

Insight Pre-intermediate Unit Test 2 A

A Grammar: Past simple

Complete the sentence with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 I _____ (be) on holiday last week so I didn't go to the gym.
- 2 They bought a new laptop when they _____ (go) shopping at the weekend.
- 3 Grandpa, what were things like when you were my age? What games _____ (you / play) with your friends?
- 4 Yesterday, we _____ (visit) the museum and ate in a nice restaurant. It was great!
- 5 You got home late last night. Who _____ (you / meet) up with?
- 6 Molly _____ (wish) she had blond hair when she was young. Now she's happy that it's brown.

B Grammar: Past simple and past continuous

Complete the sentence with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Every year when I was younger, I ¹ _____ (meet) up with some friends for a holiday in the mountains. One year, while we ² _____ (stay) near a forest, we went on lots of walks.

One day we ³ _____ (decide) to visit a different part of the forest. I ⁴ _____ (enjoy) the walk so much that I slowed down and lost my friends. While I was trying to find them, I ⁵ _____ (walk) past a beautiful lake. We ⁶ _____ (not / know) it was there! We went swimming every day after that.

D Vocabulary: Recognizing synonyms and antonyms

Choose the correct words from the box to complete the sentences. There are three words you do not need.

popular dirty interesting boring dangerous old modern deserted narrow

- 1 My town is so _____ : there aren't many things to do.
- 2 Mariam runs in the park very early, because it's _____ then.
- 3 Our museum is very _____ with foreign tourists.
- 4 Our garage is too _____ for our car.
- 5 The park was so _____ the day after the concert. It's usually so clean and tidy.
- 6 Don't go into town late at night: it's _____. You might get hurt.

E Vocabulary: Understanding topic vocabulary

Choose the correct words from the box to complete the sentences. There are three words you do not need.

taxi rank cinema shopping centre art gallery library underground station
sports centre bus station concert hall

- 1 I must go to the _____ to borrow some books.
- 2 If we go to the _____, we'll find a car more quickly.
- 3 At the weekend I like to see bands play at the local _____.
- 4 My sister visits the _____ for individual and group activities.

- 5 My friend's photographs are being shown at the _____.
- 6 I'm going to the _____ to buy a present for my mum.

F Vocabulary: Understanding topic vocabulary

Choose the correct words from the box to complete the sentences. There are three words you do not need.

see touch taste nose tasted ears hearing mouth sight

- 1 Can anyone else _____ a rabbit shape in that cloud?
- 2 You can look at the animals, but you can't _____ them.
- 3 When you go swimming do you breathe through your _____ or your mouth?
- 4 That _____ delicious! What was in it?
- 5 My _____ is very important to me, so I get my eyes tested every year.
- 6 Talk clearly to George, because his _____ isn't very good.

G Reading: Recognizing paraphrasing

Read the article about a type of restaurant and choose the correct answer for each question.

Eating in the dark

Eating in the dark (or dining in the dark as it is sometimes called) is quite a recent idea. It seems to have appeared in the late 1990s, when a restaurant was opened for a short time to offer people a new way to experience their food. The idea was simple: customers eat with their eyes covered, and as a result, enjoy the taste and smell of the food a lot more than they usually would.

Since then, more restaurants offering different versions of this experience have opened all over the world, many of them permanently. In some, the room where people eat is completely dark, and waiters wear special night vision glasses in order to see the people they are serving. In others, customers' eyes are covered using something like a scarf or cloth. Many places try to make the experience different from that of a typical restaurant. They often have a themed menu and include a show, such as the telling of a story.

Sometimes, restaurants where you can dine in the dark employ people who cannot see or who have limited sight, and many dine-in-the-dark restaurants are owned by charities. They want to raise money and share information about the problems experienced by people who have lost their sight. The restaurants are also a way to share the sensations that people with different types of vision have when eating and moving around.

However, some restaurants have been criticized. A few people complained that the quality of the food is lower because too much time and money is spent on creating the experience. This might be because the customers enter the restaurant with the idea that eating in the dark will make the food taste better. This isn't always true. Being in the dark *can* make you more aware of what you are tasting and hearing, but the experience isn't the same for everyone. As for the food, the kitchens have lights, so not seeing shouldn't be a problem for the chefs. Like all restaurants, there are good ones and not so good ones. It is always a good idea to read the reviews before going to a new restaurant, so why would dining in the dark be different?

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Wherever you live in the world, there is probably a dining in the dark experience not too far away from you, with restaurants in Asia, Europe, North and South America. If you are looking for something a bit different, why not try one? Just make sure you read the reviews first to find the perfect place for this unforgettable experience.

- 1 What does the article say about this eating experience?
- A ☐ It is only available for a short time every year.
- B ☐ It has only existed for a short time.
- C ☐ It was around for a short time in the 1990s.

- 2 Who uses equipment to help them see in the dark?
 - A ☐ The people who cook the dishes
 - B ☐ The people who eat in the restaurant
 - C ☐ The people who bring you your food
- 3 What do some *eating in the dark* restaurants also do?
 - A ☐ Show people food from different places
 - B ☐ Put on performances
 - C ☐ Get waiters to act while they serve the dishes
- 4 Why do charities own some of these restaurants?
 - A ☐ To tell more people about an issue
 - B ☐ To make money for equipment
 - C ☐ To help people learn to work in the dark
- 5 What do some people criticize about these restaurants?
 - A ☐ The reviews about the restaurants are not true.
 - B ☐ The staff only pay attention to the food.
 - C ☐ The food is not as good as it should be.
- 6 What advice does the writer give to make sure readers have an amazing time when they go to these restaurants?
 - A ☐ Check what other people said about the restaurants
 - B ☐ Go to one of these restaurants themselves
 - C ☐ Visit one of the restaurants in their neighbourhood

H Listening: Understanding key information



Listen to the report about a town in the USA and complete the sentences with the words from the text. Write one or two words only.

- 1 The reporter says that _____ person lives in Monowi.
- 2 The reporter says that _____ is very important for people in the area to earn money.
- 3 The _____ is the place in the town that most people visit.
- 4 Elsie is usually _____ because nobody works in the restaurant with her.
- 5 Elsie says that people who used to live there wanted _____ in the city, so they left.
- 6 Elsie has worked in the restaurant since _____.

I Speaking: Asking for and giving directions

Choose the correct words from the box to complete the sentences. There are three options you do not need.

past turn could you we're looking walk do you know can you help go down reach

- 1 _____ how to get to the railway station?
- 2 _____ left at the cathedral, and it's on your left.
- 3 _____ us get to the shopping centre?
- 4 _____ this road, towards the theatre. It's the third road on your left.
- 5 _____ for the cinema. Is it close?
- 6 Walk _____ the police station and it's on your right.

J Writing: Avoiding repetition

Match the texts with a word where this word can replace a phrase in the text. There are three options you do not need.

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| 1 I love New Zealand. New Zealand has beautiful countryside. ____ | A us |
| 2 My sister went to Japan last year. My sister lives there now. ____ | B It |
| 3 My grandparents have lived in Mexico for 50 years,
but my grandparents are originally from Argentina. ____ | C that |
| 4 My partner and I went on a road trip through Canada last year.
There was so much to see in Canada. ____ | D we |
| 5 My parents and I visited cousins in Morocco. They
invited my parents and me to stay at their house. ____ | E he |
| | F this |
| | G they |
| | H there |
| 6 My brother has got a bike. My brother rides the bike to school. ____ | I she |