

Units 1–2 QUIZ

Name: _____

Date: _____

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A

Listen to the conversations. Check (✓) the correct answers.

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| 1. _____ is completely honest and gives helpful advice.
☐ Denise
☐ Ms. Norris
☐ Anna | 3. Jenna and Scott would love being _____.
☐ bank tellers this summer
☐ extras in a movie
☐ friends with the director |
| 2. It bothers Maria and Gary when people _____.
☐ forget to say thank you
☐ post on social networking sites
☐ don't answer the phone | 4. Emily wants to apply for the _____.
☐ intern position at the zoo
☐ part-time cleaning job
☐ veterinarian office intern position |

B

Write requests using the information given.

- You want your friend to fix your printer tonight.
Would you mind _____ ?
- Your classmate has a cell phone. You want to use it to send a quick text.
Would it be all right if _____ ?
- You want to borrow a stranger's newspaper when he's finished reading it.
I was wondering if you'd mind _____ .

C

Read the stories. Then write the correct title for each one.

A Strange Coincidence!

A Change of Luck for the Better!

Emergency!

The Misfortune Continues!

Long-Distance Mystery!

- _____
One day, a man found a cat on a New York City street and brought it to an animal shelter. The animal shelter workers found a microchip under the cat's skin with contact information for a couple in Colorado. The cat, named Mystery, had been missing for several years from the couple's Colorado home! How did Mystery travel over 1,500 miles from Colorado to New York City? We may never find out!
- _____
Tom was having trouble in his life. In 2010, he lost his job as an engineer, his wife left him, and he got into a car accident. Then his luck changed. He bought a lottery ticket – and won \$35 million dollars.

3. _____

One rainy morning, Todd was driving his pregnant wife, Lisa, to the grocery store. On the way, Lisa started having bad pains. Todd pulled over, and within minutes, the baby was born. Todd used his cell phone to call 911, and 15 minutes later, an ambulance came to take Todd, Lisa, and the new baby to the hospital.

D

Complete the sentences using gerund phrases and the words in the box.

✓ be + flight attendant	write + sports column	retire + age 50	do + volunteer work
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Example: He'd enjoy being a flight attendant because he loves traveling.

- _____ seems rewarding. I've always been interested in helping others.
- Kevin wouldn't like _____ for the school paper. He doesn't really care about school sports or athletic activities.
- You've saved 25 percent of your salary all your life – now it's time to have some fun!
_____ sounds fantastic. You deserve it!

E

Check (✓) the correct response.

- A personal sports trainer probably earns _____ a soccer coach.
☐ better paid than ☐ not as hard as ☐ as much as
- Nurses have _____ pharmacists.
☐ as well paid as ☐ better people skills than ☐ more interesting than
- Long-distance truck drivers are often _____ taxi drivers to drive in bad weather.
☐ better prepared than ☐ as much driving as ☐ more driving experience than
- Working as a bank teller is _____ being a party planner.
☐ worse hours than ☐ as much as ☐ less interesting than

F

Read the article. Then check (✓) three true statements.

The Ins and Outs of Being a Race-Car Driver

Have you ever thought about being a race-car driver? Driving a race car is challenging and exciting. However, some aspects of a race-car driver's job can be stressful, and race-car drivers often have to stay focused for long periods of time.

A race-car driver's work begins long before a race begins. Several hours before a race, the driver and the pit-crew meet. They talk about

what kinds of tires are needed for different weather conditions. They also discuss the layout of the racetrack, the wind conditions (strong winds mean a rough ride for the driver), and even the temperature of the racetrack the driver is driving on.

Race-car drivers often say that the most difficult thing about racing is getting a chance to drive in races. It takes years and years of practice

at local racetracks to gain enough experience to drive in professional races. Only the very best race-car drivers become well known. Most race-car drivers don't get to experience fame and fortune.

A race-car driver must be intelligent, calm under pressure, and in excellent health. The safety of the driver, and the other race competitors, depends on his or her skills and experiences.

- ☐ 1. Not all aspects of a race-car driver's job are exciting.
- ☐ 2. The pit-crew's main job is to help drive the car.

- ☐ 3. It's not the driver's job to check the wind and temperature conditions on race day.
- ☐ 4. One of the most difficult things for race-car drivers is getting chances to drive in races.
- ☐ 5. Almost all race-car drivers earn a lot of money.
- ☐ 6. Race-car drivers need to be careful for their own safety as well as the safety of their competitors.