



## FIRST ENGLISH EXAM

### PREPARATORY

#### 1. Read the sentences and choose the correct options

This week I (1) \_\_\_\_\_ here in London, but usually I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in an office in Paris. I (3) \_\_\_\_\_ here this week because my firm (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a new office here next month.

My boss, Monsieur Dupont, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ English very well, but we (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to sign some complicated documents. I (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to come to London, but I (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the weather. Usually when I (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to London, I (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with some friends near Wimbledon : but this time I (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in a hotel near Tower Bridge. This is better, as I (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to take the train every day.

#### 2. Choose the correct answers to complete the article. Use the present perfect continuous where possible.

##### Message in bottle arrives after 101 years

German sailors (1) have been finding/have found a bottle containing a message on a postcard which was thrown into the Baltic Sea 101 years ago. It is believed that this is the oldest message in a bottle that the world (2) has ever seen/has ever been seeing. The bottle (3) hasn't suffered/hasn't been suffering any damage, despite floating in the sea for 101 years, although some of the writing on the postcard inside (4) has become/has been becoming impossible to read. Experts who (5) have tried/have been trying to work out what the complete message says say they (6) haven't succeed/haven't been succeeded yet, but hope to in the near future. By looking at the address on the postcard, they (7) have identified/have been identified its author as Richard Platz, the 20-year-old son of a baker. A handwriting comparison with letters written by Platz (8) has confirmed/has been confirming that he is the author. The researchers (9) have also found/have also been finding his granddaughter, Angela Erdmann, who (10) has lived/has been living in Berlin for 40 years. They (11) have presented/have been presented her with the bottle, which will be displayed in a museum. She says that since the discovery, she (12) has looked/has been looking through family papers to find out more about her grandfather, who she never met.

#### 3. Choose the correct narrative tenses to complete the sentences below.

1) I told John not to drive because he \_\_\_\_\_ all night.

- a.drunk
- b.was drinking
- c.had drunk
- d.had been drinking

2) Why did you change the channel? I \_\_\_\_\_ that movie.

- a.watched
- b.was watching
- c.had watched
- d.had been watching

3) When I \_\_\_\_\_ out of the shower, the lights \_\_\_\_\_.

- a.got / were getting off
- b.had got / were getting off
- c.was getting / went off
- d.had been getting / had got of

4) When I saw Clara, I realised that she \_\_\_\_\_ much in all those years.

- a. didn't change
- b. wasn't changing
- c. hadn't changed
- d. hadn't been changing

5) When he entered the room, somebody \_\_\_\_\_ him in the head.

- a. hit
- b. was hitting
- c. had hit
- d. had been hitting

**4. Choose the correct option to complete the story.**

Many years ago, I 1 \_\_\_\_\_ to spend New Year's Eve with my family. I 2 \_\_\_\_\_ new year with my parents but I had nowhere to go, and being with my family seemed preferable to being on my own. When my parents 3 \_\_\_\_\_ the door I could see they 4 \_\_\_\_\_, and that they were genuinely happy to see me. I 5 \_\_\_\_\_ addicted to alcohol for 10 years, and for them, seeing me was the confirmation that I wasn't dead in an alley. Unfortunately, I 6 \_\_\_\_\_ nothing new or exciting to tell them, just the same sad old stories. I 7 \_\_\_\_\_ from crappy job to crappy job, being invariably sacked, and I 8 \_\_\_\_\_ to crime whenever I was out of money. Same old, same old.

During dinner, I 9 \_\_\_\_\_ a few glassfuls of whisky. I 10 \_\_\_\_\_ something to ease the pain, because for the whole evening my sisters 11 \_\_\_\_\_ at me with such contempt that it was unbearable. My own sisters 12 \_\_\_\_\_ me. Then I had a moment of realisation; I 13 \_\_\_\_\_ that they would never hate me as much as I hated myself. When we finished dinner I 14 \_\_\_\_\_ one last glass of whisky. 'I'm going into rehab,' I said. My parents 15 \_\_\_\_\_ at me with some kind of hope. Parents never lose hope. But my sisters just 16 \_\_\_\_\_ down with disdain. They 17 \_\_\_\_\_ perfectly well that I had been in rehab centres many times before, and that this time wouldn't be different. But this time, it was different. After that day, I 18 \_\_\_\_\_ that look in my sisters' eyes every day, every time I 19 \_\_\_\_\_ to drink. Ten years later, on a New Year's Eve, I thanked my sisters because they 20 \_\_\_\_\_ my life. They kissed me with their new look in their eyes, the look of love.

**5. Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.**

a) Just a minute, please. I will be with you as soon as I \_\_\_\_\_ this.

- ? will do
- ? have done
- ? am doing

b) What are you going to do when the course \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- ? is finishing
- ? finishes
- ? will finish

c) The film \_\_\_\_\_ at eight, so I'll meet you at the cinema at 7.45.

- ? will start
- ? is starting
- ? starts

d) She \_\_\_\_\_ to Paris on Friday for a conference.

- ? is flying
- ? will fly
- ? will have flown

e) I'm starving! I'm not doing anything until I \_\_\_\_\_ something to eat.

- ? have had
- ? will have
- ? am going to have

f) Barcelona \_\_\_\_\_ . They're three nil up already.

- ? will have won
- ? will win
- ? are going to win

g) I \_\_\_\_\_ call you earlier today but I didn't get time.

- ? had called
- ? was going to
- ? would

h) The children will need a good meal when they get home. They \_\_\_\_\_ all day and they'll be starving.

? will have been hiking

? will hike

? will be hiking

i) 'I'm afraid he's in a meeting. Could you call back in half an hour. They \_\_\_\_\_ by then.'

? are finishing

? will finish

? will have finished

j) He's really excited about going to university. The term \_\_\_\_\_ next week.

? is starting

? will start

? starts

k) Just think. This time next week we \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach in Phuket.

? will lie

? are going to lie

? will be lying

l) 'The phone's ringing.'

'OK. I \_\_\_\_\_ it.

? am getting

? am going to

? will get

m) 'Hi Tom. It's Jo.'

'Hi Jo. Can I call you back later? I \_\_\_\_\_ out. I'm late for work.'

? will be going

? am about to go

? will go

n) I'm feeling cold and tired. I think I \_\_\_\_\_ a nice hot bath.

? will have

? am going to have

? am having

o) Do you know who \_\_\_\_\_ to the party tonight?

? will have come

? is coming

? will come

p) 'What \_\_\_\_\_ this evening?'

'I'm going to the cinema with some friends.'

? are you doing

? will you do

? will you be doing

q) When I \_\_\_\_\_ to London, I'll give you a call.

? will get

? am getting

? get

r) 'Where are you going for your summer holidays?'

'We haven't decided yet. We \_\_\_\_\_ Greece.'

? will probably go to

? probably go to

? are probably going to

s) 'Do you fancy going for a drink this evening?'

'I would like to but I \_\_\_\_\_ my English homework.'

? am going to do

? will do

? am doing

t) Your wallet \_\_\_\_\_ stolen if you put it in your back pocket. There are pickpockets everywhere around here.

? is getting

? will be getting

? is going to get



**6. Complete the sentences with the correct phrasal verb.**

1. Would you \_\_\_\_\_ my dog for me this weekend?

look

look after

look up

2. My neighbour \_\_\_\_\_ eggs yesterday.

ran

ran out of

ran into

3. John \_\_\_\_\_ his leg at the baseball game.

broke

broke down

broke off

4. Our boss \_\_\_\_\_ our meeting until next week.

put

put off

put down

5. Could you \_\_\_\_\_ the music while I'm on the phone?

turn

turn off

turn around

6. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ my new science teacher.

get up

get over

get on with

7. We both \_\_\_\_\_ meeting your new girlfriend.

look

look up

look forward to

8. My car \_\_\_\_\_ on the highway today.

broke down

broke off

broke away

9. It will be easier to read if you \_\_\_\_\_ the lights.

switch

switch on

switch over

10. I have to \_\_\_\_\_ to the finish line and back.

run away

run out of

run