

**Exercise 1. Vocabulary. Fill in each of the blanks with a word from the box**

figures	dedication	talented	distinguished	perseverance
reputation	generosity	influential	absolutely	wavering

1. His tireless \_\_\_\_\_ to protect endangered animals was greatly admired.
2. Hard work and \_\_\_\_\_ help tennis players to succeed in their sporting career.
3. The company is looking for \_\_\_\_\_ graduates from fashion colleges, who are willing to work hard.
4. The world would be a better place if more people showed \_\_\_\_\_ to others.
5. Our \_\_\_\_\_ guests have just arrived. Let's welcome them with a big round of applause.
6. Winston Churchill was one of the most dominant \_\_\_\_\_ in British politics.
7. Minh is still \_\_\_\_\_ between applying for a job and studying at a university.
8. Michael Jackson is a talented and \_\_\_\_\_ singer, who inspired many teenagers who wanted to be famous.
9. You are \_\_\_\_\_ right when choosing English as your major.

**Exercise 2: Complete the passage with the correct verb form.**

1. This afternoon I (see) ..... Dingo, the boxing champion, at the airport. When I (leave)..... the airport at 5 p.m, he (still, talk)..... to the customs officer. He (look)..... really worried. Then while I (wait)..... for a taxi, I (hear)..... that he (have)..... problems with his luggage.

2. Sue: (you, hear)..... the news about Tim?

Ken: You mean the famous film star? What (happen) .....

Sue: He (fall).....from the sixth floor when they (film) ..... a scene of a burning building. He (play) ..... a fireman trying to save a child.

Ken: What a shock! Is he all right?

Sue: I don't know. I (just/read) ..... the news on social media. They (say) ..... doctors (still, operate) ..... on him.

**Exercise 3: Each sentence has a mistake. Identify the mistake and give correction.**

1. Mary prepared dinner when we arrived, so we were able to eat it immediately.
2. Before he bought a new car, he has been driving to work.
3. Before Ted graduated, he was working with his father.
4. As soon as you learn to swim, I will take you to our cabin at the lake.
5. When the children are going to visit their grandmother, Henry and I will be going to Europe.
6. Whenever you will be in town, call me.
7. Will you buy me a wool jacket since you are in Scotland?
8. It will get cold in the desert when the winter has come.
9. I have been seeing that movies three times, and now I am wanting to see it again.
10. By the time I return to my country, I am away from home more than three years.

Number	Mistake	Correction

**Exercise 4: Choose the correct tense.**

1. Andrew \_\_\_\_\_ the test before so he \_\_\_\_\_ it very easy.  
A. did/ had found      B. had done/ found      C. was doing/ found      D. did/ was founding
2. You \_\_\_\_\_ your new hat when I \_\_\_\_\_ you yesterday.  
A. were wearing/ had met    B. wore/ had met    C. wore/ was meeting    D. were wearing/ met

3. As I ..... the glass, it suddenly ..... into two pieces.  
 A. cut/ broke      B. was cutting/ broke      C. cut/ was breaking      D. was cutting/ had broken

4. A burglar ..... into the house while we ..... television.  
 A. broke/ were watching      B. broke/ watched      C. had broken/ watched      D. broke/ had watched

5. When I ..... home, I ..... a phone call.  
 A. got/ received      B. was getting/ was receiving      C. got/ had received      D. had got/ had received

6. They ..... small cups of coffee after they ..... dinner.  
 A. had drunk/ finished      B. drank/ finished      C. were drinking/ finished      D. drank/ had finished

7. It was midnight. Outside it ..... very hard.  
 A. rains      B. rained      C. had rained      D. was raining

8. When he ..... at the station, his train already .....  
 A. arrived/ left      B. arrived/ had left      C. had arrived/ left      D. had arrived/ left

9. The film ..... by the time we ..... to the cinema.  
 A. already began - got      B. have already begun - got      C. had already begun - got      D. already began - had got

10. When she saw a snake at her feet, she .....  
 A. screamed      B. was screaming      C. had screamed      D. screams

11. As you ..... your car at the moment, can I borrow it?  
 A. don't use      B. didn't use      C. aren't using      D. haven't used

12. The minute I got the news about Sue I ..... my parents.  
 A. phoned      B. was phoning      C. had phoned      D. have phoned

## ARTICLES

### Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles where necessary.

1. I want ..... apple from that basket.

2. Miss Lin speaks ..... Chinese.

3. One of the students said, “ ..... professor is late today”

4. Eli likes to play ..... volleyball.

5. I bought ..... umbrella to go out in the rain.

6. My daughter is learning to play ..... violin at her school.

7. Please give me ..... pen that is on the counter.

8. Albany is the capital of ..... New York state.

9. Our neighbour has ..... cat and ..... dog.

10. ..... ink in my pen is red.

### Exercise 2: Choose the best answer to complete the sentences:

1. It is ..... funniest book that I have ever read.  
 A. a      B. an      C. the      D. X

2. Can anyone give me ..... hand, please because I have just fallen over?  
 A. a      B. an      C. the      D. X

3. She always said that when she grew up she wanted to be .....  
 A. doctor      B. a doctor      C. the doctor      D. a doctors

4. ..... starts at seven o'clock.  
 A. School      B. A school      C. The school      D. The schools

5. Please meet me at the train station in ..... hour from now.  
 A. a      B. an      C. the      D. X

6. ..... president of the United States will be visiting Australia next week.  
 A. A      B. An      C. The      D. X

7. July goes to ..... work on the bus.  
 A. a      B. an      C. the      D. X

8. ..... golf is my favourite sport. I play once or twice ..... week if I can, but I'm not ..... very good player.  
 A. X/ a/ a      B. The/ a/ a      C. The/ the/ the      D. X/ a/ the

9. .... scholarship that Wilson received to study history at ..... Cambridge presented ..... unique opportunity.  
 A. The/ X/ a      B. The/ X/ an      C. the/ a/ the      D. X/ X/ a

10. ..... recipe for ..... success is ..... hard work.  
 A. The/ X/ X      B. The/ a/ the      C. X/ a/ X      D. X/ the/ X

11. Nigel opened a drawer and took out .....  
 A. photos      B. a photos      C. some photos      D. some photo

12. We need to protect ..... environment from pollution.  
 A. some      B. a      C. an      D. the

13. There was ..... accident yesterday at ..... corner of ..... street.  
 A. a/ the/ the      B. an/ a/ a      C. an/ the/ the      D. the/ X/ X

14. I need ..... time to think about ..... offer you made me.

A. the/ the      B. a/ the      C. X/ an      D. X/ the

15. ..... book you ordered ..... last week is now in stock.

A. The/ X      B. A/ the      C. X/ an      D. X/ the

**Exercise 3. Read the following story and complete each gap with an article. Write a cross (X) if no articles are necessary.**

Marco Polo was born in 1254, in (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Venice, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Italy, into (3) \_\_\_\_\_ wealthy merchant family. He travelled extensively with his family, journeying from (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Europe to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Asia from 1271 to 1295. He lived in (6) \_\_\_\_\_ China for about 17 years. There has been (7) \_\_\_\_\_ debate among (8) \_\_\_\_\_ historians about whether Marco ever really made it to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ China. There is no evidence outside his famous book that he had ever travelled to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Far East. Yet, his knowledge of (11) \_\_\_\_\_ culture of this area is hard to dismiss.