

ENGLISH TEST- INTERMEDIATE 8B

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences using reported speech.

Example: 'Did Mel arrive on time?'

He asked me if Mel had arrived on time.

1 'We're having a sale next week.'

They told us they _____ a sale the following week.

2 'Don't waste your money in that shop!'

The man told us _____ waste our money in that shop.

3 'I've bought some new jeans.'

She told me that she _____ some new jeans.

4 'We may not have it in stock.'

The shop assistant said they _____ have it in stock.

5 'I'll give you a lift.'

He said he _____ give me a lift.

6 'I must be home by 6 p.m.'

He said he _____ be home by 6 p.m.

7 'Are you watching the football?'

My neighbour asked us _____ we were watching the football.

8 'We interviewed 20 candidates today.'

They said they _____ 20 candidates that day.

9 'What are your names?'

He asked us what our names _____.

10 'Have you been to New York?'

She asked me if I _____ to New York.

Read the interview. Then complete the journalist's report below with the **bold** verbs from the interview in the correct tense.

Journalist Firstly Matthew, thank you very much for agreeing to this interview. I know you're a busy man. You have the leading role in the latest Kathryn Westwood film. What is it like working with her?

Matthew You ¹**can't** begin to imagine what a fantastic experience it ²**is**. In fact, it ³**has been** an honour to work with her. However, I have to say that it ⁴**wasn't** easy at first, because filming ⁵**started** at 7.00 a.m. every day for the first three weeks. I'm not a person who likes early starts!

Journalist Yes, I had heard that! What ⁶**did you enjoy** most about working with her?

Matthew I ⁷**loved** the way that she ⁸**could** get all the actors, including me, to do exactly what she wanted us to do.

Journalist ⁹**Are you going to be** in any more of her films in the near future?

Matthew It ¹⁰**depends** on Kathryn, but I hope I ¹¹**will be**. I'm really sorry, but I ¹²**must** go because I have a photo shoot at Vogue magazine.



Matthew told me that I ¹ couldn't begin to imagine what a fantastic experience working with Kathryn Westwood ² _____. He also said that working with her ³ _____ an honour. However, he said that it ⁴ _____ easy at first, because filming ⁵ _____ at 7.00 a.m. every day for the first three weeks. When I asked him what he ⁶ _____ most about working with Kathryn Westwood, he told me that he ⁷ _____ the way that she ⁸ _____ get all the actors to do exactly what she wanted. Finally, I asked Matthew if ⁹ _____ in any more of her films in the future. He said that it ¹⁰ _____ on Kathryn, but he hoped he ¹¹ _____. We then finished the interview because Matthew said that he ¹² _____ go because he had a photo shoot at *Vogue* magazine.

VOCABULARY

3 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

Example: I don't enjoy shopping in the sales. It's too busy!
season online sales

- 1 That jacket is just the right size. It _____ you perfectly.
suits enjoys fits
- 2 The _____ had a lot of interesting new shops.
supermarket shopping mall department store
- 3 The jumper looked a bit small so I _____ in the shop.
tried it on wore it picked it up
- 4 I'd like a _____ for this bag, please. I bought it last week and the zip broke today.
refund receipt discount

3 Write the nouns for the verbs.

Example: demonstrate demonstration

- 1 respond _____
- 2 pay _____
- 3 qualify _____
- 4 retire _____
- 5 lose _____
- 6 choose _____
- 7 sell _____
- 8 agree _____

READING

1 Read the blog posting and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

Sara's blog

Welcome to my blog where I talk about 'slow' fashion — the art of buying less and wearing more thoughtfully!

This week, we're focusing on the 10 x 10 challenge, which was originally created by ethical fashion blogger 'Style Bee' in 2015, and is now a global trend online. The rules are simple: choose ten items of clothing and wear them for ten days. You are allowed to add accessories, of course, but shoes are included in your choice of ten.

Planning the challenge was a lot of fun. I'd seen other bloggers' outfits from last year, and after that I was sure I'd be able to make it through the ten days. After all, I do have a lot of hats and scarves! Finally, I decided on a pair of skinny black jeans (obviously), two pairs of shoes (one flat and one with heels), one smart shirt, two more casual tops, a warm grey jumper, my favourite denim skirt, and my friend Beth lent me a pair of baggy brown trousers.

So, how did I get on? Well, you can see the outfits I wore each day (arranged on my sofa) on my Instagram feed. You can't see me, but the clothes tell their own story. Beth's trousers were easily my favourite item. I wouldn't normally wear something this shape, but they were very easy to style with different 'looks'.

Overall, I think I was successful but I made some mistakes, which you can avoid! I planned too much. It would have been better to leave one item free, as a 'wild card' to decide during the week itself. The weather in London was freezing. I would happily have swapped one pair of shoes for a proper coat. In the end, I cheated and wore exercise clothes after work to stay warm. (I'm not sure if they're included in the challenge. But Style Bee does say that having fun is more important than following the rules!)

I think people who complete the challenge will think differently about clothes. If you read my blog regularly you will know that I love exploring the charity shops in London. I love wearing old clothes and creating my colourful outfits (it's a buzz knowing that no-one else has the same thing). But the 10 x 10 challenge reminds us not to shop at all. Or at least, to think about the purpose of our clothes rather than just their individuality. Over the next year, I intend to only shop for accessories and to swap more clothes with my friends.

Example: Sara's blog is about _____ fashion.

A cheap ☐ B current ☐ C slow ☒

1 Sara encourages her readers to _____.

A shop less ☐ B talk more ☐ C wear more clothes ☐

2 _____ aren't included in the choice of ten items.

A shoes ☐ B scarves ☐ C tops ☐

3 Looking at _____ made Sara confident that she would succeed.

A the rules of the challenge ☐ B her clothes ☐ C challenge photos online ☐

4 The brown trousers were _____.

A from a charity shop ☐ B not Sara's usual style ☐ C made by a friend ☐

5 Sara says other people should _____ before the challenge.

A plan more ☐ B choose three colours ☐ C only choose nine items ☐

- 6 Sara had to wear _____ because of the cold weather.
 A the grey jumper ☐ B exercise clothes ☐ C a coat ☐
- 7 Style Bee says that _____ isn't that important during the 10 x 10.
 A being fashionable ☐ B following the rules ☐ C having a good time ☐
- 8 Sara often tells her readers about _____ in her city.
 A shopping in charity shops ☐ B what other people wear ☐ C exploring ☐
- 9 Sara wants to think more about _____ of her clothes.
 A the colours ☐ B the creativity ☐ C the purpose ☐

2 Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

Example: The 10 x 10 challenge was created by a fashion blogger. T

- 1 The challenge asks people to throw away ten items from their wardrobes. _____
- 2 Sara owns a lot of accessories. _____
- 3 Sara has posted photos of herself during the challenge. _____
- 4 Sara felt she had too many shoes in her selection. _____
- 5 Sara enjoys wearing things that aren't the same as other people's. _____
- 6 Sara thinks the challenge will encourage people to shop more in charity shops. _____

LISTENING

1 Listen to a conversation. Tick (✓) A, B, or C.

- 1 In his previous job, Aidan was responsible for _____.
 A choosing clothes ☐ B selling clothes ☐ C designing clothes ☐
- 2 Aidan said he didn't get _____ when he worked at Kelly's.
 A a good salary ☐ B to be creative ☐ C the promotion he wanted ☐
- 3 Aidan resigned before he _____.
 A was fired ☐ B told his wife ☐ C found an investor ☐
- 4 _____ makes Aidan feel proud.
 A Designing new products ☐ B Developing his business ☐ C Selling online ☐
- 5 The person who inspires Aidan _____.
 A also changed careers ☐ B is older than he is ☐ C is a fashion journalist ☐

2 Listen to five conversations. Match the conversations (1–5) with what the speakers were talking about (A–E).

- Conversation 1 ☐
- Conversation 2 ☐
- Conversation 3 ☐
- Conversation 4 ☐
- Conversation 5 ☐

- A Complaining that his / her job is too busy.
- B Telling someone that he / she won't invest.
- C Describing an experience of solving problems at work.
- D Finding a temporary job.
- E Asking for overtime work.