

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. drank
- 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 off

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