


# Optimise B2

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## LISTENING

1 Listen to an interview with a private detective who is talking about her job. Decide whether each statement is true (T) or false (F).  UT Track 4

- 1 Emmeline has been working as a private detective since she was 30 years old. T / F
- 2 A private detective often needs to spend a lot of time working indoors. T / F
- 3 Private detectives infrequently follow the people they are investigating. T / F
- 4 Most of the cases that Emmeline deals with are similar in nature. T / F
- 5 It is particularly important for private detectives to work within the law. T / F

Score: /5

## GRAMMAR

2 Put the verbs into the correct continuous tenses to complete the sentences.

- 1 She \_\_\_\_\_ (*chat*) on the phone for at least half an hour. She needs to stop talking and get on with her homework!
- 2 Matt \_\_\_\_\_ (*try*) to put up a shelf when he fell off the ladder.
- 3 We \_\_\_\_\_ (*not look*) for a new computer but it was on offer so we bought it.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (*cook*) all afternoon? Something smells wonderful!
- 5 They \_\_\_\_\_ (*still / sleep*) when I arrived. They hadn't heard the alarm clock.

Score: /5

3 Choose the correct words.

- 1 Nellie *has always been changing* / *s always changing* TV channels. It really bothers me!
- 2 It's *raining* / *been raining* all morning. I wonder when it's going to stop.
- 3 Ray *wasn't working* / *hasn't been working* when I saw him this morning.
- 4 They've *been discussing* / *d been discussing* the problem for some time when Fiona came up with a solution.
- 5 According to the government, the economy *improves* / *is improving* at the moment.

Score: /5

4 Complete the sentences with the future continuous, future perfect simple or future perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The police \_\_\_\_\_ (*look for*) the gang of thieves for three years by next Christmas.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ (*write*) this essay for the rest of the evening so I won't be able to go out.

- 3 Ian asked us not to arrive before eight because he \_\_\_\_\_ **(have)** time to prepare the dinner before then.
- 4 William \_\_\_\_\_ **(learn)** the violin for a year when he plays in the concert this summer.
- 5 A: \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ **(manage)** to complete the assignment by tomorrow?  
 B: I think so. I've finished it and I just need to read through it.

Score: /5

**5 Choose the sentence (A or B) that means the same as the first sentence.**

- 1 Remember to take some identification to the exam in case the examiner asks for it.  
 A Remember to take some identification to the exam if the examiner asks you to.  
 B Remember to take some identification to the exam because the examiner might ask for it.
- 2 Cordelia will come to the theatre with us provided she has finished her homework.  
 A Cordelia will only come to the theatre with us if she has finished her homework.  
 B Cordelia will come to the theatre with us if she doesn't need to finish her homework.
- 3 I'll send you a message from my phone unless I haven't got a signal.  
 A If I haven't got a signal, I'll send you a message from my phone.  
 B I'll send you a message from my phone if I've got a signal.
- 4 When I listen to reggae music, it makes me want to dance.  
 A Listening to reggae music makes me feel like dancing.  
 B I only want to dance if someone plays reggae music.
- 5 As long as there isn't too much traffic, we should get there on time.  
 A It's possible for us to get there on time if there isn't a lot of traffic.  
 B We're unlikely to get there on time because there's too much traffic.

Score: /5

**VOCABULARY**

**6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.**

come on   come up with   figure out   look into   plug in

- 1 We didn't know what to get Shaun for his birthday until Eileen \_\_\_\_\_ an idea.
- 2 I couldn't understand why the radio didn't work. Then I realised that it wasn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 My new plant is \_\_\_\_\_ very well. It's grown three centimetres in the last few days.
- 4 We've had some problems with the central heating but the plumber is \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- 5 I can't \_\_\_\_\_ how to download these photos. Do you have any ideas?

Score: /5

**7 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are three extra words you do not need to use.**

accused   fine   guilty   judge   jury   trial   verdict   victim

- 1 The \_\_\_\_\_ thought the thieves were sorry for their crimes so she gave them a shorter sentence.
- 2 The case is very complicated so I imagine it's going to take a long time to reach a \_\_\_\_\_.

- 3 People tend to get a \_\_\_\_\_ for driving offences unless it's something serious.
- 4 My grandmother was the \_\_\_\_\_ of a nasty crime. Some criminals got hold of her credit card details and bought loads of items with it.
- 5 The jury decided he was \_\_\_\_\_ and he got sentenced to five years in prison.

Score: /5

### 8 Choose the correct words (A, B or C) to complete the text.

Although there has been a rise in some types of crime in the UK, the overall (1) \_\_\_\_\_ has not changed dramatically. Where there has been an increase, the police think that it is due to a number of factors. One is that the victims of crime are now more likely to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and report incidents to the police. Another is that some types of behaviour, like trolling (social media attacks), were not considered crimes in the past. These are now taken much more seriously and people are less likely to be (3) \_\_\_\_\_ by the police. In fact, the number of people being charged and found (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of internet-related crimes has gone up significantly. In many cases, the sentence for these crimes includes one to two years of (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Although it is worrying that crime has increased, we can be reassured that criminals are not getting away with it.

- 1 A crime prevention    B crime wave    C crime rate
- 2 A come forward    B make for    C break in
- 3 A turn in    B beat up    C let off
- 4 A guilty    B accused    C justice
- 5 A evidence    B imprisonment    C fine

Score: /5

### 9 Choose the correct words.

- 1 I think it's *high time/top priority* you took your studies a little more seriously.
- 2 You need a *high-powered/top speed* microscope in order to see some insects clearly.
- 3 He said he was on a *top secret/top award* mission to save the world. I didn't believe him of course!
- 4 I've got a new *high priority/high-definition* monitor for my computer. The picture is fantastic.
- 5 The government is hoping to build a new *top speed/high speed* rail connection.

Score: /5