Senior 4 Lesson #12

MINI TEST

1. Reading: Read the text and answer the questions.

Not in my culture...

'Ah, Kyle, gordita, como estas?' (translation: 'Ah, Kyle, fatty, how are you?').'

This is how my father-in-law would greet me every time we went over to his house. At first, I thought I needed to be on my best behaviour for my husband's parents, so I would just smile and nod, when really I felt furious as he insulted me about my weight over and over again.

Finally, one day I'd had enough. When my father-in-law mentioned my weight at the dinner table once again, in front of everybody, telling me I looked 'even fatter than normal', I lost my temper, 'Well, you look older and more wrinkly than normal.' Silence. I turned bright red as I realised I'd just said something truly offensive. Eventually someone coughed politely and changed the subject. But, after dinner my husband took me aside. 'Why in the world would you insult my dad like that?!' he asked. I told him, 'I've had enough of the weight comments, tell him to stop insulting me.' And then my husband told me that in Chile, 'gordita' is a term of endearment and is only used lovingly. He also explained that it's not at all impolite to bring up other people's weight loss/weight gain and that if people do, that just means they care about you enough to notice.

So I explained to my husband that telling someone they look fat/fatter is one of the rudest things you can possibly do in my culture. Well, my husband had a little chat with my father-in-law and my size was never mentioned again.

1 What did Kyle's father-in-law keep doing?
2 How did she usually react?
3 What happened when she got angry?
4 What did her husband explain?

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2. Tenses: Choose the correct option.

1. When I went back to my hometown three years ago, I found that a lot of changes _____.

(A) are taken place

(B) were taken place

(C) have taken place

(D) had taken place

2. Look ! A hamster _____ by a cat.

(A) is chased

(B) is being chased

(C) was being chased

(D) has been chased

3. I'm sorry the house is not available any longer. It _____ to a timber tycoon.

(A) is sold

(B) was being sold

(C) has been sold

(D) will be sold

4. Ai Ling _____ to Manhattan is 1997.

(A) is transferred

(B) was transferred

(C) has been transferred

(D) should be transferred

5. Passengers _____ to smoke in the train.

(A) are not allowed

(B) was not allowed

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6. Firemen who battled the fire reported that is _____ under control after forty minutes.

(A) is brought

(B) was brought

(C) can be brought

(D) has been brought

7. The students _____ to leave the building immediately.

(A) ordered

(B) will order

(C) have ordered

(D) have been ordered

8. In future, famous singers _____ to perform at charity concerts.

(A) are invited

(B) were invited

(C) has been invited

(D) will be invited

9. The roof may have been leaking for the past few weeks but you do not have to worry about it any longer. It _____ now.

(A) was repaired

(B) is repairing

(C) has repaired

(D) is being repaired

10. The price _____, but I doubt whether it will remain so.

(A) went down

(B) will go down

(C) has gone down

(D) was going down

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3. Paraphrasing: Re-write the sentences using passive voice and IF.

a) I didn't do my homework

b) I have been visiting the church

c) Last night I was having dinner when my phone interrupted me. My mom had had an accident.

d) I didn't go to the doctor, and I got sick.

e) I don't like reading. I'm not intelligent.

4. Complements: Complete the following sentences using complements. (TO + INFINTIVE or ING)

a) Lucy decided …….. (not go) to the party.
b) She hates…….. (dance).
c) Tom wants …… (study) at University.
d) Carol enjoys …….. (run) in the park.
e) The girl tried …….. (not cry) at night.

5. Writing: Write a short email with this situation: Your roommate is very noisy. Talk to him/her about this because you want silence!

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