

Practice for FCE



Test 1

Reading Comprehension, Section A

Ch	cose the word or phrase $(A, B, C, or D)$ which best completes each sentence.
1	The from London to Bristol takes two hours by car. A journey B travel C driving D voyage
2	Gerald went to the bank to
3	Steven couldn't understand the language, but after a few weeks he could communicate quite well. A first of all B first C at first D firstly
4	Charles Dickens on 9 June 1870. A die B death C dead D died
5	Soon after reaching the scene of the accident in Grosvenor Square the policeman took the names and addresses of
6	Sarah wanted to buy some shoes to
7	If the firemen the correct address, they would have got to the fire more quickly. A would have B were having C have had D had had
8	Michael read two novels the flight to Singapore. A for B during C while D through
9	We are all looking forward
10	We have been business with that company since 1960. A doing B making C growing D working
11	The caller asked to be put to the manager. A through B over C on D off

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12	At the age of eighteen he the army. A enlisted B conscripted C entered D joined
13	The station clock isn't A timely B precise C right D correct
14	He left the lights on to make it look the house was occupied. A so that B as for C so far D as if
15	The storm did considerable to the trees in the park. A harm B damage C destruction D injury
16	The delay at the airport that we arrived at our hotel three hours later than planned. A resulted B led C meant D caused
17	He was offered the job of managing director but he turned it A off B over C up D down
18	Sally was of her purse by two young men. A robbed B taken C stolen D grabbed
19	Climbing boots and helmets were provided so we bring our own. A didn't need to B needn't have C not needed D need not
20	What does that notice? A print B write C say D tell
21	Can you look the children for an hour while I go shopping? A after B out C for D to
22	In this hot weather milk will turn very quickly unless you put it in the fridge immediately. A bitter B bad C thick D sour
23	They gave me advice about what to say in the interview. A an B plenty of C some of D the
24	I need £1,000 to pay off the debt, but I just haven't got
25	The manager told us that a great of money was missing. A lot B quantity C deal D supply



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Use of English

Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only one word in each space.
One Saturday, Henry Dombey was in his jewellery shop, waiting for customers.
At 10 a.m., (1) first customer, a smartly-dressed, middle-aged man
arrived and, after looking around, (2) a £400 watch, which he paid
for(3) cheque.
Half an hour later, the same customer returned to the shop with
(4) waiter from a
waiter for £200 cash
watch was worth at (7) that much. Mr Dombey became very sus-
picious and called the police. He assumed that the cheque was(8),
since otherwise the customer would have lost £200. When the police arrived, the
customer explained that, after(9) the shop, he had
(10) remembered an important business meeting in Manchester(11)
afternoon. He realised that he didn't have enough cash to cover his expenses, so
he had
(13) losing £200. Mr Dombey didn't believe this and neither
(14) the police, and the customer (15) arrested.
Mr Dombey was very surprised when, on Monday, the bank paid the cheque
without question. He was (16) more surprised when, on Tuesday,
he received a letter from the customer's lawyers telling
(18) to be taken to court
Eventually, Mr Dombey had to pay £5,000 in compensation to the customer.
It was, of course, an elaborate trick(20) the customer had planned
very carefully.





2 Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it.

	EXAMPLE: I haven't enjoyed myself so much for ages.		
	ANSWER: It's ages since I enjoyed myself so much.		
a)	It's five years since I last visited Peru.		
	I haven't		
b)	It would be a good idea to buy a dictionary if you want to learn a foreign language.		
	You'd better		
c)	Whose pen is this?		
	Who		
d)	Rosalind is so hardworking that she is sure to get on in her job.		
	Rosalind is such		
e)	Electrical activity in the brain is recorded by this machine.		
	This machine		
f)	Eat up your vegetables or you won't get any pudding.		
	If you		
g)	Although Alfred was over seventy, he continued to cycle to work every day.		
	Despite		
h)	'Sebastian is the one who stole the video-recorder,' said Bernard.		
	Bernard accused		
i)	This is the best apple-pie I have ever tasted.		
	I have		
j)	Please don't invite Mary to stay for the weekend.		
	I'd rather		

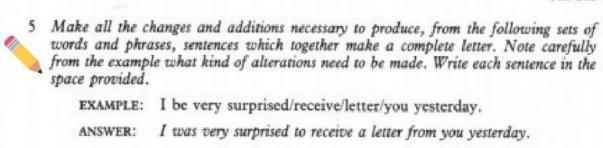


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3	Ca	complete the following sentences with a phrase made from bring. Write one word in such blank space.		
	•	EXAMPLE: A series of financial scandals brought down the government.		
	a)	The Prime Minister aimed to a change in people's attitude to private enterprise.		
	b)	'When I got home, I discovered that the video tape I had bought was faulty, so I've it to change it,' I said to the shop assistant.		
	c)	I wanted to know if Denys had really left his wife, but I didn't like to the subject in front of the children.		
	d)	I know it's difficult if you want to do something and your father won't let you. Can't your mother help to him?		
	e)	Anna wanted to show Margaret the photos of her holiday so she		
4	Con	mplete each of the following sentences with one word which refers to using the ephone.		
	4	EXAMPLE: If you give me your number, I'll ring you tonight.		
	a)	I rang the office and asked the to put me through to Stephen.		
	b)	When you ring the office, you'll get through faster if you ask for my , which is 792, instead of asking for me by name.		
	c)	I've tried the number four times already, but it's always		
	d)	If you don't know someone's number, try looking it up in the telephone		



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I hope/hear/you soon.

Yours faithfully, Serena Blanc

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