A–D. The young people may be chosen more than once.

Which young person/people:

- 11** believes the look of their trains is well-known?
- 12** mentions the need to be aware of other passengers?
- 13** has a long journey, even on a good day?
- 14** chooses to use the metro as the best form of transport to a particular place?
- 15** can use another form of transport at no extra cost?
- 16** believes there are certain circumstances when users should get their money back?
- 17** mentions you should have the right money before buying a ticket?
- 18** thinks that their metro is one of the most technologically advanced?

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Young travellers

Four young people talk about underground transport in their city.

A Svetlana, Moscow

I take the metro to college because it's the fastest way to get there. You can use it to reach almost anywhere in the city and it operates from 5.30 a.m. to 1.00 a.m., seven days a week. I usually catch a train at 8.05 a.m. and arrive at college forty minutes later. Our metro is simple to use, though if you can't read Russian it can seem complicated so it's a good idea to look at the official website to plan your journey. I'd also advise using the English map of the system as it has both the Russian and English station names. As well as being an efficient transport system, the Moscow Metro is a unique underground museum with stations boasting wonderful wall paintings and stained glass that are guaranteed to take passengers' breath away.

B Anya, Berlin

I use the U-Bahn, or Berlin metro, at weekends to hang out with friends. Its famous yellow trains run on weekdays from 4.00 a.m. till 1.00 a.m., after which you need to get a night bus. At the weekend, trains run all through the night. The U-Bahn is clean, reliable and easy to use. There are no ticket offices so you have to use the ticket machines which only accept five and ten Euro coins and notes. There are no entrance or exit gates at the stations either, so you should validate your ticket by stamping it at a box on the platform before boarding a train. If you are asked by an inspector to show a valid ticket and do not have one, the fine is very expensive, so don't even think about risking it! Because of the excellent transport system in the city centre, rush hours aren't crowded and even if you can't get a seat there is plenty of standing room.

C Rick, London

The Tube covers a lot of the city and trains run from 5.00 a.m. to midnight, though there's the Night Tube on some lines at weekends. I use this when going out with my friends, but I also take the Tube every day to get to university and my journey usually takes around an hour. When the service is running fine, there are regular trains. But, as the oldest underground system in the world, it suffers from technical faults and delays. In my opinion this happens too often and users should get a refund. It's expensive if you pay for individual journeys so it's best for visitors to buy a Travelcard, which allows unlimited travel in specified zones for a day. Regular travellers can pay in advance if they have a digital card. There are plenty of maps showing the lines and zones in stations and on the trains. The service often gets crowded and you are expected to give up your seat for those who are elderly, disabled or pregnant. Special badges have been introduced for pregnant women and people with conditions that aren't always visible, reading 'Please offer me a seat'.

D Min Jun, Seoul

The subway, which runs daily from 5.30 a.m. to midnight, is very fast and efficient but I still have a journey of at least an hour and a half to college. Our subway is the envy of planners the world over with its high-tech design and services. It is one of the only metro systems where passengers can always use mobile phones and access WiFi. In addition, the trains are fitted with TV screens and have air conditioning in the summer and heated seats in the winter, which I love! If you buy a single ticket, you also have to pay a deposit, which you can get back when you return the ticket card to a machine at your destination. For more journeys, a digital card which you can use until the money runs out might be a better idea. With this, you can transfer between subway stations and buses as many as five times for no additional fare if you complete your journey within thirty minutes.