

SECTION B: Language in Use

I. Read the passage below. Choose the correct option for each gap and write it in the box.

Good at Languages

At school, Sarah Biggs says she was very bad at languages. She (1) ___ to attend lessons and she was constantly failing school exams. But surprisingly, she has succeeded (2) ___ English, Spanish and Italian and works as a multilingual secretary in a travel company in England.

Sarah comes from Spain, where she graduated from college. But it was time spent abroad after college (3) ___ encouraged her interest in languages.

In her job, Sarah has (4) ___ more responsibility than the title of secretary would suggest. She emphasises the advantage (5) ___ fluent in Spanish because part of her job is dealing with customers from Latin America. However, this sometimes makes her (6) ___ stressed. When such clients come from abroad, she is (7) ___ to translate everything they say into English, without any preparation at all. (8) ___, this aspect of her job is one of the most difficult.

It is important for Sarah (9) ___ up-to-date with changes in her own language, so she reads Spanish newspapers and books (10) ___ improve her vocabulary. Sarah says she would not give up this job even if they offered her a better salary in another company.

Adapted from FCE Practice Tests Plus

1 ___	A. denied	B. avoided	C. refused	D. turned down
2 ___	A. on learning	B. in learning	C. to learning	D. to learn
3 ___	A. that	B. where	C. what	D. who
4 ___	A. quite a few	B. a great deal	C. a large number	D. several
5 ___	A. to be	B. for being	C. from being	D. of being
6 ___	A. to feel	B. feeling	C. feel	D. felt
7 ___	A. allowed	B. required	C. permitted	D. bound
8 ___	A. Moreover	B. By the way	C. Despite	D. Therefore
9 ___	A. to be	B. being	C. be	D. will be
10 ___	A. so as to	B. so that	C. for	D. thus

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II. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form. Use modals if necessary.

A Mugging Incident

I (1) _____ (always/be) careful when going home alone, but unfortunately last night I (2) _____ (mug).

I (3) _____ (walk) for a few minutes when suddenly I heard footsteps behind me. Before I could turn around, someone grabbed my wrist, twisting it behind my back. The assailant whispered he (4) _____ (hurt) me unless I (5) _____ (do) as he said. He ended up taking my phone and purse.

After the incident, I ran home and told my parents everything that (6) _____ (happen). I was unable (7) _____ (control) my feelings and I cried until the police arrived. I spent some time (8) _____ (answer) their questions. I gave as many facts as I (9) _____ (remember) and they came up with an identikit drawing that looked just like the criminal.

Hopefully by this time tomorrow, they (10) _____ (catch) him.

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III. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word in brackets. You mustn't change the word given.

- Buying the drinks for the party was my parents' responsibility. **SUPPOSED**
My parents _____ for the party.
- 'If you don't give me the treasure map, I'll kill you', the pirate said to the prisoner. **THREATENED**
The pirate _____ the treasure map.
- I can't travel abroad because I lost my passport. **ABLE**
If I _____ travel abroad.

- I'm sure that Lauren was excited when they published her book. **HAVE**
Lauren _____ published.
- Chef Gordon Ramsay's TV show has become an international success. **WHOSE**
Gordon Ramsay is _____ an international success.
- It annoys me when you leave wet towels on the bathroom floor. **WISH**
I _____ wet towels on the bathroom floor.
- You shouldn't close the programme without saving the document first. **BETTER**
You _____ closing the programme.
- Frank didn't know about Nicole's illness. **ILL**
Little _____.
- The movie was really sad. Everyone left the cinema in tears. **THAT**
It was _____.
- They didn't want to waste time. That's why they took a taxi. **ORDER**
They took a taxi _____ time.

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SECTION C: Writing

I. You must write between 150-180 words on the following:

You have decided to enter a short story competition. The rules say that the narrative must begin or end with the following words:

"If I hadn't taken the risk, none of this would have happened."

Write your narrative.
