

Practice Test 1 - FCE

You will have an 1.30 hs to work on this practice test.

Once you have finished click on the option "enviar a tu profesora". Complete the gaps at the end with: your name, class and your teacher email. GOOD LUCK!

Listen to the radio interview and complete the blanks with *one* or *two* words.

1. Johnny Mills practices _____
2. The sport started as a need for those who wanted to surf but didn't have _____ in California.
3. People who practice this sport can also do spins of up to _____ degrees
4. Wakestock is a very popular _____ - _____
5. Competitors are usually in their teens or _____ .
6. Jules Russell mentions that her sport started in _____ in the 1930s.
7. Skating is a _____ sport according to Jules.
8. You can get _____ if you trip someone up.
9. Some time ago competitors used to have incredible _____ when playing it.
10. Johnny believe that Jules' sport is _____ .

Multiple choice cloze

For questions 1–15, read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).



A lucky break

Actor Antonio Banderas is (0) used to breaking bones, and it always seems to happen when he's (1) _____ sport. In the film *Play it to the Bone* he (2) _____ the part of a middleweight boxer alongside Woody Harrelson. (3) _____ the making of the film Harrelson (4) _____ complaining that the fight (5) _____ weren't very convincing, so one day he suggested that he and Banderas should have a fight for real. The Spanish actor wasn't (6) _____ on the idea at first, but he was (7) _____ persuaded by his co-star to put on his gloves and climb into the boxing ring. However, when he realized how seriously his (8) _____ was taking it all, he began to regret his decision to fight. And then in the third round, Harrelson hit Banderas (9) _____ hard in the face that he actually broke his nose. His wife, actress Melanie Griffith, was furious that he had been playing 'silly macho games'. 'She was right,' confesses Banderas, 'and I was a fool to (10) _____ a risk like that in the middle of a movie.' He was (11) _____ of the time he broke his leg during a football match in his native Malaga. He had always (12) _____ of becoming a soccer star, of performing in front of a big crowd, but doctors told him his playing days were probably over. 'That's when I decided to take (13) _____ acting: I saw it as (14) _____ way of performing, and achieving recognition. What happened to me on that football (15) _____ was, you might say, my first lucky break.'

- 0 A familiar
- 1 A practising
- 2 A plays
- 3 A When
- 4 A kept
- 5 A actions
- 6 A interested
- 7 A lastly
- 8 A competitor
- 9 A very
- 10 A take
- 11 A remembered
- 12 A hoped
- 13 A up
- 14 A further
- 15 A match

- B used
- B making
- B does
- B As
- B continued
- B matches
- B keen
- B eventually
- B contender
- B more
- B make
- B reminded
- B pretended
- B on
- B additional
- B pitch

- C normal
- C doing
- C gives
- C While
- C carried
- C scenes
- C enthusiastic
- C at the end
- C opponent
- C such
- C have
- C recorded
- C dreamed
- C to
- C different
- C court

- D annoyed
- D losing
- D fights
- D During
- D insisted
- D stages
- D happy
- D after
- D participant
- D so
- D get
- D replayed
- D looked forward
- D over
- D another
- D course

Six sentences have been removed from the extract. Choose from the sentences A–G the one which fits each gap (1–6). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

‘Enemies? Everyone despised him. I can’t think of a man with more enemies.’ I sat up. I despised my father, but I didn’t like the thought of other people hating him. I don’t know why. I suppose because
5 I felt that he must be some part of me. We shared blood, and genes. And we had once shared a life – if only for a very short time.

We were sitting in the café at the top of a department store in the centre of Madrid. Blanca de la Rosa sipped her coffee. I sipped mine. We were next to the window and below us I could see people going in and out of shops. Christmas shopping, perhaps? **1** It was a cold day in early November. The wind moved the clouds, but never enough to open up the sky. It
10 was the kind of day I had never expected to see in Spain.

I rubbed my arms and said: ‘But hating someone casually is different from wanting to kill them.’ Blanca de la Rosa shrugged. ‘I wouldn’t know. I don’t
20 go in for such emotions.’ Blanca de la Rosa was my father’s secretary. Or had been, before he died. My father had run a business selling British art. **2** After all, he knew nothing about art.

When I was growing up, he had owned a sports shop.
25 Later, I heard he worked in the music business, as a booking agent or something like that. **3** Since my teens, you see, I had been trying to forget about my father.

I was well on my way to achieving this when I
30 got the phone call that afternoon in September. It was a Sunday and I was in a London pub with some friends. **4** Then there was a click and a woman’s voice, half-American, half-something else, said: ‘Hello? I am Blanca de la Rosa. I am Graham
35 Holt’s secretary. I understand you are his daughter.’ ‘That’s right,’ I said. I was already shaking when she dropped her bombshell. ‘I’m calling to tell you he was found dead last night,’ she went on. ‘He was shot.’

5 I was furious that my father had come back into my life. Then I called my mother, who I like to think I take after only slightly more than my father. She laughed and told me to stay away. ‘I always
40 knew someone would kill him one day,’ she said. ‘I only wish it had been me.’

I took her advice. I called Blanca de la Rosa and told her to do whatever she felt was appropriate with my father’s belongings and money – to keep them or give them to charity if she wanted. And I tried
50 to forget about my father all over again. **6** It just wouldn’t go away. In the end, I called Blanca de la Rosa again to ask her whether the police had arrested anyone for his murder.

‘The police have more important things to do with
55 their time,’ she snorted. My father was a liar and a cheat. He had hurt me in countless ways. But someone had killed him and not been punished, and I had to know why. So I booked a flight to Madrid and arranged to meet Blanca de la Rosa.

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- A For a moment there was no sound on the other end of the line.
- B For a week I did nothing.
- C I’ve always been amazed at how he had managed to get into that.
- D But he had a business here and someone has to arrange his affairs.
- E I’m not really sure, as I never took much notice of what he did.
- F But it was too soon for that.
- G But over the next few weeks, I couldn’t get his image out of my mind.

USE OF ENGLISH

1 Write one word in each gap to complete the sentences. The first letter is there to help you.

- 1 If you read the credits after the film, you'll see who wrote the s_____. The dialogues were excellent!
- 2 Don't forget to watch Channel 1 tonight, they're going to b_____ my documentary!
- 3 There are some fantastic actors in the c_____ of that play.
- 4 There aren't many people in the a_____ tonight. Will they cancel the performance?
- 5 The Olympic Games were transmitted around the world by s_____.
- 6 A film p_____ makes all the necessary practical and financial arrangements so the director doesn't have to do that.
- 7 What's your favourite TV p_____? I love *The Simpsons*!
- 8 I always laugh when I watch that TV show, it's a great s_____.
- 9 *Game of Thrones* is a popular TV s_____. I've watched every episode!
- 10 There's nothing on this TV c_____. Let's see if there's a film on another one.
- 11 That play was a complete f_____ – very few people bought tickets, so they cancelled it.
- 12 Do you ever watch TV on d_____? You sometimes have to pay, but you can watch some great films and programmes weeks after they've been on TV.

So and such

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between two and five words.

- 1 We had such a lot of homework to do at the weekend!
so
We had _____ to do at the weekend!
- 2 I thought there would be more people here.
so
I didn't think there would be _____ here.
- 3 The food was so delicious that I couldn't stop eating.
such
It was _____ I couldn't stop eating.
- 4 I enjoyed myself so much I didn't want to come home.
good
I had _____ time I didn't want to come home.
- 5 It was such an interesting book that I stayed up all night to finish it.
so
I was _____ that I stayed up all night to finish it.

Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

The word you require may be an adjective or an adverb. It might be positive or negative.

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| 1 <i>Scream</i> was probably the most _____ film I've ever seen. | FRIGHT |
| 2 I get so _____ when my dad starts singing. | EMBARRASS |
| 3 As the day of the exam approached, Karen became _____ nervous. | INCREASE |
| 4 a I think I'll go straight to bed. It was a very _____ journey. | TIRE |
| b Yes, you must be _____. | EXHAUST |
| 5 I didn't really enjoy the film. The special effects were OK but the plot was rather dull and _____. | INTEREST |
| 6 Johnny Depp is not one of my favourite actors but he gave a _____ good performance in <i>Sleepy Hollow</i> . | SURPRISE |
| 7 You look a little _____. Don't you understand what you have to do in this exercise? | CONFUSE |
| 8 It was quite _____ to read so many negative reviews of the film. Critics wrote that the main characters were _____, but personally, I was very _____ by the quality of the acting and would certainly recommend the film to other people. | ANNOY
CONVINCE
IMPRESS |