

Semester Test (Introduction + Units 1–4)

Grammar

1. Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.

- 1 At first, Rosie hated living on her own, but then she ____ it.
A got used to B is used to C used to
- 2 Any plans for the weekend? - We ____ to visit grandparents.
A will go B go C are going
- 3 My parents decided to immigrate together after they ____ engaged.
A got B had got C were getting
- 4 If I were richer, I _____ a mansion for my family!.
A would bought B bought C would buy
- 5 I'm sure we ____ our next match because our best player is injured.
A don't win B are not winning C won't win
- 6 The bigger the house you live in, ____ it takes to clean.
A longer B longest C the longer
- 7 I ____ share a room with my sister, but now she's at university.
A got used to B used to C was used to
- 8 I met my best friend when we _____ at primary school.
A studied B were studying C had studied
- 9 Our house is ____ spacious than yours because my family isn't as big.
A least B less C more
10. - Why so many bags? - I ____ for a long time.
A have been shopping B have shopped C went shopping

Vocabulary

1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 They've put up a wooden **fence** / **hedge** around the garden to keep out the neighbours' dogs.
- 2 **Surprisingly** / **Unsurprisingly**, Grace was late, as usual.
- 3 Their child is still **an infant** / **a toddler**, so he can't walk yet.
- 4 My favourite hobby is **taking** / **making** photos.
- 5 I've hurt my **thumb** / **toe**, so I can't use my hand.
- 6 My brother loves board games, and his favourite one is **cards** / **chess**.
- 7 My dad gave my mum some flowers to **make up** / **make up for** forgetting their anniversary.
- 8 We often go ice skating at our local ice **ring** / **rink**.
- 9 My sore throat won't go away, so I'm going to **do** / **make** an appointment with the doctor.
- 10 Jane and Mike got married and **started** / **began** a family.

Listening

(Track 2)1. Listen to two people talking about the preparations for a party. Put a tick (V) in the correct column.

Which person ...	Claire	Gareth
1 has been looking for a birthday present?		
2 went to Parma for the first time last year?		
3 has been having art lessons?		
4 hasn't downloaded any music for ages?		
5 doesn't think that dressing up is a good idea?		

Reading

- 1. Read the advice to competitors in a race. Match questions A–F with paragraphs 1–5. There is one extra question.**

How to achieve success at the Marathon des Sables

The best – and probably only – way of completing this six-day ultramarathon in southern Morocco is to make efficient preparations. Here are some tips to help you survive the 251 km course.

1 ____

As a competitor in the Marathon des Sables, you'll be responsible for your own food. To maintain physical strength, you'll need between 3,000 and 4,000 calories per day. Dried food is best because of its low weight and volume. Plan for a solid breakfast before the race, and a large evening meal afterwards. Take dried fruit and nuts, and high energy bars as snacks.

2 ____

During the race, you'll need to drink between six and seven litres of water per day. Water is distributed in the morning, at control posts during the race and on completion of each stage – remember to save some each evening to prepare breakfast the next day. You mustn't discard water bottles in the desert; they should be exchanged for new ones or thrown away at the control posts.

3 ____

You'll need a comfortable rucksack that doesn't cover the competitor number on your chest; if it does, you may not be allowed to compete. The bag should contain everything you need, including food, a stove for heating water, a sleeping bag and your clothes. Everything you carry must be weighed so that your rucksack isn't too heavy for you.

4 ____

You should start preparing at least six months before the event starts. Aim to run 150 to 190 miles a week, increasing the distance as time goes on. Train with a rucksack occasionally and get used to drinking water on long runs. You can also use the practice runs to test different energy foods. If you aren't used to running, you should not enter the competition.

5 ____

Special satellite facilities are arranged during the race so that you can call friends and family. Phone calls cost around €3 per minute, so bring cash or a credit card with you. You can send one free email per day and the rest you will be charged for. If you want to receive internet messages, the sender will need your full name and competitor number.

- A What equipment do I need to take?
- B Where do competitors spend the night?
- C How much should you pay to take part in the race?
- D Are meals provided during the race?
- E What sort of training programme should I follow?
- F Is internet access available during the race?
- G How often will I be able to drink something?
- H Can you make some changes in your route during the race?

Writing

1. Your school recently organised a sports day for all the students. Follow the instructions below and write a blog post about it.

- Describe the event.
- Give your personal opinion of the event.
- Suggest two improvements for next year's sports day.
- Make a request for photos and video clips of the sports day.

Minimum 150 words