

# GRAMMAR

## 1 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- Gemma joined a gym ..... order to get fit.
- He closed the office door so ..... no one could hear what he said.
- In order ..... to miss the train, I left work early.
- I posted her present today ..... that she'll get it on her birthday.
- They always turn on the radio at 6 o'clock so ..... to listen to the news.
- I made a note of the appointment in my diary ..... as not to forget it.
- Jon went to Paris last year ..... study French.
- Mario stopped buying lunch at work ..... as to save money.

## 2 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the postcard.

Hi Arianne,

I'm having a great time in Sicily. The weather is much <sup>1</sup>**hotter / hottest** than at home and we've been to the beach almost every day. The food is <sup>2</sup>**better / best** here, too – yesterday I had the <sup>3</sup>**good / best** pizza I've ever eaten!

I'm staying in an apartment in a town called Cefalù. It isn't as <sup>4</sup>**nice / nicer** as the one we stayed in last year in Athens, but it's comfortable and it was far <sup>5</sup>**less / least** expensive.

On Tuesday I went to Palermo, the capital of Sicily, for the day. It's full of historic buildings and it was much <sup>6</sup>**more / most** beautiful than I thought it would be.

The people here are some of the <sup>7</sup>**friendlier / friendliest** I've ever met and I've been practising my Italian all week. I'm definitely speaking <sup>8</sup>**much confidently / more confidently** than when I first arrived here.

Tell you more when I'm back next week!

Sofia

## 3 The sentences below have a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.

- Do you like my sister's necklace? I made it yourself.  
a ourselves    b herself    c myself
- I had the washing machine repair last week.  
a repairing    b repaired    c repairs
- You look beautiful! Have you get your hair done?  
a got    b getting    c had
- Josh isn't here, but I'll have him to call you back as soon as he can.  
a got    b get    c had

## 4 Add so or such to each sentence.

- It's a hot day today!
- I'm excited about visiting you next week.
- The hotel had a relaxed atmosphere that I wanted to stay longer.
- You look young in this photo!
- There was much noise in the office that I couldn't concentrate.
- We had a great time in Istanbul.
- The hotel was far from the station that we had to take a taxi.
- Deirdra is a pleasant person that everyone likes her.

## 5 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- We grew up in Morocco, so **we're / we get** used to hot weather.
- It took me a long time to **be / get** used to living on a boat, but I love it now.
- I'm exhausted! I'm **not / I didn't get** used to staying up so late.
- How long did it take you to **get / be** used to driving on the left?
- I found speaking Polish really difficult at first, but **I'm / I got** used to it now.
- I liked living in Budapest, but I never **got / was** used to the traffic.
- When we lived in London we **were used / used** to visit a museum every weekend.
- At first, she hated working at the weekends, but **she's / she got** used to it now.

## 6 For each question, write the correct answer. Write one word for each gap.

### Around the world in 79 days

In 2017, cyclist Mark Beaumont made history by cycling round the world in seventy-nine days. His idea for the challenge came from the book *Around the World in 80 Days*. The main character, Phileas Fogg, tries to travel around the world in eighty days using trains and boats. Mark wanted to be as fast <sup>1</sup> ..... as Phileas using just a bike.

Mark <sup>2</sup> ..... used to long cycle trips because he had already cycled around the world in 2008. He rode 18,000 miles in <sup>3</sup> ..... to complete the challenge. He cycled for sixteen hours every day for eleven weeks and spent <sup>4</sup> ..... a long time on his bike that his body began to change.

He faced other difficulties, too. Early on, he fell off his bike and broke a tooth. He had to <sup>5</sup> ..... it repaired by one of his support team.

Mark broke the world record and was forty-four days quicker <sup>6</sup> ..... his previous attempt.

## VOCABULARY

- 7 Complete the social media posts with the correct words. Some letters are given.

**Hey guys! I'm hoping to visit Edinburgh this summer. Any tips?**

### Comments

Stay in the Old Town if you can – it's really impressive and full of 'his \_\_\_\_\_ buildings.

Book a hotel in 'ad \_\_\_\_\_. They book up quickly in the summer.

Take a raincoat and warm clothes! The weather is completely 'unpr \_\_\_\_\_, even in the summer.

Climb Arthur's Seat – it's a great way to 'esc \_\_\_\_\_ the noise of the city.

Visit in August if possible – the 'atm \_\_\_\_\_ during the Edinburgh Festival is amazing!

Rent a bike. There are loads of cycle 'la \_\_\_\_\_ to go on, so it's a good way to get around the city.

Definitely visit the Castle. The tickets are expensive but it's 'wo \_\_\_\_\_ it.

There are lots of good hostels and the prices are more 'reas \_\_\_\_\_ than the hotels.

- 8 Match the sentence beginnings (1–8) with the endings (a–f).

- 1 It's a very cool area with lots of colourful
  - 2 My brother used to be quite angry and
  - 3 I usually read some reviews before I make
  - 4 Elena is good at thinking on
  - 5 I've found a yoga class that's suitable
  - 6 We wanted to climb Mont Blanc but the weather
- a an expensive purchase.
  - b for beginners and not too challenging.
  - c murals on the buildings.
  - d conditions were awful and we had to turn back.
  - e her feet and making quick decisions.
  - f aggressive when he lost a football game.

- 9 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

direct donation receipt run-down speed stable

- 1 Instead of buying my dad a birthday present, I made a \_\_\_\_\_ to his favourite charity.
- 2 Jin is very \_\_\_\_\_. She always says exactly what she thinks.
- 3 The \_\_\_\_\_ limit here is 20 km/hour.
- 4 I live in a \_\_\_\_\_ neighbourhood with lots of crime and social problems.
- 5 Suki wants to take her new jacket back to the shop, but she's lost the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Make sure that the ladder is \_\_\_\_\_, or you'll fall and hurt yourself!

- 10 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 Rob hates waiting in queues, because he's not very \_\_\_\_\_.  
a confident b patient c pleasant
- 2 Maryam always buys clothes from the same shops – \_\_\_\_\_ loyalty is important to her.  
a shop b company c brand
- 3 That phone looks good, it's a reasonable price and \_\_\_\_\_ quality.  
a bargain b decent c solid
- 4 The project was very difficult at the beginning, but we weathered the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a storm b rain c winter
- 5 There's no extra \_\_\_\_\_ to use the wi-fi on this train.  
a money b fare c charge
- 6 It took seven hours to get to the hotel, but we \_\_\_\_\_ our journey halfway.  
a broke b paused c damaged

- 11 Complete the advert with the words in the box.

availability bargain challenging charge  
community impressive risking unfamiliar

## Forest Fitness

Are you tired of regular exercise classes? Do you want to try something new? Then come and book a taster class and try something different at the Forest Fitness Centre. Our group classes have a real sense of \_\_\_\_\_, so you are sure to make friends while you work out!

Unlike a gym, where you're stuck inside a building, our classes take place outside in the fresh air. The surroundings might seem \_\_\_\_\_ to begin with, but you'll soon get to know every corner of the forest. Our classes take place whether there's rain, sun or snow! Bad weather can make even the easiest exercises more \_\_\_\_\_, so you know you're getting a good workout!

Set deep in the woods of a grand, \_\_\_\_\_ castle, our trainers will help you reach your fitness goals without \_\_\_\_\_ any injury. There's no \_\_\_\_\_ for your first class, and if you like it, you can buy your next five classes at a \_\_\_\_\_ price!

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