

UNIT 2: LANGUAGE TEST A

GRAMMAR

Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

Broken dreams?

Fracturing a bone is bad enough, but when you break your leg, the road to recovery can seem especially long and tedious. It was a few years ago when my brother got injured in a football match and was taken to hospital, only (1) (find out) that he had fractured three bones. He was devastated and thought it would change his life dramatically. We all tried (2) (encourage) him to stay positive and helped him in his recovery; although we feared (3) (go) back to professional football could become an unattainable dream for him. He tried (4) (not worry) too much and instead focused on (5) (keep) active to improve his health both physically and mentally.

Following the incident, he had three operations and a long recovery period. Six weeks after his last operation, he began (6) (take) regular exercise to strengthen his muscles. We were told that the usual healing time for a minor fracture was six to eight weeks but as he turned out (7) (break) three bones he should expect (8) (have) his leg in a cast for at least 16 weeks. I recall him (9) (get up) early to exercise every morning. His doctor suggested (10) (see) a physiotherapist three times a week, but he decided (11) (train) every day. (12) (endure) pain was difficult for him but he refused (13) (give) in. He kept (14) (say) 'I am prepared (15) (do) whatever it takes to go back to professional sport' and that's exactly what he did.

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VOCABULARY

Task 1

Read the sentences and complete the gaps with one word only.

16 He is a great team player but has a negative outlook most of the time and tends to see the half empty.

17 Camogie is a full-body contact team sport played only by women and is not for the; you have to be tough.

18 Recovery from my broken leg, which happened mid-season, has been a roller coaster ride, but I am there.

19 The last game was tough but the team rose to the with an outstanding performance, winning a well-earned bronze medal.

20 After a disappointing season, we knew we had to cut our , so we made the difficult decision to pull out of the competition.

21 His advice on how to improve my negotiation skills has made a huge difference to me so now I always on every word he says.

22 From the coach's perspective, the deal was a situation for both the club and the player.

23 All that hope to win the trophy for the 9th time was gone in a split-second: just a moment of self-doubt and it was all over.

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Task 2

Complete the sentences with the correct words. The first letter of each word is given.

24 The club has spent a c amount rebuilding the stadium; it runs into the millions.

25 With over 200 spectators, the match was a r success, producing impressive scores and a new world record.

26 Climbing Mount Everest is a f challenge even for the fittest of people.

27 The losing team made a brave, but f effort to catch up to their opponent.

28 The team's strategy was fatally f and the tactics they employed all failed.

29 I get t fed up with the 'shut-down' tactics he uses to end the conversation.

30 Although team spirit is important, there's s competition for places on the team and individual players are driven by that.

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USE OF ENGLISH

Task 1

Read the text and complete the gaps with one word only.

Become a personal trainer

Congratulations! You have decided to click through to purchase this course which is only available online. We offer the (31) comprehensive set of sports performance techniques, (32) packaged up to help you become the best Performance Enhancement Coach in your area. The programme consists of eight courses which build on one (33) So how does it work? It is important to fill in an application form (34) provide us with some information (35) your background and goals. We aim to get back to you (36) 48 hours to get you started on your journey. You can use large public gyms or smaller private ones, or a mixture of (37) ; the choice is yours. (38) you choose, the theoretical part of the course will be covered online. Obviously, if you prefer to meet in person for the theory, we can arrange for (39) to do that. Please hurry! Places are strictly (40) to the first 100.

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Task 2

Read the article and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

A great comeback

While (41) disappointed after his defeat at Wimbledon last year due to an injury, the world's number one decided to undergo an operation; a decision heavily (42) by his support team. People believed that they had to reset their expectations quite (43) , but he proved them all wrong. The world number one had a big year ahead to prove himself after his failure to (44) his ranking last year, but he came back at a great level. He admitted he was fearful about his operation derailing his campaign on the tour this year, but instead we saw a (45) change in his game. He competed extremely well considering the (46) and didn't get (47) by the event; his eyes were focused on both the ball and his opponent, and he won point after point masterfully. The Spanish tennis star acknowledged that winning the match today was (48) to convince the world and himself that reports of the end of his era were (49) exaggerated. As he always has before, he once again (50) for excellence in his performance.

41 A finally	B bitterly	C immediately	D specifically
42 A conflicted	B believed	C influenced	D convinced
43 A systematically	B suitably	C automatically	D dramatically
44 A maintain	B include	C achieve	D deflect
45 A rigorous	B cutting-edge	C tremendous	D partial
46 A sequences	B circumstances	C approaches	D moves
47 A involved	B reflected	C confronted	D side-tracked
48 A brilliant	B crucial	C outstanding	D exhausting
49 A greatly	B positively	C cleanly	D largely
50 A reached	B strived	C challenged	D slammed

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Total: 50