

BBC

Speak out

3RD EDITION

End of Course Test Units 1–8

Version A

B1

GRAMMAR

Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

1. any sports in your free time?
2. She today because she's sick.
3. I promise you something nice for dinner.
4. Before on holiday, she gave the plants some water.
5. I don't work with Alan now, so I see him less.
6. She for the bus when a woman asked her for help.
7. We eating our lunch and we were taking the plates out to the kitchen.
8. I don't know how to write a poem. I one before.
9. Ms Tranter left the office two o'clock today.
10. He lived there 2016 and then he moved house.

11. Who the keys to the shop?

12. What website ?

13. I my parents this weekend, but I'm not sure yet.

14. She dinner with her friends this evening. They organised it weeks ago.

15. Have they ? They're not in their seats yet.

16. I wear a suit to work. I can decide what clothes to wear.

17. They were late because they look for a parking space.

18. She was at school when she hurt herself.

19. My birthday is on 14th July.

20. It was hotel I've ever stayed in.

21. I'm sure that's the street they live.

22. That was the time I broke my glasses.

23. 'I've written a letter to the manager,' she said. She said she a letter to the manager.

24. 'I'll take the rubbish out when I leave,' he said. He said he - the rubbish out when he left.

25. She late today because it's her birthday.

26. I enjoy those long car journeys, but I don't mind them now.

27. My new teacher is than the last one.

28. Gabby doesn't type as Yannis.

29. He hasn't finished cleaning his bedroom .

30. They've known each other they were children.

31. If you don't get up now, you late for work.

32. You'd be more relaxed if you looking at your phone all the time.

33. We've got potatoes, but we haven't got any onions.

34. I didn't get sleep last night. I feel exhausted today.

35. My wife goes running by .

36. I cook very well, but I'm pretty good at tortilla.

37. She solve the problem when the teacher helped her.

38. The men by the police at the moment.

39. The children about the school trip yet.

40. I wouldn't mind at home this evening.

VOCABULARY

Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

41. I don't with Rosie. For some reason, she doesn't seem to like me.

42. The man wasn't very . He didn't reply when I spoke to him.

43. She gave me a lovely birthday present. It was very of her.

44. We're looking for a who can look after our plants and trees.

45. I'm at the moment so I'm looking for a new job.

46. She was with her present because she wanted something else.

47. I'm a bit because I'm waiting for the result of my driving test.

48. Why are you of your brother? We love both of you the same.

49. This is one of my favourite . I watch it every week.

50. I dreamt about monsters after I watched that .

51. My was better when I was younger. I find it hard to remember new things these days.

52. Which would you choose from the list?

53. I don't the question. Can you help me?

54. There isn't much on the menu. It's either fish or meat.

55. It makes to stay at home because the weather's terrible.

56. I'm not in this game so I'm probably going to lose.

57. She doesn't find it easy to accept . She wants to succeed in everything.

58. He's an amazing . He's spent his whole life helping people learn.

59. Children can only an account with their parents' permission.

60. Your video will only if people find it interesting.

61. People said the story was , but I think it was true.

62. You won't the truth in the newspapers. They'll never write about it.

63. We're worried about the high around the factory.

64. We've asked local people to money to the charity.

65. Do you mind taking the out this morning?

66. Because of , the world is hotter than it was 100 years ago.

67. Earthquakes can be some of the world's worst .

68. I love the colours that this uses for his portraits.

69. You couldn't see what was happening because the wasn't very clear.

70. Our hotel is the perfect for weddings and other events.

71. This has designed some of the world's tallest buildings.

72. I like art class because it allows me to use my .

73. How do you your life will be in 2050?

74. We couldn't believe how good his skills were.

75. My parents are planning a to Buenos Aires.

76. We're going on a for a few days in Glasgow.

77. Why don't we ? We can ride them to the beach.

78. What do you think the will be like? Do you think it will be comfortable?

79. I haven't that shop there before. It must be new.

80. We'd the park by chance, but we spent a lovely afternoon there.

81. It was normally a wide river, but now it was no bigger than a

82. We trekked through the , which was hot and full of plants.

83. I don't think we can the computer. We need to get a new one.

84. My neighbour has an automatic system for watering his plants.

85. They a silly story about why they were late.

86. Can you how this clock works? I don't know how to set the alarm.

87. My friend has a video where he talks about computer games.

88. Do you mind if I your phone? I need to use this socket.

89. I'm going to the latest update. Your computer should work better then.

90. Let's see if the light works now. Can you ?

HOW TO ...

Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

91. **A:** How was your holiday?

B: Not bad.

92. **A:** I apologise. I got the time wrong.

B: That's

93. I can use the library on Sundays?

94. In cricket, players use a bat which wood.

95. A: Bad news, I'm afraid. I've lost my job.

B: I'm to hear that.

96. A: I would say that's the worst play I've ever seen.

B: What you say that?

97. visiting the national museum in Copenhagen.

98. This Victorian bridge has become for its engineering design.

99 A: The coffee machine seems to be broken.

B: clean it properly.

100. Your is supposed to be secret. Thieves can take money from your account if they know it.

PART B | LISTENING

You will hear five people talking about learning. Match the speakers (1–5) with the statements (a–e).

1. Suzanne



• a. I don't plan to carry on going to the classes

2. Axel



• b. I made a change because I wasn't learning.

3. Amelia



• c. I'll continue having lessons for the moment.

4. Rory



• d. I didn't expect to enjoy it this much.

5. Lisa



• e. I like the place where I have the lessons.

Listen again. For each speaker, choose the correct answer.

1. Why is Suzanne having tennis lessons?

She used to play tennis and wants to play it again.

She has recently been given a new tennis racquet.

She wants to be able to play with her friend.

2. What does Axel say about his art classes?

He does the classes in an artist's workspace.

His teacher gets annoyed with him sometimes.

He's preparing to show his pictures in a gallery.

3. What does Amelia like most about her teaching course?

Learning about the language

Being in a different country

Spending time with her students

4. What does Rory say about learning the trumpet?

He would like to do classes in a music school.

He wanted to learn because of a famous person.

He doesn't practice as much as he should.

5. How does Lisa feel about the creative writing classes?

She has problems learning some of the content.

They're similar to the classes she had at school.

The teacher doesn't try to make them interesting.

PART B | READING

Read the text about a vlogger called Demi Skipper. Match the paragraphs (1–5) with the headings (A–E).

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1

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2

If you exchange something you have for something better, then you have traded up. Demi started with an ordinary hair pin, which you use to keep your hair in place, and traded it up for a pair of earrings. After that, she traded them for a set of glasses and she carried on until she was finally able to trade a caravan for a house. She only used her own money to pay for the delivery of the items.

3

Demi came up with the idea after hearing about Kyle MacDonald who'd done something similar back in 2006. Kyle had become famous for his "One Red Paperclip" blog. He'd written it while trying to trade up to a house from a red paperclip. Kyle succeeded in just over a year and with only fourteen trades. While Kyle wrote about his experiences in a blog, Demi recorded her experiences on videos and uploaded them to her vlog. Her videos soon went viral and, apart from her fans, she had TV reporters following her as well. They were all keen to see her achieve her dream of getting a house.

4

There were some unusual exchanges during Demi's "journey". For example, there were the three tractors which she exchanged for a year's worth of free food in a Mexican restaurant. However, some of her trades didn't go as well as expected. For example, she received a diamond necklace which was worth less than she thought. There was also a car that didn't work, but she didn't give up. She just carried on trading!

5

It took just over a year and twenty-eight trades for Demi to reach her goal. She was driving home with her caravan when she started to arrange her next trade. But before she'd got home, Demi managed to achieve her dream. One of Demi's social media followers had agreed to exchange their twobedroom house for her caravan! In her final vlog, Demi is given the keys to her new home, before reminding her followers that anything is possible if you try hard enough.

- A. Where did Demi get her inspiration?
- B. How did Demi reach her goal?
- C. Why has Demi been in the news?
- D. What difficulties did Demi face?

E. What is 'trading up'?

Read the text again. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

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1. Getting a new house is an unusual experience for most people.
2. Demi had to pay one cent to the owners of her new home.
3. If you trade up, you hope to get something more valuable.

4. Demi was expected to pay to get the items delivered.
5. Demi was inspired by a man who had done something similar.
6. Kyle MacDonald wasn't able to achieve his goal.
7. Demi became popular very quickly on the internet.
8. Demi decided to stop trading after a car broke down.
9. It took a long time to find someone who wanted Demi's caravan.
10. Demi's last video shows her receiving the keys to her house.

PART B | WRITING

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. She studied medicine at university she wanted to be a doctor.
2. They thought they'd take the train, but they took the bus.
3. If you want to meet new people, joining a club or gym?
4. we can't visit you this weekend, we'd love to see you soon.
5. , I couldn't understand any Spanish, but now I understand it much better.

Read part of an email from a friend. Write an email to your friend with your suggestions. Write your email in about 100 words.

I'd like to go on holiday in your country. I'd like to hear your suggestions about accommodation, sightseeing and interesting festivals.