

Unit Test 4 **Standard ★★**

A Grammar

Complete the sentences with the past continuous and past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Oscar _____ (watch) his favourite TV programme when his friend Zak _____ (call).
- 2 Molly _____ (walk) down the street when someone _____ (shout) her name.
- 3 They _____ (listen) to music while they _____ (be) at Dave's house.
- 4 Elizabeth _____ (read) the whole book while she _____ (stay) at her aunt's house.
- 5 We _____ (think) about going to the park when it suddenly _____ (start) to rain.

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B Grammar

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Isabel had too **much** / **many** / **enough** homework, so she stayed at home.
- 2 There were too **much** / **enough** / **many** characters in the book.
- 3 The suitcase wasn't big **too** / **enough** / **much** for my clothes.
- 4 There was too **many** / **much** / **enough** salt in the food. It was horrible.
- 5 There wasn't **enough** / **many** / **too** action in the film. It was boring.
- 6 He didn't have **much** / **many** / **enough** money to go to the cinema.

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C Vocabulary

Complete the text with the words in the box. There are two extra words you do not need to use.

based character critic part performance plot series set

Last night, I watched a film which was ¹ _____ on a book that I read ages ago. The story was ² _____ in London in the 19th century and had a very interesting ³ _____ about a crime. The detective was the most interesting ⁴ _____ in the film because he was very clever. The actor who played the detective's ⁵ _____ wasn't a famous actor, but I thought he gave a very good ⁶ _____. I was really impressed by his acting. I think he should win an Academy Award™.

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D Vocabulary

Complete the dialogues with the words in the box.

freezing furious huge starving terrifying tiny

- 1 **Tom** Did you watch anything on TV last night?
Jane I started to watch a horror film, but it was absolutely _____. I was so frightened that I turned it off.
- 2 **Lizzie** Why was your brother so angry earlier?
Fred He was _____ because I took his bike without asking.
- 3 **Max** Shall we go to this café?
Tess Yes, I haven't eaten all day, so I'm absolutely _____ now.
- 4 **Helen** Is Ed's new house big?
Akhtar It's _____ and it has a really big garden as well.
- 5 **Hugo** It's cold today, isn't it?
Maisie Yes, it's absolutely _____. I'm really glad I bought this warm coat.
- 6 **Jess** I heard that you were looking at a flat yesterday. How was it?
Sam It was nice, but it was _____, so I don't think there will be enough room for all my furniture.

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E Reading

So, you want to be a writer? Well, the first step is to start writing. You don't have to write for several hours at a time, but it is important that you write every day. You could write for between 30 minutes and 1 hour to begin with. Decide on a time and place and continue with this routine no matter what happens. Try to work somewhere quiet where you can be alone and turn off the TV and your phone. Some people listen to their favourite music, but silence works better for me.

What about when you don't have any ideas? Some people worry about this and stop writing, but the best thing to do is to keep writing anyway. Eventually, the words will come. You can find ideas everywhere: in people, places and things. You should also read lots of books because you can learn a lot from the way other writers create their stories.

While I was writing my first novel, I did a writing course. I found this was a great way to get the opinion of writers. I also learned a lot about plot, setting, characters and dialogue during this course. It was a really good experience and I advise all writers to do the same.

The next step is to send your work to agents and editors. But before you do that, you must make sure your work is perfect. Read it many times yourself and then give it to a friend to check for spelling or grammar mistakes. After that, choose who you want to send it to and write a letter. I've written six novels, but sending my work to my editor is always the most terrifying part. Good luck!

Read the text. Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There is one extra word you do not need to use.

beginner writers editor well-known writer

The purpose of this article is to give advice to ¹ _____. The article is written by a(n)
² _____.

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Read the text again. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 The writer thinks beginners should write for **several hours** / **30–60 minutes** / **at least 1 hour** every day.
- 2 The writer likes to work **in silence** / **while listening to music** / **with the TV on in the background**.
- 3 The writer suggests that if you have no ideas, you should **stop writing** / **continue until you get an idea** / **call a friend**.
- 4 The writer thinks beginners should **never show their writing to a friend** / **not worry about small mistakes** / **always check their work**.

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