

Progress Test Files 1–6  
Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation B

GRAMMAR

1 **Underline** the correct form.

Example: Theo **broke** / **has broken** his leg while he was playing basketball.

- 1 This song isn't **too good as** / **as good as** their last one.
- 2 Rosa **has been** / **has gone** to Beijing more than once.
- 3 Ricardo **take** / **is taking** an engineering class.
- 4 When you called, I **ate** / **was eating** dinner.
- 5 What **are you doing** / **do you do** this weekend?
- 6 Guillermo **is biking** / **bikes** to work every day.
- 7 Look at the traffic. We're **being** / **going to be** late.
- 8 I **every day exercise** / **exercise every day**.
- 9 They're **meeting** / **They meet** Ling at a restaurant tonight.
- 10 My little sister is tired and **she's needing** / **she needs** a nap.

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2 Write negative sentences.

Example: I'm 44 years old.

**I'm not 44 years old.**

- 1 You've finished your homework.

- 2 I'm going to take a picture.

- 3 Oscar went to Peru.

- 4 I'll see you tomorrow.

- 5 They wrote those emails.

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3 Put the words in the correct order.

Example: old you how are ?

**How old are you?**

- 1 you any money do have ?

- 2 Moscow you have to ever been ?

- 3 speak you other can languages any ?

- 4 do of you watch movies kind what ?

- 5 do you last what did summer ?

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## 4 Complete the sentences with one word.

Example: Marie and Amos are going to the park and after that they're going for a meal.

- 1 A department store is a place \_\_\_\_\_ sells different types of products.
- 2 I've eaten too \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate.
- 3 Is there \_\_\_\_\_ to put our coats?
- 4 My lunch wasn't big \_\_\_\_\_. I'm still hungry.
- 5 The job was difficult, \_\_\_\_\_. Yukiko worked hard and soon made a good impression.
- 6 That was the loudest concert I've \_\_\_\_\_ been to.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Javier was scared, he walked into the dark room.
- 8 The problem started \_\_\_\_\_ I was downloading some new software.
- 9 There's \_\_\_\_\_ on TV tonight that I want to watch and I'm bored. Should we go to the movies?
- 10 Is that the hotel \_\_\_\_\_ your friend stayed?

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## 5 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

Example: Shhh. The movie has already started (start).

- 1 Nick is over there. He \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) next to the tall man in the black hat.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ (like) Indian food.
- 3 " \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) the car yet?" "No, I haven't."
- 4 Seo-yun and Chi-won \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV at 10 o'clock last night.
- 5 It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) when Lily arrived at her new office.
- 6 "What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do)?" "I'm a musician."
- 7 I \_\_\_\_\_ (call) you in five minutes. Is that OK?
- 8 "I promise I \_\_\_\_\_ (make) the bed," said Hector.
- 9 Good news! Rita and Niko \_\_\_\_\_ (sold) their house.
- 10 Kiki often \_\_\_\_\_ (go out) with Zack, but they aren't a couple.

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Grammar total 40

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VOCABULARY

6 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

Example: Mill Street Café only sells healthy salads.  
medical nutritionist healthy

- 1 Kuro often stays in bed all morning. He's a little \_\_\_\_\_.  
lazy hardworking relaxed
- 2 I don't like people who tell \_\_\_\_\_. We need to be honest with each other.  
stories lies the truth
- 3 Fernanda has \_\_\_\_\_ hair.  
medium tall curly
- 4 People often say that yoga is \_\_\_\_\_, but I find it stressful!  
positive interested relaxing
- 5 The hotel was \_\_\_\_\_ and uncomfortable. What a disaster!  
a little clean dirty
- 6 We \_\_\_\_\_ a boat and went around the lake.  
sold rented came
- 7 We don't laugh much in history class. It's a \_\_\_\_\_ place.  
friendly funny serious
- 8 Are they \_\_\_\_\_ in coming with us to the movies?  
exciting interested hopeful
- 9 On Saturdays, the shopping center is too \_\_\_\_\_.  
crowded very noisy many people
- 10 There are several \_\_\_\_\_ people in this class, but everyone's opinion is important.  
talkative generous mean

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

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

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

- 1 They're your dresses so you can do the \_\_\_\_\_.  
name
- 2 We need to get our \_\_\_\_\_ now. Which way is baggage claim?  
luggage
- 3 "Did you pass your English exam?" "No, I \_\_\_\_\_.  
failed
- 4 I don't need a cart. A \_\_\_\_\_ is big enough for my shopping today.  
medium-sized
- 5 It will arrive tomorrow because I paid for \_\_\_\_\_ delivery.  
next-day
- 6 "Can I help you, sir?" "No, I'm only \_\_\_\_\_, thank you."  
looking
- 7 I'm so sorry. I've forgotten your \_\_\_\_\_.  
keys
- 8 Then we will cross the \_\_\_\_\_ to reach the historic center of the town.  
bridge
- 9 The town is quite \_\_\_\_\_ so they clean the dirt off the historic buildings every year.  
polluted
- 10 It's a pretty town with colorful fishing boats in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
harbor

**READING****1 Read the article and check (✓) A, B, or C.**

## New year, old customs

by travel editor, Lauren Rodriguez

Have you ever made a New Year's **resolution**? Maybe you have decided to learn a new language or do 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 favorite 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 traveler in the new year. Would you like to go on a **dream** vacation next year? Then try it!

Cleaning the house is perhaps the most common new year's 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 England 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, **fix** 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 on New Year's Day, 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 a lot of fun too! So, a big pile of broken plates means you are a popular person.

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

Example: New Year's is a special day all over the world.

A True  B False  C Doesn't say

1 The writer's favorite New Year's traditions come from Japan.

A True  B False  C Doesn't say

2 At breakfast time, there is a tradition of eating twelve grapes.

A True  B False  C Doesn't say

3 People try to eat the grapes in twelve seconds.

A True  B False  C Doesn't say

- 4 People from Peru complete a challenge with a suitcase at New Year's.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 5 The tradition from Peru will help you have successful vacations in the new year.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 6 House cleaning is only a New Year's tradition in Mexico and Japan.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 7 In England, people clean their homes as part of a spring tradition.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 8 In Iran, people take all the furniture out of the house before they clean it.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 9 In Denmark, people celebrate New Year's with friends and not with family.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 10 The friendliest people have the smallest number of broken plates.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say

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

Example: plants often used to add flavor to food  
herbs

- 1 a promise to yourself \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 luck, particularly good things that happen \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 to clean with a brush or a broom \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 perfect or ideal \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 to repair \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading total 15

**WRITING**

**Answer these three questions. Write 25–35 words for each question.**

- 1 Describe what you are wearing today.
- 2 What housework do you like best? Is there housework that you hate? Why?
- 3 What do you usually do when you are waiting at an airport or train station?

Writing total 10

Reading and Writing total 25

**LISTENING****1 Listen to a tour guide talking about a town. Check (✓) A or B.**

- 1 The Old North Church is located in Boston.  
A True  B False
- 2 The church was built in 1775.  
A True  B False
- 3 The church no longer has its famous lanterns.  
A True  B False
- 4 Tourists will enjoy a sunny day at Boston Common.  
A True  B False
- 5 There are extra umbrellas available on the tour bus.  
A True  B False

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**2 Listen to five conversations. What are the people waiting for? Match them with items A–E.**

- Conversation 1   
Conversation 2   
Conversation 3   
Conversation 4   
Conversation 5   
  
A a delivery  
B a doctor's appointment  
C a green traffic light  
D a changing room  
E a movie to begin

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Listening total  10**SPEAKING****1 Answer your partner's questions.****Now ask your partner these questions.**

- 1 What is your favorite unhealthy snack?
- 2 How do you find the meaning of new English words?
- 3 What do you do when you're waiting for a friend who is late?
- 4 What was the last book you read? Did you enjoy the book?
- 5 What are your plans for this evening?
- 6 What is the worst meal you have ever had?
- 7 Do you like active vacations with walking or bike riding? Why?
- 8 Which American city would you most like to visit? Why?
- 9 Have you ever posted something online in English? Where?