

Unit 2 Progress Test A

Grammar

- 1 Complete the text with the correct past continuous affirmative and negative forms of the verbs below. There are two extra verbs.

buy catch enjoy feel make play swim

One day last summer something really surprising happened to us at the beach. The weather was great, so lots of people ¹ _____ in the sea.
I ² _____ ice creams from a shop with my parents, and my brothers
³ _____ football on the beach. Everyone ⁴ _____
the lovely weather until someone suddenly shouted, 'SHARK!' There was a shark in the water, but luckily it didn't try to eat anyone. Perhaps it ⁵ _____ hungry!

- 2 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 When it _____ (stop) raining, we _____ (go out) and put the kayak in the water.
- 2 While I _____ (wait) at the bus stop, I _____ (see) an accident.
- 3 Suddenly, the man _____ (take) the purse from the woman's handbag and _____ (run off).
- 4 At 5 p.m. yesterday, I _____ (read) a book about Captain Cook and my sister _____ (watch) a film about the explorer Robert Falcon Scott.
- 5 I _____ (relax) in the sun when a cloud _____ (appear) in the sky.
- 6 When the sailor _____ (open) the box, he _____ (find) an old map inside.
- 7 While everyone _____ (argue), I _____ (realise) it was a good time to go.
- 8 As I _____ (leave) the party, I finally _____ (remember) the man's name.
- 9 The man _____ (wear) a raincoat and _____ (carry) a big suitcase.
- 10 The girl _____ (run) through the forest when she _____ (slip) over.

Vocabulary

3 Complete the sentences with the correct words. The first letter of each word has been given.

- 1 It was a bright day in July, but inside the Son Doong C___ it was very dark and cold.
- 2 It's a s___ climb to the top of Ben Nevis in the Scottish Highlands, but the view is worth it.
- 3 Angel Falls, on the Guaja River in Venezuela, is the highest w_____ in the world.
- 4 During the day, the temperature in the Sahara d_____ can reach 50°C, but at night it sometimes falls to below 0°C.
- 5 The beautiful White C___s of Dover are very high and it's dangerous to walk too close to the edge.
- 6 The edges of Lake Como in Italy are s_____, but it's quite deep in the middle.
- 7 Over 1,500 people lost their lives in the early morning of 15 April 1912 when the *Titanic* sank in the i__ waters of the North Atlantic Ocean.
- 8 You can collect seashells from the s_____ in the Maldives, but you can't take coral pieces.

4 Complete the sentences with the words below. There are two extra words.

boots life jacket jet-skiing kayaking paddles poles rucksack safety harness

- 1 If you go hiking in the countryside, take a _____ so that you can carry your things in it.
- 2 Don't worry about falling off the climbing wall – you'll be wearing a _____.
- 3 I don't really like _____ because it's dangerous and too noisy!
- 4 When you go for a long walk, the most important thing is to wear comfortable _____.
- 5 If you go out to sea on a boat, it's a good idea to wear a _____.
- 6 When I'm walking on rocky ground, my _____ stop me from falling over.

5 Replace the simple adjectives in brackets with extreme adjectives. The first letter of each extreme adjective has been given.

- 1 That helmet doesn't fit me – it's _____ (very small, the first letter is T).
- 2 Doing a bungee jump was _____ (very frightening, the first letter is T).
- 3 Breaking my leg while crossing that river was _____ (very bad, the first letter is A).
- 4 After swimming across the lake, I was _____ (very tired, the first letter is E).
- 5 The hill we had to climb looked _____ (very big, the first letter is H).
- 6 The countryside we were walking through was s_____ (very beautiful, the first letter is S).

Use of English

6 Read the text and complete gaps 1–10. Circle the correct answer A, B or C.

The photo ¹ ___ a row of eight red kayaks on a river, with a teenager in each one wearing a yellow helmet. It ² ___ as if they're on an adventure holiday and I ³ ___ they're feeling excited about doing something on the water. There is a boy ⁴ ___ the centre of the photo who is standing up with one foot in one kayak, and another foot in the next kayak. He ⁵ ___ to be trying to walk across the line of boats. Judging by his expression, I'd ⁶ ___ he's feeling quite nervous about falling in the water. There's a woman ⁷ ___ the background standing on the bank of the river. She looks ⁸ ___ she is the instructor. She's ⁹ ___ feeling quite calm because they are all wearing life jackets. ¹⁰ ___ the bottom right corner, I can see the end of a paddle. It must belong to another team.

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| 1 A looks | B seems | C shows |
| 2 A shows | B looks | C expects |
| 3 A judge | B expect | C probably |
| 4 A in | B at | C on |
| 5 A looks | B shows | C seems |
| 6 A say | B look | C seem |
| 7 A at | B on | C in |
| 8 A like | B as | C for |
| 9 A basically | B must | C probably |
| 10 A In | B On | C At |

Listening

7 2 Listen to five people talking about extreme sports. Match the speakers (1–5) with the statements (A–E). There is one extra statement. Write it number 6

- A Speaker ___ probably won't do the activity again.
- B Speaker ___ couldn't always do their sport well.
- C Speaker ___ says their sport isn't very dangerous.
- D Speaker ___ says they only do the activity with friends.
- E Speaker ___ would like to do their extreme sport more often.
- F Speaker ___ does the activity to forget about things.

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8 Complete the sentences with the words below. You may have to change the form of the words.

explore motivate rescue achieve entertain

- 1 It was a great _____ to beat the other runners in that race.
- I'm reading an interesting book about the history of Antarctic _____.
- Most people watch TV for _____, and not to learn anything.
- You need a lot of _____ if you want to be good at a sport.
- It was difficult to _____ the walkers from the middle of the desert.

Reading

9 Read the text. Choose the correct answers.

Climb every mountain

Stephen Venables' love of mountains began at nine years old on a skiing trip to the Alps. 'I was thrilled,' he remembers. 'It was actually far more impressive and exciting than seeing the Himalayas for the first time, because when you're nine it's all new and you don't know what to expect.'

From that moment, Stephen knew that he wanted to climb mountains, but he didn't realise then that one day he would be the first British man to climb Everest without oxygen. However, his record-breaking expedition in 1988 was not an easy one. ¹ ____ After years of climbing, he was prepared for this and he knew that the best thing he could do was wait for the weather to change.

'At first I tried sitting on a rock because rock is warmer than snow, but it wasn't completely flat. I really wanted to lie down so I decided to cut a ledge in the snow. I did sleep a bit,' he says. 'They always say you should stay awake but I was totally exhausted.' Fortunately, the storm passed, and Stephen managed to climb back down to his camp and enter the record books.

The Everest expedition wasn't Stephen's only difficult climb. ² ____ 'It was very unlucky that it happened, but I was lucky that there were five of us.' The group included Chris Bonnington and Stephen's good friend Harish Kapadia. It took them twelve hours to make camp in a safe place. Then two of the team went for help.

'I think that was one of the most wonderful moments of my life – finally being in the tent and realising that I could just lie back in my sleeping bag.' ³ ____ By that time, there was almost no food left. 'On the last day we had a boiled sweet and we used the last tea bag so many times that it wasn't actually changing the colour of the water.' But luckily, the team managed to keep going until help arrived.

1 What happened to Stephen Venables when he was nine years old?

- a He was able to compare two different mountain ranges.
- b He realised where he would like to live in the future.
- c He decided what he wanted to do in his life.

2 What is the writer's purpose in this article?

- a To describe the best way to climb a mountain.
- b To tell the story of a mountain climber.
- c To explain why mountain climbing is dangerous.

10 Read the text again. Match sentences A–E with gaps 1–3. There are two extra sentences.

- A But Stephen didn't know then that the rescue would take four days.
- B While he was climbing Everest, he met the climber Chris Bonnington for the first time.
- C In 1992, while climbing another Himalayan mountain, he fell 100 m, breaking both his legs.
- D It was the second time that he needed medical attention because of his injuries.
- E He was coming down from the top of the mountain when he was caught in a snowstorm.

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