

Grammar

1 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- I was getting off/got off the train when I dropped my suitcase.
- I noticed a mark on the door while I was cleaning/cleaned the car.
- We were cycling/cycled to the river and had a picnic on the grass.
- After the test, I was having/had a short chat with my teacher.
- While my dad was reversing the car, he was hitting/hit the rubbish bin in our garden.

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2 Choose the best answer (A, B or C) to complete the text.

Today has been a disaster! It started badly in the morning and then just got worse! I had a shower and there wasn't any hot water. It was freezing! After I (1) my cold shower, I made breakfast. I decided to make some toast. A mistake! I forgot that I (2) the bread under the grill and by the time I (3) it had already burnt! So I made some coffee, but while I (4) the coffee the phone rang and I dropped the mug. By the time I found my phone, it (5) ringing. That was only breakfast time!

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| 1 A took | B have taken | C had taken |
| 2 A put | B have put | C had put |
| 3 A remembered | B remembering | C had remembered |
| 4 A made | B was making | C had made |
| 5 A stopped | B have stopped | C had stopped |

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3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *used to* and these verbs.

drive • like • live • own • watch

- My brother to work, but he sold his car and now he cycles.
- Where exactly you in London? In the suburbs?
- When I was a child we a car, but then my dad bought one when I was about 13 years old.
- What you eating when you were a child? I loved eating fruit and ice cream together. Delicious!
- My sister is a TV addict! When she was younger, she about six hours a day.

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Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- When we arrived at the we couldn't put up our tent as it had been raining and the grass was too wet.
- If you are driving on the motorway and you want a cheap place to stay then are a good idea. They are convenient and you don't waste time looking for a hotel in the towns.
- Young people and students often find hotels too expensive to stay in. are a cheap alternative. They are simple, cheap and designed for young travellers.
- We used to have a when I was young. It was great because we could stay in a different place every night and mum could cook us the food we liked!
- It took us ages to put up the because it was so windy. Luckily the instructions were really simple.

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5 Choose the correct preposition to complete the text.

We've just got (1) up/back from our holiday in New York and we had a great return trip! We set (2) up/off very early for the airport and it was lovely driving through Manhattan at sunrise. When we checked (3) up/in they said that because our flight wasn't full they could upgrade our seats to first class! It was really comfortable, and after we took (4) off/up they brought us drinks and magazines and really delicious meals. My seat changed into a bed when you pressed a button, so I slept really well too. I loved it - I didn't want to get (5) up/off the plane!

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6 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- 1 My train was delayed/cancelled by ten minutes this morning and I missed the start of lessons.
- 2 I'll get a single/return ticket because I'm getting a lift back with Julie.
- 3 The air ticket/fare to Australia is really expensive.
- 4 I must catch/miss the 5.15 pm bus to get to the concert on time.
- 5 The ferry/yacht to France was delayed because of bad weather, so we decided to take the train from London to Paris instead.

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Reading

- 7 Read the article about adventure. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A–G the one which fits each gap. There is one extra sentence.

Across Antarctica

For many people, an 'adventure' is something quite simple, like going to another country for a holiday and experiencing a different culture and unfamiliar scenery and climate. However, for others, 'adventure' has an altogether different meaning. (1) They were competing with a team from Norway to do the journey in the fastest time. However, unlike the Norwegians, who were professional skiers and familiar with the conditions, the British team were amateurs and had never skied in Antarctica before. For them it was a real adventure, and one that they only just survived!

It was not the first crazy journey for Ben Fogle, a TV presenter who loves a challenge, and James Cracknell, an Olympic rowing champion. (2) During that journey, the pair had had to deal with a range of problems. These included heat exhaustion, lack of sleep, hurricane-type weather, and nearly drowning when their boat was turned upside down by huge waves! Amazingly, they decided to get together again for another difficult challenge – the race to the South Pole (3) This adventure was even more dangerous because Ben had just recovered from a very serious medical condition he had caught while he was filming for a TV programme in the jungle.

In spite of all his problems, Ben recovered in time and, together with the other two, spent months training for the expedition ahead. This journey proved to be even more difficult than the rowing race. (4) They only allowed themselves four hours sleep a night and, before they could rest, they had to spend four hours melting ice to provide enough water for them all to drink. They finished the race completely exhausted, with no food left and with their hands and feet suffering from the icy temperatures. (5) Even worse, they didn't beat the Norwegians!

So, what is the attraction of adventures like these? Is it the fascination of going to places that very few other people have been to? (6) It is certainly very exciting to read about challenges like these and perhaps be inspired to take part in one yourself. It would certainly be an experience you would never forget!

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| <p>A Every day they had to cover over 25 miles in freezing conditions.</p> <p>B A few years before this, they had rowed across the Atlantic in a seven-metre rowing boat in another race.</p> <p>C Many teams have tried the same challenge and failed.</p> <p>D Is it maybe the desire to push your body to its limits?</p> <p>E All three had lost a lot of weight and were in severe pain.</p> | <p>F This time they were joined by another amateur, Doctor Ed Coats.</p> <p>G For three young men in 2009, it meant a journey of 430 miles across some of the most hostile country on our planet, Antarctica, in a race to the South Pole.</p> |
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- 8 Read the article again and choose the best answers, A, B or C.

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| <p>1 According to the text, most people like adventure</p> <p>A if it means they can experience different cultures.</p> <p>B but are satisfied with journeys which are not dangerous.</p> <p>C but are too frightened to go on dangerous journeys.</p> | <p>2 Which team was the best prepared?</p> <p>A The British and the Norwegians were equally prepared.</p> <p>B The British were better prepared because this was their second trip and they had trained for it.</p> <p>C The Norwegians because they were professionals</p> |
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- 3 According to the text
- A the British men had different professions, but they shared a passion for adventure.
 - B none of the British men were professional sportsmen.
 - C the three British men had been on many expeditions together.
- 4 What do we learn about the boat race?
- A It was a difficult race for the three men.
 - B It didn't put them off going on a new adventure.
 - C It was the most difficult race of all. 5 During the race to the South Pole they
 - A slept at night and melted ice during the day.
 - B finished the race, but were ill from exhaustion and cold.
 - C had difficulties, but they finished victorious.
- 6 In the author's opinion, most people
- A would like to have adventures if they had the chance.
 - B don't like adventures or difficult conditions.
 - C find these adventures interesting, but wouldn't like to take part in them.

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Use of English

- 9 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using the word given. Use between two and five words.
- 1 I got up and then I had breakfast.
AFTER
I got up.
- 2 I enjoy eating vegetables more now than when I was young.
USE
I eating vegetables much when I was young.
- 3 When I had cleaned the car, we went for a drive.
THEN
I we went for a drive.
- 4 During the making of film, Nick felt ill and had to leave.
HE
While the film, Nick felt ill and had to leave.

- 5 Have you always liked spinach?
TO
Did you spinach when you were a child?
- 6 I did all the exercises and the lesson ended.
DONE
When the lesson all the exercises.
- 7 My grandmother liked playing chess with her friends.
WOULD
My grandmother with her friends.
- 8 The man drove very fast and he had an accident.
DRIVING
When the accident happened, the man very fast.

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Listening

- 10 Listen to two people talking about learning to drive. Are these statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 Mark's brother started driving lessons at the age of 11. T/F
- 2 Kev will have experience of driving in traffic during these lessons. T/F
- 3 The woman thinks that the school is a good idea if it encourages safer driving. T/F
- 4 The woman has always been a very confident driver. T/F
- 5 She thinks Kev will be less scared when he drives on roads. T/F

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- 11 Listen again and circle M for Mark or A for Anna.

- 1 This person explains about the driving school. M/A
- 2 This person says that it's important to learn to drive in traffic. M/A
- 3 This person says that young people can be over confident. M/A
- 4 This person points out that young people learn things quickly. M/A
- 5 This person admits that they had to take the driving test a few times. M/A

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Writing

12 Read this notice from a magazine and write your story.

Have you had a really bad journey? We want to know!

Write about your journey.

We will publish the best stories in the next issue of the magazine.

In your story you should try to answer these questions:

- Where were you going?
- How were you travelling?
- Why was it a bad journey? What happened?
- What happened in the end?
- Did your journey have a funny, sad or unexpected ending?

Write 150–180 words.

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Speaking

13 Role-play the situation with your partner. Use the ideas in the box to help you make brief notes before you begin.

Before you start, each of you should make a list of six different places around the world which you would like to visit. Now imagine that you and your partner have won a holiday and that you can choose to visit any place you wish. Compare your lists and choose one place to visit.

- compare your lists.
- discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each place.
- choose one destination.

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