

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.