

Progress test 3

1 Complete each sentence with the correct noun in the correct form: *travel, journey, trip* or *way*.

- 1 Like many people, I have a long train *journey* to work every day. It's the only I can get there.
- 2 Tomorrow's sightseeing has been cancelled due to lack of interest.
- 3 Did you see that documentary *The world's most dangerous* about truck drivers in the Andes?
- 4 To save money, all business will be replaced with video conferencing whenever possible.
- 5 All passengers with onward should make their way to the flight transfers lounge.
- 6 I'm completely confused. Is this the right to the exit?
- 7 We want to get return tickets to Rome. What's your best round price?
- 8 Hello, Piotr? I'm going to be late meeting you. My car's broken down on the into town.

2 For questions 1–6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- 1 Sam stopped playing football when he left school.
USED
Sam a lot when he was at school.
- 2 I went abroad for the first time when I started this job.
NEVER
I abroad before I started this job.
- 3 Andrea and Silvio have been close friends since university.
WHEN
Andrea and Silvio's friendship students.
- 4 Who told you that the schedule had changed?
KNOW
How the changes to the schedule?
- 5 The company went out of business after months of losses.
LOSING
The company went out of business because it for months.
- 6 I was too late to buy any tickets for the film.
ALREADY
The box office all the tickets by the time I got to the cinema.

3 Complete each sentence with the correct preposition.

- 1 The best time to make an appointment with the doctor is first thing *in* the morning Monday.
- 2 1st May, we're having a party to celebrate our anniversary. Can you come? It starts 7.00 pm.
- 3 Please come and see me the end of school today.
- 4 **A:** Are you doing anything the weekend?
B: Only Saturday afternoon. A family shopping trip!
- 5 I'm exhausted and I'm going back to my hotel a minute. If you like, we can discuss this again breakfast.
- 6 Dinner will be ready 15 minutes!
- 7 It's so quiet round here night. I can't wait to get back to the city.
- 8 **A:** When are you moving house? October?
B: No, September. just six weeks' time.

The rise of the surfer

How surfing became a global business success.

A The only thing a surfer is really interested in is how good the waves are. This quest for perfection has led to the discovery of many once-quiet beaches which nowadays find themselves packed with tourists. Today's surfers book online and enjoy their experience at 'surf camps' – places that have removed any element of danger from travelling to remote areas, places previously known only to a few brave pioneers. No matter how far from civilisation a surf camp might be, though, a pioneer will probably have been there first. These are people who will camp out in the most extreme environments, ignoring insects, snakes and natural disasters for months at a time just to enjoy the waves alone.

B All this began in the 1970s, driven by exciting improvements in surfboard design. They became smaller and lighter, which made them easier to transport. Newer and better waves were being tracked down around the globe by a small army of determined young men and women. Naturally, some of them had cameras with them, and the photos they took and the films they made encouraged others to follow in their footsteps. The more business-minded sold pictures and stories to magazines and the surf world exploded. Thousands of keen young surfers boarded planes to try and find the next undiscovered surfing paradise.

C By the 1980s, the surf package tour had arrived on the scene. Those early surf pioneers had become tour operators and surf camp guides, operating in the same places they had themselves discovered. The Maldives became a tourist destination after one adventurous surfer was stuck there in 1973 while on his way to South Africa. He had found a small island, where perfect waves crashed on perfect beaches and where there were no other surfers to spoil the view. He abandoned his South Africa trip and settled down to enjoy the clear blue water almost entirely on his own for years afterwards.

D The Maldives are now a permanent fixture on the surf calendar, just like a host of other camps around the Indian and Pacific Oceans. By the new millennium, the travel market for surfers was part of mainstream tourism. Previously isolated communities, who just happened to live with some of the best waves on the planet, are confronted with surf boats, surf camps and young people who are sometimes more interested in catching the next wave than in local customs and traditions. There is barely anywhere left in the world where small but determined bands of surfers are not making the first steps in establishing a local surf business. Whatever their motives though, everyone who surfs an exotic beach should be grateful to these intrepid pioneers.

- 4 For questions 1–8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Invasion of the snails

The US state of Florida is fighting an (0)invasion..... **INVADE**

of gigantic snails! Over 1,000 of the huge molluscs are being trapped weekly in the area around Miami. The

(1) African land snail, which can **MASS**
grow to an (2) size – sometimes as **EXCEPTION**
big as a rat – represents a (3) danger **CONSIDER**

to local plant life. Experts met last week in Gainesville, Florida, for the Giant African Land Snail Science Symposium, to try and discover the most

(4) ways to eliminate the snails **SUCCEED**
(5) **SAFE**

A spokesperson said investigators were attempting to learn where the snails had come from originally, though an (6) pet owner is the main

suspect. Scientists are (7) that **RESPONSE**
CONCERN

Florida will experience the same problems as some Caribbean countries, where snails crossing the roads cause accidents and make sidewalks covered in slime

(8) to walk on. **DANGER**

- 5 You are going to read an article about surfing. For questions 1–10, choose from the paragraphs (A–D). The paragraphs may be chosen more than once.

Which paragraph mentions

- 1 an important technical development? ☐
- 2 the way people's roles have changed? ☐
- 3 difficulties encountered by surfers? ☐
- 4 problems of cultural differences? ☐
- 5 an unexpected piece of luck? ☐
- 6 the single-minded attitude of surfers? ☐
- 7 the limited number of places left unsurfed? ☐
- 8 a change of plan? ☐
- 9 a reduction in risk? ☐
- 10 the influence of the media on surfing? ☐

Progress test 4

- 1 Complete each sentence with *food, dish or meal* plus a word from the box in the correct form to make an appropriate collocation. There is one word in the box you do not need to use.

balanced convenience elaborate
filling light shortage simple
source supply

- 0 Some say an egg is the ultimate *convenience food* – it is easy to prepare and comes in its own packaging.
- 1 At home, I prefer cooking
..... like a piece of fish and some salad, nothing too complicated. I leave with lots of ingredients and beautiful presentation to restaurant chefs.
- 2 The main for many people in the world is either rice or potatoes.
- 3 That was so I could hardly move afterwards.
- 4 Danielle only eats for lunch. Anything too heavy and she can't stay awake in the afternoons.
- 5 Thanks to developments in agriculture, the total world is still increasing, although there can easily be local when bad weather destroys crops.

- 2 For questions 1–6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- 1 This is the worst film I've ever seen.

BAD

I have film before.

- 2 I should have drunk less coffee before I went to bed last night.

TOO

I couldn't sleep because coffee last night.

- 3 Sanjay wasn't at work on time for the meeting.

SO

Sanjay was that he missed the meeting.

- 4 The train ticket home was too expensive.

ENOUGH

We didn't the train ticket home.

- 5 The classroom was so crowded that we had to turn people away.

FIT

There were in the classroom.

- 6 The day was so lovely that everybody went to the beach instead of going to school.

SUCH

Nobody went to school because a lovely day.

- 3 For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Interviews: answering the unanswerable question

Interviews are intended to evaluate a candidate's personality in order (0)to..... determine their fitness for a particular position. Imagine the interviewer asks you this question: 'How many petrol stations are in the USA?' You almost certainly have no idea (and, on the other (1), the interviewer probably doesn't either), but don't panic (2) a correct answer is probably not really expected. It is questions such (3) this that give the interviewer an insight (4) your problem-solving abilities, amongst other things, so be enthusiastic, creative and enjoy the challenge. Your ability to think under pressure and deal with difficult situations will be on show, (5) will possibly have more impact than your beautifully written CV. So, don't rush to answer and risk revealing your nervousness. (6) you need to do is take your time, think it through and only (7) attempt an answer. In (8) words, demonstrate a logical thought process. If you can, you're halfway there.

4 Complete the sentences using the correct form of the word in bold at the end of the sentence.

- 0 I love the huge windows in your house. They make it so light and **airy** **AIR**
- 1 Thank you for such a good talk. It was both and entertaining. **INFORM**
- 2 This year's autumn range includes a variety of coats and scarves. **WONDER; COLOUR**
- 3 Mrs Naylor is retiring today after 25 years of service to the company. **EXCEPTION**
- 4 Your essay is but, with a little more research, it could have been much better. **SATISFY**
- 5 This is one of the more parts of the city to live in, with its good transport links. **ATTRACT**
- 6 The telecoms sector is increasingly as new firms continue to enter the market. **COMPETE**
- 7 I really enjoy golf, but the nearest club is so They rarely accept new members. **EXCLUDE**

5 For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

- 0 A for **(B to)** C with D on

Deanshouse Hotel

This is a hotel of two halves, with business guests treating themselves **(0)** a little luxury during the week, while couples enjoy romantic weekend breaks. **(1)** it is only minutes away from the busy Deansgate area, this elegant hotel is on a quiet side street, ensuring peace and quiet. A **(2)** schoolhouse, the hotel has kept the theme throughout, with photographs of old pupils on the walls and separate 'boys' and 'girls' staircases. The owners have also **(3)** to retain many original features, but have **(4)** modern touches like rich, deep carpets and large, comfortable beds to the cosy rooms, **(5)** everything a luxurious feel. The Oyster Café on the ground floor offers afternoon tea and a selection of tasty dishes. The staff are cheerful and welcoming, although the reception desk is tiny and service can become **(6)** at peak times. Room rates are not cheap, but prices **(7)** Sunday nights or during January and February are **(8)**

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|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 A Despite | B However | C Although | D Yet |
| 2 A past | B former | C finished | D previous |
| 3 A managed | B succeeded | C achieved | D reached |
| 4 A increased | B contained | C improved | D added |
| 5 A making | B giving | C presenting | D providing |
| 6 A quick | B delayed | C hasty | D rushed |
| 7 A at | B by | C for | D in |
| 8 A reasonable | B sensible | C moderate | D average |