

A Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 I love this time in **evening** / **the evening** when the sun is going down.
- 2 People play **cricket** / **the cricket** in South Africa, Australia and Sri Lanka.
- 3 It's too far to walk so I think I'll catch **bus** / **the bus**.
- 4 Jane had to go home from school because she had **a headache** / **the headache**.
- 5 The robber was sent to **prison** / **the prison** for a total of three years.
- 6 My cousin works as **waiter** / **a waiter** in a cafe near where we live.
- 7 The underground doesn't run this late so we'll have to take **a taxi** / **the taxi**.
- 8 I like to listen to **music** / **the music** in my free time.
- 9 My favourite subject at school is **chemistry** / **the chemistry**.
- 10 Jazz music appeared in America **in 1920s** / **in the 1920s**.

B Choose the correct answer. If no word is needed, choose 'D'.

- 1 Oh, I didn't tell you! We've got new English teacher.
A a B an C the D *no word*
- 2 Here's DVD you asked to borrow.
A a B an C the D *no word*
- 3 We're out of coffee, so could you get some from the supermarket?
A a B an C the D *no word*
- 4 The prize is unique opportunity to travel the world!
A a B an C the D *no word*
- 5 It looks like glass in your bedroom window is cracked.
A a B an C the D *no word*
- 6 It's honour to be here this evening to speak to you.
A a B an C the D *no word*
- 7 There's good chance we'll be late for the meeting.
A a B an C the D *no word*
- 8 Reports are coming in of a major oil spill in Mediterranean.
A a B an C the D *no word*
- 9 I went to see the doctor because I'm finding it difficult to sleep at night.
A a B an C the D *no word*
- 10 Do you think that they'll ever send a manned mission to Venus?
A a B an C the D *no word*

C Circle the extra word in each line.**Being in the news**

- 1 The many people who appear in the news for the first time
- 2 find that a sudden fame has a negative effect on their lives.
- 3 The national press can be an unforgiving and the loss of
- 4 the privacy that comes with fame is an extra problem at a
- 5 difficult time. This is especially the case when a someone is
- 6 in the news because of a tragedy or the serious crime. Just
- 7 at the moment when you are under a most stress, you find
- 8 microphones and the cameras in your face. The media have
- 9 a responsibility to inform the public, but an innocent people
- 10 are often hurt by the demand for the scandal.

D Complete using the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 The clothes you bought me for my birthday (**be**) wonderful!
- 2 It turned out that the information we had received (**be**) wrong.
- 3 My new jeans (**be**) in the wash and I wanted to wear them tonight.
- 4 The luggage on a plane (**take**) up a lot of room.
- 5 Your hair (**look**) really nice and shiny.
- 6 I could tell by the look on her face that the news (**not / be**) good.
- 7 Oh, no! My money (**be**) in my other jacket!

E Find ten mistakes in this passage and correct them.**Newflash!**

- 1 'We interrupt your usual schedule to bring you an important news. We are receiving
- 2 informations about a spaceship that has landed outside the White House. The large
- 3 ship seems to be made of glasses. Reports say that a short time ago aliens came out
- 4 of the craft. Eye-witnesses described them as short and said their clothes was made
- 5 of metal and their hairs was bright green. Strangely, one of them appeared to be
- 6 wearing a jean. Much people said that they seemed to be friendly. The President of the
- 7 United States is currently holding a meeting with the visitors in the hope that we can
- 8 exchange knowledges. Police advice are to stay indoors and under no circumstances
- 9 approach the spaceship. We will be back with another news as soon as we can. And
- 10 now, back to your usual programme, *Gardening for Beginners*.'

F Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap.

- 1 Not many people came to the party. **only**
There people at the party.
- 2 The witness described the mugger to the police. **a**
The witness of the mugger.
- 3 There isn't much sugar left. **a**
There sugar left.
- 4 I am thinking of becoming a firefighter when I leave school. **brigade**
I am thinking of when I leave school.
- 5 We were shocked by the news and didn't know what to do. **shocking**
The news didn't know what to do.
- 6 There aren't many good films out at the moment. **only**
There good films out at the moment.
- 7 I didn't eat much dessert because I'm on a diet. **only**
I dessert because I'm on a diet.
- 8 You have lots of hats! **lot**
What you have!

G Match to make sentences.

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| 1 I'm quite busy so I've got | A a little time to talk to you now. |
| 2 Happily, we have had | B a few people recycle their rubbish. |
| 3 My dad just got a good job so we have | C a few complaints from hotel guests recently. |
| 4 Pollution is improving now that | D little money for luxuries. |
| 5 My mum has lost her job so we have | E few people recycle their rubbish. |
| 6 My lesson's been cancelled so I've got | F very few complaints from hotel guests recently. |
| 7 It's a shame that | G a little money for luxuries. |
| 8 Unfortunately, we have had | H very little time to talk to you now. |

H Choose the correct answer.

- 1 If you have time at the end of the exam, check your answers.
A few B a few C little D a little
- 2 Give me minutes and I'll be ready.
A few B a few C little D a little
- 3 We've only got milk left so get some when you go shopping.
A few B a few C little D a little
- 4 Just practice every day and you'll soon be able to play the piano.
A few B a few C little D a little
- 5 We were disappointed that of the members came to the youth club party.
A few B a few C little D a little
- 6 Sprinkle sugar on the strawberries.
A few B a few C little D a little
- 7 I suppose now I'm 43, I have hope of playing football for England.
A few B a few C little D a little
- 8 Could you help me with exercises I don't understand?
A few B a few C little D a little
- 9 There's coffee left, if anyone wants some.
A few B a few C little D a little
- 10 Becoming an astronaut is so demanding that people manage it.
A few B a few C little D a little
- 11 I'll meet you in half an hour - I've got e-mails to write first.
A few B a few C little D a little
- 12 Many people feel there's point in voting, even in a general election.
A few B a few C little D a little

I Write an article in each gap where necessary. If an article is not necessary, write a dash (-).

Ray: Hello?

Sandy: Hi. Is that Ray? It's (1) Sandy.

Ray: Oh, hi! How was (2) film?

Sandy: Great! We took (3) taxi to (4) cinema and (5) taxi driver got lost, so we almost missed (6) start. What about you? What did you do (7) last night?

Ray: Oh, I just stayed at (8) home. I listened to (9) music for a while and then watched (10) news.

Sandy: Oh, yes? So what's happening in (11) world? Anything I should know about?

Ray: Well, I know you don't like (12) politics, but there was (13) interesting report on (14) Asia. It gave me (15) few ideas for (16) geography essay we were talking about (17) other day.

Sandy: Ah, right. Anything else?

Ray: Nothing important. Just that (18) lead singer of your favourite band is getting married – to (19) actress, (20) one who was in that film ...

Sandy: What?! Why didn't you tell me? I have to check this out on (21) Internet! See you at (22) school tomorrow. Bye!

Ray: Okay. Bye.

J Rewrite the sentences correctly, adding articles where necessary.

1 We went to theatre last night and saw great play, although some of acting was bit poor.
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2 Give me ring tomorrow before I go to work and we'll arrange to meet at office.
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3 Prime minister told reporter that government wanted to pass law banning hunting.
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4 I asked hotel manager where pool was and she directed me to seventh floor.
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5 They said on news on radio that Mount Vesuvius, volcano that destroyed Pompeii, could erupt again.
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6 Car has revolutionised transport and is absolutely vital to economy of most countries.
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7 Judge read jury's verdict aloud and then sentenced accused to five years in prison.
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8 Job in media can be quite stressful because of pressure you are under to do things on time.
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9 Very few people in 19th century went to school or university and most started work at very young age.
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10 I have little free time since I gave up karate, so I'm thinking of trying new hobby, like learning musical instrument.
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