

Life Vision Upper-intermediate Unit Test 1 A

A Grammar: Past perfect continuous and simple

Complete the sentence with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 When Anh Long arrived at school, he realized he _____ (leave) his homework on the bus.
- 2 Filip was tired because he _____ (clean) his apartment for three hours.
- 3 Kate and Max _____ (know) each other for three years before they got married.
- 4 Henry _____ (play) tennis for five years before he won his first competition.
- 5 Jack forgot that he _____ (promise) to help his sister with her homework.
- 6 Molly _____ (try) to unlock the door for ten minutes when she realized the lock was broken.

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B Grammar: Habits

Choose the correct words from the box to complete the sentences. There are three words / phrases you do not need.

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- 1 When Ajay was young, he _____ to hate eating fruit and vegetables.
- 2 Grandad, when you were young, _____ to write letters?
- 3 When we lived in New York, we _____ hearing traffic at night.
- 4 I am _____ living in the countryside.
- 5 When Emily got home from school every day, she _____ check her social media accounts.
- 6 Jack _____ enjoy walking in the mountains, but he loves it now.

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C Grammar: Habits

Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence using the words given. Use between two and five words and do not use contractions.

- 1 When we were young, Zak and I always took the same bus to school.
(used)
Zak and I _____ the same bus to school when we were young.
- 2 Tom is learning to communicate in Polish, but it wasn't easy at first.
(is)
Tom _____ in Polish, but it wasn't easy at first.
- 3 In the past, George didn't get along with his brother, but he does now.
(use)
George _____ along with his brother, but he does now.
- 4 It's normal for Andy to cook his own meals.
(used)
Andy _____ his own meals.
- 5 When we visited Grandad, he always told us jokes.
(would)
Grandad _____ us jokes when we visited him.

- 6 When you were a child, what did you do at weekends, Mum?
(use)
Mum, what _____ at weekends when you were a child?

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D Vocabulary: Understanding topic vocabulary

Read the sentence and choose the correct answer.

- It can be ___ to your confidence when your teacher tells you that you're doing well.
A ☐ an experience B ☐ a boost C ☐ a gain
- The coach says Ben ___ the potential to be the best volleyball player in his year.
A ☐ picks B ☐ puts C ☐ has
- My grandad was the person who ___ to go to university and get a degree.
A ☐ inspired me B ☐ was hopeless at C ☐ was capable of
- Andy tried skateboarding, but he ___ at it and kept falling off!
A ☐ was motivated B ☐ picked up the basics C ☐ was hopeless
- After many years, Emma was finally able to ___ of becoming a racing driver.
A ☐ be motivated B ☐ fulfil her dream C ☐ overcome a problem
- It's sometimes difficult to ___ and do your homework every day.
A ☐ attempt B ☐ be motivated C ☐ have the potential

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E Vocabulary: Understanding topic vocabulary

Complete the sentences with one word.

- It's not true that the _____ generation don't use technology; my grandmother often posts on social media.
- Grandad has to work for five more years before he can take _____ and relax.
- In _____ age, people often think back on their lives and plan for the years ahead.
- One way to acquire a _____ language is to live in the country where it's spoken.
- I love maths, but I'm not good at _____ arithmetic and always use a calculator.
- Oscar reads a lot of books and so he has an _____ vocabulary.

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F Vocabulary: Understanding topic vocabulary

Choose the correct words from the box to complete the sentences. There are three words you do not need.

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- Dad was able to _____ up the basics of how to play video games.
- Now you've finished your course, it's time to put the _____ into practice.
- I hope to _____ some experience by doing volunteer work.
- Ben is going to _____ his first marathon tomorrow – wish him luck!
- My teacher helped me _____ a problem I had with giving class presentations.
- Watch an online _____ to find out how to use your digital camera.

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G Reading: Understanding new words

Read the text and choose the correct answer.

When you become a police officer or a lawyer, you are no longer an ordinary person who can afford to commit a minor offence, such as a parking or speeding offence and suffer the punishment of an official warning or a fine. As soon as you are in a profession that represents the law you must adhere to every law completely, no matter what the situation is.

1 The phrase *adhere to every law* means ____.

- A ☐ impose every law
- B ☐ obey every law
- C ☐ understand every law

To conclude my annual report, I would like to extend my thanks to our volunteers. Without them, we could not operate. They are all willing to go above and beyond what is asked of them, stepping in whenever they are needed. In tirelessly carrying out their roles for our charity, they have not only made people more aware of our organization, but have also improved our reputation.

2 When the report says that the volunteers are *willing to go above and beyond*, it means that they are ____ the charity.

- A ☐ happy to work harder than expected for
- B ☐ familiar with the working practices of
- C ☐ hoping to increase the hours they work for

It is true that bread takes time to make, but it's not hands-on time. Most bread can be made with only ten minutes' worth of effort. The rest is all waiting – for the bread to rise, for it to bake, for it to cool. During these stages, the baker doesn't need to be actively involved in the process, as the bread will get on with it by itself.

3 The writer uses *hands-on time* to mean ____.

- A ☐ the careful timing of each stage of bread-making
- B ☐ the time when you are doing something to the bread
- C ☐ the time you need to make a loaf of bread

Creativity is essential in a world that needs an imaginative and innovative workforce. Some people believe that studying arts subjects increases social mobility by motivating students from low-income families into higher education, and research indicates that a university degree is key to improving status and income. Although in reality, they may be just as demanding, degrees in arts subjects are often regarded as being easier to access than science subjects.

4 The text says some people believe that studying the arts increases social mobility because it leads to more students ____.

- A ☐ learning creative skills
- B ☐ being motivated to work hard
- C ☐ getting well-paid jobs

The Nature Trust's Tree of the Year competition aims to highlight how vital trees are for our landscapes and our lives. This year's winner is a tree that stands alone on a Scottish coastline, making a striking impression on a windswept beach. The tree, memorable in its lonely beauty, was chosen from hundreds suggested via social media by nature lovers across the country.

5 The tree is *striking* because ____.

- A ☐ it's the people's choice
- B ☐ it attracts your attention
- C ☐ it resists the wind

From: Venue manager
To: All staff
Subject: Employee of the year

I would like to announce that Elizabeth Wood has been named as employee of the year for her instrumental role in our success over the past 12 months. Without Elizabeth's realistic targets and imaginative strategies, we would not have succeeded in doubling our audience sizes. However, my thanks also go to every one of our hard-working staff for helping us to achieve these goals.

- 6 When the manager talks about Elizabeth's *instrumental role* in the venue's success they mean ____.
- A ☐ she played a key part in the achievement
B ☐ she encouraged the staff to work hard
C ☐ she had a good relationship with the audience

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H Listening: Understanding key information

 Listen to a woman talking about the University of the Third Age (U3A) and complete the sentences with words from the text. Write no more than four words in each gap.

- 1 Research shows happiness can be achieved by continuing to learn _____.
- 2 The third age is a period of life when people have time to concentrate on _____.
- 3 The U3A aims to provide _____ in a range of subjects chosen by local people.
- 4 After starting in France, _____ all around the world now attend the U3A.
- 5 One reason that people join the U3A is to help _____.
- 6 The U3A enables older people to _____, both mentally and socially.

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I Speaking: Correcting yourself

Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence using the words given. Use between two and five words and do not use contractions.

- 1 Trying your best is enough. In other words, winning isn't everything.
(put)
Trying your best is enough. _____ another way – winning isn't everything.
- 2 My sisters and I used to watch stories. Sorry, I didn't mean that.
(meant)
My sisters and I used to watch stories. Sorry, that isn't _____ to say.
- 3 First, attach your phone to the internet. Or I should say, connect to the internet.
(rephrase)
First, attach your phone to the internet. Let _____ : connect to the internet.
- 4 We used to go to the beach every day. Sorry, that was wrong, every afternoon.
(meant)
We used to go to the beach every day. Sorry, what _____, every afternoon.
- 5 I don't like spending time alone. Sorry, that was wrong, shopping alone.
(come)
I don't like spending time alone. Sorry, that _____ right – shopping alone.
- 6 Croatia is too cold in the summer. I mean, it's too hot.
(try)
Croatia is too cold in the summer. Let me _____ time – it's too hot.

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J Writing: Using adverbs

Choose the best words to complete the dialogue. There are three words you do not need.

Woman Did you hear about the university's plan to close the arts department? I can't believe it!

Man Yes, it's been under threat for a few years. ¹ ___ they can't afford to keep it open, financially speaking. It's a real shame.

Woman Well, I admit that ² ___ I thought that too, but then I did some research and found out that it's not really the case.

Man Oh really? Why do you say that?

Woman So, science and business are traditionally the most popular courses, but that's not what's happening here. ³ ___, the number of applications to arts courses has risen so quickly over the past five years that last year there were actually more arts students here than science students. It's completely going against the national trend.

Man That may be true, but arts courses don't attract much external funding, and ⁴ ___ the department costs more to run than it receives. That's what I've been told, anyway.

Woman Well, ⁵ ___ I think it's a mistake to close it down. The arts are incredibly important for our society and culture. There's going to be a student demonstration about it next week.

Man Good! ⁶ ___, students shouldn't have to spend time doing that, but let's hope it prompts the university to find another solution.

- A personally
- B admittedly
- C unfortunately
- D interestingly
- E hopefully
- F consequently
- G ideally
- H amazingly
- I initially

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Test score

To focus on next: