

Units 1–2



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Score: \_\_\_\_\_

**A** Listen to the conversations. Check (✓) the correct answers. (4 POINTS)

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| <p>1. _____ is completely honest and gives helpful advice.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Denise</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Norris</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Anna</p>                                                 | <p>3. Jenna and Scott would love being _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> bank tellers this summer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> extras in a movie</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> friends with the director</p>              |
| <p>2. It bothers Maria and Gary when people _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> forget to say thank you</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> post on social networking sites</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> don't answer the phone</p> | <p>4. Emily wants to apply for the _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> intern position at the zoo</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> part-time cleaning job</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> veterinarian office intern position</p> |

**B**

Circle the correct word. Then join the sentences using relative pronouns (*who* or *that*). (8 POINTS)

- I'd prefer a(n) (temperamental / supportive / egotistical) boss. I can do my best for her.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- Zoe is a(n) (modest / inflexible / stingy) person. She doesn't change easily and is stubborn.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- Our coach can't stand (friendly / easygoing / egotistical) players. He can't talk to them easily.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- I want to work with an easygoing person. This person is (temperamental / unpredictable / fun).  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**C**

Put the words in order to make sentences. (3 POINTS)

Example: is / when / person / upsets / it / unreliable / a / me

It upsets me when a person is unreliable.

- bothers / forgets / when / name / my / someone / it / me  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- when / can't / meals / during / it / I / people / stand / text  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- friend / me / happy / out / when / it / lunch / makes / me / a / takes / to  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**D**

Complete the sentences using gerund phrases and the words in the box. (3 POINTS)

✓ be + flight attendant

write + sports column

retire + age 50

do + volunteer work

*Example:* He'd enjoy being a flight attendant because he loves traveling.

- \_\_\_\_\_ seems rewarding. I've always been interested in helping others.
- Kevin wouldn't like \_\_\_\_\_ for the school paper. He doesn't really care about school sports or athletic activities.
- You've saved 25 percent of your salary all your life – now it's time to have some fun!  
\_\_\_\_\_ sounds fantastic. You deserve it!

**E**

Check (✓) the correct response. (4 POINTS)

- A personal sports trainer probably earns \_\_\_\_\_ a soccer coach.  
 better paid than     not as hard as     as much as
- Nurses have \_\_\_\_\_ pharmacists.  
 as well paid as     better people skills than     more interesting than
- Long-distance truck drivers are often \_\_\_\_\_ taxi drivers to drive in bad weather.  
 better prepared than     as much driving as     more driving experience than
- Working as a bank teller is \_\_\_\_\_ being a party planner.  
 worse hours than     as much as     less interesting than

**F**

Read the article. Then check (✓) three true statements. (3 POINTS)

### The Ins and Outs of Being a Race-Car Driver

Have you ever thought about being a race-car driver? Driving a race car is challenging and exciting. However, some aspects of a race-car driver's job can be stressful, and race-car drivers often have to stay focused for long periods of time.

A race-car driver's work begins long before a race begins. Several hours before a race, the driver and the pit-crew meet. They talk about

what kinds of tires are needed for different weather conditions. They also discuss the layout of the racetrack, the wind conditions (strong winds mean a rough ride for the driver), and even the temperature of the racetrack the driver is driving on.

Race-car drivers often say that the most difficult thing about racing is getting a chance to drive in races. It takes years and years of practice

at local racetracks to gain enough experience to drive in professional races. Only the very best race-car drivers become well known. Most race-car drivers don't get to experience fame and fortune.

A race-car driver must be intelligent, calm under pressure, and in excellent health. The safety of the driver, and the other race competitors, depends on his or her skills and experiences.

- 1. Not all aspects of a race-car driver's job are exciting.
- 2. The pit-crew's main job is to help drive the car.
- 3. It's not the driver's job to check the wind and temperature conditions on race day.
- 4. One of the most difficult things for race-car drivers is getting chances to drive in races.
- 5. Almost all race-car drivers earn a lot of money.
- 6. Race-car drivers need to be careful for their own safety as well as the safety of their competitors.