

CAE 1 – Test 2B

Read the extracts from newspaper and magazine articles. Choose one phrase from each of the pairs in the box to complete the sentences.

could be facing / can be facing

ought to give / ought to have given

might be working / might have been working

could have been prevented / can have been prevented

would not have been able to grow / will not be able to grow

must get easier / must be getting easier

- 1 An enquiry into last year's explosion at the Amcon Refinery that killed 25 workers concluded that it could have been prevented if the refinery had installed a hazard warning system, as safety officers had recommended.
- 2 There is some evidence to suggest that Jon Ricci _____ as a secret agent during the 1960s, although even after the end of the Cold War this was never confirmed.
- 3 Mateus Weber, chief executive of the Schools Examination Authority, said: 'The newspapers claim that the improving results show that exams _____. But we are absolutely certain that standards have remained the same.'
- 4 Mr Rosi will return to court on 31 January to hear his sentence, having been warned yesterday that he _____ a long period in prison.
- 5 Mesi _____ them the lead just before half time, but he shot straight at the goalkeeper, who made an easy save.
- 6 For centuries the flooding of the Nile was very important because, without it, the people _____ crops in the dry desert. But global warming has changed the traditional patterns of agriculture in this part of the world.

Choose the most suitable verb form in each sentence.

In July Gordon (1) will be/will have been at his company for 30 years and (2) he's finally retiring/he'll finally retire on his 65th birthday. We've decided to have a long holiday and (3) we're going to take/we'll take the opportunity to visit some old friends in Hungary, and then travel around in that region. (4) We leave/We'll be leaving towards the end of August, and our aim is to visit as many countries as we can. (5) We're flying/We'll fly to Budapest on the 25th and then (6) we stop over/we'll be stopping over with our friends – they've got a house on Lake Balaton. (7) We'll have spent/We'll probably spend a couple of weeks in Hungary and travel around. After that (8) we're thinking/we'll think of going to Romania, but we haven't planned anything definite. (9) We'll know/We'll have known a bit more this weekend when (10) we'll research/we'll be researching the whole thing on the Internet. We'd like to go on from there to Bulgaria or Ukraine, but I doubt whether (11) we'll have/we're having time. Money could be a problem too – I hope the whole trip (12) won't be/won't have been too expensive. From now on (13) we are really having to/we'll really have to save as much as we can. We're really looking forward to it – I can hardly wait! Just think, in just over two months' time (14) we'll be travelling/we'll have travelled around Europe like a couple of old hippies! When we come back, (15) you aren't recognizing us/you won't recognize us!

Complete the following sentences with a suitable word with *tell*.

1. Lynette remained calm throughout most of her training, but as the day of the race drew near, the pressure _____.
2. "These two cars are so alike, it's impossible to _____!"
3. "Come on, what have you done? I promise I won't _____."
4. She _____ that it was the last day before the holidays and that everything was going to be all right.

The phrases below are all parts of *colour idioms*. Decide which colour completes each one.

1. I've spent too much money and I'm _____.
2. He's got _____; he's good with plants.
3. I get furious when people throw their litter into my garden. I really _____!
4. You can talk until _____, but I won't change my mind.
5. Stop moaning and be happy with what you've got! Remember, _____.
6. Ian is on Mr Smith's _____ for losing all those files this morning.

