

The *Speakout* Placement Test is designed as a diagnostic tool for use at the beginning of a course. It will help the teacher to place students at the correct level in groups of similar ability and/or to decide what pace and approach to adopt.

The test has a multiple-choice format of 200 questions and covers the grammatical structures and vocabulary in the six levels of *Speakout*.

If you have some idea of your students' level, you could direct them to answer specific parts of the test.

Suggested entry points are:

- For Starter and Elementary level students, questions 1–50
- For Pre-intermediate level students, questions 51–100
- For Intermediate level students, questions 101–150
- For Upper Intermediate and Advanced level students, questions 150–200

Scoring and placement

- 0–15 = Starter level
- 15–30 = Elementary Unit 1
- 31–50 = Elementary Unit 7
- 51–75 = Pre-intermediate Unit 1
- 76–100 = Pre-intermediate Unit 7
- 101–125 = Intermediate Unit 1
- 126–150 = Intermediate Unit 6
- 151–170 = Upper Intermediate Unit 1
- 171–185 = Upper Intermediate Unit 6
- 186+ = Advanced level

It is important to note that the placement test is **not** designed to test listening, speaking or writing skills. A short oral interview, alone or in pairs, would give you a more realistic picture of the learners' communicative ability and help you decide if he/she should be placed at a slightly higher or lower level than that indicated by the placement test. If feasible, a short piece of writing would also help your final evaluation.

Underline the correct answer, a), b), c) or d).

0 I _____ a student of English.

- a) are b) is
c) am d) aren't

1 Tim and Sue _____ teachers.

- a) are b) is
c) isn't d) aren't

2 This is Sébastien. He's _____.

- a) Japan b) Spain
c) Italy d) French

3 She's from Dublin. She _____ Irish.

- a) is from b) is
c) isn't d) are from

4 They _____ Welsh. They're from Scotland.

- a) aren't b) is
c) isn't d) are

5 _____'s your first name?

- a) Who b) What
c) How d) Where

6 Those are your books and _____ are mine.

- a) these b) this
c) it d) that

7 I love music but I _____ like TV.

- a) do b) does
c) don't d) doesn't

8 _____ she like sport?

- a) Do b) Does
c) Is d) Don't

9 When _____ have lunch?

- a) is he b) he's
c) do he d) does he

10 Do you like _____ DVDs?

- a) watch b) watching
c) watches d) to watching

11 They start _____ school at 8.00 in the morning.

- a) to b) at
c) - d) the

12 Peter's _____ name is Michael.

- a) brother's b) sister is
c) brother d) sisters

13 She's very friendly but she _____ very quiet.

- a) never is b) 's often
c) often is d) never

14 He hasn't got _____ brothers and sisters.

- a) some b) any
c) the d) a

15 They went to the beach with some friends Sunday.

- a) at b) the
c) on d) in

16 What _____ your father look like?

- a) is b) do
c) are d) does

17 How many children _____ got?

- a) they've b) have they
c) they d) do they

18 She _____ jeans to work.

- a) wears usually b) is usually wearing
c) usually wears d) is wearing usually

19 _____ two armchairs and a sofa in the living room.

- a) It's b) There are
c) There have d) There's

20 There aren't _____ wardrobes in the main bedroom.

- a) any b) some
c) the d) a

21 You _____ buy shoes in a post office.

- a) can to b) can
c) can't d) are

22 There are a lot of CDs _____ the shelves.

- a) in b) between
c) on d) above

23 The cinema is _____ the bank.

- a) next b) in front
c) opposite d) under

24 Can I have a _____ of milk, please?

- a) bar b) jar
c) box d) carton

25 There is _____ butter in the fridge.

- a) one b) some
c) any d) an

26 How _____ vegetables do you eat every day?

- a) many b) long
c) more d) much

27 He _____ afraid of the dark when he was young.

- a) wasn't b) weren't
c) were d) didn't

28 We _____ born in 1985.

- a) is b) were
c) was d) did

29 My birthday is on February _____.

- a) 10rd b) 10st
c) 10nd d) 10th

30 _____ they do a lot of sport when they were at school?

- a) Were b) Do
c) Was d) Did

31 We _____ to New Zealand when I was six.

- a) move b) moves
c) moved d) moving

32 They _____ a taxi to the airport an hour ago.

- a) take b) took
c) are taking d) takes

33 _____ did you last see them?

- a) What b) When
c) Who d) Which

34 We went _____ at the weekend.

- a) the shops b) to shops
c) shopping d) shops

35 Is Chinese food _____ than Thai food?

- a) best b) more good
c) better d) well

36 Today is _____ than yesterday.

- a) cold b) coldest
c) more cold d) colder

37 He stayed at the _____ hotel in town.

- a) more expensive b) expensivest
c) expensive d) most expensive

38 Can you tell me the _____ to the library?

- a) road b) way
c) street d) place

39 They _____ their homework now.

- a) are do b) did
c) are doing d) does

40 We walked ten kilometres so we _____ hungry now.

- a) are getting b) get
c) got d) has got

41 What _____ doing at the moment?

- a) is he b) does he
c) is d) he's

42 He goes to work _____ train.

- a) in b) on
c) by the d) by

43 You _____ drive a car in the centre of town. It isn't allowed.

- a) don't have to b) can
c) have to d) can't

44 You _____ to walk, you can take a bus.

- a) mustn't b) have
c) must d) don't have

45 He _____ to move to another country.

- a) want b) 'd like
c) likes d) goes

46 I'm _____ learn to cook.

- a) go to b) going
c) going to d) go

47 Don't stay up late or you _____ be tired tomorrow.

- a) must b) won't
c) should d) 'll

48 Let's _____ tennis this afternoon.

- a) play b) go
c) to go d) playing

49 I've got the flu. I _____ take some medicine.

- a) shouldn't b) might not
c) going to d) should

50 _____ you spoken to Jenny?

- a) Did b) Do
c) Have d) Has

51 _____ does that jacket cost?

- a) How often b) How long
c) How many d) How much

52 _____ did you leave your job?

- a) Where b) What
c) Why d) Which

53 They _____ fly to India.

- a) didn't b) doesn't
c) haven't d) has

54 _____ you like a coffee?

- a) Will b) Would
c) Did d) Do

55 I _____ to go home now.

- a) 'm wanting b) will want
c) want d) wanting

56 She _____ in Belgium at the moment.

- a) living b) 's lived
c) is living d) lives

57 Nick _____ gets up at 7 o'clock and leaves for work at 8 o'clock. He does this every day from Monday to Friday.

- a) always b) never
c) sometimes d) hardly ever

58 We go shopping _____ month.

- a) every a b) once
c) every two d) twice a

59 I'm not keen on _____.

- a) run b) to running
c) to run d) running

60 What _____ tonight?

- a) they do b) do they do
c) are they doing d) are they do

61 Are you _____ the new exhibition at the National Gallery?

- a) going to see b) seeing
c) going see d) go to see

62 _____ laptop is that? Is it Bob's?

- a) Which b) Who
c) What d) Whose

63 I have never _____ a dangerous sport.

- a) do b) made
c) make d) done

64 _____ he ever flown in a helicopter?

- a) Did b) Do
c) Has d) Have

65 You _____ be late for school again.

- a) mustn't b) have to
c) must d) can

66 You _____ wear a suit. It's a very formal party.

- a) shouldn't b) have to
c) mustn't d) might

67 I _____ dinner when I heard a strange noise.

- a) was cook b) did cook
c) was cooking d) am doing

68 When did she decide _____ married?

- a) to get b) got

c) to d) get

69 We should avoid _____ in August.

- a) travelled b) to travel
c) travelling d) to travelling

70 He's studied Spanish _____ last year.

- a) since b) the
c) at d) -

71 I don't think I _____ get the job. I didn't answer all their questions in the interview very well.

- a) 'll b) might
c) won't d) might not

72 She _____ here this weekend.

- a) will being b) may to be
c) won't to be d) might be

73 We haven't seen them _____ years.

- a) at b) since
c) for d) ages

74 How long have you _____ him?

- a) know b) knew
c) knows d) known

75 I _____ wear a uniform to school.

- a) use to b) didn't use to
c) used d) didn't used to

76 Did they _____ in Australia?

- a) use to live b) used to live
c) used live d) used to living

77 She's moving to Canada _____ she can study English.

- a) so that b) so to
c) because to d) in order to

78 I travelled around the world for a year _____ learn about other cultures.

- a) for b) for to
c) to d) in order

79 He married the girl _____ used to sit next to him at school.

- a) who b) which
c) what d) whose

80 Children spend _____ hours watching TV.

- a) too many b) not enough
c) very d) too much

81 I don't have _____ to do the things I enjoy.

- a) time enough b) enough time
c) too many time d) some time

82 Can I try this coat _____, please?

- a) in b) on
c) to d) up

83 It's _____ beautiful house I've ever seen.

- a) most b) more
c) the most d) a most

84 There's more traffic and _____ space to walk in the streets nowadays.

- a) more b) less
c) least d) bigger

85 I think travelling by plane is _____ easier than travelling by car.

- a) more b) most
c) - d) the most

86 She worked as a teacher in _____ Africa.

- a) - b) a
c) an d) the

87 They live in _____ south of France.

- a) - b) a
c) an d) the

88 He _____ to work in his company's office in Shanghai.

- a) sent b) was
c) was send d) was sent

89 I _____ that I'm like my father.

- a) 'm told b) told
c) was said d) am said

90 The postman hasn't delivered the parcel _____.

- a) just b) already
c) yet d) never

91 My brother _____ passed his exams.

- a) just has b) already has
c) yet d) 's just

92 A lot of people think that when they _____, they'll have lots of free time, but often they don't.

- a) will retire b) retire
c) retired d) won't retire

93 What _____ happen if he doesn't get here in time?

- a) will b) it would
c) will it d) it will

94 If you save some money, you _____ to worry any more.

- a) 'll have b) don't
c) will d) won't have

95 He _____ me my book would be a great success.

- a) told b) said
c) say d) tell

96 She told me she _____ buy me a new phone.

- a) don't b) won't to
c) 'll d) 'd

97 What would they do if they _____ have any money?

- a) were b) didn't
c) won't d) 'd

98 I'd do more exercise if I _____ time.

- a) have b) 'd have
c) 'll have d) had

99 _____ be possible to reserve a table for tonight?

- a) Can I b) Could you
c) Would it d) Will

100 Could you _____ a good film?

- a) say me b) recommend
c) tell me d) advice

101 When _____ arrive?

- a) they did b) did they
c) have they d) does they

102 Who _____ all this mess?

- a) made b) did make
c) are make d) was making

103 He's French but he _____ in London at the moment.

- a) living b) does live
c) 's living d) lived

104 What _____ of doing now?

- a) are you think b) do you think
c) think you d) are you thinking

105 I _____ so tired that I went to bed shortly after dinner.

- a) 'm b) had been
c) was d) 've felt

106 Have you told them the good news _____?

- a) just b) yet
c) last night d) never

107 _____ Thai food?

- a) Did she ever ate b) Has she ever eaten
c) Does she ate d) Have she ever eaten

108 We _____ to work yesterday when we heard a loud crash behind us.

- a) was walking b) 've walked
c) were walking d) walked

109 They realised they _____ to take her address so they had to go back and get it.

- a) 've forgot b) 'd forgot
c) 'd forgotten d) were forgot

110 He _____ there before so he found it very exciting.

- a) hadn't been b) didn't go
c) wasn't d) hasn't been

111 We _____ on holiday tomorrow so I hope the weather stays warm.

- a) 've gone b) 'll going
c) 're going d) will to go

112 They _____ to call at this time of night. It's very late.

- a) going b) might
c) may well d) 're unlikely

113 Do you think they _____ the championship?

- a) may well win b) 'll win
c) 're winning d) 'll can win

114 The room _____ look more cheerful if you paint it yellow.

- a) is b) is probably
c) will probably d) probably might

115 He _____ to pass his driving test this time. He's making too many mistakes.

- a) could b) 's not going
c) definitely won't d) can't

116 People _____ smoke in public buildings. It is not allowed.

- a) don't have to b) must
c) shouldn't d) mustn't

117 You _____ enter the marathon if you don't want to.

- a) must b) should
c) don't have to d) have to

118 My advice is that you _____ find another job. You can't work with that awful boss any more.

- a) don't have b) should
c) must d) mustn't

119 I _____ be very good at sports when I was a teenager.

- a) would b) wasn't
c) use to d) used to

120 She _____ often sit in the garden after coming home from work.

- a) use to b) would
c) didn't use d) often would

121 Swimming is one of the _____ ways to get fit.

- a) betterer b) more better
c) most better d) best

122 The red shoes were _____ expensive than the black ones.

- a) far more b) bit more
c) further d) not as

123 That shop's not _____ it used to be.

- a) more cheap than b) as cheap as
c) the cheapest as d) as cheaper as

124 We _____ have to leave yet, do we?

- a) will b) won't
c) aren't d) don't

125 His father was a famous writer, _____?

- a) isn't he b) hasn't he
c) wasn't he d) was he

126 I can't work if I _____ very hungry.

- a) feel b) 'm feel
c) 'll feel d) can feel

127 He won't pass the exam _____ he doesn't study hard for it.

- a) if b) when
c) unless d) while

128 Could I borrow your car if I _____ to drive it carefully?

- a) might promise b) 'll promise
c) would promise d) promise

129 He _____ see the film if he went with an adult.

- a) should b) 'll
c) could d) can

130 If I _____ you, I'd take it back to the shop.

- a) am b) were
c) have been d) had been

131 How long have you _____ the violin?

- a) been playing b) play
c) playing d) being played

132 I _____ listening to jazz music.

- a) 've always enjoying b) 've always enjoyed
c) was always enjoyed d) 've enjoyed always

133 He _____ swim by the time he was five but he hasn't learnt to dive yet.

- a) can to b) couldn't
c) could d) can't to

c) was made

d) has made

134 We _____ to go to the match but we managed to watch it on TV.

- a) weren't able b) can't
c) were able d) could

135 I've just seen _____ perfect car for you!

- a) an b) the
c) - d) a

136 I didn't know they had a summer cottage south coast of Spain.

- a) on the b) on a
c) - d) on

137 They seem to have _____ money but they don't have many friends.

- a) a lot b) few of
c) plenty of d) many

138 We don't have _____ time to go on holiday.

- a) enough b) enough of
c) many d) several

139 That's the beach _____ I first met your father.

- a) when b) which
c) where d) that

140 Is that the coat _____ you said you wanted to buy?

- a) - b) what
c) who d) how

141 I've got a new job, _____ is why I've moved to Brussels.

- a) that b) where
c) it d) which

142 We _____ arrived on time if the traffic hadn't been so bad.

- a) had b) wouldn't
c) would've d) 'd

143 What _____ if you hadn't been there?

- a) he'd done b) will he do
c) would he do d) would he have done

144 They _____ told what to do yet.

- a) wasn't been b) haven't been
c) hasn't been d) haven't being

145 Their furniture _____ by Anne's husband, who used to be a carpenter.

- a) that was made b) being made

146 They didn't want to stay late but the boss said they _____ to.

- a) haven't b) had
c) 'd had d) have

147 She said she _____ to do it last weekend.

- a) was going b) 's going
c) had done d) will

148 I asked her if she _____ my new mobile.

- a) 's seen b) 'd seen
c) 'd see d) saw

149 He promised _____ me decorate my house.

- a) that he help b) helping
c) to helping d) to help

150 Why don't we _____ to take them to the airport?

- a) suggest b) warn
c) offer d) explain

151 What _____ at the end of the film? I missed it.

- a) did happen b) happened
c) 's happened d) was happened

152 Do you mind me asking how old _____?

- a) are you b) you're
c) you are d) you have

153 _____ if you'd like to meet up tomorrow.

- a) I'd be interested to b) Can I ask
c) Do you know d) I was wondering

154 They _____ in a large house for twenty years before moving to a bungalow.

- a) 've lived b) lived
c) already live d) recently lived

155 Have you heard from your brother _____?

- a) recently b) still
c) last week d) this time last month

156 I _____ for my car keys for half an hour and I still haven't found them!

- a) 've been looked b) 've been looking
c) looked d) 'm looking

157 Billy _____ watching motorbike races.

- a) always has loved b) 's always loving
c) 's always loved d) 's always been loving

158 Her parents are very proud. She _____ a fantastic job in a well known law firm.

- a) been offered b) offered
c) is offered d) 's been offered

c) in

d) -

159 How much do you think he _____ as director of the company?

- a) is been paid b) has being paid
c) 's being paid d) being paid

160 You should _____ what to do when you get to the office.

- a) be told b) be tell
c) told d) tell

161 He _____ for his plane for an hour when it was suddenly cancelled.

- a) was waiting b) 'd been waiting
c) waited d) 's been waiting

162 When we walked into the hotel, a log fire in the fireplace.

- a) burnt b) 'd burnt
c) was burning d) 's burning

163 My car's just broken down for the third time. I wish I _____ it.

- a) didn't buy b) 'd bought
c) wasn't buying d) hadn't bought

164 If only _____ a foreign language. I didn't have the choice at school.

- a) I can speak b) I speak
c) I could speak d) I could to speak

165 Jim _____ sharing a flat but now he prefers to live on his own.

- a) used to like b) would like
c) never use to like d) never used to

166 Liane _____ complaining about her long drive to work. In the end, she decided to change jobs.

- a) is generally b) used to
c) would be d) was always

167 They _____ us at the weekend. It depends on the weather.

- a) might visit b) are visiting
c) are going to visit d) due to visit

168 He _____ hungry when he gets home from football practice.

- a) likely to be b) 's likely to be
c) like to be d) 'll like to be

169 We _____ to get married next April.

- a) 'll probably b) 're planning
c) 're definitely d) might

170 How many people have climbed _____ Mount Everest?

- a) a b) the

171 The children played in the garden with _____ ball I'd given them.

- a) a b) the
c) an d) -

172 If you lend me €200, I _____ you back at the end of the month.

- a) might paid b) will pay
c) 'll paying d) would pay

173 If I _____ to your proposal, when could we sign the contract?

- a) was agreed b) were agreeing
c) were to agree d) weren't agree

174 Children under 15 could attend _____ they were with an adult.

- a) providing to b) as long as
c) if only d) as long than

175 We _____ show our passports when we left the country.

- a) mustn't b) weren't allowed
c) were obliged d) didn't have to

176 We had very little petrol left in the car but we get home in the end.

- a) must b) managed to
c) were able d) could

177 This time tomorrow, they _____ in San Francisco. How exciting!

- a) 'll land b) 'll be landed
c) 'll be landing d) have landed

178 When do you think you _____ painting the house?

- a) finish b) 'll have finished
c) be finishing d) to finish

179 There are still _____ citizens who feel unhappy about the changes made by the government.

- a) a little of b) quite many
c) quite a few d) a great deal

180 _____ of people rely on public transport to get to work these days.

- a) Not many b) A little
c) Quite a few d) Plenty

181 Dad says he _____ to cook pasta for dinner tonight.

- a) 's going b) was
c) would d) might

182 The teacher wanted to know why _____ his homework last night.

- a) hadn't Tom done b) Tom hasn't done
c) Tom hadn't done d) Tom isn't doing

c) must've had

d) could've had

183 They told _____ start work the following Monday.

- a) me I can b) me
c) I'll d) I could

184 If she _____ to be fluent in French, she could have applied for the job.

- a) hadn't needed b) needs
c) doesn't need d) 's needed

185 They _____ here by now if the train had been on time.

- a) weren't b) would've be
c) 'd been d) 'd have been

186 If I hadn't ignored my parents advice, I _____

a great musician.

- a) would've become b) might've became
c) had became d) hadn't become

187 _____ a world class athlete is a lot harder than it looks.

- a) For being b) To be
c) To being d) Being

188 You'd _____ late for work again or you'll get fired.

- a) be better b) better not be
c) better be d) better not being

189 She went to the doctor because she keeps headaches.

- a) on to get b) to getting
c) to get d) getting

190 She finally stopped _____ when the price of cigarettes went up again.

- a) to smoke b) the smoke
c) smoking d) for to smoke

191 I'll never _____ snow for the first time.

- a) forget seeing b) forget to see
c) forget to seeing d) to forget seeing

192 Do you ever regret _____ Canada and returning to your home country?

- a) to leaving b) leaving
c) for leaving d) to leave

193 We _____ a serious accident when you drove through that red light!

- a) have had b) can't have had

194 The neighbours _____ the music from your party. It was terribly loud. You should go and apologise to them.

- a) must've heard b) 'll hear
c) couldn't hear d) can't have heard

195 The gym _____ I go to work out is open twenty-four hours a day.

- a) when b) which
c) that d) where

196 I wasn't keen on the restaurant _____ we went to last weekend.

- a) what b) -
c) whose d) when

197 They're having lunch with his girlfriend's parents, _____ live in Brighton.

- a) they b) who
c) that d) whom

198 I almost fell over a pile of books _____ on the carpet.

- a) that are laid b) which lying
c) lying d) who was lying

199 A book _____ by a twelve-year-old girl has won a €10,000 prize.

- a) wrote b) writing
c) been written d) written

200 _____ people's names has always been something I've found incredibly difficult.

- a) To remember b) For remembering
c) Remembering d) To remembering

Total marks = ____ / 200

Placement Test

1a	26a	51d	76a	101b	126a	151b	176b
2d	27a	52c	77a	102a	127a	152c	177c
3b	28b	53a	78c	103c	128d	153d	178b
4a	29d	54b	79a	104d	129c	154b	179c
5b	30d	55c	80a	105c	130b	155a	180d
6a	31c	56c	81b	106b	131a	156b	181a
7c	32b	57a	82b	107b	132b	157c	182c
8b	33b	58d	83c	108c	133c	158d	183a
9d	34c	59d	84b	109c	134a	159c	184a
10b	35c	60c	85c	110a	135b	160a	185d
11c	36d	61a	86a	111c	136a	161b	186a
12a	37d	62d	87d	112d	137c	162c	187d
13b	38b	63d	88d	113b	138a	163d	188b
14b	39c	64c	89a	114c	139c	164c	189d
15c	40a	65a	90c	115b	140a	165a	190c
16d	41a	66b	91d	116d	141d	166d	191a
17b	42d	67c	92b	117c	142c	167a	192b
18c	43d	68a	93a	118b	143d	168b	193d
19b	44d	69c	94d	119d	144b	169b	194a
20a	45b	70a	95a	120b	145c	170d	195d
21c	46c	71a	96d	121d	146b	171b	196b
22c	47d	72d	97b	122a	147a	172b	197b
23c	48a	73c	98d	123b	148b	173c	198c
24d	49d	74d	99c	124d	149d	174b	199d
25b	50c	75b	100b	125c	150c	175d	200c