

DAY 49. PRACTICE TEST**Part 1: Grammar**

Task 1: Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

Childhood memories

Today, I went to the village where I (1) _____ (grow up) as a child. I got really excited when I saw the sign that (2) _____ (read) 'Midsummer 6 miles'. Soon I (3) _____ (pass) the leisure centre where my mother took me swimming at weekends. All my childhood memories came flooding back- everything from building sand castles on the beach to my first day at school - and then suddenly I (4) _____ (pull away).

I saw a cyclist who (5) _____ (probably/go) to the leisure centre. I could see his tennis bag which (6) _____ (firmly, tie down) to his bike.

I (7) _____ (come) to see Mrs Perry my piano teacher. I always called her Mrs Perry because that was the way I (8) _____ (bring up); in those days we (9) _____ (never/call) our elders by their first name.

When she answered the door it took her a minute before she recognised me. Once inside we had a lot to catch up on - everything that (10) _____ (go on) over the years. I told her how I (11) _____ (give up) having piano lessons because I (12) _____ (really/stop) making progress. When I left I (13) _____ (promise) that I (14) _____ (come back).

I will go back some day and take my children with me to show them round the village where I (15) _____ (live) as a child.

Task 2: Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

Childhood holidays

My parents (1) _____ (never, be able to) afford much in the way of holidays in expensive places. Our holidays (2) _____ (consist) of a week or two visiting relatives. Fortunately, the relative that we usually visited was my mother's aunt, whom everybody called 'Aunt Tee'. I don't know why she (3) _____ (call) that, because her real name (4) _____ (to be) Jane.

Nothing (5) _____ (compare) to the thrill of getting into the car and starting on the road. Just outside of town was a railroad siding where two old locomotives stood, and it was always very exciting to hear again how our great grandfather George (6) _____ (drive) one of them. We (7) _____ (always, wait) to reach the point where mother (8) _____ (tell) us that we were passing 'Moving Mountain', where there was such continual sliding of rock and dirt from the side of the hill onto the road, that it seemed the mountain (9) _____ (actually, move). Of course, we (10) _____ (never, see) the mountain move, but just knowing that it (11) _____ (do) was excitement enough.

After that, we knew that we were only a few miles away. All eyes (12) _____ (glue) to the landscape ahead, because it was a great achievement to be the first one to catch sight of the old castle, the most notable landmark of the town, which (13) _____ (not, use) for several decades. There, the castle (14) _____ (stand out), miles away, (15) _____ (tell) us that we were nearly there.