NAME CLASS

2 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation A

ENGLISH FILE
Pre-intermediate

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences. Put the verb in brackets in the past simple or the past continuous.

Example: We drove (drive) to Manchester last week.

1 It _____ (not snow) when I went to bed.
2 When _____ she _____ (pass) her driving test?
3 Donna _____ (not come) to the theatre with us last night.
4 What _____ you _____ (do) at six o'clock last night?
5 I _____ (not study) when you rang.
6 Last year they _____ (buy) a new house.
7 We _____ (see) Rachel at the restaurant yesterday.
8 _____ Dan _____ (wear) his suit when you saw him?

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2 Complete the dialogue. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Lucy Did you enjoy (you enjoy) your trip to Italy?
Jean I had a great time!
Lucy That's good. Where [1] _____ (you stay)?
Jean In a really nice hotel in Sorrento.
Lucy Who [2] _____ (you go) with?
Jean Sandy and Mel. We had a few problems while we were there.
Lucy What [3] _____ (happen)?
Jean Mel lost her passport and her purse.
Lucy Really? What [4] _____ (she do)?
Jean We went to the police station.
Lucy What [5] _____ (they say)?
Jean Well – Mel's things were there!
Lucy That was lucky! Who [6] _____ (find) them?
Jean Two children – at the beach.
Lucy That was very lucky!

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3 Complete the sentences with so, because, but, or although.

Example: Although it was late, we weren't tired.

1 Amal doesn't eat meat _____ he's a vegetarian.
2 _____ the restaurant was expensive, the food was awful.
3 Tomas doesn't like his job, _____ he's looking for another one.
4 It was a nice day, _____ we went to the beach.
5 They're learning Spanish _____ they want to visit Argentina.
6 I invited Ian to the party, _____ he didn't want to come.

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Grammar total 20

VOCABULARY

4 Underline the correct verb.

Example: take / be / have someone to a restaurant

1 meet / run / have across the road
2 have / leave / wait a good time
3 invite / give / drive somebody to dinner
4 wait / meet / drive along the road
5 run / be / play in a hurry
6 wait / run / invite for a friend
7 take / play / give a song

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5 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: She didn't take many photos when she went to Italy.
do have take

1 You need a passport if you want to go _____.
by plane on holiday abroad

2 The food at the restaurant was _____.
comfortable delicious crowded

3 The weather was lovely. It was _____ every day.
foggy cloudy sunny

4 Julie and Andy _____ their flights online.
booked hired rented

5 I _____ most of my time at the beach when I'm on holiday.
buy go spend

6 Did you _____ any souvenirs when you were in Brazil?
buy take have

7 We went _____ for a few days over Christmas.
by car away out

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6 Complete the sentences with at, in, or on.

Example: We got married on 7th May.

1 What did you do _____ the weekend?
2 There was nowhere to sit _____ the train.
3 They played basketball _____ the morning.
4 Stefano was born _____ Rome.
5 They sat _____ the balcony.
6 We arrived _____ the bus stop just before the bus left.

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Vocabulary total 20

PRONUNCIATION

7 Match the past forms with the same sound.

asked argued ~~bought~~ understood
started read

Example: saw bought

1 rented _____
2 said _____
3 dog _____
4 could _____
5 tie _____

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8 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: friend | ly

1 com | for | ta | ble
2 in | vite
3 a | part | ment
4 sight | see | ing
5 a | broad

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Pronunciation total 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50

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2 Reading and Writing A

READING

1 Read the article from a travel magazine and tick (☒) A, B, or C.

My holiday disaster

Although I work in the centre of London now, I like going to the mountains when I can. Last winter I decided to spend a week in Scotland. I wanted to go skiing and walking in the mountains. I looked on the internet and booked a cottage (a small house) for a week. One Friday night last November, I packed my bags, went to Heathrow airport, and waited to get on a plane to Inverness.

Then the problems started. The plane didn't leave that night. There was a lot of snow in Scotland and they closed Inverness airport. So I spent the night in Heathrow. I drank a lot of tea and read a lot of newspapers. I tried to sleep but I wasn't comfortable. Next morning, Inverness airport opened again, and we arrived in Scotland. But my bags weren't there.

I hired a car and drove to the cottage. It was a twenty-minute drive from the airport. When I arrived, there was a family with two little children in the cottage! They booked on the internet, too – for the same week. The family was very kind. They said I could sleep in the lounge, and they cooked dinner for me.

Next day, I got my bags from the airport and decided to go skiing. But the mountain road was closed because of the snow. I didn't ski and I didn't go walking in the mountains. I spent the week in the cottage waiting to go home – it wasn't my favourite holiday!

Example: The writer works in a bank.
A True ☐ B False ☒ C Doesn't say ☐

1 The writer decided to spend a week in Scotland.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

2 He wanted to go walking near the river.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

3 He went to Heathrow airport on Wednesday night.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

4 The plane didn't leave Heathrow that night.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

5 The writer spent the night in the airport.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

6 He arrived at Inverness airport three days later.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

7 The cottage was in the mountains.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

8 The family at the cottage was very kind to the writer.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

9 Next day, the writer went skiing in the mountains.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

10 The writer wants to go back to the same place.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

☐ 10

2 Read the article again and answer the questions.

1 How did the writer book the cottage?

_____

2 What was the weather like in Scotland?

_____

3 What did the writer read at the airport?

_____

4 How did the writer go to the cottage?

_____

5 How many children were at the cottage?

_____

☐ 5

Reading total ☐ 15

WRITING

Write a short essay about a holiday you really enjoyed. Answer these questions. (100–150 words)

- Where did you go on holiday?
- Who did you go with?
- How did you travel?
- What activities did you do?
- What was the weather like?

A holiday I enjoyed

I travelled to …

Writing total ☐ 10

Reading and Writing total ☐ 25

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2 Listening and Speaking A

LISTENING

1 Listen to Annette describing a holiday. Tick (☒) A, B, or C to complete the sentences.

1 Annette went on holiday with her _____.
A old friend ☐ B boyfriend ☐
C best friend ☐

2 On the first night, they went to _____.
A a dance ☐ B a restaurant ☐
C a beach party ☐

3 They saw the girl again when they got on the _____.
A bus ☐ B plane ☐ C train ☐

4 On safari, they _____ together every night.
A had a party ☐ B danced ☐ C ate ☐

5 After the holiday, Annette's boyfriend moved to Manchester with his _____.
A best friend ☐ B new girlfriend ☐
C old friend ☐

☐ 5

2 Listen to Nicole describing her photos. Match 1–5 with A–E.

1 At 14 … ☐
2 At 15 … ☐
3 At 24 … ☐
4 At 25 … ☐
5 At 28 … ☐

A she went to Italy with her class at school.
B she stayed at a luxurious hotel in Paris.
C she spent her free time on the beach in Australia.
D she had a fantastic holiday in Spain with her family.
E she was unhappy because her brother was leaving.

☐ 5

Listening total ☐ 10

SPEAKING

1 Ask your partner these questions.

1 Did you take many photos on your last holiday? What were they like?
2 What's your favourite photo from your school days? Can you describe it?
3 What kind of photos do you like taking?

Now answer your partner's questions.

2 Read the information about a famous photo and answer your partner's questions.

Name of photo: Abbey Roadalbum cover
Photographer: Iain Macmillan
Year: 1969
Description: The Beatles (John, Ringo, Paul, and George) walking across Abbey Road / near recording studio in London / wearing 1960s clothes / sunny day
Reason it is famous: photo / last album cover

3 Now make questions and ask your partner about his / her famous photo.

- What name / photo?
- When take?
- Where / take?
- Can describe?
- Why famous?

Speaking total ☐ 15

Listening and Speaking total ☐ 25

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