

Speaking (20 pts)

- A. Make at least one prediction about each of the following areas. Then, work with a partner. Share your predictions. Respond to each other's predictions using the phrases in the Language for speaking box.

- Transport
- Home entertainment
- Communication
- Housing
- Food

LANGUAGE FOR SPEAKING likelihood

- Definitely won't happen
a 5. There's no chance of me
- Probably won't happen
b 2. ... I still doubt ...
- Possibly will happen
c 7. Well, yes I suppose it might happen.
- Probably will happen
d 1. I wouldn't be surprised if it happened.
e 3. I expect
- Definitely will happen
f 6. Oh, that's sure to happen.
g 4. ... I think it's bound to happen.

Example:

A: Let's start with **transport**. I think in the future, people will travel in _____.

B: Hmm... **I still doubt** that. It sounds too futuristic.

B: Now for **home entertainment**. I believe we'll watch movies using _____.

A: **Well, yes, I suppose it might happen.** Technology is moving fast.

A: For **communication**, I think we won't use phones anymore — just _____.

B: **There's no chance of me** giving up my phone!

B: In terms of **housing**, I predict that people will live in _____ homes powered by _____.

A: **I wouldn't be surprised if it happened.** That sounds eco-friendly.

A: When it comes to **food**, I think we'll stop eating meat and eat only _____.

B: **I think it's bound to happen.** People care more about the environment now.

- B. Complete the mini-dialogues with a word/phrase from the box. There are two words/phrases that you don't need.

bound to doubt expect no chance of me suppose sure wouldn't be surprised

1.

Male employee I ¹ _____ if Helen walks out. That was quite a difference of opinion she had with the boss.

Female employee Yes, it was, wasn't it?

2.

Man I ² _____ you'll get anything close to that figure for your car. You need to lower the price.

Woman Hmm ... perhaps you're right.

3.

Maria Shall we ask Jan to give the presentation to Mr Tanaka?

Darota I wouldn't. It's ³ _____ end up a disaster. It always does with Jan.

4.

Ollie I'm doing a 15 km run at the weekend followed by a 10 km swim.

Maria That's impressive! There's ⁴ _____ doing anything that energetic!

5.

John Do you think the same political party will be in power in five years' time?

Pat I honestly don't know. They might be, I ⁵ _____. It's hard to say.

Listening (20 pts)

- C. ▶ Listen to the beginning of six sentences. Write what you hear and complete the sentences with your own ideas.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Writing/Grammar (25 pts)

- D. Complete the sentences with the correct form of a verb from A and a word/phrase from B.

A

drop get know stick think

B

at ahead (x2) out your stuff

1. Getting fit isn't easy, so it was great how Lucy _____ exercising until she saw some results.
2. I was very impressed by the content of your presentation. You really do _____.
3. Juan's a very successful businessman, but did you know that he _____ of university and never got his degree?
4. Our teachers always told us that the secret to _____ in life is hard work.
5. It's lucky that I _____ and got some extra food in. I had expected to feed a few people, but not this many!

- E. Choose the correct answer from the words in *italics*.

1. I'm sure *you'll love / you love* this restaurant. It's had excellent reviews.
2. If you don't make a start on your assignment soon, *you're not completing / you're not going to complete* it on time.
3. What time *does the concert start / is the concert starting* this evening?
4. *I change / I'm going to change* my car just after New Year.
5. Sorry, but *I'm not going to have time / I won't have time* to come to your house this evening.
6. Maria said *she'll let / she's letting* us know about the arrangements for tomorrow.
7. It looks like *there's going to be / there will be* a storm soon.
8. *Are you spending / Do you spend* your birthday in Tokyo with your family this year?
9. I'm sure Stefan *doesn't like / won't like* the painting you've bought for him. He hates modern art.
10. My friends Alex and Jo *will move / are moving* house this weekend.

- F. Choose the correct option a–c to complete the sentences

1. When Lisa won the lottery, she decided to _____ the money in property which she'll sell at a later date.
a set aside
b fritter away
c invest
2. I had hours at the airport waiting for my connecting flight, so I _____ by doing some research for my project.
a killed time
b ran out of time
c took my time
3. When Jack's daughter was planning to travel around the world, he advised her to _____ each month.
a set aside some money
b be short of money
c throw her money around

4. I knew that completing the marathon would be a challenge, so I _____ and did it in four hours.
 - a invested my time
 - b whiled away my time
 - c took my time
5. We _____ at the moment, so we'll have to postpone buying a new TV.
 - a get our money's worth
 - b are short of money
 - c have some money to spare

G. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. When her uncle passed away, Sarah's _____ included several valuable oil paintings. (inherit)
2. It was only thanks to my husband's _____ that we discovered the broken window. (curious)
3. As we expected, there was a huge _____ in the election results from region to region. (vary)
4. I don't really mind which restaurant you choose, but my _____ is for Asian food. (prefer)
5. It wasn't our _____ to buy any furniture, but we couldn't resist the sofa when we saw it. (intend)

H. Complete the sentences with the future continuous or future perfect form of the verb in brackets.

1. A year from now we _____ our own business – well, hopefully, anyway. (run)
2. If everything goes according to plan, Igor _____ in France by this time tomorrow. (arrive)
3. This time next week Daniel _____ in the mountains in Canada. (ski)
4. The local council believes the population of our town _____ to almost a million by the end of this decade. (rise)
5. I hope that in six months' time I _____ enough money to have a nice long holiday. (save)

I. Complete the text about the colour red. The first letter of each word is given.

The colour red has a special ¹s _____ in many Asian cultures. In China, for instance, it means good ²l _____, which is why the Chinese give each other gifts of money in small red envelopes. In Indian culture, red symbolizes purity and is often used in wedding dresses, while all over the world red roses are used as an ³e _____ of love.

Red is often used in restaurants because it is believed to stimulate people's ⁴a _____. People whose favourite colour is red are said to be strong and have a lot of ⁵d _____ to do their best at everything.

Reading (20 pts)

J. Match the topic sentences 1-6 to the paragraph topics A-H. There are two topics that you don't need.

1. Ahmed had a happy and exciting childhood in a large family. _____
2. Tina has worked for the same organization for the last two decades. _____
3. Aliona is a truly unique person. _____
4. Jack's love of nature started at an early age. _____
5. Chen has had a very successful career as a car designer. _____
6. Marcelo chose to leave the company to set up his own business. _____

- A a person's professional achievements
- B a person's characteristics
- C a person's early life
- D a person's relationship with plants and animals
- E a person's early education
- F a person's reasons for making a decision
- G a person's relationships with colleagues
- H a person's service to one company

K. Read the text and choose the correct topic sentence A–F for each paragraph 1–4. There are two topic sentences that you don't need.

- A It was clear from the early days that Paola had above average intelligence.
- B Paola is confident about her ability to succeed in life.
- C Paola continues to work at the university.
- D Paola has very pleasant memories of her childhood years.
- E Paola had a tough childhood.
- F Family has always been very important to Paola.

1 _____

Paola's father passed away when she was just one year old. Because of this, her mum didn't have much money and they had to sell their house and live with their elderly grandparents. Paola's mum had to work hard and so some of her friends often took care of Paola.

2 _____

She learned to read and write when she was very young and was always top of her class. She received financial support to attend an excellent university, where she studied chemistry and received a first class honours degree. Paola continued her studies by doing a Masters and a PhD, and eventually she became a professor at the university.

3 _____ She and her husband had two children, a girl and a boy, and she took time off work to look after them when they were little. Her children moved out of the family home when they were in their twenties, but, as they live locally, they visit regularly. Paola now has four grandchildren and she often looks after them.

4 _____ Although she's fast approaching retirement age, she has no intention of giving up work just yet. She's as enthusiastic now about her research in chemistry as she was forty years ago, and enjoys nothing more than acting as a role model for young scientists just starting out.