

Progress Test 1: Units 1 and 2

1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 Did you **get / reply** the text message from Francesca?
- 2 At work, it's important to **check / comment** on your emails regularly.
- 3 We should try and **keep / speak** in touch with people we don't see very often.
- 4 Why don't you **take / give** Miguel a call? He would love to hear from you.
- 5 I always **reply / go** to text messages from my mum. She worries if she doesn't hear from me.

2 Complete the conversations with the correct forms of *say, tell, speak* or *talk*.

- A: Davide's very angry. What did you ¹ _____ to him?
- B: I ² _____ him that he couldn't go out this evening.
- A: Mrs Brown ³ _____ us to be quiet in class, but Jade didn't listen.
- B: I'm not surprised. She's always ⁴ _____ in class.
- A: I ⁵ _____ to the football coach about how good you are.
- B: Thanks. So, did he ⁶ _____ I can play next Saturday?
- A: I need to ⁷ _____ to my boss today.
- B: Are you going to ⁸ _____ him that you're leaving your job?
- A: My dad always ⁹ _____ the most terrible jokes.
- B: So does mine – but he does always ¹⁰ _____ sorry afterwards.

3 Complete the sentences with *use to, used to* or *usually*.

- 1 What do you _____ do at the weekend?
- 2 Did you _____ play outside as a child?
- 3 While we were growing up, we _____ have a lot of freedom.
- 4 He is never _____ annoyed about anything.
- 5 When we lived in that old house, I _____ have nightmares all the time.

5 Underline ten mistakes with adjectives in the text and correct them. Write the corrections above the mistakes.

Our class were all very **exciting** last week because we were going on a trip to London. Unfortunately, the day we flew, the weather was terrible and the flight was **terrified**. But we arrived in London safely and went to our hotel. The rooms were clean, but we were a bit **disappointing** with the food. On the first day we went to the Tower of London. I thought it was **fascinated**, but of course I love history and find it very interesting.

I wanted to go on the London Eye, but I didn't have enough money. I was **shocking** at the price of the tickets; they're really expensive. Some of my friends went on it though and said the views of London were **amazed**.

6 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 I love sunbathing and relaxing on the beach so I _____ my holiday every year.
a look forward to b set off c go out
- 2 If you don't _____, we'll be late.
a go up b run out c hurry up
- 3 You should _____ for art classes this September. It will help you improve your painting.
a end up b set off c sign up
- 4 I can't believe it! Giulia is _____ with a professional football player!
a running out b going out c falling over
- 5 My sister didn't work for years because she had to _____ her two children.
a bring up b break up c catch up
- 6 George likes to _____ his clothes before he buys them. That's why he doesn't shop online.
a end up b try on c look forward to
- 7 The twins are late. They _____ at 6 o'clock and they should be here by now.
a went back b hurried up c set off
- 8 Did Tom _____ the money he borrowed?
a pay back b sign up c end up
- 9 This weekend I'm going to _____ with some old school friends. We haven't seen each other for years.
a try on b catch up c break up
- 10 It's terrible how much food _____ in the rubbish bin. We shouldn't waste so much.
a signs up b goes out c ends up

Complete the passage with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Until a few years ago, no one 1. (hear) of Harry Potter, the young wizard and hero of the children's book Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. The writer, J K Rowling, 2. (already / write) several stories and books, but this was the first book that was published. She 3. (get) the idea for the story of a wizard at magic school while she 4. (travel) on a train to London. By the time the train 5. (reach) King's Cross station, she 6. (invent) most of the characters. When the book was published in 1997, no one 7. (imagine) it would be such a tremendous success, but it quickly 8. (become) a bestseller. While millions of young readers in many countries 9. (enjoy) her first Harry Potter book, J K Rowling 10. (think) of ideas for the next book in this incredibly popular series.

Reading

Letters you'll love reading

- 1 Shaun Usher really loves letters. In 2009, he started the blog *Letters of Note*, a kind of online museum of letters from the past. Usher aims to write a new post every weekday. Each of the posts includes the text of a letter and, when possible, a picture of it, too. It might sound like an unusual topic, but the blog is very popular. In fact, more than 1.5 million people visit the website every week and Usher has thousands of followers on Twitter.
- 2 Usher has also published a book containing 125 of the most interesting letters from his collection. Some of the letters are incredibly old (the oldest one is actually from the 14th century BC) and many tell us about important moments in history. In others, the writers talk about their feelings and experiences – there are beautiful love letters and letters from fans to famous musicians and film stars. There are some very funny letters, too. I really enjoyed reading a letter from the Campbell's Soup Company to the artist Andy Warhol. The company actually sent the artist several tins of soup along with the note!
- 3 The book includes lots of great photos, showing both the people the letters are about and some of the letters themselves. I think this is one of the best parts of the book, as it means you can see the handwriting of many of the writers. For example, you can see Leonardo da Vinci's handwriting in a job application letter from the 1400s. The first letter in the book is a note from Queen Elizabeth II to Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th US President.
- 4 Usher's book has become just as popular as his blog and now Usher also organizes events called *Letters Live*. Recent *Letters Live* events have taken place in cities like Edinburgh, London and Los Angeles, as well as at book and music festivals around the UK. They include performances from different musicians and the audience can hear famous actors such as Benedict Cumberbatch, Gillian Anderson and Thandie Newton read letters from Usher's collection out loud.
- 5 So what does Usher think about the methods of communication we use today? Does he hate emails and text messages? No, he doesn't. Actually, he uses these new kinds of communication a lot, but he also tries to write letters whenever he can. He argues that, when we read an email, we're often thinking about something else at the same time. But when we read a letter, we really concentrate. He also believes that letters are more honest than emails. Usher knows that he can't stop people from using technology, but he hopes that his projects will encourage people to write more letters. After reading Usher's excellent book, I hope so too.

1 Read the text quickly. Match the topics a–e with paragraphs 1–5.

- a the letters in Shaun Usher's book_____
- b events organized by Shaun Usher_____
- c Shaun Usher's view of modern communication_____
- d Shaun Usher's blog_____
- e the pictures in Shaun Usher's book_____