

UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE
PRE INTERMEDIATE FINAL EXAM

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GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Example: Shhh. The film has just started (start).

- 1 '_____ you _____ (wash) the car yet?' 'No, I haven't.'
- 2 I _____ (like) vegetarian food.
- 3 Kate often _____ (go out) with Dinis, but they aren't a couple.
- 4 Laila and Jumaid _____ (watch) TV at 10 o'clock last night.
- 5 I _____ (call) you in five minutes. Is that OK?
- 6 'What _____ you _____ (do)?' 'I'm a shop assistant.'
- 7 'I promise I _____ (make) the bed', said Ricardo.
- 8 It _____ (rain) when Rachael arrived at her new office.
- 9 Faisal is over there. He _____ (stand) next to the tall man in the black hat.
- 10 Good news! Agnieska and Theo _____ (sold) their house.

2 Choose the correct form.

Example: Kim broke / **has broken** her arm while she was on holiday.

- 1 Lianne **has been** / **has gone** to Moscow more than once.
- 2 I **every day exercise** / **exercise every day**.
- 3 When you called I **ate** / **was eating** my lunch.
- 4 Ali **is cycling** / **cycles** to work every day.
- 5 What **are you doing** / **do you do** this weekend?
- 6 This song isn't **too good as** / **as good as** his last one.
- 7 **They're meeting** / **They meet** Jan at the cinema tonight.
- 8 My little brother is tired and **he's needing** / **he needs** a rest.
- 9 Look at the traffic. We're **being** / **going to be** late.
- 10 Vikram **does** / **is doing** an engineering course.

3- Write the sentences in reported speech.

Example: 'I'm checking my messages,' said Manos.

Manos said he was checking his messages.

- 1 'We can see the sea.'
- 2 'I don't eat meat,' said Jess.
- 3 'We'll see you later, Brett.'
- 4 'I want to believe you,' said Dad.
- 5 'I've bought the tickets,' said Jodie.

4 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Example: What would you do (do) if you found £50?

- 1 _____ (wear) a suit and tie makes Hayden feel uncomfortable.
- 2 Jess, that wasn't very polite. You mustn't _____ (speak) to your mother like that.

- 3 That's an interesting question. If I _____ (know) the answer, I'd be rich.
- 4 Mrs Falternay is a great teacher. If you watch her online videos, you _____ (understand) science more easily.
- 5 A When _____ penicillin _____ (discover)?
B In 1928.
- 6 A _____ you _____ (eat) quesadillas before your trip to South America?
B No, I hadn't.
- 7 I _____ (not meet) Philippa before I moved to this town.
- 8 Always try _____ (get on) with your colleagues. That's good advice for anyone who is starting a new job.
- 9 Charles Babbage _____ (invent) the first computer.
- 10 Jai _____ (write) two books and he plans to write more

VOCABULARY

- 1- Complete the sentences using the words from the box. There are two words that you don't need.

looking next-day keys harbour luggage ironing
failed polluted ~~camping~~ bridge name medium-sized basket

Example: I went camping with my cousins. We slept in a tent for three nights.

- 1 I don't need a trolley. A _____ is big enough for my shopping today.
- 2 'Did you pass your maths exam?' 'No, I _____.'
- 3 Then we will cross the _____ to reach the historic centre of the town.
- 4 We need to get our _____ now. Which way is baggage reclaim?
- 5 It will arrive tomorrow because I paid for _____ delivery.
- 6 'Can I help you, sir?' 'No, I'm just _____, thank you.'
- 7 They're your shirts so you can do the _____.
- 8 The town is quite _____ so they clean the dirt off the historic buildings every year.
- 9 It's a pretty town with colourful fishing boats in the _____.
- 10 I'm so sorry. I've forgotten your _____.

- 2- Match 1–11 with a–k.

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| 1 wait <u>e</u> | a work early |
| 2 do _____ | b abroad |
| 3 make _____ | c the dishwasher |
| 4 drop off _____ | d something to the shop |
| 5 have _____ | e for my friend |
| 6 unload _____ | f from a holiday |
| 7 come back _____ | g a mistake |
| 8 go _____ | h a friend at the airport |
| 9 leave _____ | i some exercise |
| 10 miss _____ | j a wonderful time |

READING

1 Read the article and write True, False or Doesn't say

New year, old customs

by travel editor, Lauren Briard

Have you ever made a New Year's **resolution**? Perhaps you have decided to learn a new language, or take up more exercise? You are not alone. In many cultures, people choose to change something about their life at the beginning of the year. And all over the world, people celebrate the new year with interesting **customs**.

My favourite traditions come from Mexico and other Latin American countries. For example, at midnight on New Year's Eve in many Spanish-speaking cultures, everyone eats twelve grapes – one grape for each month of the year. People say that eating the grapes brings good **fortune** for the new year. And don't be surprised if your friend from Peru wants to walk around the outside of his or her house with heavy luggage. Traditionally, if you complete this **challenge** you will be a successful traveller in the new year. Would you like to go on a **dream** holiday next year? Then try it!

Cleaning the house is perhaps the most common new year tradition. From Mexico to Japan people **sweep** their homes from top to bottom. Some people believe this **removes** bad luck and allows good luck to enter the house. In other countries, such as Britain and Iran, the cleaning happens later in the year, so it's called 'spring cleaning'. In Iran, just before the March spring **festival**, people empty their houses of all their furniture. They clean the house from top to bottom, **mend** broken furniture or replace old items. People bring flowers and **herbs** indoors too so their homes smell fresh and clean.

New Year is often celebrated with friends, so my final story is from Denmark. If you are in Denmark at New Year, you will probably see piles of broken plates outside front doors. What's going on? Well, traditionally, people take their old or broken plates and **smash** them on their friend's front door. It brings good luck to your friend. It's great fun, too! So, a big pile of broken plates means you are a popular person.

Enjoy the new year festival, wherever you are in the world. I hope you are ready with your grapes, luggage and plates!

- 1 One of the writer's favourite New Year traditions comes from Latin America.
- 2 At midnight, there is a tradition of eating one grape.
- 3 The person who eats the fastest wins a prize.
- 4 In Peru, there is a New Year tradition that includes suitcases.
- 5 The tradition from Peru will give you good dreams in the new year.
- 6 House cleaning is a very popular new year tradition.
- 7 In Britain, people clean their homes at New Year.
- 8 In Iran, the first month of the calendar is March.
- 9 In Denmark, there is a special tradition between friends.
- 10 The most popular people have the most broken plates.

2 Match five of the highlighted words / phrases with the definitions.

Example: plants often used to add flavour to food

herbs

- 1 activities that have been common for a long time _____
- 2 something that is difficult to do _____
- 3 takes something away _____
- 4 a special day of celebration _____
- 5 to break into lots of pieces _____

