

GRAMMAR

1. Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

Childhood holidays

My parents (1) (never, be able to) afford much in the way of holidays in expensive places. Our holidays (2) (consist) of a week or two visiting relatives. Fortunately, the relative that we usually visited was my mother's aunt, whom everybody called 'Aunt Tee'. I don't know why she (3) (call) that, because her real name (4) (to be) Jane.

Nothing (5) (compare) to the thrill of getting into the car and starting on the road. Just outside of town was a railroad siding where two old locomotives stood, and it was always very exciting to hear again how our great grandfather George (6) (drive) one of them. We (7) (always, wait) to reach the point where mother (8) (tell) us that we were passing 'Moving Mountain', where there was such continual sliding of rock and dirt from the side of the hill onto the road, that it seemed the mountain (9) (actually, move). Of course, we (10) (never, see) the mountain move, but just knowing that it (11) (do) was excitement enough.

After that, we knew that we were only a few miles away. All eyes (12) (glue) to the landscape ahead, because it was a great achievement to be the first one to catch sight of the old castle, the most notable landmark of the town, which (13) (not, use) for several decades. There, the castle (14) (stand out), miles away, (15) (tell) us that we were nearly there. \

- 3 Przekształć zdania, używając wyrazu podanego dużymi literami, tak aby zachować znaczenie zdania wyjściowego.

0 I finished my homework and then the telephone rang. JUST

I had just finished my homework when the telephone rang.

1 They had dinner and then went to see a play. AFTER

2 It was my first time eating octopus. BEFORE

3 Sleeping in a tent was a great holiday experience for me when I was a child. USED

4 How long have you had your new bike? WHEN

2. Zakreśl prawidłowe uzupełnienie zdań: a, b albo c.

0 Did you know that Brad Pitt _____ in dozens of films and TV series before he became famous?

a used to act b had acted c was acting

1 The first time I saw him he _____ his dad's car. It looked like hard work.

a had cleaned b cleaned c was cleaning

2 I loved going to the beach as a kid. Unfortunately, we _____ there very often.

a didn't use to go b weren't used to going

c weren't going

3 Last Sunday I was at that concert. It was the best gig I _____ in years.

a saw b have been seeing c had seen

4 Have you seen this cool T-shirt? I _____ it for my brother.

a bought b have bought c was buying

5 When I asked her, she told me that she _____ to that play already.

a went b had been c had gone

6 I was covered in cobwebs and dirt when you visited me because I _____ the cellar all morning.

a had cleaned b had been cleaning c was cleaning

4. Uzupełnij zdania używając słów podanych drukowanymi literami, tak aby zachować znaczenie zdania wyjściowego.

0 I don't want to go out tonight. (FANCY)

I don't fancy going out tonight.

1 I think you should say sorry for being rude.

(APOLOGISE)

You should _____ your rudeness.

2 I wish I hadn't told her about the new coffee shop.

(REGRET)

I _____ the new coffee shop.

3 I'll always remember the first time I played in front of a live audience.

(FORGET)

I _____ in front of a live audience for the first time.

4 If the remote control doesn't work, you could replace the battery.

(TRY)

If the remote control doesn't work, you could _____ the battery.

5 "I broke the vase," said Kuba. (ADMITTED)

Kuba _____ the vase.

6 I don't play the guitar any more, but I play the piano now.

(STOPPED)

I _____ the piano instead.

4 Wstaw czasowniki w nawiasach w odpowiedniej formie.

FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

I remember **0 going** (go) to school for the first time quite fondly. I had made up my mind **1** _____ (walk) rather than risk being embarrassed by my dad who offered **2** _____ (give) me a lift in a rather old, weather-beaten car. I told him I fancied **3** _____ (get) a bit of fresh air instead. I promised **4** _____ (call) during the first break and headed out into the bright sunshine. I started **5** _____ (walk) down the street. I didn't expect **6** _____ (bump into) anyone I knew but after a few minutes I noticed the rather cute girl from around the corner **7** _____ (stand) by the crossing. I considered **8** _____ (slow down) but continued, rather bravely I thought, and stood right next to her. I said hello and asked her if she was going to the same school as me. She was, and she didn't mind me **9** _____ (go) with her the rest of the way. I suggested that we **10** _____ (meet) for lunch by the main entrance as we were both new there and she agreed **11** _____ (be) there at 12:00. I'll never forget **12** _____ (wait) impatiently for the clock to strike 12.00. It was the perfect start to a perfect day.

7. Choose the correct answer (A, B or C) to complete the sentences.

- Apologising _____ his behaviour is the least that he can do in the circumstances.
A about B for C by
- Simon is extremely confident and very accomplished _____ public speaking.
A at B with C of
- Customers concerned _____ delays in trains should go immediately to the information desk.
A for B about C at
- Protecting animals _____ harm is our duty as responsible citizens.
A for B by C from
- Prince will always be remembered _____ 'Purple Rain'. It's such a well-known song.
A for B about C by
- My parents stopped me _____ going to the concert as they said it was on too late.
A for B from C off
- We're undecided _____ where to go on holidays this year. Sea, mountains, culture... I don't know!
A by B with C about
- If I were you I'd choose pasta as this restaurant is known _____ it's homemade pasta.
A for B about C with

6. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- Some people may find it _____ (reassure) to discover there may be a forgetful gene.
- It can be easier to remember a _____ (describe) story than one with fewer details.
- There is _____ (substance) more research available about memory loss than in the past.
- Many people use _____ (memorise) techniques as a way to keep their brain active.
- Memory is individual and not _____ (transfer) between two people.
- An _____ (advice) group of neuroscientists met to discuss their research into memory.
- _____ (repeat) not getting enough sleep can have negative effects on your memory.
- Research suggests that dogs' _____ (recollect) of times and places happens in the same way as humans'.

8. Complete the blog with these prepositions.

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Hi! I'm Olivia Vidal, and I confess I am addicted ¹ _____ bullet journals! Ask yourself the following questions. Are you ever embarrassed ² _____ the amount of time you spend on screens? Are you ever concerned ³ _____ the fact that you never actually write anything much off a screen? If so, then visit my Instagram page @gobullet_journals and be inspired ⁴ _____ my ideas. I think you'll be amazed ⁵ _____ how bullet journaling can change your life.

Thank you to all my followers 🥰. I must confess that initially I was scared ⁶ _____ starting this blog as it is my first time, but I am really delighted ⁷ _____ all the amazing comments from you all.

Based ⁸ _____ what you say, you love bullet journaling just as much as I do!