

Grammar

A. Complete the dialogues with the Past Simple, the Present Perfect Simple or the Present Perfect Progressive of the verbs in brackets.

1. **A:** 1 _____ (you / sit) there all morning?
B: No. I 2 _____ (go) to the corner shop after breakfast.
A: What 3 _____ (you / get)?
B: Some carrot and apple juice.
A: Was it nice? I 4 _____ (not try) it before.
B: Not really.

2. **A:** 5 _____ (Ray / call) yet?
B: Yes, he 6 _____ (call) about five times so far. The last time 7 _____ (be) about ten minutes ago.
A: 8 _____ (he / say) what he wants to talk to me about?
B: No, just that he 9 _____ (try) to reach you and that you 10 _____ (avoid) him lately.
A: Oops.

score / 10

B. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjectives or adverbs in brackets. Add *the, than* or *as* where necessary.

- The hotel we stayed at wasn't _____ (exotic) we expected.
- Your work is getting _____ and _____ (good) every day. Keep it up!
- Maria completed the exercise _____ (easily) me. I had trouble finishing it.
- Eric is working _____ (long) hours these days. He wants to finish the project before the end of the month.
- That was _____ (enjoyable) holiday I have ever been on.
- Jim's car is _____ (old) Ned's. They bought them at the same time.
- We started walking _____ (fast) usual because we didn't want to be late for the meeting.
- I find this beach is _____ (peaceful) place on the island. What do you think?

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C. 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.

- This is the first time Alan has tried sailing. **BEEN**
 Alan _____ sailing before.
- Both Tim and Gary were anxious about the result of the football match. **AS**
 Tim was _____ Gary about the result of the football match.
- It started snowing at 6 a.m. and it hasn't stopped yet. **SINCE**
 It _____ 6 a.m.
- There isn't a more impressive view on the island. **MOST**
 This is _____ on the island.

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Listening

Listen and match the speakers 1-5 with the statements a-f.
There is one extra statement which you do not need to use.

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| Speaker 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. I can't afford to go on my ideal holiday. |
| Speaker 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. I prefer to go on a simple stress-free holiday. |
| Speaker 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. I've changed my mind about guided tours. |
| Speaker 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. I enjoy meeting new people when I go on holiday. |
| Speaker 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. The best holiday is with friends. |
| | | f. There's no point in going on holiday if you don't experience something new. |

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Reading

Read the text and write T for True, F for False or NM for Not Mentioned.

The Exotic Maldives

The Maldives is the smallest Asian country, with the smallest population and land area. It consists of a group of 1,192 islands in the Indian Ocean. However, only about 200 of them are populated. About 90 of the other islands are tourist resorts.

The Maldives is a breathtaking tourist attraction, with magnificent blue waters, white sandy beaches and palm trees. It is ideal for people who are looking for a peaceful place where they can swim in spectacular waters and enjoy calm, tropical scenery. You can enjoy the Maldives at any time of the year, because the mild and warm climate is year-long, with the best time being from December to February. However, from May to November there may also be heavy storms and winds.

There are thousands of different species of fish and other underwater creatures to see in the Maldivian waters, so one of the most popular activities is scuba diving. Many say that the water is clear enough to see fish passing at a distance of 50 yards! Across all of the islands, there are many diving spots for those interested in exploring the remarkable marine life, like sharks, colourful fish and beautiful corals under the sea.

The Maldives is the lowest country in the world, since it is only 4 feet 11 inches above sea level. One of the greatest dangers is that these islands are slowly disappearing into the water because of climate change. As temperatures are rising, the ice at the poles is melting and as a result the sea level is rising. Scientists claim that in 100 years many of these tropical islands will no longer exist.

- Not all of the islands are tourist destinations.
- January is not a very good month to visit the Maldives.
- You will see different marine life depending on the time of year you go.
- The sea level in the Maldives was lower in the past than it is today.



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Writing

Think of an interesting park you have visited and write an article describing it.
Describe the park, say what attracts visitors to it and refer to any other special features.

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