

Grammar U1 New Maturita Activator

Present tenses

2 Complete the dialogues using the verbs in capitals.

- 1 A: What are you eating? EAT
B: A ham sandwich.
- 2 A: Who _____ for? WAIT
B: My girlfriend. And she's late again!
- 3 A: _____ tennis? PLAY
B: Yes, but not very well.
- 4 A: How many hours _____? WORK
B: Usually not more than seven.
- 5 A: What _____? THINK
B: If you ask me, it's a very good idea.
- 6 A: _____ German this term? STUDY
B: Yes, but I still can't say much.

5 Read the description of the photograph below. Complete it with the verbs in the correct form.



There are just four people in the picture. Two of them are in the foreground. They ¹ are lying (lie) on a transparent airbed. Both of them ² _____ (wear) light blue swimming costumes. The young girl on the right also ³ _____ (have) a mask and one of those special tubes* used for swimming underwater. I ⁴ _____ (not know) what it's called in English. The blonde person on the left ⁵ _____ (seem) to be older than the girl. She might ⁶ _____ (be) the girl's mother – there is a wedding ring on her finger. I think they ⁷ _____ a lot of fun together. They are both smiling.

In the background, there is a man with his son. I guess they are the rest of the family. They ⁸ _____ (not swim). The man ⁹ _____ (hold) the boy's hand. I think they are on holiday somewhere very hot. There are palm trees on the beach, and the beach and the water ¹⁰ _____ warm and very clean.

* it's called a snorkel

Articles – choose the correct answer

1 Circle the sentence you would use in each situation.

- 1 You are going shopping to the town centre. There is only one supermarket in your town.**
 - a I'm going to a supermarket.
 - b I'm going to the supermarket.**
- 2 You are talking to your friend about different kinds of animals.**
 - a I don't like cats.
 - b I don't like the cats.
- 3 You are trying to convince your brother to let you use the computer now.**
 - a I really need a computer now.
 - b I really need the computer now.
- 4 You are talking to your friend about the absence of your English teacher.**
 - a I don't know why the teacher hasn't come today.
 - b I don't know why a teacher hasn't come today.
- 5 You are writing a test and your pen stopped writing.**
 - a Has anybody got a pen?
 - b Has anybody got the pen?
- 6 You are admiring your grandmother's garden.**
 - a Flowers are really beautiful.
 - b The flowers are really beautiful.

Adjectives:

- 1 Complete the gaps with the adjectives in brackets in the comparative or superlative form.

BLOG ZONE

My three ¹ best (good) friends are very different but we get on very well together. Kathy is certainly ² _____ (intelligent) of all of us – I think, she's a genius. Her IQ is ³ _____ (high) than her much older brother's. But Kathy is also very shy and much ⁴ _____ (quiet) than Celia, Fiona and me. Celia loves sport and she's ⁵ _____ (fast) long-distance runner in our school. She's not so good at team sports though – in fact, she's ⁶ _____ (bad) basketball player I know. Strange, isn't it? And Fiona doesn't like sport at all. She's ⁷ _____ (funny) girl in the world and everybody likes her company. Recently though, she has become ⁸ _____ (serious) about life and her future, perhaps because she is ⁹ _____ (old) and ¹⁰ _____ (mature) than us.

My three friends are even ¹¹ _____ (close) to me than my own two sisters. I think life is much ¹² _____ (easy) when you have nice people around. ¹³ _____ (sad) people I know are those who have no true friends.