

INTERMEDIATE (B1)
MID-TERM TEST - 2025

USE OF ENGLISH

1. Complete the email with the present simple or continuous form of the verbs.

Hi Marco,

How's everything? Things are pretty busy here at the moment!

My sister _____ (stay) with us for a couple of weeks because she _____ (look for) a new apartment. She _____ (not / like) staying in one place for too long, so I _____ (think) she'll move again soon! In general, I _____ (not / mind) having her here. She's great company.

At work, we _____ (launch) a new project this month, so everyone _____ (work) longer hours than usual. My boss _____ (be / usually) quite calm, but not these days! She _____ (not / realise) how much extra work it creates for the team!

On the bright side, I _____ (belong) to a new running club now, and I _____ (meet) some really nice people there. We _____ (train) for a marathon at the moment, so I _____ (get up) at 6 a.m. every day and go for a run with the team.

Write soon and tell me your news!

Take care,

Sophie

2. Complete the sentences with the correct -ing or to + infinitive.

- 1 We agreed _____ (meet) at six o'clock.
- 2 Before _____ (leave), we must close all the windows
- 3 Can you imagine _____ (live) in a house next to the sea?
- 4 They expect _____ (arrive) early in the morning.
- 5 _____ (drink) a lot of coffee gives me a headache.
- 6 I'd like _____ (watch) a film this evening.
- 7 She doesn't mind _____ (lend) me her car.

3. Complete the anecdote with the **past simple**, **past continuous** or **past perfect** form of the verbs in brackets.

Last year, I ¹_____ (wait) for a job interview in a café when something really embarrassing happened. I ²_____ (order) a coffee and ³_____ (sit) down at a table near the window. A woman ⁴_____ (already / sit) there, working on her laptop, so I just smiled and got my notes ready. While I ⁵_____ (practise) my answers out loud, quietly, I noticed people were staring at me. I ⁶_____ (not realise) I was talking so loudly! The woman ⁷_____ (hear) everything, and she ⁸_____ (laugh) softly. I felt my face turning red. Then she told me she ⁹_____ (do) the exact same thing before her first job interview years ago. It turned out she ¹⁰_____ (work) at the same company I was applying to! We ended up chatting for twenty minutes, and she gave me some great tips. In the end, I ¹¹_____ (get) the job — and I later found out she ¹²_____ (mention) our conversation to the hiring manager!

4. Choose the correct option.



Leo

As you can see from this photo, I quit my job and opened a small bakery! It's **quite a big / pretty a big / quite big** change, but I'm loving it so far. I work **a lot more / lot more / a bit more** of hours than before, but I don't mind because I finally love what I do. It was **quite / quite a / fair a** scary decision at first, not going to lie.



Priya

That sounds **quite an / pretty a / quite** exciting! I'm a bit jealous, honestly. My job is **fairly a / a quite / pretty** boring these days, because I do the same thing every single day. I'd like to have **a lot / a lot more / lot more** freedom in my schedule, like you do now.



Dan

I get it. I think my life is **reasonable / reasonably / reasonably a** comfortable already, but I'd like to work **a bit less / bit less / a bit fewer**.

5. Complete each sentence with two words. You may need to change the form of the verb to fit the sentence.

The verb and the preposition are not always in the same order.

friendly / get / touch / look / take
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on / up / with / after / in

- 1 He's _____ Faisal and Tristan. They have a nice time together.
- 2 Ruth's going to stay _____ with us by email.
- 3 Don't you think she _____ her mother? They're very similar.
- 4 Phillip _____ to his grandfather. He respects him a lot.
- 5 I don't _____ well with Brandon. I don't like his opinions.

6. Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 I hope to have a **career / profession** as a nurse in the future.
- 2 My mother **runs / responsible for** an online fashion company.
- 3 Hassan works **part-time / full-time** so he only works on Saturday mornings.
- 4 I was **out of work / without work** for a few months, but I've got a job now.
- 5 You need the right **qualifications / wages** if you want to be a lawyer.
- 6 My **money / wages** are quite low so it's hard to save money.

7. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

characters ending fairytales hero performances
plot storyteller TV shows

- 1 There are lots of _____ about cooking. They're on all the channels.
- 2 I prefer films that finish with a happy _____.
- 3 Children love _____ because of the magic and unusual animals.
- 4 In most action films, the _____ stops something terrible from happening.
- 5 The _____ of the book was hard to follow because too many things were happening.
- 6 My uncle was a brilliant _____. I loved it when he read to me.
- 7 There are two main _____ in the book and they're called Jimmy and Jan.
- 8 There will be music and dance _____ every day at the music festival.