

Unit 1 Progress Test A

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verbs and the words below.

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- 1 It _____ when we left the cinema, and we didn't have an umbrella.
- 2 When Rachel and Carlos got married, they _____ engaged for very long – only a few weeks.
- 3 Megan has forgotten her German now, but she _____ it really well.
- 4 Did your parents meet while they _____ at Chicago University?
- 5 We _____ the weekend in Paris. Lucky you!
- 6 Tessa's father bought her a second-hand car after she _____ her driving test.
- 7 No, I _____ your answers when we were in the exam! I didn't look at your test paper.
- 8 John moved to a much bigger house after he _____ some money.

Mark: ____ / 8

2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence. Write 1–3 words.

- 1 My friends and I arrived here three months ago.
My friends and I have been here _____ three months.
- 2 They won't post the names of the competition winners on the school website until next week.
The names of the competition winners _____ on the school website until next week.
- 3 Jenny said, 'I found a great music website yesterday.'
Jenny said that she _____ a great music website the day before.
- 4 They've sold all the tickets for Friday's concert.
All the tickets for Friday's concert _____.
- 5 Angela and Maria said, 'We can't do our homework.'
Angela and Maria said that they _____ their homework.
- 6 Kelly went to Greece.
Kelly has _____ to Greece.
- 7 They give us an English test every Monday.
We _____ an English test every Monday.
- 8 We can't buy the tickets because they're so expensive.
We would buy the tickets if _____ so expensive.
- 9 They don't allow animals in this hotel room.
Animals _____ in this hotel room.
- 10 They boys said, 'We're going to London on Friday!'
The boys said that they _____ to London that Friday.

Mark: ____ / 10

Vocabulary

3 Match the words below with the definitions. There is one extra word.

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- 1 A person who is between about 40 and 60 years old. _____
- 2 Saying or suggesting that someone did something wrong. _____
- 3 Staying faithful and supportive to someone or something. _____
- 4 Wishing you had what another person has. _____
- 5 To start living a stable life (e.g. get married, have a home, stop moving around) _____

Mark: ___ / 5

4 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 My son's daughter was born two days ago. I can't believe I've just **got married** / **become a grandparent**.
- 2 We have to do something right now – this problem is very **urgent** / **bitter**!
- 3 It was a terrible journey in bad weather, so we were **proud** / **relieved** when we got home.
- 4 Grandma often looks at old photos of when she was young, and she feels very **sarcastic** / **nostalgic**.
- 5 A few actors forgot their lines and looked quite **embarrassed** / **amused**.
- 6 Maria cut her hand and it **hurt** / **bled** all over the floor.

Mark: ___ / 6

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Circle the correct prepositions.

- 7 Do you fancy _____ (buy) a very economical car? This car runs **with** / **on** biofuel.
- 8 We decided _____ (stay) on the west coast of Scotland. We travelled there **on** / **by** coach from Glasgow.
- 9 Mum offered _____ (pay) for a new computer for my brother Jake. So he opted **for** / **with** this one.
- 10 Jason promised _____ (pass) the football **at** / **to** me often during the match, but he didn't.
- 11 Mark spends a lot of time _____ (care) **for** / **about** his grandma because she's sick.
- 12 Dave suggested _____ (go) to a restaurant called Gino's tonight, but I haven't heard **from** / **of** it. Is it good?

Mark: ___ / 6

Use of English

6 Complete the dialogue with the words below.

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- Camilla** 1 _____ we sign up for that nighttime photography course? First we learn about the theory. Then we practise with the cameras in college. 2 _____ we get to go out at night and take photographs in the dark.
- Jason** I'm not 3 _____ about that. There's a problem with my new digital camera.
- Camilla** What's 4 _____ with it?
- Jason** Well, I can't get it to work properly. And I lost my receipt so I can't get a 5 _____.
- Camilla** To be 6 _____, you aren't really very confident with technology. You might just need some lessons!
- Jason** Hey, thanks very much!
- Camilla** No, listen. The 7 _____ I say that is because you hate gadgets and 8 _____ is more, you never bother to read the instruction manuals. Perhaps it's not even broken.
- Jason** 9 _____ I see it, if a gadget isn't easy to use, then it's not a great gadget!
- Camilla** Look, 10 _____ don't you come along to the class with me and ask the photography teacher to have a look?

Mark: ___ / 10

Listening

5 1 Listen to five speakers talking about their families. Match the speakers (1–5) with the statements (A–F). There is one extra statement.

- A Speaker ___ tells people about the life of an author.
- B Speaker ___ is going to stay in his / her new country.
- C Speaker ___ complains about his / her parents.
- D Speaker ___ talks about a relative's husband.
- E Speaker ___ introduces a programme for young people.
- F Speaker ___ talks about how a place has changed.

Mark: ___ / 5

Reading

6 Read the text and complete gaps 1–5 with missing sentences A–G. There are two extra sentences.

A summer away from home

Many companies organise summer programmes abroad for young people aged fifteen to twenty. ¹ _____ Travelling without your parents is a great way to become more independent, make new friends, and see a different country. But what is it really like to go on one of these trips? We spoke to three young travellers about their experiences.

Josh Tanner went to Lagos, Nigeria

I'm really good at football, so when I heard about a football volunteer programme in Africa, I was really excited. ² _____ But after I had showed them some information on the internet, they decided that it was safe for me to go. I was feeling tired when I arrived in Lagos, and I couldn't believe how hot it was. ³ _____ I stayed with the Ngembo family in an apartment in the centre of Lagos. It was very small, and I had to share a room with three boys. But everyone was really nice to me, so I soon got used to having no privacy. I worked really hard, but I enjoyed my job, too. For most of the time, I was helping a Nigerian sports coach to teach football to ten-year-old boys and girls. I had a great time there, and I really got used to living in a big, noisy African city. By the time I left, I had really started to fit in!

Rebecca Jones went to Arles, France

Last year, I spent two weeks at a summer art school for young people in Arles. Arles is a beautiful little town in Provence, in the south of France. We were staying in a campsite and sharing tents, and most of the other students were French. I was nervous at first about speaking French to them. But everyone was nice to me, and they didn't criticise my mistakes. I really gained a lot of confidence after I'd been there for a week. The course was good too. We had drawing and painting lessons every morning. Then, every afternoon, the teachers took us out into the countryside to practise our skills. The famous painter Vincent Van Gogh used to live in Arles. ⁴ _____ It's a really beautiful place. I think I painted some good pictures while I was staying there. When Van Gogh was painting in Arles, people didn't used to like his work. Now his paintings sell for millions of pounds. Who knows? Maybe the same thing will happen to my pictures one day.

Matt Hazelwood went to Bryce Canyon, USA

Last summer, I got a job at Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah, USA. It's a beautiful place, but it was very difficult to get there! After I'd flown ten hours from London to Las Vegas, I had to get a bus to Cedar Springs, Utah. And after someone had met us there, it was another three-hour drive to the park. ⁵ _____ Lots of young people like me were working in the park last summer. We were helping people from the US National Park Service to repair and build things like picnic tables and information signs. We also helped to repair the walking paths and make them safe. That's important because a lot of middle-aged and elderly people visit the US national parks. I had to work really hard all summer, and get up very early in the morning. But I soon got used to that, and it was great to work outside in such a beautiful place. Bryce Canyon is famous for its red rocks and cliffs – and when the sun comes up in the early morning, they look amazing!

- A When I'd finally arrived, I went to bed and slept for twelve hours!
- B But it only took me a few days to get used to the weather.
- C Many other artists used to visit the area too, and I can see why.
- D There aren't any big animals in these national parks, but you can see lots of birds.
- E From working with children in Africa to protecting an ancient Inca road in Peru, there are lots of different trips to choose from.
- F I phoned my parents every few days, so they weren't concerned about me.
- G My parents weren't so enthusiastic at first.

Mark: ___ / 5

Writing

7 Imagine you see an advertisement on a website for English-speaking penfriends who are interested in your hobby. Write a message in reply. Follow the instructions below.

- Introduce yourself, say where you are from what your town is like.
- Say who you live with and say one interesting thing about a member of your family.
- Talk about why you like the hobby, and say how often you do it.
- Request information from the person you are writing to.

Mark: ___ / 10

Total: ___ / 65