

ENGLISH FILE PRE-INTERMEDIATE

FILE TEST 9A

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences with *for* or *since*.

Example: They've known each other since they were at university.

- 1 I've been a doctor _____ 2010.
- 2 We've lived here _____ a long time.
- 3 I haven't seen Jun _____ Tuesday.
- 4 Antonia's been at work _____ 6 o'clock this morning.
- 5 Lily and Fred have been married _____ three years.

2 Complete the sentences. Put the verb in brackets in the present perfect or the past simple. NOTE: Use FULL FORMS, e.g., DID NOT, HAVE NOT, etc. !

Example: Did you meet (meet) any interesting people when you went on holiday?

- 1 We _____ (not see) Micaela since she moved to Valencia.
- 2 Peter and his wife _____ (buy) a holiday home in Greece last year.
- 3 How long _____ you _____ (work) in this factory?
- 4 Monica _____ (not say) goodbye when she left.
- 5 My grandmother _____ (live) in Italy for ten years. She's really happy there.
- 6 I _____ (not study) German when I was at school.
- 7 What time _____ they _____ (arrive) at the airport?

3 Complete the second conditional sentences using the correct form of the verbs in brackets. NOTE: Use FULL FORMS as shown in the example.

Example: If I did not have to (not have to) work tomorrow, I would go out (go out) tonight.

- 1 If they _____ (have) enough money, they _____ (buy) a new car.
- 2 We _____ (travel) around India if we _____ (not have) young children.
- 3 Mia's parents _____ (be) disappointed if she _____ (not do) well at university.
- 4 You _____ (get) better marks if you _____ (work) harder.
- 5 If I _____ (be) you, I _____ (stop) smoking.
- 6 Kwasi _____ (not get) lost if he _____ (use) the satnav in his car.
- 7 We _____ (lose) weight if we _____ (stop) eating chocolate.
- 8 If I _____ (see) a snake in my house, I _____ (scream) for help!

VOCABULARY

4 Complete the sentences with the words given in the box.

heights fear ~~afraid~~ suffers phobia panic frightened

Example: I haven't swum in the sea for years. I'm afraid of water.

- 1 I saw the spider and started to _____. My heart was beating very fast.
- 2 Liban doesn't like the lifts at work. He _____ from a phobia of small spaces.
- 3 Jenny never travels by plane. She has a _____ about flying.
- 4 As a doctor, I regularly talk to people who are _____ of me.
- 5 I can't climb trees. I'm scared of _____.
- 6 My sister has a _____ of dogs. She's frightened when they bark.

5 Complete the life events with the correct verb. You can use some verbs more than once.

be fall get go have retire start

Example: go to primary school

- 1 _____ children
- 2 _____ work
- 3 _____ married
- 4 _____ in love
- 5 _____ to university
- 6 _____ born
- 7 _____ divorced
- 8 _____ from work

6 Choose the odd word out.

Example: mouse **bird** rabbit cat

- 1 whale chicken dolphin shark
- 2 pig horse tiger cow
- 3 spider bee butterfly mosquito
- 4 monkey elephant lion snake
- 5 goat mice cow bear
- 6 bat sheep camel goat

PRONUNCIATION

7 Match the words with the same sound.

butterfly crocodile ~~horse~~ lion pig sheep

Example: born horse

- 1 separate _____
- 2 leave _____
- 3 divorce _____
- 4 love _____
- 5 retire _____

8 Choose the stressed syllable.

Example: phobia

- 1 frigh|tened
- 2 cro|co|dile
- 3 kan|ga|roo
- 4 di|vorced
- 5 gi|raffe

READING

1 Read the article and choose A, B, or C.

Safety on safari

Do you want to see lions and elephants, buffalo and crocodiles, and many other wild animals? For 35 years Go Botswana have provided expert safari holidays. All safaris have an element of danger. That's what makes them fun! But do you know what the real dangers are?

Hippos

Hippos are the second largest animal in Africa – only the elephant is bigger. The males weigh as much as three small cars! Hippos are also the most dangerous land animal you will meet on safari. That might sound surprising because most people think hippos are slow and lazy. But if you saw a hippo get angry, you'd soon change your mind. They can run very fast and they have very big teeth. In fact, they killed around 500 people across Africa last year. During the hot African day, hippos need to keep cool. They spend almost all day asleep in rivers and lakes. It isn't a good idea to go swimming while you're on safari. We also suggest that you don't walk on the lake beaches at night, as this is when hippos are awake.

Safety tips

If all safari tourists followed these simple rules, the number of people hurt by animals each year would go down.

- Stay in your vehicle. If you see an interesting animal, do not get out of your safari vehicle to take a picture. It's not a good idea to see how close you can get to a lion. Our drivers will get you to the closest and safest possible location.
- Don't wave at the animals. Animals can become aggressive if people wave their hands or other objects at them. Remember, humans are dangerous too – it's a good idea for these animals to be afraid of us.
- If you meet an animal that seems nervous, stay quiet and walk backwards to get away.
- Always wear walking boots and long socks. You will be walking in long grass and also on the beaches around our lake areas. Wearing the correct shoes will protect you from snakes, scorpions and biting spiders.

- 1 Go Botswana have organized holidays for about 10 years.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 2 Safari holidays in Botswana can be dangerous.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 3 Hippos are bigger than elephants.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 4 Female hippos are more dangerous than male hippos.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 5 Hippos spend most of the day in water.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 6 Hippos can stay under water for five minutes.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 7 If tourists followed the safety tips, there wouldn't be as many people hurt by animals.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 8 You can leave the vehicle to take pictures if the driver says it's OK.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 9 Wild animals are frightened of humans because we can be dangerous.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 10 If all tourists wore walking boots, they would be safer from snakes.
A True B False C Doesn't say

2 Read the article again and answer the questions.

- 1 How much does a male hippo weigh?

- 2 What do most people think about hippos?

- 3 What can happen if you wave at the animals?

- 4 Where will the safari drivers take you?

- 5 When is it a good idea to walk backwards on safari?

LISTENING

1 Listen to Kylie talking about her phobia. Choose the correct word(s).

- 1 Nicola has been scared of dogs **since she was five / since she was a teenager.**
- 2 She starts to panic if she sees **more than one dog / a black dog.**
- 3 She **has / hasn't** tried therapy before.
- 4 Virtual reality therapy was developed **about 25 years ago / 10 months ago.**
- 5 In the early 1990s, a doctor used the technology to cure his fear of **spiders / heights.**

2 Listen to five conversations. Choose A, B, or C.

- 1 How long has Tilda worked in the film industry?
A 22 years. B Since she was 22. C 2 years.
- 2 How many cats does the cat café have?
A Three. B Two. C Twelve.
- 3 When was the last time Fei felt frightened?
A Yesterday. B This morning. C Now.
- 4 When did Malik start working as a police officer?
A 10 years ago. B 3 years ago. C 1 year ago.
- 5 How long has Rob been on holiday?
A Two days. B He's just arrived. C Last week.