ENGLISH FILE PRE INT TEST UNIT 12

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CONNECTING WORLDS...

GRAMMAR

1 Write the sentences in reported speech.

Example: 'I hate my boss.' She told me that *she hated her boss*.

1 'I'm moving house.' She told us that _____.

2 'Jill didn't phone me.' She said that _____.

3 'Our children can swim.' They told us that _____.

4 'The bus won't be late.' He said that _____.

5 'I've finished the ironing.' She told her mum that _____.

6 'We're going to the shops.' They said that _____.

2 Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

Example: picture painted who this
Who painted this picture?

1 happened what last Sarah to week ?

_____

2 trains how go many to Bradford ?

_____

3 last which Olympic Games hosted country the ?

_____

4 apartment in who that lives ?

_____

5 2000 which writer Nobel Prize a in Chinese won ?

_____

6 are test how the people many taking ?

_____

3 Complete the email. Put the verb in brackets in the past simple or past perfect.

Hi Elaine

Did you go (you / go) anywhere interesting for New Year's Eve? Alan and I [1]_____ (decide) to go to Dublin because we [2]_____ (not go) to Ireland before. When we [3]_____ (arrive) there everything was wet because it [4]_____ (rain) earlier in the day. It [5]_____ (take) two hours to find a place to stay, because we [6]_____ (not book) a hotel. We [7]_____ (spend) New Year's Eve with one of Alan's university friends. They had a lot to talk about because they [8]_____ (not see) each other for a long time.

Happy New Year

Yuko

Grammar total		20

VOCABULARY

4 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

Example: We sometimes **have** / **go** / **get on** a swim in the evening.

1 Silvia didn't **realize** / **get into** / **have** that there was someone in the room.

2 Are you going to **be** / **get out** / **put** of the swimming pool now?

3 I usually **be** / **realize** / **leave** my cat with my parents when I go away.

4 **Go** / **Put** / **Free** those bags on the trolley, please.

5 Who do these glasses **leave** / **be** / **belong** to?

6 Where do I have to get **off** / **out of** / **to** the bus?

7 They **belonged** / **freed** / **went** the men from prison.

5 Complete the sentences with the past participle of the verb in brackets.

Example: I was annoyed because Gerry had *broken* (break) my mobile phone.

1 Oscar said that he'd _____ (speak) to Mark's parents.

2 The police said that the bank robber had _____ (steal) around £4 million.

3 He wore the tie that his wife had _____ (buy) for him.

4 She'd _____ (send) three letters to the school, but no one had replied.

5 Cheryl said the food on the plane had _____ (be) awful.

6 There was nothing to eat. The children had _____ (eat) everything.

7 The farmer said the dogs had _____ (attack) his sheep.

6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *say* or *tell*.

Example: 'It's snowing!' *said* Maxine.

1 They _____ they were selling their house.

2 Could you _____ us when the flight will arrive?

3 We see Natalie every day and she never _____ hello to us.

4 Lucy _____ her sister that she was going to get divorced.

5 What will you _____when you meet your cousin?

6 Andrew _____ his parents that he didn't want to go to university.

Vocabulary total		20

READING

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

Is gossip *really* good for you?

That's the question we asked some of our readers this week. Email us and tell us what you think.

Lesley Hartley, age 25

'There's a boy in my class at university who I really like. He's called Tony. I was too scared to ask him out. I told my best friend Alice this secret. She said she wouldn't tell anyone. Alice couldn't keep the secret, though, and she gossiped to her other friends. Of course, her friends told Tony! Fortunately for me, the gossip was actually a good thing. Tony waited for me after class one day. He told me that Alice's friends had gossiped about me. And then he invited me to go out to the cinema one night. We've been together since then! I think people are probably programmed to gossip. We need to gossip to build connections with other people.'

James Goodman, age 35

'Unfortunately, I think gossiping is in our genes. And I don't think it's a positive thing. People gossip to make themselves feel more important. They don't think about the effect it has on the people they gossip about. For example, one of my neighbours gossiped about me after I divorced my wife. She said that I had treated my wife badly. Another neighbour told my work colleagues that my wife was going to move to Germany with the children. These are both lies. I've found it difficult to meet someone else because people believe the gossip, not me.'

Eric French, age 28

'We shouldn't feel guilty about a bit of gossip. I believe that gossiping is good for you. We are people, and people enjoy sharing news – both good and bad – so that they can form and improve their social relationships. I'll give you an example ... I'm quite shy and I don't make friends easily. My girlfriend told me that I didn't go out enough, and that I should have a better social life. She complained about this to her best friend, Susan. Then, one night, I got a phone call from Danny, Susan's boyfriend. He asked me to go out with him to see a band. I had a brilliant night. Since then, Danny and I have seen a band every week. He's a good friend now and I feel much happier.'

Example: Lesley told her best friend __B___.
A a lie B a secret C some gossip

1 Lesley started going out with Tony after Alice gossiped to ☐.
A her sister B her friends C Tony

2 Tony waited for Lesley ☐ one day.
A after work B after the cinema C after class

3 James's neighbours didn't tell ☐ about him.
A the truth B secrets C funny stories

4 James thinks that people ☐ what he says.
A don't believe B don't hear C don't understand

5 Eric's girlfriend wanted him to have a better ☐.
A working life B routine C social life

6 Because of the gossip, Eric has ☐.
A got a new girlfriend B made a new friend C got a new job

2 Write *L* for Lesley, *J* for James, or *E* for Eric.

Example: There was a boy in my class I liked. *L*

1 We all like gossiping. ☐

2 I'm not married any more. ☐

3 I think it's difficult to meet someone new. ☐

4 I find it difficult to make friends. ☐

5 I didn't ask someone out because I was scared. ☐

6 I see live music every week. ☐

7 I don't think gossiping is a good thing. ☐

8 I think gossiping helps us connect with others. ☐

9 I have a new partner. ☐

Reading total		15

LISTENING

Listening total		10

1 Listen to the conversation. Underline the correct words(s).

1 A German **policeman / postman** married his cat because it had become ill.
2 **An actress / A waitress** married them, because officials said they wouldn't do it.
3 A snake bit an English postman on his **leg / hand**.
4 He sucked the poison out, then **continued working / went to hospital**.
5 Four hundred snakes in Sierra Leone made their home in a **police station / post office**.

2 Listen to five conversations. Match the conversations with the topics (A–G). There are two answers you don't need.

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

A a book that was made into a film
B a painting about a song
C a popular song
D a film that nobody likes
E finding out the world isn't flat
F an emotional photograph
G a picture that you see everywhere