# Unit 3A Comprehensive Test

Narrative tenses, air travel vocabulary, pronunciation, reading comprehension, and listening

**Name:** _____ **Date:** _____ **Total Score:** _____ / 65

## Section 1: Grammar — Part A (Narrative Story)

**[10 points — 1 pt each]**

**Circle** the correct verb form in each numbered pair to complete the story. An example (**0**) has been done for you.

> Elena and Marcus [0](**faced** / *were facing*) an unexpected problem when they [1]**had arrived** / **were arriving** at the mountain cabin last Friday evening. They [2]**had rented** / **rented** the remote lodge three months earlier for a quiet weekend away, and they [3]**looked forward to** / **had been looking forward to** disconnecting from work all week. However, when Marcus checked his coat pocket, he realized he [4]**had been forgetting** / **had forgotten** the key code instructions on his kitchen table. Outside, a heavy snowstorm [5]**had started** / **was starting** to blow across the driveway, and their cell phones had no signal. Luckily, Elena remembered a small diner they [6]**had passed** / **passed** five miles down the road. Marcus [7]**was turning** / **turned** the car around carefully while Elena [8]**searched** / **was searching** the glove box for a flashlight. By the time they reached the diner, the owner [9]**had closed** / **was closing** the front door, but he kindly let them use the landline. Twenty minutes later, they finally [10]**unlocked** / **had unlocked** the cabin door and lit the fireplace.

## Section 1: Grammar — Part B (Past Perfect Simple vs. Continuous)

**[10 points — 1 pt each]**

**Circle** the correct option (**a**, **b**, or **c**) to complete each sentence. Where both past perfect simple and continuous are grammatically possible, choose the continuous form.

*Example: Her hands were covered in flour because she _____ bread all morning. a) had baked **b) had been baking** c) was baking*

1. David was completely exhausted because he _____ heavy boxes since sunrise.
   a) had carried b) had been carrying c) carried
2. The museum director called the police to report that someone _____ a valuable painting.
   a) had stolen b) had been stealing c) was stealing



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3. The ground was white when we woke up; it _____ silently all night.

a) snowed b) had snowed c) had been snowing

4. Maya missed the beginning of the concert because she _____ her tickets at the office and _____ back for them.

a) had been leaving / went b) had left / had gone c) left / had been going

5. I barely recognized my cousin at the wedding. He _____ a full beard since the last time I saw him.

a) had been growing b) grew c) had grown

6. The hikers' boots were soaked. They _____ through muddy trails for hours and they _____ waterproof socks.

a) had walked / hadn't been wearing b) had been walking / hadn't worn

c) were walking / hadn't worn

7. You could tell from the loud laughter in the break room that the team _____ good news.

a) had celebrated b) celebrated c) had been celebrating

8. Liam had a cast on his wrist because he _____ off his skateboard the week before.

a) had fallen b) had been falling c) was falling

9. We were speechless because we _____ such a breathtaking sunset before.

a) had never been seeing b) had never seen c) never saw

10. How long _____ your neighbors _____ before you finally decided to call security?

a) had / argued b) were / arguing c) had / been arguing

## TEACHER ANSWER KEY



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| Sections 1 & 2: Grammar & Vocabulary | Sections 3, 4 & 5: Pronunciation, Reading & Listening |
|---|---|
| **Section 1A (Narrative Story):**<br>**1.** were arriving • **2.** had rented • **3.** had been looking forward to • **4.** had forgotten • **5.** was starting • **6.** had passed • **7.** turned • **8.** was searching • **9.** was closing • **10.** unlocked<br><br>**Section 1B (Multiple Choice):**<br>**1.** b • **2.** a • **3.** c • **4.** b • **5.** c • **6.** b • **7.** c • **8.** a • **9.** b • **10.** c<br><br>**Section 1C (Verb Forms):**<br>**1.** were packing • **2.** had been driving • **3.** had forgotten • **4.** didn't join • **5.** was raining • **6.** had been working • **7.** weren't waiting • **8.** pulled<br><br>**Section 2A (Air Travel Words):**<br>**1.** security • **2.** haul • **3.** landed • **4.** boarding • **5.** control • **6.** claim • **7.** aisle • **8.** jet<br><br>**Section 2B (Phrasal Verbs):**<br>**1.** in • **2.** off • **3.** in • **4.** up | **Section 3A (Sounds):**<br>**1.** caught • **2.** luggage • **3.** weather • **4.** delay • **5.** flight<br><br>**Section 3B (Stressed Syllables):**<br>**1.** prac\|ti\|cal\|ly • **2.** ar\|ri\|vals • **3.** im\|pos\|si\|ble • **4.** im\|me\|di\|ate\|ly • **5.** pas\|sen\|ger<br><br>**Section 4 (Reading):**<br>**1.** B • **2.** F • **3.** D • **4.** A • **5.** C *(Extra: E)*<br><br>**Section 5A (Listening — Announcements):**<br>**Speaker 1:** D • **Speaker 2:** C • **Speaker 3:** B • **Speaker 4:** A • **Speaker 5:** F *(Extra: E)*<br><br>**Section 5B (Listening — Expedition):**<br>**1.** learn new survival skills • **2.** Patagonia • **3.** cross a glacier • **4.** a remote coastline • **5.** fitness levels |



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