

Grammar

1 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 When we arrived at the stadium, the race had started.
 - a The race was in progress when we arrived at the stadium.
 - b The race started after we arrived.
- 2 Louise had done a lot of training when she took part in the tennis competition.
 - a Louise first did a lot of training and then she took part in the tennis competition.
 - b Louise did a lot of training at the same time that she took part in the tennis competition.
- 3 The record company had to pay back all the money to the people that had bought tickets.
 - a The record company paid the money first and then people bought tickets.
 - b People first bought tickets and then the record company paid the money.
- 4 He told everyone that he had won a gold medal.
 - a He won a gold medal and at the same time told everyone.
 - b He first won a gold medal and then he told everyone.

Mark: ____ / 4

2 Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple or the past perfect tense.

Cheating in school

Gina Davis was shocked when she got the call from school. The teacher
1 _____ (tell) her that her daughter 2 _____ (cheat) in a test.
What was even more shocking was the fact that her daughter was only eight! 'Before this
3 _____ (happen), I 4 _____ (talk) to my daughter about
cheating,' says Gina. 'I 5 _____ (explain) what it meant to cheat and why it
was wrong.'

Young children don't understand the difference between right and wrong in the classroom.
'Before they 6 _____ (start) school, most kids 7 _____
(already / cheat) when playing games and 8 _____ (understand) that it was
wrong. But it's difficult for them to then apply that understanding to school situations,'
explains child psychologist Barbara Rey.

'This 9 _____ (not / be) a problem before they 10 _____
(introduce) exams and testing,' says Davis. 'Now every child is feeling the pressure to get the
best grades.'

Mark: ____ / 10

3 Rewrite the sentences with *used to* in the correct form.

- 1 When I was younger, I played a lot of tennis. I don't do it now.

- 2 When my mum was at school, they never cheated in tests and exams.

- 3 I never liked PE lessons in school.

- 4 Did you go to a lot of football matches when you were a kid?

Mark: ____ / 4

4 Complete sentence b so that it has a similar meaning to sentence a. Use the words in brackets. Do not change the given words.

- 1 a There were no tickets left when we wanted to buy them.
b They _____.
(sold)
- 2 a Today, Premier League footballers take a drugs test.
b In the past, _____.
(did)
- 3 a Terry broke his leg. Because of that, he couldn't take part in the race.
b Terry couldn't _____.
(broken)
- 4 a When we were kids, we spent a lot of time at my grandparents' in the country.
b When we were kids, we _____.
(spend)
- 5 a Most families have more than one car.
b In the past, _____ only one car.
(have)
- 6 a The athlete ran very slowly. He was ill before the race.
b The athlete ran very slowly because _____.
(been)

Mark: ____ / 6

TOTAL: _____ OUT OF 24 POINTS