

Vocabulary and Grammar Test Unit 1 Test A

1 Complete the sentences with a word below and the correct preposition. There is one word that you do not need.

anxious excited interested fed up proud

- 1 Kevin Macdonald was very _____ in lives of people around the world, so he decided to learn more about them by making a documentary.
- 2 At the moment, I'm volunteering in a school in Guatemala. My parents are very _____ of me.
- 3 Couch surfing is a good way of seeing the world and making new friends, but some people can be _____ about staying with strangers.
- 4 My brother got _____ with his boring life, so he packed all his things and moved to Africa to help build a new hospital.

2 Match the words in A to the words in B to make compound nouns. Then match them to definitions 1–8.

A: key mobile parking lap car computer shopping credit

B: card key board list game top ticket phone

- 1 You can play this. _____
- 2 You can work on this anywhere. _____
- 3 You use this to open the door of a car. _____
- 4 You use this to pay for things. _____
- 5 A piece of paper with things that you want to buy. _____
- 6 Something you can type on. _____
- 7 You get this if you leave your car in the wrong place. _____
- 8 You can use this to call people. _____

3 Complete the text with *do* or *make*.

Before going to university, I decided to volunteer abroad for a year. I had to ¹ _____ a choice between teaching English in China and working at an orphanage in Peru. I chose Peru because I thought it would be more rewarding. I'm here at the moment and I'm really enjoying it. I had to ² _____ the journey on my own, but there are other volunteers here and I ³ _____ new friends every day. We ⁴ _____ our best to split the work between us. We ⁵ _____ most of the meals and help the children ⁶ _____ their homework. In the evenings, we usually ⁷ _____ some sport. Football and basketball are really popular here. I feel that I can really ⁸ _____ a difference in these children's lives.

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 My family and I usually _____ (spend) our Christmas holidays at home, eating lots of food and watching TV.
- 2 This year is different. We _____ (help) an organization that looks after people in the streets.
- 3 Over 1,000 homeless people _____ (live) in my city.
- 4 At the moment, my parents and brother _____ (make) dinner.
- 5 Later today, we _____ (take) all the meals to homeless shelters in the city.
- 6 I _____ (think) that this is a great thing to do and I want us to help this organization more often.

5 Complete the text with *a / an, the or 0 (=no article)*.

There are over eight million people living in ¹ _____ London, but 37% of them were born outside of the UK. Abani Malhotra, ² _____ architect from India, is one of them.

‘We arrived in 2011 because I wanted a better life for my children. It was difficult in the beginning and we had to deal with some problems, but ³ _____ life is great now. ⁴ _____ children made lots of friends and they really like going to ⁵ _____ school. I’m happy I made ⁶ _____ decision to come here.’

Everyday English

6 Complete the dialogue with phrases A–E.

- A: Me too
- B: what do you think of
- C: Actually, I love it
- D: it’s very different from
- E: what’s it like

Claire Hi Matt! How are you?

Matt Fine thanks. So, ¹ _____ of your new school?

Claire It’s great. ² _____. I’ve made lots of new friends.

Matt That’s nice. What do you do after school?

Claire I go shopping or do sport. I’m into swimming.

Matt ³ _____! And ⁴ _____ in London?

Claire Well, ⁵ _____ Manchester, but there’s a lot more to do.

Listening

Listen to three people talking about travelling. Complete the sentences with A, B or C. You can use each speaker more than once.

1. Speaker _____ is staying with a host family for a year.
2. Speaker _____ is travelling for three months during school time.
3. Speaker _____ doesn't spend time planning their travels.
4. Speaker _____ is studying at a school in a foreign country.
5. Speaker _____ helps people in difficult situations.

Reading

A day in the life of a street musician

Susana Martinez is from Argentina, but she's travelling around Europe at the moment. Back home, she is a classical musician who plays the violin in an orchestra, and she's using this skill to make money while she's travelling. Susana is a 'busker'; a street musician who spends her days performing for passers-by in the crowded streets of Europe's big cities. Check out this interview with Susana, and find out about her life right now.

Where are you right now?

At the moment, I'm staying with friends in a suburb of Paris. Every morning, I get up really early before all my friends wake up and I travel to the streets of Montmartre which is near the centre of the city. Then I find a good place to play, put a big hat on the floor in front of me, and get out my violin. Sometimes I sing, too.

What sort of music do you usually play?

Well, I'm keen on classical music, but what I play changes – I play what I think passers-by will be interested in. I want people to notice me, so I play songs that people know, or songs that make them smile. For example, if it's raining, I play a song about the rain. In the morning, during the rush hour, I usually play lively music that wakes people up. In the evening, when people are tired and stressed, I play something relaxing. Here, in Paris, there are lots of tourists, so I often play French songs – they're visiting Paris, so they want to hear something French, right?

Do you make a lot of money when you play your music in the streets?

Well, some days, when the weather's bad and there aren't many people around, I can come home with nothing. But on other days, especially when I find a good place to play, I can make over fifty euros an hour. People think that the best places for street musicians are where there are the most tourists, but I don't think that's true. Busy shopping centres are good because there are a lot of children. Kids are always looking for something unusual and fun, so when they see me, they stop. That makes their parents stop, and then they put some money in my hat.

Some people think that being a street musician isn't really a job. Are you worried about that?

I'm fed up with hearing people say that. I'm not ashamed of what I do. Being a street musician is no different to being an artist or a writer or any other creative job – you perform and you only make money if people like what you do. And I make people smile every day. When somebody stops to say they like my music, I feel happy and proud of myself.

Read the text. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Susana isn't living in Argentina at the moment. ____
- 2 She works as a street musician in Argentina. ____
- 3 She travels to the city centre with her friends every day. ____
- 4 She plays the same music all day. ____
- 5 She plays French songs for the local people. ____
- 6 Sometimes she doesn't earn any money at all. ____
- 7 She prefers playing in the parts of a city where there are lots of tourists. ____
- 8 Children aren't usually very interested in her music. ____
- 9 She agrees that being a street musician isn't really a job. ____
- 10 People sometimes thank her for her music when she's playing in the street. ____