



Test B1-1

1. Complete the sentences with these words.

Argument confusion connection discussion permission retirement

1. You will have to get _____ from your parents to go on the school field trip.
2. After a long _____ they decided to sell their house and move broad.
3. Is sixty-five the normal _____ age for both men and women?
4. There seems to be a(n) _____ between pollution and bad health
5. The new school rules have caused a lot of _____.
6. She had a big _____ with her twin sister.

2. Choose the correct word

Celebrity twins



Two is better than one, right? The celebrities in this article all have one thing 'in common / in touch': they all share their birthday with a **generation / sibling**. Some twins have followed in their famous brother or sister's **footsteps / blueprints**, while others have taken a completely different route. Hollywood is filled with famous "**triplets / twins** such as the super famous Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen. Both girls started acting in 1987 when they were six months old and their personalities are quite **same / similar**. They don't use social media and they never liked being famous. Ashton Kutcher is another celebrity with a little-known twin brother called Michael. 'I was **born / raised** a twin and from the moment I came into this world I had to **share / treat** it with someone, said Ashton. Finally, Scarlett Johansson has a twin brother called Hunter. Scarlett and her brother don't look & **alike / like** - Hunter is nearly 30 cm taller than his sister. Scarlett and Hunter are **close to / near** each other. Hunter has had small acting roles in some of Scarlett's films, but he's more interested **for / in** politics.

3. Join

- 1 This is a small house built of wood in a forest.
- 2 This is a house that has only one storey.
- 3 This is a small house, usually in the countryside
- 4 This house is not joined to another house on either side.
- 5 This is a riverboat which people live on.
- 6 This house is joined to another house on one side.

- A. a detached house
- B. a cottage
- C. a houseboat
- D. a semi-detached house
- E. a cabin
- F. a bungalow



Storey story

Is the film based on a true _____

The second _____ of the house was built when their daughter got married.

Homework housework

Jenny, have you done your _____?

My sister and I help mum with shopping and the _____



5. Complete the text with these verbs. Use the present simple or the present continuous.

complain cycle depart drink eat get go have love think

Hi James,

Peter and I (1) _____ an amazing holiday here in Lisbon. We (2) _____ every morning before breakfast, and then we (3) _____ 'papo secos', a kind of small bread roll, and (4) _____ fruit smoothies in the garden. When we arrived in Portugal last week, it was very cold, but now the weather (5) _____ hotter and hotter every day. I (6) _____ the weather, but Peter doesn't! He (7) _____ always about the heat, which is really annoying! Peter is very keen on football and we (8) _____ to a football match this afternoon. Pete (9) _____ that FC Porto is the best football team in Europe. We are coming back tomorrow. Our flight (10) _____ at 10.00 am. I will text you when we are back.

Colin

6. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple or the past continuous.

1. They _____ (buy) a nice detached house in the suburbs last year.
2. I _____ (drive) home from work when the news came on the radio.
3. She was having dinner when I _____ (text) her.
4. Where _____ (he / go) when you met him?
5. I found these photos while _____ (tidy) up my bedroom.
6. He _____ (not/ check) his emails when he got to the office this morning.
7. Why _____ (she / call) you at six o'clock in the morning?
8. They invited Leon to the party, but they _____ (not invite) Tim.
9. I _____ (listen) to music and I didn't hear the phone ring.
10. _____ (you / study) when she called?

7. Choose the correct answer

1. We are eating out more often than we **used to** / **got used to**.
2. Did that building **use to be** / **used to be** a factory?
3. On autumn evenings we **use to sit** / **would sit** out in the garden.
4. How's Canada? **Have you got** / **Have you been** used to the cold weather?
5. My legs hurt after the climb because I wasn't used to **walk** / **walking** so much.
6. Although I liked my old job, I **couldn't use** / **get used to** working long hours.
7. He **used to** / **was used to** cycle to school when he was a child.
8. She didn't **use to like** / **to liking** cooking, but now she loves it.



Reading:



What's it like to live in a castle?

You may have visited a castle while you were on holiday this summer, but what about owning one or living in one?

Francis Watson-Armstrong owns a castle, but he hates to say so. 'I'm the keeper of the castle, the 54-year-old says. "I just keep it standing. His castle is Bamburgh Castle, a large impressive building standing above Northumberland beach in North East England. It's one of the largest inhabited castles in the country.

The castle was built in the 11th century and it was in a poor state when William Armstrong bought it in 1894. He rebuilt large parts of it and the castle became the family home. It still belongs to the Armstrong family and is open to the public. Bamburgh Castle has been used as a filming location in a number of television series and films like *Ivanhoe* and *Robin of Sherwood*.

'I think it's a great responsibility to look after one of the most important historic buildings in the UK, but I love it, says Mr

Watson-Armstrong. He has very fond memories of the childhood years he spent there. Francis Watson-Armstrong was 22 when he took over running the castle with his mother. He moved to a nearby farm in 2001, but the castle is still a home with 12 lived-in apartments. It is also a tourist attraction and more than 160,000 people visit it every year.

Maintaining the castle is a full-time job for a team of five people. It costs hundreds of thousands of pounds a year to maintain and run a castle which is the size of the Tower of London. Francis is doing his best to keep the castle in the family. His son William, 29, is taking on more responsibility for running the castle. He wants to increase visitor numbers and improve the experience.

Living in a centuries-old building filled with dark corners and secrets could be considered spooky, but is it? Some visitors claim that they have been touched by unseen hands; others have heard strange noises. 'I never saw any ghosts apart from when I was in there on my own, Mr Watson-Armstrong laughs. 'In my mother's bedroom I could hear footsteps. It's quite scary on a stormy night if you are there on your own. If there are any ghosts, I think they are friendly ghosts?



1. How does Francis Watson-Armstrong feel about owning the castle?

- A He loves saying he's the owner.
- B He hates saying he's the owner.
- C He doesn't enjoy being the keeper of the Castle.
- D He's not proud of being the owner.

2. Who lives in the apartments in Bamburgh Castle?

- A Francis and his son William.
- B Francis and his mother.
- C Francis and the maintenance builders.
- D People who rent the apartments.

3. Which of the following is true?

- A Bamburgh Castle was built in 1894.
- B Bamburgh Castle was open to the public in the 19th century.
- C Bamburgh Castle became William Armstrong's home in 1894.
- D Bamburgh Castle no longer belongs to the Armstrong family.

4. Why is maintaining the castle difficult?

- A Francis doesn't get any help from his son William.
- B It costs more to maintain than the Tower of London.
- C Francis has to do it all by himself.
- D It requires a lot of money and a team of people.

5. What does Francis's son William want to do?

- A sell the castle to another family
- B attract more tourists to the castle
- C be less responsible for the castle in the future
- D move to a farm nearby

6. What does Mr Watson-Armstrong think about ghosts in the castle?

- A The presence of ghosts is real and dangerous.
- B He doesn't feel scared by the presence of Ghosts.
- C. Ghost stories help to attract more visitors to the castle.
- D They only haunt the castle on stormy nights.