

Grammar revision

Task 1 – complete the present simple/continuous forms.

Complete with the present simple or present continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

- We don't go to Chinese restaurants very often. (not go)
- 1 I _____ high cholesterol so I never _____ fried food. (have, eat)
 - 2 _____ you _____ any vitamins at the moment? (take)
 - 3 Don't eat the spinach if you _____ it. (not like)
 - 4 _____ your boyfriend _____ how to cook fish? (know)
 - 5 We _____ takeaway pizzas once a week. (order)
 - 6 What _____ your mother _____? It _____ delicious! (make, smell)
 - 7 You look sad. What _____ you _____ about? (think)
 - 8 I _____ the diet in my country _____ worse. (think, get)
 - 9 How often _____ you _____ seafood? (have)
 - 10 I _____ usually _____ red meat. (not cook)

Complete B's responses with a correct future form.

- A What's your mother going to do about her car?
B She's going to buy a second-hand one. (buy)
- 1 A I'm going to miss you. Please stay in touch.
B I promise I _____ every day. (phone)
- 2 A What are Alan's plans for the future?
B He _____ a degree in engineering. (do)
- 3 A Can I see you tonight?
B No, I _____ late. Maybe Saturday? (work)
- 4 A Are you ready to order?
B Yes, I _____ the prawns, please. (have)
- 5 A There's nothing in the fridge.
B OK. _____ we _____ a takeaway? (get)
- 6 A I don't have any money, so I can't go out.
B No problem, I _____ you some. (lend)
- 7 A Shall we have a barbecue tomorrow?
B No, the weather forecast says it _____. (rain)
- 8 A We land at about 8.00.
B _____ I _____ you up from the airport? (pick)

- a Complete the conversations with the present perfect form of the verb in brackets and an adverb from the list. You can use the adverbs more than once.

already ever just never yet

- A Why are you smiling? B I've *just found* a €50 note! (find)
- 1 A _____ you _____ a flight online? (book)
B Yes, of course. I've done it loads of times.
- 2 A When are you going to buy a motorbike?
B Soon. I _____ nearly €1,000.
(save)
- 3 A _____ you _____ the phone bill _____? (pay)
B No, sorry. I forgot.
- 4 A _____ your parents _____ you money?
(lend)
B Yes, but I paid it back as soon as I could.
- 5 A How does eBay work?
B I don't know. I _____ it. (use)
- 6 A What are you celebrating?
B We _____ the lottery! (win)
- 7 A Why haven't you got any money?
B I _____ my salary. I bought a new phone last week. (spend)
- 8 A Would you like a coffee?
B No, thanks. I _____ one. (have)

- a Complete with the comparative or superlative of the **bold** word (and *than* if necessary).

What's the fastest way to get across London? **fast**

- 1 I think skiing is _____ horse-riding. **easy**
- 2 This is _____ train I've ever been on. **hot**
- 3 A motorbike is _____ a scooter. **powerful**
- 4 I drive _____ my partner. **slowly**
- 5 _____ time to travel is on holiday weekends. **bad**
- 6 _____ I've ever driven is from London to Edinburgh. **far**
- 7 The London Underground is _____ the subway in New York. **old**
- 8 I think that travelling by train is _____ form of transport. **relaxing**
- 9 Of all my family, my mum is _____ driver. **good**

b Complete with a / an, the, or – (no article).

- A** What does *the* guidebook say about Pizzeria Marco?
B It says that it's *a* great restaurant.
- 1 **A** How often do you go to _____ gym?
B About three times _____ week. But I never go on _____ Fridays.
- 2 **A** What time does _____ train leave?
B In 40 minutes. Can you drop me off at _____ station on your way to _____ work?
- 3 **A** What _____ amazing dress!
B Thanks. I bought it in _____ sales _____ last month.
- 4 **A** What's _____ most interesting place to visit in your town?
B Probably _____ castle. It's _____ oldest building.
- 5 **A** What shall we do _____ next weekend?
B Let's invite Toni for _____ lunch. We could eat in _____ garden.
- 6 **A** Do you like _____ cats?
B Not really. I prefer _____ dogs. I think they're _____ best pets.
- 7 **A** Is your mum _____ housewife?
B No, she's _____ teacher. She's always tired when she finishes _____ work.
- 8 **A** Have you ever had _____ problem in your relationship?
B Yes, but we solved _____ problem and we got married.
- 9 **A** When is _____ meeting?
B They've changed _____ date. It's on _____ Tuesday now.

1. Listen and choose a, b, or c.



1 Philomena



2 Mark



3 Ross



4 Coleen



5 Richard

1. Philomena says that ____ potatoes cheer her up.

A roast or baked B fried or roast C boiled or baked

2. One kind of food Mark likes when he eats out is ____.

A Spanish B Italian C French

3. Ross has got on well with his stepbrothers and sisters ____.

A all his life B since they grew up C since they were teenagers

4. When Coleen won some money in the lottery, she spent it on ____.

A a long holiday B a holiday abroad C a short holiday

5. Richard raised ____ for Cancer Research.

A £6,000 B £6,500 C £6,050

- c 🎧 4.10 Listen and complete some extracts from the advice that Sarah gives.

Advice for Belinda

- 1 I think you ought to be the one _____.
- 2 You shouldn't _____, because she won't change her opinion.

Advice for Damien

- 3 I think you should politely but directly _____.
- 4 To be honest, you don't really have to _____.

Advice for Miranda

- 5 You must _____ before their next visit.
- 6 Explain that he has to _____ a bit when he's visiting.
- 7 'You mustn't _____.'

Read the article and circle A, B or C.

We all know that men and women have their differences. But do they really think differently? Some people might argue that they don't, but I disagree. In my opinion, men and women still behave in the same way that they were designed to centuries ago. We have different interests, different ways of speaking, of showing how we feel, and of coping with stressful situations.

In today's society, where the sexes are considered to be equal, we sometimes forget how different we are. This can have a negative effect on our relationships. We often become angry or frustrated with the opposite sex because we expect them to behave and communicate like we do.

So why does a man behave as he does? There is evidence to suggest that men were programmed with the instinct to hunt silently for animals. They had to be able to focus their attention on one thing. This might explain why it's so difficult to have a conversation with a man when he's watching TV! And also why he's so good at reading maps and giving directions.

Why does a woman act the way she does? Women are usually very good at multi-tasking (doing more than one job at once), but often find it harder than men to concentrate fully on one thing. In the past, women would have worked in groups, which required a lot of communication, so they're generally more talkative and sensitive to other people's feelings. A woman can return from a party knowing everything about everyone, but a man will probably have discussed less personal topics like football.

Research has shown that men and women use different parts of their brains for language. Women usually score higher in writing tests. Men are seven times more likely to score in the top 5% in scientific exams. They're often talented at problem-solving and making quick decisions, whilst women are good at organization, comforting, and giving advice.

Of course, women still do dangerous sports, and men can multi-task without any problem after a strong cup of coffee! I'm not saying that women and men are not equal; it's just that there are some natural differences – and that's fantastic! We should appreciate and accept them as being what makes us special.

Example: The writer says that everyone has noticed that men and women are different.

A True B False C Doesn't say

1) The writer thinks men and women have changed the way they behave over centuries.

A True B False C Doesn't say

2) Modern society has made the sexes more equal.

A True B False C Doesn't say

3) Relationships can become tense because men and women don't understand each other.

A True B False C Doesn't say

4) Men were originally designed to go out and hunt for food.

A True B False C Doesn't say

5) Men are naturally able to concentrate on one problem at a time.

A True B False C Doesn't say

6) Women understand other people's emotions more easily than men.

A True B False C Doesn't say

7) Men's brains are generally larger than women's.

A True B False C Doesn't say

8) Women are usually good at learning languages.

A True B False C Doesn't say

9) Research shows that men aren't better at scientific subjects than women.

A True B False C Doesn't say

10) The writer thinks that men and women shouldn't be equal.

A True B False C Doesn't say

c Complete the text with *a / an, the* or *–* (no article).

DNA the reason women see colours better than men

Why are women generally able to see ¹ _____ colours better than men? Scientists say there is ² _____ reason for this, and ³ _____ reason is in our DNA. Our chromosomes contain DNA, which controls many things about us. The ability to see ⁴ _____ colour red is carried by the X chromosome. Men have only one X chromosome, but ⁵ _____ women have two of them. This means that it's easier for women to see red. This was important in prehistoric times when women were looking for ⁶ _____ fruit to eat. They needed to choose ⁷ _____ right fruit, so they had to be able to see ⁸ _____ difference between different colours. If they made ⁹ _____ mistake, they could kill their families and themselves. So, it was more important for women to see different colours, while men had ¹⁰ _____ other important skills.

WRITING task 1

Write about a person you admire. They can be a family member, friend or famous personality. Include the following: (140–180 words)

- who they are
- your relationship to them; how you met / know them
- their personality
- their appearance
- why you admire them

Writing task 2

Write a description of a film you would recommend to people.

Include the following: (140-180 words)

- The name of the film, the director, the stars, any prizes it won
- Where and when it is set, where it was filmed
- The plot
- Why you recommend it