GOLD EXP A2+ UNIT 1

EX. 1Complete the text with a, an, the or –.

My name's Erika and I'm from .....(1) Germany. I live in Berlin, which is .....(2) capital. It's .....(3) great city for people who love cultural activities. We have lots of excellent museums and some of them are very unusual. One of these is .....(4) German Currywurst Museum. I think it's .....(5) amazing place. It's .....(6) exhibition about 'currywurst' – a popular snack of sausage with curry ketchup. It sounds strange, but it's really delicious! .....(7) German people love it. .....(8) tourists think it's good, too. So if you visit my country, don't be afraid to try it!

EX. 2 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

9 Dad, I need a ..... advice and I think you can help me.

10 Are there ..... interesting things for visitors to see in your town?

11 Sorry, I can't meet you on Saturday. I've got a ..... of homework to do.

12 Your backpack is heavy! How ..... books have you got in it?

13 ..... the information I have for my project is from the internet. I hope it's correct.

14 I have a..... good friends in my neighbourhood, including my best friend Tom.

15 Hurry up, Pat! We don't have ..... time before our train leaves.

16 I don't know ..... famous people, but I'd love to meet my favourite singer.

EX. 3 Choose the correct answer.

17 .....good friends are important to have.

A The B A C –

18 These are .....photos I took on my holiday in France.

A some B any C every

19 Do you have ..... money?

A many B any C a lot

20 There are ..... canals in Amsterdam.

A a lot B lot of C a lot of

21 There are a .....really nice cafés in the town square.

A little B few C lot

22 There isn't..... bread at all, so I can't make a sandwich.

A little B much C any

23 How .....pressure are you under when you have exams?

A much B many C any

24 Let's listen to .....music while we do our homework.

A some B little C any

25 .....students worry about their exams.

A A lot B All C Every

EX. 4 Complete the sentences with these words.

apartment bin centre crossing department gallery lift park rack seat stop

26 I'm going to the art ..... to see a photography exhibition.

27 Don't leave that bottle on the grass. Put it in the rubbish .....

28 Let's leave our bikes at the bike ..... and take the train.

29 I have basketball training twice a week at the sports .....

30 Harry lives on the tenth floor of a(n) ..... block.

31 We can meet at the bus ..... at four o'clock. Don't be late!

32 Is there a skate ..... near the high school?

33 I'm going to the ..... store to buy a present for my sister.

34 Mum, I'm late for school. Can you give me a ..... ?

35 Cars must stop at a ..... if people are waiting there.

36 The bus was full this morning, so I didn't have a..... .

EX. 5 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

37 There's a bathroom **between / by** my room and my brother's room. We share it.

38 I didn't see Fred because he was **under / behind** the door.

39 I'm busy now, **because / but** I'll be free at six o'clock. Call me then.

40 It's a lot **colder in / on** the north of the country than the south.

41 This is a funny photo! Who is the tall boy **at / on** the left ?

42 Carlos is from Figueres in Spain. It's **near / by** the border with France.

43 How oft en do you hang **out / up** with your friends?

44 Brighton is a city **in / on** the coast, so lots of people go there in the summer.

EX. 5 Match 45–50 with A–F to make sentences.

45 I prefer to sit at	A to the school.
46 Sam is in front	B of me in this photo.
47 We have a house by	C the classroom.
48 The library is next	D the front of the bus.
49 The video games are on	E the floor.
50 All the students are in	F the sea.

EX. 6 You are going to listen to a recording about Dutch teenagers. Listen to the whole recording once. Then you will hear the recording again with pauses for you to write down what you hear. Make sure you spell the words correctly.

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

EX. 7 You are going to listen to six conversations. For questions 1–6, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear.

1 What is the boy doing?

A playing football B relaxing C playing games

2 What should the students take with them?

A camera B calender/diary C rucksack

3 When will the girl go to the photography club?

A Monday 31st B Wednesday 2nd C Friday 2nd

4 What did the girl and her cousins do together?

A They visited museum. B They went to the concert. C They went on a rollercoaster.

5 How does the girl keep fit?

A She runs in the park. B She skates. C She exercises in the gym.

6 What do they decide to eat?

A popcorn B pizza C ice cream

EX. 8 Read the blog about what makes teenagers happy. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). If there is not enough information, write DS (doesn't say).

9 Teens are happy when they own nice things. .....

10 Young people should spend less time with their friends. .....

11 Teens use the internet because that's what their friends do. .....

12 Most teens are online for more than a few hours a day. .....

13 There are times when teenagers want their parents to leave them alone. .....

14 Teens feel good when they can discuss school with their parents. .....

15 Students who prepare well for exams get good marks. .....

16 It makes teens unhappy to ask for money. .....

What makes teens happy?

I'm Ana. Welcome to my blog. Or 'Willkommen' as we say in German! Recently, my teacher told us about some reports on teen happiness. What do you think makes teens happy? Is it money, going out or owning things? No, you're wrong. The reports show that teens are happy when they have good relationships with their friends and families.

Everyone needs friends, but young people seem to be with their friends all the time! That's OK – young people need to spend time with their friends because it helps them to learn how to be around other people. We see our friends at school all day, and when we get home, we go online to chat there. Going online for an hour or two isn't a problem. Most teens understand this and don't spend all of their time online. The internet makes us happy and we must have it because our friends have it, but we're happier when we go out with our friends in real life.

How do we feel about our parents? The reports say teens think their parents are annoying sometimes, for example, when they text too much or ask too many questions, but teens are pleased to have their parents' help and love. Happy teens have parents who often spend time with them, eating as a family and talking about what's happening at school. In fact, spending time just talking is the number one activity to do with parents at home that makes teens happy.

And what makes us unhappy? Exams! We often worry that exams will be difficult and our marks will be bad. Many students are worried about tests that they have prepared well for! We also worry about money – we want to have enough for the things we enjoy, but we don't want to ask our parents for it all the time. It also makes us unhappy when our parents don't understand us. But we can just sit down at the dinner table and talk about it. Problem solved!