

GOLD EXPERIENCE B2+

UNIT 5 GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY TEST

I. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. I **didn't need to take** / **needn't have taken** my jacket, which was lucky because it was being washed.
2. Jenny was helping her mum at home, so you **couldn't** / **might not** have seen her at the park.
3. A: I wonder why they didn't answer the door?
B: I guess they **must have been sleeping** / **must have slept**.
4. They **shouldn't** / **can't** have done much revision for the exam. Their marks were terrible!
5. I **didn't need to spend** / **needn't have spent** the afternoon cooking dinner because nobody came in the end.
6. You **ought to** / **must** have helped the lady with her shopping. She couldn't carry it all herself.
7. I **must** / **can't** have forgotten to lock the door when I left. It's still open.
8. Olga **might** / **should** have won the writing competition. Her story was much better than the winning one.

II. Complete the sentences with these words.

by far great deal half just nothing like twice way

1. The fireworks display was we expected it to be. It was more impressive last year.
2. Rita's dog is the cleverest dog I've ever seen.
3. There must have been as many people on the bus as normal. There was hardly room to stand.
4. She's nicer than her brother. He's just mean to everyone.
5. I wouldn't buy those jeans even if they were as expensive. I don't like them.
6. Harris's latest novel is a shorter than his previous one.
7. *Return of the Jedi* isas good as *The Empire Strikes Back*. They're both classics in my opinion.

III. Complete the text with the correct form of these verbs.

fight fool get have ring shake stand wind

When I was younger, I was playing with some friends near a river on a hot summer's day and we were (1) around with our water pistols, filling them up in the river. One of our friends, Jonathan, couldn't swim so we started to (2) him up about it. Unfortunately, things (3) out of hand and Jonathan ended up falling into the river. We didn't realise how dangerous the river was and when he started calling for help, we thought he was just (4) us on. We all just (5) by and did nothing. Then we realised that he really was in trouble because the fast-flowing river was pulling him away. At that point, alarm bells started to (6) and we knew he needed help immediately. Fortunately, Jonathan managed to (7) back against the strong current of the water, which gave us enough time to reach out to him. Pulling him onto the river bank, we realised how foolish we'd been. Jonathan was clearly (8) up and he was close to tears. It taught us all a valuable lesson about safety.

IV. Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

1. Subject approval from the headmaster, the exam will take place on 17 March.
2. Kevin is intent playing rugby tomorrow, despite having a terrible cold.
3. We were impressed Tristan's project on citizenship. It was very well written.
4. Jane's eager get home early so we should start the meeting soon.
5. For this job, they need someone who's capable translating languages.
6. You needn't be ashamed your score in the test. I know you tried your best.
7. I was appalled the way that shopkeeper spoke to you. She was so rude!

V. Read the article and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Criminals turned heroes

Just over twelve months ago, Jack Hay and Stuart Preston had been caught fooling (1) on their skateboards in a private car park and the owner called the police. The boys were arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. In court, the boys accepted that they shouldn't have been there, but argued that there were (2) enough activities for young people to do in their town.

The judge let them off with a caution, but suggested that the boys do something about the problem. Realising how lucky they were, the boys (3) at the chance to find a solution. They were (4) on creating a skate park and playground where young people could hang out without (5) up the residents and business owners.

They found a site which seemed suitable, but the local council wouldn't give them permission. However, they wouldn't settle (6) the council's response, so they organised a petition, which got thousands of signatures. Most significantly, they got the support of the local police chief, who was (7) with the boys' plan. Eventually, the council agreed to turn the disused land into the skate park. One year later, it has become a real focus for young people in the town and the council admits there are (8) as many problems as there were before.

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| 1. A by | B over | C around | D down |
| 2. A nowhere near | B way | C far | D just |
| 3. A settled | B ran | C jumped | D fought |
| 4. A eager | B intent | C subject | D appalled |
| 5. A standing | B cheering | C wrapping | D winding |
| 6. A for | B on | C at | D with |
| 7. A ashamed | B contrary | C impressed | D shaken |
| 8. A just | B half | C twice | D a great deal |

VI. You are going to read four extracts from reviews of a book discussing the role of politics in our lives. For questions 11–14, choose from the reviewers A–D. The reviewers may be chosen more than once.

Which reviewer(s):

1. agrees with Reviewer B on why Crayman is a successful writer?
2. shares Reviewer C's description of what Crayman is presenting?
3. expresses a different opinion to Reviewer A on Crayman's reasons for writing the book?
4. has a similar opinion to Reviewer A on the possible impact of reading the book?

Politics Now - Four reviewers comment on Richard Crayman's book

A

Having been raised in a family which was far from engaged in politics, I have never been particularly interested in it myself. For that reason, I was less than enthusiastic when asked to read Crayman's *Politics Now*. My initial reaction was that there must be some hidden agenda – an attempt to recruit readers to some shadowy cause. However, Crayman is careful to point out that he is not connected with any political parties and that his interest lies in motivating people to become more involved in politics, whatever their views. He argues that we no longer feel capable of participating in politics and that we are content for others to take decisions on our behalf, something few of us would disagree with. Whilst it is difficult to imagine anyone taking up political activism as a result of this book, it is certainly food for thought.

B

A lifelong fan of Crayman, I was delighted to receive an advance copy of his latest book, *Politics Now*. A veteran activist, dedicated to improving the lives of ordinary people, he has written on everything from the environment to poverty. His talent for writing in a clear way has helped bring many important issues into the spotlight, as well as make him something of a celebrity. On this occasion, Crayman has turned his attention to the lack of engagement between ordinary people and their governments. He shows how we are rapidly losing control of our own lives and through a series of convincing arguments, persuades us to take back control. My only doubt is whether Crayman will actually succeed in energising people. By his own admission, we have already become disengaged from the political process.

C

The idea that citizens are gradually losing control of their lives is nothing new. This view has been the subject of numerous books and documentaries presented by prominent economists and political theorists. In his book, Crayman sets out to show how this problem affects all of us by presenting the point of view of people he has met on his travels around the country. Rather than confusing readers with statistics and theories, he relates the anecdotes of ordinary folk to show how we have become disconnected from civic life. As is the case with much of his work, Crayman certainly displays his usual skill of making a complex subject more understandable for the general public.

D

There is no doubt that Crayman has been influential when it comes to highlighting some of the problems the world is facing. Having worked tirelessly for years to raise awareness of injustice in modern society, his latest book looks at what he thinks is the main cause of injustice nowadays; our reluctance to face up to the problems of the world. Although it is suggested that this is an attempt to encourage people to take up political activism, I am not convinced. The collection of stories contained in the book is really a series of personal stories from average citizens, who think that politics fails to represent them. The reader is left to decide how to interpret those stories.