

Achievement test 1 (B1+)

Listening

1 Recording 1 Listen to a podcast and write true (T), false (F) or no information (NI).

- 1 Companies are investing money in developing food that is good for people's stomachs. T
- 2 More people are ordering green tea in restaurants. —
- 3 The market for dishes created with local ingredients is getting bigger. —
- 4 People like using 'recipe kits' because they don't need to do any cooking. —
- 5 The so-called 'fourth meal' of the day is eaten as soon as you wake up. —
- 6 Turmeric, salmon and eggs are good for your eyes. —

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2 Recording 2 Listen and match the speakers (1–6) to the work locations (a–f).

- 1 Speaker 1 d
- 2 Speaker 2 —
- 3 Speaker 3 —
- 4 Speaker 4 —
- 5 Speaker 5 —
- 6 Speaker 6 —

- a shop
- b office
- c call centre
- d library
- e restaurant
- f zoo

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3 Listen again and choose the correct answer a, b or c.

- 1 Speaker 1 c
 - a got told off for being late.
 - b put something back in the wrong place.
 - c made a loud noise.
- 2 Speaker 2 —
 - a was 10 minutes late.
 - b wore the wrong clothes.
 - c went to the wrong department.
- 3 Speaker 3 —
 - a had an accident.
 - b misunderstood his instructions.
 - c went in the wrong entrance.
- 4 Speaker 4 —
 - a sat at the wrong desk.
 - b broke a phone.
 - c rang the wrong number.
- 5 Speaker 5 —
 - a had an argument with a customer.
 - b gave a customer the wrong change.
 - c served the wrong customer.
- 6 Speaker 6 —
 - a burned her hand.
 - b gave someone the wrong order.
 - c charged someone too little.

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Grammar

4 Choose the correct alternatives.

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- 1 We *are having* / have a team meeting every Friday at noon.
- 2 My kids have *slightly* / *far* more energy than I do. They run around the house all day!
- 3 The new teacher is OK, but she isn't quite as patient *as/than* our old one.
- 4 My mother *is always telling* / *tends to tell* me to wear warmer clothes – she worries too much.
- 5 I usually *am getting* / *get* home by six.
- 6 Could I have *bit* / *slightly* more milk in my coffee, please? It's very strong.
- 7 Sorry, I *don't understand* / *am not understanding* what 'arbitrary' means.
- 8 The flat was much too expensive and Beth doesn't make *quite* / *nearly* enough money to buy it.
- 9 In the summer, I *am doing* / *do* some gardening every day, unless it rains.
- 10 I'm quite tall, but my younger brother is *even more* / *much* taller than me.
- 11 Ian always *is wearing* / *wears* smart clothes, even in his free time.

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5 Choose the correct answers to complete the text, a, b or c.

Do you remember my friend Sam, ¹ b brother was at school with you? Well, last month, ² _____ it was really cold, we went ice skating. We took the bus to a lake ³ _____ Boston, where my parents ⁴ _____ live. We had a great time, but I kept falling over, ⁵ _____ was embarrassing. We made friends with a couple of girls at the lake, ⁶ _____ were really good fun, and the four of us skated together in a group. We didn't stop skating till 5 o'clock, when the sun started to go down and it got ⁷ _____ colder. After all that skating we were hungry, so we went to the café ⁸ _____ something to eat. I know you ⁹ _____ to like it, but I always did, and it's still really good value. We all had burgers and we talked for ages. We left the café at 8, ¹⁰ _____ it closed. We said goodbye to the girls and caught the last bus home. It was really crowded, ¹¹ _____ meant we had to stand up all the way home.

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| 1 a who | b <u>whose</u> | c which |
| 2 a which | b that | c when |
| 3 a is near | b that near | c near |
| 4 a used to | b would | c use to |
| 5 a that | b which | c who |
| 6 a which | b who | c that |
| 7 a too much | b much | c far much |
| 8 a for to have | b for having | c to have |
| 9 a never used | b used to | c didn't used to |
| 10 a when | b which | c what |
| 11 a that | b which | c when |

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Vocabulary

6 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- 1 We went out for dinner last night because we were both too tired to cook.
- 2 After dinner, we went _____ to a nightclub and danced till two.
- 3 I had a terrible week at work so I decided to stay _____ on Friday night and watch TV.
- 4 When we were children, our parents encouraged us to try _____ different sports.
- 5 I was chatting on the phone so I didn't get _____ bed until after 11 o'clock.
- 6 Some parents are so worried about their children that they watch _____ them all the time.
- 7 Mum won't let me go to meet my friends until I've tidied _____ my room.
- 8 I stay _____ much later at the weekend because I'm not working then.

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7 Match 1–8 with a–h.

- 1 I really wanted to go to an Indian restaurant,
but we couldn't because c
- 2 My friend is useless at speaking French, —
- 3 You can tell that restaurant has a good reputation —
- 4 We were a bit disappointed, actually – —
- 5 You can say what you like about their children, —
- 6 I wouldn't say my partner's an expert cook, —
- 7 It's been a real challenge, learning to drive, —
- 8 We used to respect our parents —
- a but my instructor says I'm improving.
- b but they all have good manners.
- c my friend didn't fancy eating spicy food.
- d but she's made progress in the kitchen recently.
- e but now children say whatever they want.
- f they've put up their prices and the food wasn't great.
- g but she tried when my cousin visited from France.
- h because the place is packed.

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8 Complete the text with the words and phrases in the box.

flexible working hours landlord ~~move out~~ put central heating in put up the rent
take time off wear formal clothes

Last autumn was really busy. First we had to
1 move out of our flat and go to stay with Jules' parents for a fortnight because our 2 _____ had finally
decided to 3 _____. Because of that, he'd also decided to 4 _____. That meant that Jules had to get a
better-paid job, so she started in her new office at around the same time. It's much better than her previous one.
The company has
5 _____ which means she can start and finish work earlier or later, as long as she does 37 hours a week.
She's also allowed to 6 _____ if she needs to go to the doctor. The pay's much better, but she isn't very
keen on the fact that she has to 7 _____. She used to wear what she liked in her old job.

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Function

9 Match questions 1–6 with a–f.

- 1 Would you rather stay here? It's got a terrace overlooking the sea. b
- 2 If it was just up to me, I'd get a bed in a youth hostel. —
- 3 It would be fun to go to a place like this. There are loads of bars and restaurants. —
- 4 I like the idea of doing nothing for a week. —
- 5 To be honest, it's not my kind of place. —
- 6 It would be more relaxing to stay in our
own apartment than in a hotel. —
- a Personally, I'd rather stay somewhere quieter.
- b Not really. I'd prefer to be down by the harbour.
- c I don't have any strong feelings either way.
- d Nor mine, either.
- e Don't you think you'll get bored after a day or two?
- f I know, but it will be nice to stay in a hotel for a change.

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10 Complete the conversation with the words and phrases in the box.

afraid not get into trouble meeting a friend mustn't be late need to get going ~~sorry to interrupt~~
 to catch up to play football
 to rush off to see understand

- A: I'm ¹ sorry to interrupt, Eleanor, but
 I ² _____. I've got a lecture in five minutes and I ³ _____ or
 I'll ⁴ _____ again.
- B: Oh, that's OK, Sean. I ⁵ _____. Perhaps we could meet after your lecture?
- A: I'm ⁶ _____. I'm ⁷ _____ afterwards and we're going ⁸ _____.
 It was great ⁹ _____, though.
- B: Yes, it's been lovely ¹⁰ _____ you again, too.
- A: I'm really sorry ¹¹ _____ like this.
- B: No problem. Hope to see you again soon.

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Reading

11 Read the blog and match headings a–f with paragraphs 1–6.

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| a Facilities | d Service |
| b Location | e Other guests |
| c Things to do | f Value for money |

1 d

Hi, everyone! It's Kate here, and it's time for me to share my latest travel recommendations with you. Now, if any of you out there are looking for a cheap holiday, you could try the Bristol Hotel in Malta. I went back there last week, after a gap of nearly ten years. The hotel itself is around 15 minutes' walk from Golden Bay – one of the most child-friendly beaches on the island, with a gentle walk down to the sea and golden yellow sand. The hotel lies in the back streets of the town, up a narrow road.

2 ____

The hotel is very cheap – I paid just £40 a night – and my room, although small, was incredibly clean. There were fresh flowers on the table when I arrived, along with a bowl of fruit and a bottle of water, and the sheets and towels were changed every day.

3 ____

I remembered the staff as being very helpful, but that seems to have changed, unfortunately. On arriving at reception, I had to wait nearly 10 minutes for someone to check me into my room and on several occasions when I tried room service, the phone just rang and rang.

4 ____

The Bristol has a large unheated swimming pool, but it is only suitable for adults as it's two metres deep. There's also a gym which would be lovely but it wasn't open. I spoke to a member of staff and apparently, it's been out of order since March and they're still waiting for an engineer to come and repair it. There used to be a small restaurant in the hotel serving local food, but that has closed, unfortunately.

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Luckily, there was plenty to do in the evenings. The little streets behind the hotel are full of restaurants and bars, where you can meet local people and there is a very popular night market where you can buy delicious snacks. If you want something more exciting, you can take a local bus or taxi to the centre of Golden Bay, about five kilometres away. Here there are lots of night clubs, discos and a casino. During the day, you can do various water sports, including fishing, snorkelling and scuba diving.

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The Bristol used to be popular with older people who liked the peace and quiet, but it seems the owners have been targeting families with young children, despite the long walk to the beach and the lack of a child-friendly pool. But generally, the children were well behaved and most families were out all day, allowing me to relax by the pool. Although I have to admit, I only went in once!

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12 Read the blog again. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 This was Kate's first visit to the hotel. F
- 2 The hotel is next to a beautiful beach.
- 3 The hotel was good value for money.
- 4 The service wasn't very good.
- 5 The swimming pool is designed for kids.
- 6 Kate used the gym.
- 7 Kate didn't eat at the hotel.
- 8 The Bristol is in a very touristy area.
- 9 You can buy food at the night market.
- 10 The other guests were mainly younger people.
- 11 The children made a lot of noise.

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Writing

13 Complete the formal written email requests with the words and phrases in the box.

be could mind most grateful please think wondering would

- 1 I was wondering if we could bring forward tomorrow's meeting to 10.30.
- 2 you allowing my colleague to participate in our meeting?
- 3 Can you give me your phone number?
- 4 I would be if I could have next Friday afternoon off.
- 5 Do you you could include a five percent discount on this order?
- 6 Would it possible to arrive after midnight?

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Speaking

Speak about your first day at work. Use the prompts to help..

Paragraph 1: Describe the place where you work

Paragraph 2: How you felt on your first day

Paragraph 3: Describe your work colleagues

Paragraph 4: What you did on your first day

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