

Exam Unit 2

Reading

1. Read the article and use the words from the box to complete it. There are TWO extra words.

although – and – such – then – because – also – however – last – so – after – but

The perfect picture

_____ autumn, I was helping my sister to find a photographer for her wedding. I was looking at wedding photographs online when I saw my first sakura picture. Sakura, or cherry blossom, are light pink flowers that arrive in spring on cherry trees. The flowers are very beautiful, _____ they are very popular in wedding photos. The sakura flowers are very popular with everyone in Japan.

_____ my sister's wedding, I needed a quiet holiday, _____ I decided to visit Tokyo and see the cherry blossom. I booked a week in a hotel at the end of April. I bought a new camera and searched online for the best places to look at the trees. I arrived safely and checked into my clean, comfortable hotel room. I slept well and got ready for my first day of sakura photography.

_____ the problems started. When I arrived at Inokashira Park it was already very busy with large families having picnics and couples having dates, too. I couldn't get near to the trees. My pictures were a disaster. At the end of the day, I went back to my hotel feeling quite sad. _____ when I was looking at my photos that evening, I found one picture of a little boy looking at the flowers. It was a great picture _____ he was laughing.

The next day, I returned to Inokashira Park, but this time I only took pictures of people. I spoke to people who I thought looked interesting, _____ as people with colourful hats, or unusual hair, or nice faces. I _____ asked them to take their pictures with the flowers. I had fun, and I met lots of friendly people. Now, when I look at my sakura pictures, I remember the cherry blossom and their happy stories.

2. Read the article again and write T (true) or F (false). Correct the false ones.

a. The sakura flowers are popular only in wedding photos. ____.

b. The writer stayed in a house in Japan. ____.

c. There were lots of people in the park. ____.

d. The writer couldn't take any good pictures on the first day. ____.

e. The writer is satisfied with the pictures taken. ____.

3. Answer the questions about the article.

a. What was the writer doing when he saw a sakura photo for the first time?

b. Which picture did the writer think was great?

Grammar

4. Complete the text with the PAST SIMPLE or PAST CONTINUOUS form of the verbs in brackets.

Yesterday, I _____ (hear) a terrible explosion while I _____ (walk) into my office on the 24th floor of the north tower. I _____ (look) out of the window, and lots of paper _____ (fly) around from the sky. There _____ (be) an announcement to evacuate the building, so we _____ (start) walking down the stairs. While we _____ (go) down, we _____ (can) see some firefighters who _____ (run) up the stairs in that moment. We _____ (get) to the ground floor, and we _____ (run) as fast as possible. After 10 minutes, we _____ (stop) to rest in a small park. There is where we _____ (stand) when the second tower _____ (fall) down.

5. Complete the sentences with the correct preposition: IN – ON – AT

- a. We got married _____ 7th May.
- b. What did you do _____ the weekend?
- c. There was nowhere to sit _____ the train.
- d. They played basketball _____ the morning.
- e. Stefano was born _____ Rome.
- f. They sat _____ the balcony.
- g. We arrived _____ the bus stop just before the bus left.

Vocabulary

6. Circle the correct option.

- a. **take** / be / have someone to a restaurant
- b. **meet** / run / have across the road
- c. **have** / leave / wait a good time
- d. **invite** / give / drive somebody to dinner
- e. **wait** / meet / drive along the road
- f. **run** / be / play in a hurry
- g. **wait** / run / invite for a friend
- h. **take** / play / give a song

7. Choose the correct option A, B or C.

- 1. She didn't _____ many photos when she went to Italy.
a. do b. have c. take
- 2. You need a passport if you want to go _____.
a. by plane b. on holiday c. abroad
- 3. The food at the restaurant was _____.

a. comfortable b. delicious c. crowded

4. The weather was lovely. It was _____ every day.

a. foggy b. cloudy c. sunny

5. Julie and Andy _____ a car to go around the city for a few days.

a. booked b. hired c. rented

6. I _____ most of my time at the beach when I'm on holiday.

a. buy b. go c. spend

7. Did you _____ any souvenirs when you were in Brazil?

a. buy b. take c. have

8. We went _____ for a few days last winter holidays.

a. by car b. away c. out

9. You wear them on your foot when it's raining.

a. umbrella b. socks c. boots

10. Jewellery that you wear on your fingers.

a. ring b. gloves c. bracelet

Listening



9. Listen to a couple talking about their holidays and answer T or F. Correct the false ones.

a. Laura takes hundreds of photos when they are on holidays. _____

b. Han prefers friendly and noisy places. _____

c. Laura liked having lunch in Rio. _____

d. They went on holiday together recently. _____

e. Han's family had a terrible weekend. _____
