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Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation A

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

Example: If we had had (have) more time, we'd have visited Rachel and David.

- 1 I _____ (never / be able to) buy a house if my parents hadn't helped me financially.
- 2 You wouldn't have done so well in life if you _____ (not / go) to college.
- 3 We _____ (get) completely lost if a stranger hadn't shown us the way.
- 4 If you'd run faster, we might _____ (not / miss) the bus.
- 5 He wouldn't have wrecked the car if he _____ (not / answer) his cell phone.
- 6 She _____ (worry) about you if you hadn't called to say you were OK.
- 7 We could _____ (look after) the children last night if you'd asked.
- 8 He would have resigned if he _____ (not / be) promoted.
- 9 _____ (you / know) that was Marco if I hadn't told you?
- 10 You wouldn't have been so cold if you _____ (wear) a jacket.

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2 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: A lot of / Many of people cheered when they heard the news.

- 1 I often get headaches because I spend too *much* / *many* hours on my computer.
- 2 Excuse me, this shirt isn't *enough big* / *big enough*. Do you have a larger size?
- 3 We have *no* / *none* time for arguments. Just hurry up and do it!
- 4 I don't like living in the city – there's too *much* / *many* traffic.
- 5 They don't have *plenty* / *much* money, but they're still very generous.
- 6 There are *not* / *no* enough seats for everyone.
- 7 *Very little* / *few* money is being invested in the public health system.
- 8 I was going to have a cookie, but there aren't *none* / *any*.
- 9 There are *very few* / *very little* modern buildings in this town.
- 10 There isn't *enough room* / *room enough* in this car. I need a bigger one.

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Grammar total	20
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Reading and Writing A

READING

1 Read the posts and check (✓) A, B, or C.

Post your messages @East Coast Thank Yous. Your helper may see it—you never know!

Lucy @Lucy_bly8539

Thank you to the kind commuters who helped me on the train between Boston and New Haven on July 21st. I had been in Boston for a college interview and had rushed to the station because there's only one fast train an hour to New York's Penn Station. I was literally running when I dropped my phone. I picked that up and then jumped on the train just before it left the station. A few minutes later, I read the electronic noticeboard on the train and saw that we were going to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, not Penn Station. I realized I was heading to Pittsburgh and not New York! I'm not used to traveling by myself. When I saw that my phone was broken too, I started to cry. I think most of the people on the train car helped me to calm down and explained what I needed to do. A very nice lady let me use her phone to tell my mom what had happened. I changed trains in New Haven and caught the next train back to Penn Station from there. I don't have a very good sense of direction for someone who wants to study geography after I graduate from high school, do I? Thank you everyone!

James @James&family00buzz

Thanks to everyone who looked after my son at the Smithsonian yesterday. We had just visited the Air and Space Museum and my two boys wanted to see the dinosaurs at the Museum of Natural History before we went home. It was really crowded and I had my youngest son in a stroller. Thomas, who is six, wanted to go faster and ran off ahead. I immediately lost sight of him in the crowd. He got to the Museum of Natural History and then realized he was lost. Apparently, many people stood in a circle around him to keep him safe. The police were there in seconds, and one police officer carried Thomas on his shoulders to watch for me. I reached him about two minutes later. By then, a nice street performer — one of those guys who stands still like a statue — had even bought Thomas an ice cream. I was terrified but Thomas was delighted. I am grateful to you all.

Marissa @SuperMari_0058

Thanks to the man with the gray and green water bottle on the Washington Metro Red Line. The weather was so hot and I was feeling faint. You gave me your seat and your water bottle. I think you had red hair, but you definitely had rainbow striped socks because I was looking at them for about 10 minutes. I thought I was going to be sick, so I left the train at Dupont Circle to cool off before getting back on the Metro. I took a little walk to look for a café and found several apartments to rent. I'm moving to Dupont Circle next week! Would you like your water bottle back?

Example: Lucy is a college student from Boston.

A True ☐ B False ☒ C Doesn't say ☐

1 There are a lot of fast trains between Boston and Penn Station.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

2 When she spoke to the ticket inspector, Lucy realized she was on the wrong train.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

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- 3 If Lucy hadn't got off the train, she would have arrived in Pennsylvania.
 A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 4 Seven commuters helped Lucy to change trains in New Haven.
 A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 5 Thomas wasn't old enough to walk alone at the Smithsonian.
 A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 6 The street performer was dressed as a robot.
 A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 7 James and Thomas were separated for very little time.
 A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 8 Marissa was feeling faint because it was hot and she was pregnant.
 A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 9 Marissa can't remember much about what the man looked like.
 A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 10 Marissa was planning to walk home from Dupont Circle.
 A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

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2 Write L for Lucy, J for James, or M for Marissa.

Example: If it hadn't been so hot, I wouldn't have felt sick. M

- 1 I wouldn't have lost sight of him if it hadn't been so crowded. _____
- 2 If I hadn't broken my phone, I wouldn't have been so upset. _____
- 3 I'm sure he would have been scared if people hadn't been so nice. _____
- 4 I wouldn't have found my new home if I hadn't left the train early. _____
- 5 If a commuter hadn't helped me, my family wouldn't have known where I was. _____

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Reading total		15
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WRITING

Write a story about an interesting encounter with a stranger (or invent one) (140–180 words). Answer the questions.

- **Set the scene:** When was it? Where were you? What were you doing?
- **Tell the story:** Who did you meet? How? What happened?
- **Conclude:** Did it change your life in any way?

Writing total		10
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Reading and Writing total		25
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Listening and Speaking A

LISTENING

1 Listen to a conversation in a shopping center. Complete the sentences with one or two words. You may have to change the form of the words you hear.

- 1 The box Rashid is using is a _____ for electronic devices.
- 2 According to Nadia, there _____ boxes like these in European cities.
- 3 Rashid _____ his phone 20 minutes ago and took a key.
- 4 Rashid thinks shoppers like the boxes because they're _____ to use.
- 5 Nadia is going to wait in a _____ for 15 minutes.

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2 Listen to five conversations. Check (✓) A, B, or C.

- 1 The man does not have his _____.
A laptop ☐ B charger ☐ C flash drive ☐
- 2 The man is having problems _____.
A changing his wallpaper ☐ B uploading a photo ☐ C installing a photo app ☐
- 3 Carla used to have _____ on her phone.
A fewer games ☐ B a lot of games ☐ C no games ☐
- 4 Sim keeps his passwords _____.
A in his memory ☐ B in a password manager ☐ C on paper ☐
- 5 Kate _____ her presentation if she hadn't brought the flash drive.
A would still have given ☐ B couldn't have updated ☐
C wouldn't have given ☐

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Listening total	10
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