

UNIT 1 TEST

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the auxiliary verbs *be*, *do* and *have*. Use negative forms when necessary.

- 1 What exactly _____ you do for a living?
- 2 _____ your company based here in the south-east?
- 3 How long _____ Harry been working there?
- 4 I _____ know that you had applied for that job.
- 5 I _____ studying French at university when I met Laura.
- 6 Jeff _____ learnt much about the subject yet.
- 7 _____ Rob go to work earlier than usual this morning?
- 8 What _____ you two talking about when I came into the room?

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2 Choose the correct option.

- 1 Conal *fell* / *was falling* off the ladder while he was painting the ceiling.
- 2 Anna was really upset because she *was forgetting* / *had forgotten* to bring her ballet shoes.
- 3 Halfway home, Tom realised he *didn't fill* / *hadn't filled* the car with petrol.
- 4 Dan *broke* / *was breaking* his arm in three places.
- 5 Martha knew all about the place because she *went* / *had been* there before.
- 6 Two actors *performed* / *were performing* on the stage when the ceiling collapsed.

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3 Complete the story with the correct past form of the verbs.

Last Tuesday, while I¹ _____ (stand) in a queue at the post office, I² _____ (open) my purse two or three times, just to check that the two twenty pound notes my father³ _____ (give) me the week before⁴ _____ (be) still there. When I⁵ _____ (reach) the front of the queue, I⁶ _____ (look) in the purse once more, but the cheque⁷ _____ (miss). Where⁸ _____ it _____ (go)?⁹ _____ I _____ (drop) it? I¹⁰ _____ (turn) round and¹¹ _____ (see) a man who¹² _____ (hold) the note in his hand. 'Is this yours?' he said.

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VOCABULARY

4 Complete each list with one word from the box.

French a twin a warehouse an engineer
separated Germany Law travelling

1 an only child the oldest of three the youngest

- 2 Poland Russia Greece _____
- 3 knitting winter sports literature _____
- 4 an office a college a factory _____
- 5 married divorced single _____
- 6 Medicine Economics Engineering _____
- 7 English Swahili Japanese _____
- 8 an IT consultant a translator a scientist _____

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5 Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

- 1 I'm _____ with Russian. I find it so hard to learn the alphabet.
a mastering b expressing c struggling
- 2 Amy has a strong _____. Where's she from?
a fluent b accent c accurate
- 3 It's not that hard to get _____ on holiday with just a little bit of English.
a by b up c over
- 4 I picked _____ a bit of Portuguese in Brazil.
a on b for c up
- 5 Bilingual kids speak two languages _____.
a fluently b expressily c masterly
- 6 I can't _____ myself very well in Spanish.
a master b express c accurate

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6 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

interest time question research basic
evidence growing terms allow opportunities

- 1 A central _____ of modern physics concerns how the universe actually began.
- 2 Fortunately, the _____ numbers of primates in the forest is a cause for optimism.
- 3 Two factors that _____ scientists to be successful are great facilities and reliable funding.
- 4 Jill can hold a _____ conversation in Swahili already, after only ten lessons.
- 5 You missed nothing of _____ at the meeting. It was really dull.
- 6 In _____ of its appearance and markings, the sparrow is an unremarkable bird.
- 7 I don't believe there is sufficient _____ to prosecute Smith for these crimes.
- 8 Further _____ on the brain has shown that Anderson's theories are correct.
- 9 _____ to travel have never been so good thanks to low-cost airlines.
- 10 Bacon performed experiments at a _____ when few others had any understanding of science.

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