

ENGLISH TEST UNIT 2

GRAMMAR

Task 1

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 St Ives in Cornwall **would / used to** be a fishing village. Now it's a very busy holiday resort.
- 2 By the time our flight finally **landed / was landing**, we **didn't eat / hadn't eaten** for twelve hours.
- 3 Helen **was riding / rode** her bike downhill when she **hit / was hitting** a cat that ran in front of her.
- 4 They **were going to ride / had been riding** on the London Eye but it **was / had been** fully booked.
- 5 'Now, **have you done / were you doing** your homework, all of you?' **asked / was asking** our teacher.
- 6 Kurt **had been planning / was planning** to go to the USA, when he **had won / won** a week's holiday.
- 7 I **was / had been** late for my exam and by the time I got to school, the teachers **had finished / had been finishing** taking in all the exam papers.

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Task 2

Complete the text with the correct **past form** of these verbs.

ask book cost have reach smoke take off wait

I am writing to complain about the summer holiday my family took with you to Crete last August. Our flight (8) two hours late, and, to make matters worse, there wasn't any food left by the time the flight stewards (9) our row in the plane. We thought we (10) a free transfer from the airport to the hotel, but when we came into arrivals no-one (11) for us. We had to get a taxi instead and it (12) fifty Euros! But there was worse to come. The previous holiday makers (13) in our rooms and so they smelled very strongly of smoke. We (14) for our money back, but changed our minds when the hotel manager came and talked to us. He said he was sorry we (15) such a bad experience so far and arranged for us to have non-smoking rooms. He also ordered us a free meal on room service when he found out that we hadn't eaten. I still think we should get some money back, though.

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Task 3

Choose the correct articles to complete the text. If no article is needed, choose '-'.

For most teenagers like you, (16) a / an / the / – ideal travelling companions are unlikely to be your parents. However, the family holiday is still a reality for most teens under (17) a / an / the / – age of eighteen. So, what can you do to avoid being taken to (18) a / an / the / – remote cottage where there is (19) a / an / the / – nothing to do? Well, you could ask your parents to take you to New York. (20) A / An / The / – street culture is lively and the Museum of Modern Art is ultra-cool, with (21) a / an / the / – exhibitions by well-known artists. If staying in (22) a / an / the / – hotel will break the budget, your parents can rent (23) a / an / the / – apartment, where you can save (24) a / an / the / – money by sometimes having meals there. The city doesn't disappoint when it comes to food. You can have (25) a / an / the / – intergalactic meal at the restaurant Mars 2112 which is designed around the Red Planet. So what are you waiting for? Ask your parents to take you to the Big Apple now.