

Life Vision Pre-intermediate Unit Test 2 A

A Grammar: Past continuous

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- I _____ (clean) the house all afternoon yesterday.
- My sisters _____ (not / do) their homework. They were watching TV.
- I couldn't see you in the library. Where _____ (you / sit)?
- _____ (Max / study) last night? He didn't come to the party.
- At ten o'clock yesterday morning, we _____ (play) basketball.
- Sue _____ (not / make) dinner at six o'clock. She was still at work.

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B Grammar: Past simple and past continuous

Complete the sentences with the correct past simple or past continuous form of the verb in brackets.

- What _____ (you / do) when I called you? Were you busy?
- I _____ (go) swimming on Sunday morning.
- What time _____ (they / have) dinner last night?
- We were very tired because we _____ (travel) all night.
- Oscar _____ (not / tidy) his room – he was playing video games!
- Sue _____ (not / cook) last night. She went to a restaurant.

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C Grammar: Past simple and past continuous

Complete the sentence with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- We did our homework early, so we _____ (not / do) it when our dad arrived home.
- Beth washed her hair and read some of her book, then she _____ (go) to sleep.
- When the rain _____ (start), Tom was swimming in the sea and Zak was riding his bike.
- My parents were sitting on chairs and my brother _____ (lie) on the sofa.
- First, James cut the potatoes and then I _____ (cook) them.
- Yesterday afternoon, I was playing video games and my sisters _____ (read) the newspaper.

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D Vocabulary: Recognizing collocations

Choose the correct words from the box to complete the sentences. There are three words you do not need.

lay put away do load iron decorate water sweep take out

- Please _____ the table so we can eat dinner.
- Can you _____ the rubbish, please? It's in a black bag in the kitchen.
- Do you want to help me _____ this cake? I made it for the party.
- Could you _____ the floor, please? It's very dirty.
- None of our clothes are clean! Let's _____ the washing machine.
- I _____ the housework with my family every Saturday.

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E Vocabulary: Recognizing collocations

Choose the correct words from the box to complete the sentences. There are three words you do not need.

clean dry dust fold clear make put away wash water

- 1 When I empty the dishwasher, I _____ the dishes with a towel.
- 2 Would you prefer to cook dinner or _____ the cooker after?
- 3 Dad always tells me to _____ my clean clothes before I put them away.
- 4 We hardly ever _____ the dishes because we've got a dishwasher.
- 5 How often do you _____ the plants?
- 6 Isabel always forgets to _____ her bed in the morning.

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F Vocabulary: Understanding topic vocabulary

Choose the correct words from the box to complete the text. There are three words you do not need.

frame running water fresh air luxury heating tent basic rugs electricity

In the past, people lived in very ¹ _____ houses, so their lives were quite difficult. There was no ² _____, so they were cold in the winter, and they didn't have lights because there was no ³ _____. Often, there was no ⁴ _____, so they washed in rivers. Now we sleep in beds, but they didn't have this ⁵ _____ and people often slept on ⁶ _____ on the floor.

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G Reading: Reading comprehension

Read the article about an unusual lifestyle and choose the correct answer for each question.

Travelling

By Henry Chambers

Imagine giving up your home and spending your life travelling. Two years ago, I did exactly that. Many people told me it was impossible. My friends certainly thought I would come back. But the moment I set off, I knew travelling was the life for me.

So why did I make the decision? I graduated from university with a degree in business studies and found my dream job at an IT company. The job was well-paid and the work was interesting. My ambition was to work hard and buy myself a luxury apartment. However, after a few months, the work started to feel boring.

I have always loved being outdoors, so I joined several clubs and tried different sports. This gave me something else to think about, but I was still unhappy at work. I considered leaving and working as a sports coach instead. One day, I noticed a van parked outside the office window. It had curtains at the windows and I could see that someone was living there. I decided to buy a similar van, leave my job, and go travelling.

How would I earn money? I thought I could find jobs in cafes and other places, and for the rest of the time, I could do things online. I spoke to my boss and she promised to give me some online work. When I was confident that I would have enough money, I began my journey.

So far, I have travelled around eight European countries. I try to spend at least two months in each place I visit, unless I feel uncomfortable. Even then, I learn about the culture and customs before I leave, and eat a plate of traditional food in at least one restaurant. I also try to learn as much of the language as I can, although I don't always achieve this.

Do I miss my old friends? Sometimes I feel lonely, but I have met so many incredible people, it's impossible to feel that way for long. Do I miss living in a house? The van is small, but that's not a

problem for me. I suppose it would be nice to have a proper kitchen, but generally, I'm very happy in my van.

1 How did the writer feel when he started his journey?

- A ☐ He thought he would enjoy it.
- B ☐ He thought it would be difficult.
- C ☐ He thought he would change his mind.

2 How did the writer feel about his first job?

- A ☐ He wanted to earn more money.
- B ☐ He was never happy.
- C ☐ He liked it at first.

3 What did he like about the clubs he joined?

- A ☐ They gave him the chance to train as a coach.
- B ☐ They helped him forget about work.
- C ☐ They helped him enjoy his job more.

4 What plans did he make before he left?

- A ☐ He got work from his employer.
- B ☐ He found a job in a cafe.
- C ☐ He did some IT courses online.

5 What does he do in every place he visits?

- A ☐ He stays for two months.
- B ☐ He tries a local dish.
- C ☐ He studies the language.

6 What does he miss the most?

- A ☐ The size of his old house
- B ☐ His friends from home
- C ☐ Having somewhere to cook

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H Listening: Identifying purpose

 Listen to four people talking about where they live. Match the statements below to one of the four speakers (A, B, C or D).

- 1 Speaker ___ gives advice on how to build a house.
- 2 Speaker ___ describes moving in with family.
- 3 Speaker ___ gives examples of how hard owning a home is.
- 4 Speaker ___ tells a story about a house they know.
- 5 Speaker ___ complains about how laws affect progress.
- 6 Speaker ___ provides useful information on how to buy a house.

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I Speaking: Selecting vocabulary for the context

Choose the best sentences to complete the dialogue. There are three sentences you do not need.

Parent So, Beth, how can I help with Emily's surprise party?

Girl ¹ ____

Parent OK. What about Emily's cousins?

Girl Great idea! ² ____

Parent Sure. No problem! I'll call them tonight.

Girl Thanks. ³ ____

Parent No, that's fine. Could you please be careful with the plants?

Girl ⁴ ____ We'll be very careful.

Parent Right. So, what do you want me to do?

Girl ⁵ ____

Parent Sure! Shall we go on Saturday morning?

Girl ⁶ ____ Can we go on Friday evening?

Parent That's fine with me. I'll pick you up at 6 p.m.

- A Would you mind letting us have the party in your garden?
- B Can you help with the food?
- C No, sorry, I can't.
- D Do you think you could have a look at the guest list?
- E Could you light the barbecue, please?
- F Do you think you could go shopping with me?
- G Do you mind telling them about the party?
- H Could you please serve the drinks?
- I Yes, of course.

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J Writing: Using appropriate verb tenses

Read the text and choose the correct answer.

When I was 10, we ¹ ____ in Oxford. Our garden had trees, long grass and a small pool. One afternoon, I ² ____ past the pool when I heard something strange. I ³ ____ and listened carefully. I heard the noise again and ⁴ ____ there was a huge frog sitting in the grass. It was unusual. It ⁵ ____ orange spots and black eyes. I went to check what it was. But while I ⁶ ____ it up, a bird must have caught it, because it was gone!

1 A ☐ live

B ☐ are living

C ☐ lived

2 A ☐ walked

B ☐ was walking

C ☐ walk

3 A ☐ stopped

B ☐ stop

C ☐ was stopping

4 A ☐ was realizing

B ☐ realized

C ☐ realize

5 A ☐ is

B ☐ has

C ☐ had

6 A ☐ look

B ☐ was looking

C ☐ looked

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