

Optimise B1 – Test units 1&2

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Choose the best answer (A, B or C) to fill each gap. (present simple/continuous)

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Family photo

My favourite picture is (1) ___ photo of my family. My mother and father (2) ___ on the left, I'm in the middle, with my two brothers on my right. Everyone (3) ___ to be smiling and we're (4) ___ looking at the camera. My two brothers (5) ___ like my mum. They (6) ___ have brown hair and brown eyes like her. I (7) ___ I'm more like my dad, because of my blue eyes. Dad is an art teacher. He's very creative and (8) ___ beautiful pictures. Mum works as a pilot so she travels (9) ___, and isn't home much during the week. We always (10) ___ to the weekends, as we enjoy doing things together, like cycling and camping.

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| 1 A an | B a | C the |
| 2 A stand | B is standing | C are standing |
| 3 A is seeming | B seeming | C seems |
| 4 A all of | B all | C both |
| 5 A look | B are looking | C looks |
| 6 A both | B both of | C all |
| 7 A 'm thinking | B think | C thinks |
| 8 A is painting | B paints | C doesn't paint |
| 9 A a lot | B a lot of | C lots of |
| 10 A are looking forward | B looking forward | C look forward |

2 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box. (Past simple/continuous)

choose | go (× 2) | move in | not invite
paint | redecorate | want

A: So, where (1) _____ you _____ when I saw you yesterday?

B: Jack (2) _____ to show me his new house, so I (3) _____ over to check it out. They (4) _____ about six months ago, but they (5) _____, which is why he (6) _____ people around. The downstairs is finished now so his mum (7) _____ one of the bedrooms yesterday. Jack's bedroom is huge. He (8) _____ the colours and furniture himself. Three walls are white and one is red. It's really cool!

3 Choose the correct alternative (present)

- I can't believe I got that one wrong as well. I really **do need / am needing** to study!
- I'm really looking forward to our trip. What time **is / does** the train leave?
- Jack, you picked up the wrong bag. This one **doesn't belong / isn't belonging** to me.
- I **enjoy / am enjoying** this film a lot. It's so funny!
- It's a little unusual that Tom **is being / is** so late. He's usually very reliable.
- Am I imagining / Do I imagine** it or can I smell pizza?

Used to and would

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

- 1 How _____ to school before you had a bike? (use to / get)
- 2 Nicola _____ the piano when she was younger. (use to / play)
- 3 We _____ in a flat in the town centre but now we live on the edge of town. (use to / live)
- 4 My brother and I _____ for hours in the garden in the summer. (would / play)
- 5 I _____ living in the country but I've got used to it now. (not use to / like)
- 6 There _____ this much traffic on the road. (never use to / be)

Words connected with the house and home

5 Use the words in the box to label the picture and complete the sentences.

ceiling | chimney | dining room | garage
hedge | living room | roof | study



- 5 Most people eat in the _____.
- 6 The room with a desk and a computer is called the _____.
- 7 We sit and watch TV in the _____.
- 8 The _____ in my bedroom is very high.

Phrasal verbs

6 Choose the correct word to complete the phrasal verbs in bold.

- 1 Sally is **settling up / in** well at her new school.
- 2 I have to **tidy up / out** my bedroom every day.
- 3 John was sad when he **moved out / up** of his old house.
- 4 When I go to London, my cousin **puts me up / down** at her house.
- 5 We **moved in / out** to this house a year ago today!
- 6 They **pulled the house out / down** because it was very old.
- 7 Some people **rent out / up** a room in their house for students to stay there.
- 8 My parents bought an old house and they're **doing it up / out**.

Unit round-up

- 7** Choose the best word (A, B or C) to fill each gap.

A worrying moment

Soraya and I have been best friends for a very (1) _____ time. She's a really (2) _____ person, and all the students in our class like her. The thing is, she's also really (3) _____ – if she says 'Let's meet at 6,' she's always there. That's just the kind of (4) _____ she's got, and that's part of the reason for her (5) _____.

So you can imagine how worried I was when we arranged to meet at my house and she didn't turn up. I was trying not to be (6) _____ but she wasn't answering her phone. I phoned some of our friends and nobody knew where she was. We all thought she must be in (7) _____ trouble, so I thought I should do something to help. I decided to go to her house. Looking through the living room window, I thought I could see someone. It was Soraya, (8) _____ asleep on the sofa!

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| 1 A deep | B long | C big |
| 2 A unreliable | B negative | C friendly |
| 3 A dependable | B creative | C curious |
| 4 A shyness | B personality | C curiosity |
| 5 A negativity | B creativity | C popularity |
| 6 A negative | B generous | C popular |
| 7 A small | B wide | C big |
| 8 A long | B fast | C wide |