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## Unit One

The themes for this unit are: family and friends/health and fitness/travel/food

## **Vocabulary and Grammar**

## **Vocabulary 1: Compound nouns**

Match the words in the box with the pairs of words (1-10) below to make compound nouns, as in the example.

as	s in the example.				
ŧ	<del>photo</del> ceremony appointment party show				
ł	oook service luggage card machine time				
E	cample: team <u>photo</u> passport <u>photo</u>				
1	surprise retirement				
2	leisure breakfast				
3	invitation thank you				
4	cash answer				
5	hand left				
6	waiterself				
7	talentdog				
8	guide guest				
9	dentist business				
10	wedding graduation				
N	ow complete the following sentences using compound nouns from the list above.				
1	I haven't got much money left – where's the nearest?				
2	On most airlines you're only allowed to take one bag as				
3	Most petrol stations here are There aren't any attendants to help you.				
4	I heard the bad news early this morning. It was on the radio at				
5	After winning the, she got a job singing on a cruise ship.				
٧	Vocabulary 2: Prepositions (place and movement)				
R	Read the directions and put the prepositions from the box into the spaces, as in the				
ez	cample.				
(	out of past over on outside opposite				
á	llong under across towards down				
W	hen you come ( <b>Example:</b> ) <u>out of</u> the station, turn left 1 the main entrance and walk				
	the hill 3 the river. You can either go 4 the bridge or				

take the subway 5	the river. Either w	ay, you get to Waterside Road. Go l	eft, <b>6</b>
the new office block and k	eep walking <b>7</b>	the road till you come to the ju	nction with
Spender Street. Turn right	and after about 100 m	etres you'll see the café. It's 8	the right,
just 9th	e road from the bank.	In fact, I think it's directly 10	the
bank. Anyway, you can't m	iss it – it's called Marc	o's Place. See you there at about 2	pm.
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#### **Vocabulary 3: Confusing words**

#### Circle the correct word to fill the gaps in the sentences.

- 1 I can't come out till 8.00 I promised to help my parents with the (homework/housework). I'm going to play football with my friends. I haven't got much (homework/housework) so there's plenty of time.
- 2 These trainers don't (fit/suit) me. Have you got them in a bigger size? All her friends say her new glasses really (fit/suit) her.
- 3 Remember to bring your running shoes don't (leave/forget) them at home like last time. I'm not sure if I can meet you then – I always mean to bring my diary but I always (leave/forget) it.
- 4 She's really angry with you. What did you (say/tell) to her? Don't (say/tell) him about the party. It's supposed to be a surprise.
- 5 I haven't seen him since his (marriage/wedding) last year. People's ideas about (marriage/wedding) are changing.
- **6** He tried hard to (rise/raise) his performance and won a gold medal. Average temperatures are starting to (rise/raise) all over the world.
- 7 What do you think the (climate/weather) will be like tomorrow? Overall, the (climate/weather) in this country is mild.
- 8 I was feeling lonely so it was good to see a (family/familiar) face. His health was getting worse because of his (family/familiar) problems.
- 9 He doesn't play professionally for him sport is just (fun/funny).
  I like her because she's (fun/funny) she always makes me laugh.
- 10 The team has lost (its/it's) best player.
  The weather was great last week, but now we're on holiday (its/it's) raining.

#### Vocabulary 4: Words with two meanings

Use each of the words from the box <u>twice</u> to fill the gaps in the sentences, as in the example.

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table	room	miss	run	character	save

**Example:** At the moment my team is second in the league <u>table</u>.

It's a popular restaurant so you'd better book a table in advance.

1	The train leaves in 5 minutes so we	e'll have to
2	There isn't in th	e team for two players like that.
3	She scored in the last minute to	them from defeat.

<ul> <li>4 He's good at business, but he just doesn't know how to</li></ul>				
V	ocabulary 5: Phrasal verbs			
M	atch the beginnings on the left with the ending	gs on the right, as in the example.		
E	cample: I can't remember his phone number,	I'll have to look it up		
1	We can't leave the cat alone when we go away	(a) I'll pass it on.		
2	These running shoes are too small	(b) – someone will have to look after it.		
3	I didn't have a real reason for not meeting him	(c) – I can't get them on.		
4	You won't have to walk here from the station	(d) so I took it back.		
5	He's just bought an expensive exercise bike	(e) so I made one up.		
6	There isn't room in the case for all those clothes	(f) so I gave it up.		
7	My gym membership was too expensive	(g) and I'll put it up.		
8	The football shirt I bought was torn	(h) – we just can't fit them in.		
9	Give me the notice about the match	(i) but he can't set it up.		
10	If you tell me what the message is,	(j) – I can pick you up.		
Grammar 1: Irregular past tenses  Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple tense, as in the example.				
1	My team (Example:) <u>had</u> (have) a terrible season last year. They (win) their first two matches but then (lose) or (draw) all the others. So they (begin) the season at the top of the table and ended it at the bottom.			
2	The journey was great. I managed to get a window seat, so I (sit) looking at the clouds, then (read) for a while and (fall) asleep. I (sleep) really well and when I (wake) up, I (feel) fantastic.			
3	A friend (tell) me about a great little re- (explain) where it (be) but we end but it (take) half an hour. Unfortuna	(lose) our way. We(find) it in the		
4	Last year I			

#### Grammar 2: Talking about the future

Complete the sentences using the present continuous tense or 'going to' form of the verb in brackets, as in the example.

Ex	cample: You <u>'re going to feel</u> (feel) tired tomorrow after that long journey.				
1	The hotel looks great in the brochure. I'm sure we (love) it.				
2	It's all booked. We (leave) on the 8.15 train.				
3	I've arranged to meet my uncle at the airport. He(visit) us from Australia.				
4	Don't worry about tomorrow's race. I'm sure you (win).				
5	He's got the ball and it looks as if he (score) again Yes! He has!				
6	I can't meet you for dinner tonight because I (work) late. I arranged it with my				
	boss weeks ago.				
7	We'd better take umbrellas with us on holiday – the weather forecast says it				
	(rain) most of the week.				
8	The next time he says something like that about my friend, I (get) really angry.				
9	They have a good chance of winning on Saturday because they (play) at home.				
10	I've made a decision: I've just joined a gym and I(get) fit.				
G	Grammar 3: 1 <sup>st</sup> conditional (1)				

Match the beginnings on the left with the endings on the right, as in the example.

**Example:** I'll never pass all my exams

- 1 I'm sure he'll forgive you
- 2 We might win the cup
- 3 You may have health problems
- 4 We'll just go to another restaurant
- 5 They won't let you on the plane
- 6 It will save time and money
- 7 I'll drop him from the team
- 8 I'll see you at the café tomorrow
- **9** It'll be a boring journey
- 10 We'll have a great time

- if I don't do some work.
- (a) unless you do more exercise.
- (b) if he misses another training session.
- (c) if the weather is good.
- (d) if you don't take a book.
- (e) if we book the hotel and flight together.
- (f) if we keep playing this well.
- (g) unless you have a valid passport.
- (h) if you just apologise.
- (i) unless you call me before then.
- (j) if this one is fully booked.

#### Grammar 4: 1st conditional (2)

Make sentences from the clues, using the verbs in brackets in the correct tenses, as in the example.

**Example:** If they/one more match —) in the final. (win/be) If they win one more match, they'll be in the final.

1 If you/now ---- the 8.15 train. (leave/catch)

2	If you/some school clubs ——> more friends. (join/make)
3	If I/all this food ——————————————————————————————————
4	If you/travel insurance> safer. (have/feel)
5	If I/a lot
6	If the plane/late
7	If my parents/me> I/out with you tonight. (let/go)
8	If you/more exercise — healthier. (take/feel)
9	If my brother/to the basketball match —> I/with him. (go/go)
10	If you/your money on holiday —> the insurance company. (lose/pay)
N	ow complete the following sentences.
1	If we don't hurry, the train.
2	If it rains, the museum instead of the beach.
3	foggy, the plane won't take off.
4	to work every day, you fitter.
5	for your health more fruit and vegetables.
L	anguage skills
6	Listening and writing: A message
Li	sten to the telephone message and answer the questions.
•	Who is calling?
•	Who is he?
•	What is the message about?
•	What was the original time for the coach?
•	Why has this changed?
	What is the new time?
	Which of these pieces of information does Jody really need to know?

#### Now listen again if necessary and write a note for Jody.

## Listening and speaking: Conversational responses

- 1 Listen to the people talking and choose the best response from the box.
  - A Yes. I'm not as fit as I used to be.
  - B Oh dear. What went wrong?
  - C Oh, just some mineral water, please.
  - D That's great. How did you manage it?
  - **E** I'm really sorry the train was delayed.
  - F No, we're not friends any more.
  - G Oh, I see. What shall I do then?
  - **H** Oh well, have a good time anyway.
  - I All right, I'll have that then, please.
  - J Never mind. The important thing is that you enjoy it.

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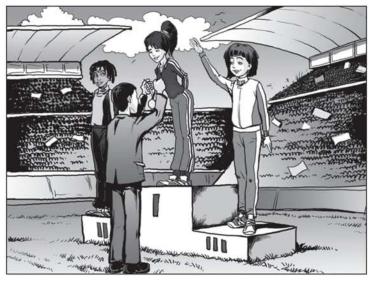
- 2 Now listen again and try to respond yourself in your own words.
- 3 With a partner, discuss what is happening in each situation, then continue the conversations.

## **Speaking: Talking about pictures**

#### Describe these pictures and say:

- · What is happening?
- Which one gives the best idea of "celebrating success"? (Why?)





## Writing 1: Formal and informal language

Re-write the sentences in a more formal style by replacing the underlined words or phrases with words or phrases from the box.

terminate ensure request due to resume regrets delayed announce accompanied by inconvenience apologise an alternative payment method cancelled adverse anticipate selecting

1	The train company is sorry to tel	you announce	that this weekend trains will <u>stop</u>
	<u>completely</u>	at Tipley station. We wou	ıld like to <u>say sorry</u>
	to passengers for any problems	this cause	es.

2	The airline <u>is sad</u>	that several flights may be <u>stopped</u>	or
	running late	. This is <u>because of</u> <u>bad</u>	
	weather conditions. We guess $\dots$	that normal service will start again	
	tomorrow.		
	Note for travellers with	children: please <u>check</u>	that
	they are included on your passpo	rt.	
	You may <u>ask for</u>	another way of payin	g
	by choosing	"Options" from the on-screen menu.	
N	riting 2: Compound sen	tences	
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	in the following pairs of senter fould use each linking word tw	ices to make a single sentence, as in the exame	mpte. You
•	loutu use each thiking word tw	ice.	
a	nd because but or so		
	We went to the party. We saw a lo		
	we went to the party and (we	) saw a lot of our old friends.	
!	He came home from the meeting $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots,n\right\} =\left\{ 1,2,\ldots,n\right\}$	late. He didn't feel tired at all.	
	Samira left the reception early. Sh	ne had a bad headache.	
	Are we going to the cinema tomo	rrow? Are we going on Friday?	
	It was a very hot day. Maggie wai	ted for her friends in the shade of a tree.	
	, , , , ,		
	Eddie and his friends didn't enjoy	their meal. They didn't like the service.	
		the mean may are the the service.	
	I have been to some good parties	. Lucy's party was better than most.	
	Thave been to some good parties	s. Lucy 5 party was better than most.	
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5	The music at the dance wasn't ve	ry good. They decided to go home.	
)	Danny was hungry at the wedding	g. He hadn't eaten since breakfast.	
0	We couldn't decide if we should v	valk to the museum. We couldn't decide if we show	uld go by bus.

## Practice Test One

## Section 1



You will have 10 seconds to read each question and the corresponding options. Then listen to the recording. After the recording you will have 10 seconds to choose the correct option. Put a cross (X) in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

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	Exa	mple	: Where is the man's passport?
	Α	X	in his briefcase
	В		under the table
	С		in the car
1.	Wh	at is N	Nandy doing?
	Α		working with Steve
	В		apologising for not going to dinner
	C		inviting a friend to dinner
2.	Wh	y is th	e speaker buying a card for his friend?
	Α		It's her birthday.
	В		She likes flowers.
	C		She helped him recently.
3.	Wh	at is tl	ne relationship between Margaret and Pat?
	Α		They are cousins.
	В		They are friends.
	C		They are sisters.
4.	Wh	at is N	Mary's dad going to do?
	Α		babysit for Mary
	В		take Alex to school
	C		go to the dentist's
5.	Wh	ere is	the speaker?
o Stad	Α		in London
	В		at a railway station
	C		on a train

6.	Wh	ere ar	e the speakers?
	Α		at a travel agency
	В		at an airport
	C		at a restaurant
7.	Wh	at kin	d of transport are the speakers talking about?
	Α		a bicycle
	В		a bus
	C		a ferry
8.	Wh	o is ta	lking to Mr Smith?
	Α	П	a footballer
	В	$\Box$	a doctor
	C		a chemist
9.	Wh	at is tl	he woman looking for?
	Α		a church
	В		a supermarket
	C		a sports centre
10.	Wh	at doe	es the boy want?
	Α		a football shirt
	В		football boots
	c		trainers

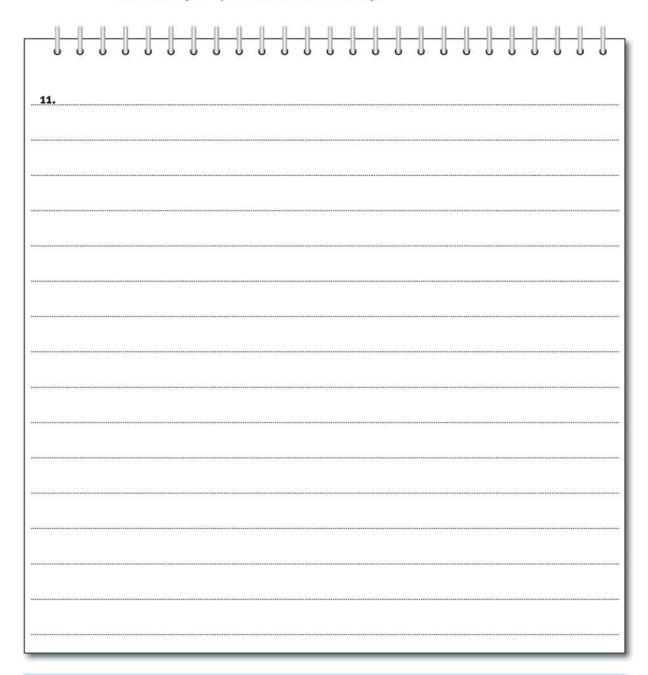
#### Test Tip

Remember that you have only one chance to listen, so be sure to read the question or the incomplete sentence first and be ready to choose the answer. If it's a question, pay special attention to the question words. For example, in Question 2 you are listening for the reason as indicated by "why".



You will hear a recording about a sports competition. Listen to the whole recording once. Then you will hear the recording again with pauses for you to write down what you hear.

Make sure you spell the words correctly.



#### Test Tip

Unlike the other listening sections, you hear this section twice – once at normal speed and once by phrase or group of words. If you miss or misunderstand a word during the first listening, you have another chance to hear the recording again.



You will hear an announcement from a rail company. First read the notes below, then listen and complete the notes with information from the announcement. You will hear the recording twice.

Example: Announcement from Southern Trains			
12 Trains to London have been			
Passengers will see buses to London outside			
14 The expected delay to the London service is	•		
15 Other services are	Other services are		
16 There is more information on			
You will hear a recorded message. First read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the recorded message. You will hear the recording twice.			
hear the recording twice.			
hear the recording twice.  Example: Message for Janet.			
hear the recording twice.  Example: Message for Janet.  17 Where son lives:			
hear the recording twice.  Example: Message for Janet.  17 Where son lives:  18 Reason for visit:			
hear the recording twice.  Example: Message for Janet.  17 Where son lives:  18 Reason for visit:  19 Length of stay in England:			

#### Test Tip

As you read the notes before you listen, try to think of the kind of information which you will hear. For example, in Question 12, what words could be used to complete "Trains to London have been ..." – cancelled, delayed, diverted, held up, suspended? This will help you to listen more accurately and effectively.



Read each text and put a cross (X) by the missing word or phrase, as in the example.

Example:
This playground is for under fives only. Children must be accompanied by
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22.
All visitors must before entering the hospital wards to prevent disease.
A park their cars B wash their hands C buy flowers
23.
Mr and Mrs William Brady request the company of Jane and Alex Kinsey on the occasion of their daughter's to James Norton.
A graduation B marriage C retirement
24.
People with the following should not use this running machine:  • high blood pressure • irregular heartbeat •
A a track suit B running shoes C muscular pain

25.

	Buy our insurance now and get cover for:  • illness while abroad  • flight cancellations  • lost luggage  • car breakdown
	Buy online and save 10%!
	A
2	6.
	TICKET MACHINE  SELECT DESTINATION  ENTER DATE AND TIME OF TRAVEL  CHECK AMOUNT TO PAY  SELECT METHOD OF
	A

#### Test Tip

For this section (and other multiple choice questions), when you have chosen your answer, check the other options again to make sure they cannot be correct. For example, in Question 24, the two wrong answers are not health problems, so they do not fit.



Read the passage and complete the sentences below. Put a cross (X) in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

A British man, Stuart McCoy, has just returned to Britain after cycling over 3500 km for charity. His journey took him from London to Athens via Paris, Munich, Vienna and Belgrade. I interviewed him yesterday.

What made Stuart embark on such a long and arduous journey? "Well, I'm a student," he said. "I had nothing to do in the summer vacation, and badly needed exercise, but I also wanted to do something for others, and that's really what made me do it."

He first thought of raising money for an animal charity. Then after watching a TV programme, he decided half of the money would go to a children's charity. "But half way through my journey, there was a terrible earthquake in China and I immediately decided it would all go to Chinese earthquake victims."

How much did he raise? "Friends and relatives donated about £1000 in all, and while I was travelling, generous people gave me another £500. But half of my total amount came from my university, which promised to double what I raised myself." So, in total £3000 − not bad for four weeks cycling.

Not bad at all. So, did Stuart cycle back to London too? "Of course I did," he laughed. "No, I gave my bicycle to a children's charity in Greece and came back by train. My dad offered to buy me an air ticket, but I also believe in 'green' transport so I decided against flying."

And Stuart's next journey? He smiled, "Well, I suppose it's possible."

Would he get a better bike or do it in a cooler season – spring, for example? "Well, my bike was fantastic and I'm only free in the summer, but I think I'd rather not go on my own next time."

	Example: Where did Stuart finish his journey?				
	A X Athens				
	B Paris				
	C		Belgrade		
27.	Wh A B C	at wa	s Stuart's main reason for going on the journey? He wanted to help people. He needed exercise. He had nothing to do.		

28.	<b>28.</b> When did Stuart finally decide which charity to give money to?		
	Α		before the journey
	В		during the journey
	C		after the journey
29.	Who	o was	the most generous with donations?
	Α		Stuart's university
	В		people Stuart met on the journey
	C		Stuart's friends and relatives
30.	Hov	v did S	Stuart return home?
	Α		by bicycle
	В		by plane
	С		by train
31.	Wha	at wou	ald Stuart do if he did a similar journey in the future?
	Α		get a better bike
	В		go with someone else
	C		go in the spring



**Example:** Where is Upton located? beside a river

#### Read the newspaper feature below and answer the questions.

THE RIVERSIDE VILLAGE OF UPTON is planning its tenth Summer Family Day to take place next month. All the usual activities will be there for families to enjoy and this time there will also be a talent show, 'Upton Has Talent'. Any parents, children or whole families who can sing, dance or generally entertain, are welcome to take part. Interested? Then Mrs Bickley, the event organiser, would like to hear from you before 21st June on 0322 428111.

The Summer Family Day will be alongside the river, where there is going to be a special stage set up for 'Upton Has Talent'. Be there!

32.	How many Summer Family Days has Upton had so far?
33.	What is going to be new this year?
34.	How should people contact Mrs Bickley?
35.	What are the talent show participants going to perform on?

## **Section 6 Continued**



#### Read the newspaper article below and answer the questions.

**LUDSDEN SCHOOL**, fifty years old last month, is celebrating again. Next Wednesday sees the opening of the new sports pavilion, two years after building began on it. Head teacher, James Grey, has invited eighty guests, mostly former sports captains, to attend. After the Head's speech, guests will be able to chat together and reminisce, looking at old photographs of sports teams.

"The Peter Saunders Pavilion" will replace the one hooligans burned down in 1985. "Sporty"

"The Peter Saunders Pavilion" will replace the one hooligans burned down in 1985. "Sporty" Saunders, who retired from teaching through ill health last year, was hoping to attend on Wednesday, but has had to travel abroad unexpectedly.

Example: How old is Ludsden school?

50 / fifty (years old)

36. When did work begin on the pavilion?

37. What is James Grey going to do first?

38. What happened to the old pavilion?

39. Why can't Peter Saunders attend the opening?

#### Test Tip

Remember to look carefully at the question word. In Question 32, the question is "How many", so the answer should contain a number. Question 34 begins "How", so the answer should tell readers the way to contact Mrs. Bickley.



Read the article below and complete the notes that follow, as in the example. Write no more than three words from the article in each gap.

#### Tips for Travellers Overseas

The first thing to do is check that your passport is valid. Holders of out-of-date passports are not allowed to travel overseas.

Then you can prepare for your trip. If you don't know the language, you can have all kinds of problems communicating with local people. Buying a pocket dictionary can make a difference. You'll be able to order food, buy things in shops and ask for directions. It's worth getting one.

Also, there's nothing worse than arriving at your destination to find there are no hotels available. The obvious way to avoid this is to book in advance. This can save you money too.

Another frustrating thing that can happen is to go somewhere and not know about important sightseeing places. Get a guide book before you leave and make the most of your trip. It's a must.

Then, when you are ready to pack your clothes, make sure they are the right kind. It's no good packing sweaters and coats for a hot country or T-shirts and shorts for a cold one. Check the local climate before you leave.

Also, be careful how much you pack in your bags. It's easy to take too many clothes and then not have enough space for souvenirs. But make sure you pack essentials.

What about money? Well, it's a good idea to take some local currency with you but not too much. There are conveniently located cash machines (ATMs) in most big cities, and it's usually cheaper to use them than change your cash in banks. Then you'll have more money to spend.

When you are at your destination, other travellers often have great information they are happy to share. Find out what they have to say. It could enhance your travelling experience.

**Example:** Make sure your passport is not <u>out-of-date</u>.

40.	Avoid problems communicating with local people by investing in a	•
41.	It's advisable to reserve hotel rooms	•
42.	To enjoy your trip as much as possible, buy a	•
43.	Take clothes that suit the	•
44.	Leave room in your bags for	
45.	Using ATMs to get local currency is convenient and	
46.	To get information, talk to	



Use information from Section 7 to help you write your answer.

47. You have just read an article giving tips to travellers overseas.

Write an email giving travel advice to your friend in the United States, who is going to visit your country. Write 70-90 words.

You may refer to the ideas from the article, but write in your own words.

Write your answer here. Do not write outside the box.

No.	



Choose one of the topics below and write your answer in 100-150 words.

#### 48. A) Family and Friends

Write an essay on this topic:

The importance of friendship in the modern world.

Or

#### 48. B) Sport/Health and Fitness

Write an article for your school magazine about a sporting event you saw recently.

- · Explain what the event was and where it took place.
- · Say what happened.
- · Describe how you felt at different times during the event.

Write your answer here. Do not write outside the box.

## Section 10 (1.5 minutes)

In this section you will speak on your own for about a minute. Your teacher/examiner will ask one of the main questions below and ask the follow-up questions if necessary.

Main prompt 1: • What subjects do you enjoy studying at school?

Follow-up prompts: • Have you always enjoyed these subjects?

• Why is it that you prefer these subjects to others?

How much homework do you get in your favourite subject?

How would you feel if you had to do more homework?

Main prompt 2: • What is your most valued possession?

Follow-up prompts: • How long have you had it?

· When did you get it and who gave it to you?

• Why do you value this more than your other possessions?

· How would you feel if you lost it?

Main prompt 3: • How do you usually spend your free time?

Follow-up prompts:

• Do you prefer to spend your free time with family or friends?

· What did you do last weekend?

How do you think you'll spend your free time when you're older?

• If you had less homework, what would you do with your time?

Main prompt 4:

 What is the most interesting book you have ever read?

**Follow-up prompts:** • What exactly made it interesting?

Which of the characters did you like most?

How did you feel at the end of the story?

If you had the time, would you read more or do other things?

#### Test Tip

Don't try and learn pieces of language or speeches off by heart before your interview and then recite them in the test. It does not sound natural and the learned language will probably be irrelevant to the subject you are speaking about.

## Section 11 (2 minutes)

In this section you will discuss something with your teacher/examiner.

Is it better to shop in a shopping centre or to shop online?

#### What do you think?

Your teacher/examiner will use the following arguments to take an opposing view to yours.

For shopping centre:	You can try things on.
	<ul> <li>You don't have to wait for your purchase.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>It's a good way to do something with your friends.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>If there's a problem with your purchase, it's easy to take it back.</li> </ul>

For online:	<ul> <li>You can visit many web sites quickly.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>They deliver your goods to your door.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>You don't have to waste time walking around the shops.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>You don't have to queue up to pay.</li> </ul>

## Section 12 (1.5 minutes)

In this section you will talk about this picture for up to 1 minute. Tell your teacher/examiner what you can see in the picture.



Your teacher/examiner will now ask this follow-up question.

What is the mother of the two children doing and what do you think will happen next?

## Section 13 (2 minutes)

In this section you will take part in a role play. Your teacher/examiner will explain the situation.

#### TEST TAKER'S CARD

You are in a restaurant.

You have several things to complain about: the food, the coffee, the attitude of the waiter and the incorrect bill. You have asked to see the manager.

- Explain the situation.
- · Ask for a reduction in price.
- · Come to an argument with the manager.

You are in a restaurant. Your teacher/examiner is the manager. Below is a sample script that your teacher/examiner may use.

Ready? I'll start.

Good evening, sir. I understand there's a problem.

I'm very sorry about that, sir. What exactly did you order?

I'm afraid we can't reduce the price but ....

We can offer you a free dinner for two on ....

Thank you, sir. We look forward to seeing you.

That is the end of the test.

#### Test Tip

The information on the card will tell you what kind of role you will play. Read it carefully and make sure you understand it. If you are unsure of what to do, it is better to ask and make sure you do the right role play than say nothing and misunderstand the task.

## Unit Two

The themes for this unit are: relationships/holidays/public places/social events

## **Vocabulary and Grammar**

#### Vocabulary 1: Phrasal verbs

Complete the sentences using the phrasal verbs in the box, as in the example. Use the correct verb tense. The words at the ends of the sentences will help you.

go on	bri	ng up	put off	fall o	ut	look u	р	come across
<del>break u</del>	Ħ	set up	get on	with	get	over	give	e back

Example: We break up for the holidays next Friday. (finish school)

1	Both Sally's parents were working abroad when she was young so she was by
	her grandparents. (raised)
2	While I was looking through an old cupboard Isome photos of my mum and
	dad when they were kids. (found by chance)
3	In my country, wedding celebrations sometimes for five or six days. (continue)
4	They've the meeting until next year. (postponed)
5	You can the opening times on the website. (get information about)
6	Thomas Cook his first travel business in 1844. (established)
7	Anna borrowed my suitcase for her holiday, but she hasn'tyet. (returned
8	Maya has made lots of friends at school and her teachers. (has a
	good relationship)
9	Marco and David aren't speaking to each other. They a couple of months
	ago. (had an argument)
10	When Alicia got divorced, it took her a long time to it. (recover from)

#### Vocabulary 2: make or do?

Is it correct to use 'make' or 'do' in these sentences? Circle the correct word, as in the example.

**Example:** Cathy and I are making doing all the cooking for the party.

- 1 It's sensible to make/do an appointment with the dentist before you go on holiday.
- 2 I'm sure Frederick will make/do a really funny speech at his brother's wedding.
- 3 There's loads of work to make/do before the barbecue at the weekend.
- 4 A holiday in July or August? We must make/do a decision.
- 5 Ian is in Los Angeles, but he's making /doing business with a software company, not on holiday.
- 6 Could you make/do me a favour and phone the airline, please?
- 7 Brian made/did a mistake when booking our hotel and got a single, not a double room.

- 8 I'm going to make/do a fabulous cake for Tom's 21st birthday.
- 9 There's always a lot of clearing up to make/do after a party.
- 10 I didn't want to go out on New Year's Eve, so I made/did an excuse.

#### Vocabulary 3: Relationships

Match the roles of the people, as in the example.

Example: employer - employee

- 1 teacher
- 2 bride
- 3 hotel manager
- 4 police officer
- 5 shop assistant
- 6 taxi driver
- 7 employer
- 8 doctor
- 9 lawyer
- 10 lender

- A client
- **B** employee
- C patient
- **D** customer
- E student
- F guest
- **G** groom
- **H** criminal
- I borrower
- **J** passenger

#### **Vocabulary 4: Confusing words**

Some pairs of words are often confused. Delete the wrong word in each sentence, as in the example.

**Example:** I think Brazil will (win/beat) Spain in the cup final.

- 1 You can (lend/borrow) DVDs and games as well as books from public libraries.
- 2 If you are the best man at a wedding, take care not to (lose/loose) the ring!
- 3 Petra has just got a new (job/work), but she's not keen on her new boss.
- 4 It was a man called Dewey who (discovered/invented) a way to classify books in a library.
- 5 She looked wonderful in her new party dress. The style really (fitted/suited) her.
- 6 Don't forget to (take/bring) your student card next time you come here to the museum because you can get a discount.
- 7 The food for the Thanksgiving dinner was fabulous, especially the strawberry (desert/dessert).
- 8 While I'm in Madrid I hope to watch a (game/match) of football.
- **9** People often take things from hotels. They (rob/steal) towels and even knives and forks!
- 10 The inspector will (check/control) your ticket during the journey.

#### Grammar 1: Past simple or past continuous?

Complete the story by using the correct past tenses (simple/continuous), as in the example.

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Last year we (go)	(Example:) went t	to Morocco for a holiday. We	(spend)	a
lovely time in Aga	adir, on the coast. Or	ne day we (decide)	to visit t	he old city of
Marrakech, and s	o we (hire)	a car and (set off)		Vhile we (drive)
	along the main roa	d, we (hear)	a terrible noise. 1	The engine
(have)	overheated	so we (stop)	at a garage. Whi	ile the mechanio
( check)	the	car, we (drink)	mint tea in a ca	afe. It (take)
the	mechanic three hou	urs to fix the problem, and w	re (arrive)	in
Marrakech just as	s the sun (set)	<u> </u>		

#### Grammar 2: Past simple or present perfect?

Circle the correct tense in each sentence, as in the example.

**Example:** We (haven't hired)/didn't hire) a hotel for the wedding yet.

- 1 It (was/has been) a public holiday in Italy last week.
- 2 (Have you finished/Did you finish) that book on China already?
- 3 I (never was/have never been) to Thailand before.
- 4 Jake (has been able/was able) to see the Angkor Wat Temple when he (was/has been) in Cambodia.
- 5 I (didn't see/haven't seen) Angie since her wedding.
- 6 '(Have you ever visited/Did you visit) the Taj Mahal?'

'Yes. I (have gone/went) there in 2008 when we (have travelled/travelled) around India'.

- 7 Mia is in the park. I (saw/have seen) her half an hour ago.
- **8** As children, we (have had/had) loads of holidays by the seaside.
- 9 Natalie (was/has been) skiing in four different countries up to now Canada, Switzerland, Scotland and Poland.
- 10 I'm so happy! Pete and I (were/have been) engaged for three weeks.

#### Grammar 3: 2nd conditional

Finish the sentences in your own words, as in the example.

Example: Which country would you visit if you had the chance?

1	If we went to Brazil,
2	I would send Martha a postcard if
3	If the museum wasn't so crowded,
4	We could have a barbecue
	If I could snowboard,
	If you went to Paris,
7	If the city had more parks,
8	I would go scuba diving
	Where would you get married if
10	If I went to a fancy dress party.

## Grammar 4: Modals: ability and possibility

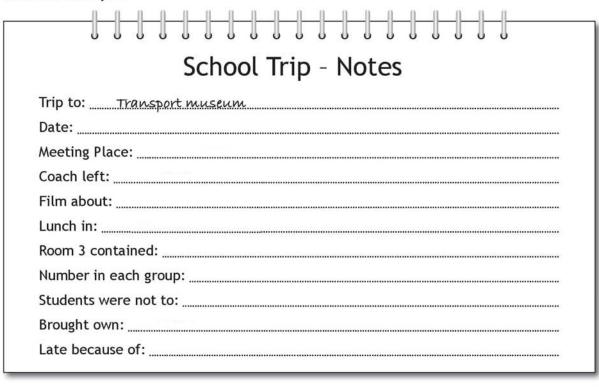
Put the words in the sentences in the correct order, changing the punctuation if necessary, as in the example.

Ex	ample: for you can discount the student get museum?
	Can you get student discount for the museum?
1	I was fourteen until I years I swim old couldn't.
2	married you sixteen are get you when can.
3	the more park make they could attractive.
4	were go you able party the to to?
5	ballet so no we the to tickets go there can't are.
6	drive you if could feel I tired?
7	in able lessons we were snowboarding have to Austria.
8	any Monday you the day gallery except can visit.
9	certain can you in areas smoke only.
10	take fog off the because plane couldn't of the.
	rammar 5: Prepositions of time and place Implete the text by putting a preposition in each gap, as in the example.
	ve ( <b>Example:</b> ) Italy and every year I fly 1 England to see my family. I usually go
	the middle 3 June, but last year I went 4 the last Monday 5 May,
	oublic holiday 6 England. I arrived 7 Heathrow Airport 8 exactly midday.
Un	fortunately, I had to wait to get a coach because of the holiday timetable, but the coach left
Q	time. I finally arrived just 10 midnight.

## Language skills

#### Listening: Taking notes

Listen to a teacher giving information about a recent school trip and complete the notes, as in the example.



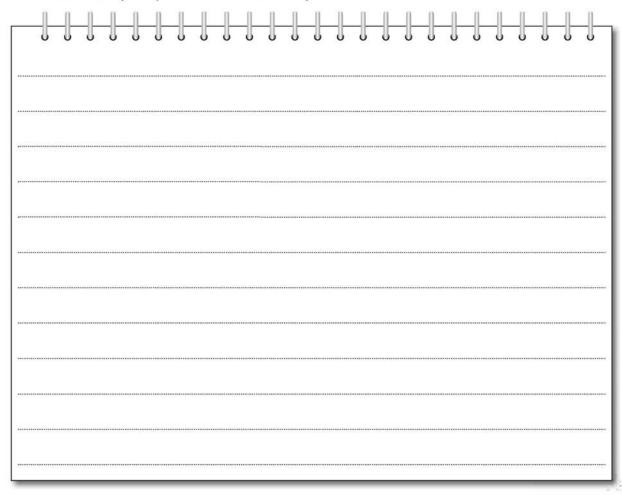
#### Speaking and listening: Stating preferences and giving reasons

Work in pairs. How would you reply to these questions? Think of as many reasons as possible for your choices and note them down, before speaking.

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1	Would you rather watch a film at home or at the cinema? Why?  For home:  For the cinema:
2	Would you prefer to be part of a large or small family? Why?  For large family:  For small family:
3	Would you prefer to live in a village or a city? Why?  For a small village:  For a city:
4	How would you rather travel on a long journey, by car or by train? Why?  For a car:  For a train:

## Listening and writing: Dictation

You will hear a recording about a young boy growing up. Listen to the whole recording once. Then you will hear the recording again with pauses for you to write down what you hear. Make sure you spell the words correctly.



#### Writing 1: Spelling

Look at the sentences. Delete the incorrect spelling in each sentence, as in the example.

**Example:** It's not a grammer/grammar exercise.

- 1 We've got new neighbours/nieghbours and they come from Spain.
- 2 Be quite/quiet so you don't wake my baby sister.
- 3 Their's/There's a production of Hamlet in the park, isn't there?
- 4 She's writing/writeing a letter of complaint about the dogs in the park.
- 5 Let's wait untill/until we get the invitation to Mark and Gina's wedding.
- 6 Ray really enjoyed his sking/skiing holiday in Italy.
- 7 I can give you the address/adress of his campsite.
- 8 The hotel accomadation/accommodation was excellent.
- **9** He was so disappointed/dissapointed that he couldn't go to the party.
- 10 I need to look at the calendar/calender to see what I'm doing next month.

**Example:** Scotland was a great country to visit. It rained all the time. (but)

#### Writing 2: Linking words

Join two simple sentences to make one, using the linking word or phrase, as in the example.

## Practice Test Two

## Section 1



You will have 10 seconds to read each question and the corresponding options. Then listen to the recording. After the recording you will have 10 seconds to choose the correct option. Put a cross (X) in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

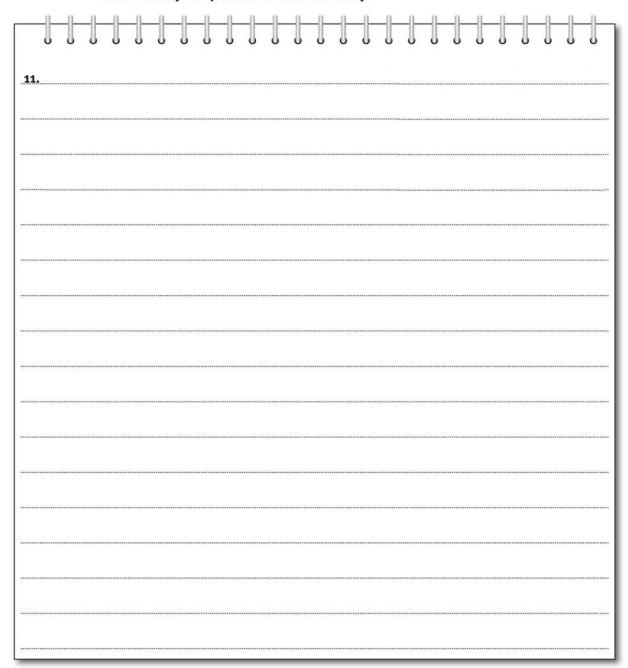
	Example:		What is the speaker's job?
	Α		a hotel manager
	В	X	a bus driver
	C		a rail passenger
1.	Wh	at are	the speakers discussing?
	Α		health problems
	В		travel insurance
	C		hotel cancellations
2.	Wh	at is th	ne woman doing?
	Α		offering accommodation
	В		arranging a hotel
	C		suggesting a trip
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3.		at doe	s the speaker think of the hotel?
	Α		It's nice.
	В	Ш	It's disappointing.
	C		It's uncomfortable.
4.	Who is the man speaking to?		e man speaking to?
	Α		a librarian
	В		a shop assistant
	C		a policewoman
5.	Wh	at are	the speakers discussing?
	Α		a family meal
	В		a robbery
	C		money

6.	Wha	at is n	ext to the post office?
	Α		a bakery
	В		a supermarket
	C		a bank
7.	Wha	at is th	ne speaker's job?
	Α		a photographer
	В		a shop assistant
	C		a guide
8.	Wha	at is th	ne relationship between the speakers?
	Α		They are brothers.
	В		They are old friends.
	C		They are colleagues.
9.	Who	o is sp	peaking to Angie?
	Α		Angie's sister
	В		Angie's mum
	C		Angie's teacher
10.	Whe	ere is	Danny?
	Α		at customer service
	В		in the car park
	C		outside the main entrance



You will hear a recording about a police station. Listen to the whole recording once. Then you will hear the recording again with pauses for you to write down what you hear.

Make sure you spell the words correctly.



#### Test Tip

Listen to the context carefully to help you with words which sound the same. For example, is the police station "new" or "knew"? Does the speaker say the number "two" or the adverb "too" meaning "also"? Which can be used as a noun - "clean" or "clean up"?



You will hear a conversation. First read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the conversation. You will hear the recording twice.

Example: Name of agency: Cameron Holidays		
12 Contact telephone number:		
13 Type of holiday:		
14 Length of holiday:		
15 Preferred accommodation:		
16 Special requirements:		
You will hear a recorded message. First read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the recorded message. You will hear the recording twice.		
Example: Message from: ஜெட்		
17 New date for wedding:		
18 Reason for change:		
19 Location of hotel:		
20 Jamie's accommodation:		
21 Jamie to call Raj after:		
Test Tip  Some questions in this section may be harder than others. If this makes you guess or miss a response, don't worry. If you worry about a previous question, you may not do well on your present question.		



Read each text and put a cross (X) by the missing word or phrase, as in the example.

Exam	le:	
	would like to have in your room, tick what you want on the menu and hand it to tion the night before. It is served between 7am and 9am.	
A B C		
2.		
	Wear a hat Put on a	
947	Would you like a language exchange?  The want to learn Chinese and about Chinese culture,  and can help me with my English, email me.  jennywang@fastmail.com	
A B C	student partner course	

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	A B C		flags spectators dogs	
25.	Loc		loin Cadhamnow and:  • borrow books  • rent CDs  • enjoy free Internet access  petween the cinema and the sports centre.	
26.	A B C		sports centre film club library	
	Do	you i	need help organising your, accommodation or dealing with money? me and speak to our experts. It's free and confidential.	
	A B C		time room finances	



Read the passage and complete the sentences below. Put a cross (X) in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

A family beach holiday almost turned into a nightmare yesterday when eight-year-old Jason Bligh fell almost four metres from a tree onto rocks not far from Pebble Beach in Australia.

Jason's parents were swimming at the time and too far away to see what had happened. Fortunately, Jason's friend, Maggie Young, was with him and she ran to tell her mother. She called the emergency services on her mobile and then ran into the water to tell Jason's parents.

A quarter of an hour later, a helicopter arrived to take Jason to hospital. Jason was still unconscious. So after carefully putting him onto a stretcher, the paramedics lifted him into the helicopter, which flew him to Stanley hospital – a journey of ten minutes. His parents joined him half an hour later after driving to the hospital in their car.

In the helicopter Jason regained consciousness and wondered where he was but he felt OK. When he had an examination at the hospital, the doctor could not believe Jason had no broken bones. As expected, he had cuts and bruises on various parts of his body, but nothing more serious than that.

When Jason's parents arrived at the hospital, they were relieved that he was not badly injured. The doctor told them Jason could go to the beach again after two days in bed. "Yes, but next time at the beach he's going to stay with us all the time," laughed Linda, his mother. "And no more climbing!"

Jason remembers nothing about his fall. And he can't remember much about the helicopter ride. "But I remember hearing Maggie asking me if I was alright," he says. "She was fantastic. She'll be my friend forever."

	Example: What was Jason doing when he fell?			
	Α		rock climbing	
	В	X	climbing a tree	
	C		playing on the beach	
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27.	Wł	ho sav	what happened to Jason?	
	Α		Jason's parents	
	В		Jason's friend Maggie	
	C		Maggie's mother	

28.	HO	w tong	did it take the helicopter to get to Jason:
	Α		10 minutes
	В		15 minutes
	C		30 minutes
29.	Wh	at sur	prised the doctor when she examined Jason?
	Α		He had bruises on his body.
	В		There were cuts on his body.
	C		Nothing was broken.
30.	Wh	at adv	vice did the doctor give?
	Α		Jason should stay in bed.
	В		Jason should not climb.
	C		Jason should stay with his parents at the beach.
31.	Wh	at car	Jason remember most about the incident?
	Α		the helicopter ride
	В		his fall
	C		Maggie's voice

#### Test Tip

In this section, some questions might seem easier than others. This is normal so: if a question seems too easy, it is probably not a trick; if a question seems difficult, don't worry — put your best answer (or guess) and move on.



#### Read the newspaper feature below and answer the questions.

#### **Marriage Can Last**

George and Molly Bradford have been married for sixty-five years. Molly remembers their days at Harven primary school, where they first met, with fondness. "It wasn't love at first sight but we always had fun together," she says.

When they were twenty, they did fall in

love but the Second World War had just started and they decided to wait to get married. Fifty years later, in 1995, they went on a cruise, paid for by their children, to celebrate. And now, in 2010, they are as happy as ever. "I have no regrets," says George. "I just wish I could do it all again."

**Example:** How long have George and Molly been married? (for) 65 years.

32.	Where did George and Molly get to know each other?
33.	What prevented George and Molly from getting married at twenty?
34.	How did George and Molly spend their fiftieth anniversary?
35.	What would George do if he had the chance?

# **Section 6 Continued**



#### Read the newspaper article below and answer the questions.

HILLSIDE MARKET has been in Longley for a hundred years. But all that might change soon. Developers, Smith and Brown, have applied to build a new shopping centre where the market is. If the application is successful, building will begin early next year. Angry local residents have formed an action group, SOM (Save Our Market), and plan a series of demonstrations before the final decision on the market's future next month. John Frain, a stallholder for thirty years, says, "They tried this ten years ago and it failed. It's going to fail again."

E	Example: Where is Hillside Market? in Longley.				
26	What might replace the market?				
	What exactly is "Save Our Market"?				
38.	When will people find out about the market's future?				
39.	How long ago did John Frain start working at the market?				

#### Test Tip

Give a full answer, but do not give unnecessary information. Your answer does not have to be a full sentence. For example, the answer to question 38 is two words "next month". You do not need the full sentence "People will find out about the market's future next month."



Read the article below and complete the notes that follow. Write no more than three words from the article in each gap.

When tourists decide on a holiday destination they tend to think of well-known places such as Paris, Rome, Rio, New York or Bangkok. But perhaps there are other less well-known places which are also worth visiting, perhaps your home town or village, or your local area in general.

There may be more to see in your local area than you think. It's sometimes just a question of finding it, which is not always easy.

For example, in my home town, Harford, there's a fantastic museum, where you can follow the five hundred year history of the town as a port. It's located in a small riverside building that used to be a fisherman's cottage in the past but has been a museum since the last fisherman moved out fifty years ago.

Hardly any visitors come to the museum, which is a shame, but at least that means you have the place to yourself. You can spend many hours looking at the old photographs and talking to the man who works there, Harry. Harry is one of the most interesting people you'll ever meet. He knows absolutely everything about the town's history.

So what is there in your local area? Maybe a fantastic restaurant that only a few people outside your area know about. Restaurants for local people are often much better value than more famous ones. If you spend less money in restaurants, you have more to spend on other things.

Why not email us and tell us about your local area? Include a brief description of some of the places to see. Readers' emails will be in next week's edition.

**Example:** Tourists usually go to well-known places.

40.	Less popular places can be
41.	In your local area it can be difficult to find things
42.	Harford has a long history
43.	Until fifty years ago the museum was
44.	The museum doesn't attract many
45.	You often spend less money in restaurants
46.	Next week's edition will include



Use information from Section 7 to help you write your answer.

47. You have just read a magazine article encouraging people to write about places of interest in their own areas. Write an email to the editor giving information about a less well-known place in your area and what visitors can do there. Write 70-90 words. You may refer to the ideas from the article, but write in your own words.

Write your answer here. Do not write outside the box.

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Choose one of the topics below and write your answer in 100-150 words.

#### 48. A) Visiting Public Places

Write an essay on this topic.

Why it is important to protect historic buildings.

Or

#### 48. B) Relationships with Other People

Write an article for your school magazine about a special relationship you have with

- · Explain who the person is and why they are special to you.
- · Describe how the relationship has changed over the years.
- · Say how you think the relationship will develop in the future.

Write your answer here. Do not write outside the box.

#### Test Tip

You are allowed to include information from other parts of the test which may be relevant to your answer, but do not copy large parts or whole sentences.

# Section 10 (1.5 minutes)

In this section you will speak on your own for about a minute. Your teacher/examiner will ask one of the main questions below and ask the follow-up questions if necessary.

Main prompt 1:

• Tell me about one of the teachers who work at your school.

Follow-up prompts:

- What do you like or dislike about him / her?How long has he / she been at your school?
- What subjects does he / she teach?

How do you imagine he / she spends his / her free time?

Main prompt 2:

What was your favourite possession when you were very young?

Follow-up prompts:

- Why did you like it so much?
- How long did you have it?
- Who bought it for you and why?

• If you have children in the future, will you get them one of these?

Main prompt 3:

What is the most interesting hobby you have ever had?

Follow-up prompts:

- How old were you when you started it?
- Do you still do it or have you given it up?
- · Why did you decide to take it up?
- · What hobbies have other people in your family got?

Main prompt 4:

Tell me about a film you have seen recently.

Follow-up prompts:

- Did you see it at the cinema or on television?
- · What did you think of the film?
- · How did the film make you feel?
- If you had the chance, would you watch it again?

#### Test Tip

Don't worry if you make a mistake when you are speaking. You can correct what you say if you like, but don't take your mind off the task.

# Section 11 (2 minutes)

In this section you will discuss something with your teacher/examiner.

Where would you rather eat, at home or in a restaurant?

#### What do you think?

Your teacher/examiner will use the following arguments to take an opposing view to yours.

For home:	<ul> <li>You can eat exactly what and how much you want at home.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>You know what's in the food.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>It's cheaper and usually tastes better.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>If there's too much, you can save it for the next day.</li> </ul>
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For restaurants:	<ul> <li>The atmosphere is better.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>There's no washing up to do.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>You can try food you don't usually eat.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>It's a good place to meet your friends.</li> </ul>

#### Test Tip

Do not use expressions like "No, you're wrong." or "That's rubbish." It is best to acknowledge the point being made against your view and then say, for example: "Yes, you have a point, but the reason I disagree is ..."

# Section 12 (1.5 minutes)

In this section you will talk about the picture for up to 1 minute. Tell your teacher/examiner what you can see in the picture.



Your teacher/examiner will now ask this follow-up question.

How do you think the young man and the old woman are feeling? (Why?)

#### Test Tip

If you cannot remember the right word for something, don't worry. If you can't think of the word "bridegroom", say something like "It's the man who is getting married."

# Section 13 (2 minutes)

In this section you will take part in a role play. Your teacher/examiner will explain the situation.

#### TEST TAKER'S CARD

One of your friends has invited you to his/her birthday party. You have already got plans for that day and cannot go. You phone your friend and explain the situation.

- · Explain the situation.
- · Decline the invitation.
- · Offer to try and change your plans.
- · Suggest meeting your friend for dinner soon.

You are phoning your friend. Your teacher/examiner is your friend. Below is a sample script that your teacher/examiner may use.

Ready? I'll start.

Hi. How are you? Are you coming to my party?

Oh no. You have to come to the party. Can't you change your plans?

Thanks. Try to come. It'll be great.

That's a good idea. Where do you think we should go?

OK. Let me know if you can come to my party.

That is the end of the test.

#### Test Tip

You do not have to use the exact words on the card. In fact, you will do better if you can express yourself in your own words. Make sure you follow the instructions through and fulfill the task.

# Unit Three

The themes for this unit are: education/animals/books and reading/money

# **Vocabulary and Grammar**

# Vocabulary 1: Books and reading

Complete the definitions below with a word from the box, as in the example.

article	review	library	publisher	headline	autobiography
index	diary	journal	periodical	encyclopae	dia

Ex	ample: A place where you can borrow books is called a <u>library</u>
1	Ais a book where you write about the things that happen to you every day.
2	A magazine which comes out regularly, for example every month, is a
	A is a piece of writing in a newspaper or magazine about new books, films or plays.
4	A book which contains lots of information about different subjects is an
5	A list of the subjects, names or information at the back of a book is an
6	Anis a story you write about your own life.
	A is a magazine for professional people or those with a special hobby or interest.
8	A person or company that plans the writing and printing of books is a
9	An is a piece of writing in a newspaper or magazine.
10	A is the title of a report in a newspaper.

### Vocabulary 2: Opposite adjectives

Write the adjectives in the correct part of the table to make the negative form, as in the example.

Adjective	'un' - (+adjective)	'in' – or 'im'- (+ adjective)
accessible		inaccessible
appropriate		
friendly		
flexible		
adequate		
complete		
happy		
helpful		
practical		
possible		
healthy		

Now use the negative adjectives from the table to complete the sentences below, as in the example.

Example: Some	villages high in the moun	tains are <u>inaccessible</u> during winter months.
1 Ryan was ver	ywh	en he failed all his exams.
2 His neighbou	rs were	
		ine was and was never made.
		to go camping that weekend.
		young and he became more and more
as he got old		
3	a friendly person, but she	never did anything for anyone. She was the most net.
		erylifestyle.
		as There was a lot of work still to do.
		ne to comment until I know all the facts.
		for so many cars.
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Vocabulary	3: Prepositions	
Read the infor	mation about museums	below and put the correct preposition in each gap,
as in the exam	ple. You can use the pr	epositions more than once.
by with of	to in for	
by With Oi	10 111 101	
the nine places 3	eteen fifties, I didn't enjoy adults. They didn't seem to d 5	teums 8
		inconservation of the second o
<del>full-time</del>	standard	full-time job
educational	experience	
great	job	
contact	application	
high	opportunity	
job	details	
previous	qualifications	

Last week Martin saw an adver	tisement for a ( <b>Example:</b> ) <u>full-t</u>	as an office worker in a big
company. The company needed	someone with a 1	of English and
2	of work in an office – both	of which he had. Martin was very
excited. He thought this job wa	s a <b>3</b>	, just the kind of job he
wanted. He immediately sent a	4	to the company. He included
his <b>5</b>	with his application in case	the company wanted to write back
to him or phone him. He also to	ld the company about his 6	
He had a university degree in b	usiness administration. He was v	ery pleased when the company
phoned him and invited him to	a job interview.	

### **Grammar 1: Parts of speech**

Complete the table with the missing parts of speech, as in the example.

Noun	Verb
impression	(Example:) impress
	organise
solution	
	advertise
applicant	

Adjective	Noun
scientific	
	basis
growing	
interesting	
	unemployment

# Grammar 2: Modal verbs: obligation and permission

Put the words in the sentences in the correct order, as in the example, changing the punctuation if necessary.

Example:	or/	in /	smoke /	Customers	on the	ne train /	cannot /	the station	
	Си	stor	ners ca	nnot smok	eont	the train	n or in tl	he station.	00

	Customers cannot smore on the train or in the station.
1	park / in front of / May / my / your house / car / I?
2	early tomorrow / don't / get up / We / have to / morning
3	there is / Hotel guests / use / must not / if / the lifts / a fire
4	I / leave / cases / for five minutes / Please / these / here / could?
5	when / seat belts / Passengers / travelling / in a car / have to / wear
6	dark / always switch on / You / your car headlights / before / should
7	than / mustn't / 70 miles per hour / motorways / Drivers on / go faster
8	his / car / immediately / should / red Mercedes / The driver / of the / move

9	can't / before / this street / park / ten o'clock / You / in the morning / here in
10	or / hurry down / miss breakfast / we will / must / to the restaurant / We

#### **Grammar 3: Question tags**

Complete the sentences with the correct question tags, as in the example.

Example: Cats can't swim, can theu?

1	You didn't buy a snake,
2	Those animals over there are cheetahs,
3	That lion looks very dangerous,
4	Jake is arriving this evening about six,
5	You haven't forgotten about the dog,
6	I should put the cat outside tonight,
7	Jim, it's your turn to clean the rabbit's cage,
8	Paul wasn't interested in his visit to the zoo,
9	Those dogs need a lot of space for exercise,
10	Sarah wanted to get some tropical fish,

#### Grammar 4: Future simple and other future forms

Circle the correct tense in each sentence, as in the example.

**Example:** Alex heard from the hotel. Six nights there (s going to)/will) cost £540.

- 1 Jane! Smile! Dan (is going to/will) take a photo.
- **2** Look at the bus! Why (isn't it going to/won't it) stop!
- 3 Don't worry! I (am sending/will send) you an email about the tickets soon.
- 4 If the traffic is very bad, we (are going to/will) walk to the station.
- 5 We (are staying/will stay) at the Grand Hotel in Vienna on Monday 23rd.
- 6 All the hotels are full. We (aren't going to/won't be able to) get a room.
- 7 Our bags are very heavy. I think we (are needing/will need) some help.
- 8 John and Carol (are visiting/will visit) their uncle in London next May or June.
- 9 Chris always forgets something. One day he (is going to/will) forget his passport.
- 10 With a bit of luck there (is going to/will) be a taxi at the station when we get there.

# Language skills

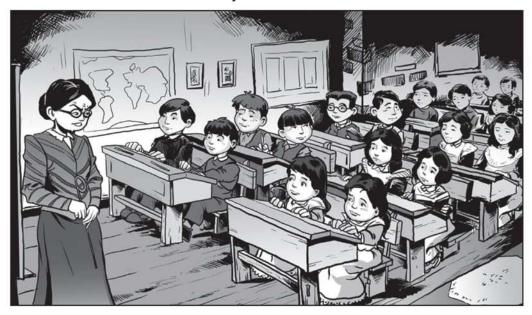
# • Listening 1: People speaking

Listen to some people speaking and answer the questions that follow, as in the example.

Ex	kample: Who is speakir	ng? <u>a teacher</u>
1	Who is speaking?	
2	Who is speaking?	
3	Who is speaking?	
4	Where is he?	
5	Where are they?	
6	Where are they?	
•	Listening 2: Ta	king notes and writing dictation
		versation and complete the notes. Read the notes carefully before rds for each note, as in the example.
Ex	cample: Card Number:	3746 452 4498
1	Surname of card hold	er:
2	Card holder's date of	birth:
3	Mother's place of birt	h:
4	Card Holder's favourit	e colour:
5	Service required:	
	ow listen to a phone otes carefully before	conversation and complete the notes, as in the example. Read the you listen.
Ex	<b>cample:</b> Gift: <u>1 kg Sw</u>	iss chocolates
1	Kind of chocolate:	
2	Delivery address:	
3	Post Code:	
4	Payment method:	
5	Message on the gift:	

#### Listening and speaking

Look at this picture and discuss the questions below. Read the questions before you listen and make some notes if necessary.



- 1 What kind of classroom is shown in the picture?
- 2 Would you like to be a student in a class like this? Why?/Why not?
- 3 What are the advantages and disadvantages of classes of this period in history??
- 4 What is your best memory of your time at school?
- 5 What did/do you most dislike about school?

You are going to hear an interview in which the speaker describes part of her routine before she started school. Listen to the interview and answer the questions, as in the example. Read the questions carefully before you listen.

**Example:** What is this story about? a time before the woman started school

1	How old was the woman?	
2	Why did the woman get upset?	
3	What game did her mother invent?	
4	What was the best part of the game?	
5	What happened when they got to school?	
6	What happened when they got home?	

## Speaking: Role play

#### You are talking to a TV presenter about your education. Cover these points:

- where and when you went to primary and secondary school
- what subjects you most enjoyed at school and why
- · a teacher you admired and why
- · an interesting trip you made with your school
- an unusual or amusing incident that happened when you were at school

### Writing: Adding details to a paragraph

Read the first part of these paragraphs. Use the notes to add three more sentences, as in the example.

**Example:** I saw the film *Convenient Co-incidence* recently. I did not enjoy it at all.

- · sound quality/very poor/hear
- · actors/famous/not act well
- · advertised as 'romantic comedy'/not laugh at all

The sound quality on the film was very poor and it was difficult to hear. The actors
were quite famous but they did not act well. Finally, the film was advertised as a
'romantic comedy' but it did not make me laugh at all.

- 1 I read the story *Dinosaurs Come Back from the Past*. I did not enjoy it at all.
  - · writing quality/very poor/difficult to understand
  - characters/all unbelievable
  - story/described on cover as 'action adventure'/boring/fell asleep

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- 2 I enjoyed studying at university. It was a useful experience.
  - · learn/independent/look after myself
  - enjoy my subject/make lots of friends
  - give me/good chance/job/higher salary

# Practice Test Three

# Section 1



You will have 10 seconds to read each question and the corresponding options. Then listen to the recording. After the recording you will have 10 seconds to choose the correct option. Put a cross (X) in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

	Example: Who are the speakers?						
	Α	X	a parent and a teacher				
	В		a teacher and a student				
	C		a student and a parent				
1.	What is the announcement about?						
	Α		how to photograph lions and their cubs				
	В		an opportunity to visit Hampton Zoo				
	C		a chance to see a new lion family				
2.	Wh	at do	es the man want to do?				
	Α		to go and fetch a wallet				
	В		to borrow some money				
	C		to invite someone to a party				
3.	Wh	o is th	ne female speaker?				
	Α		a university lecturer asking questions to a new student				
	В		a student applying for a job with an engineering company				
	C		a company representative interviewing a job applicant				
4.	Hov	w doe	s the first speaker feel about dogs?				
4.	A	uoc	He would like to get a dog himself.				
	В		He's interested in dogs but doesn't want one.				
	c		He is annoyed by dogs and doesn't want one.				
			,				
5.	Wh	ere ar	re the speakers?				
	Α		at a travel agency				
	В		at a bank				
	C		at an airport				

6.	What subject is the class studying?					
	Α		History			
	В		Economics			
	C		Science			
7.	Wh	o is th	e woman speaking to?			
	Α		a receptionist			
	В		a pet owner			
	C		a nurse			
8.	Wh	at is tl	he girl promising?			
	Α		to return the skirt			
	В		to stop buying shoes			
	C		to spend less money			
9.	. Why do people keep camels these days?					
	Α		to travel long distances			
	В		to race them			
	C		to carry goods			
10.	Wh	at doe	es the first speaker want?			
	Α		to join a gym class			
	В		to buy sports clothes			
	C		to work overtime			

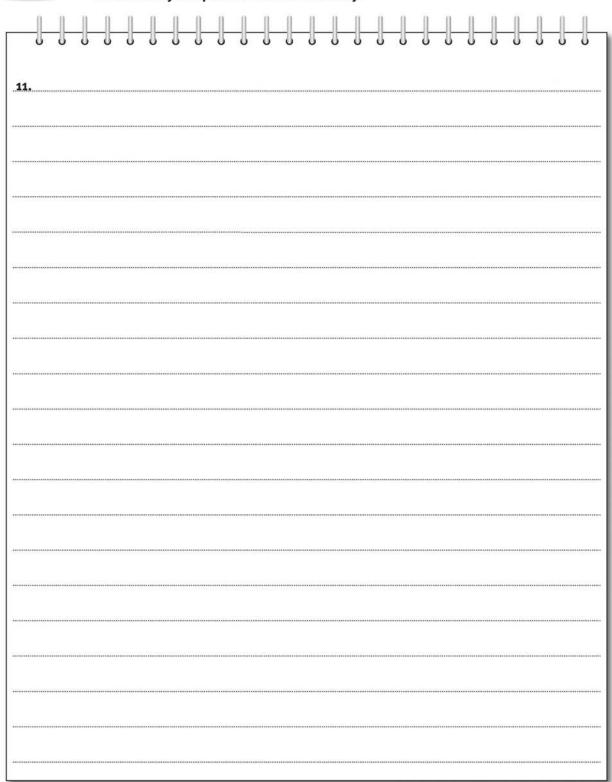
#### Test Tip

Listen to the tone of the speakers' voices. The answer will not depend on this, but it will help you to understand what they're saying. For example, how does the man in Question 2 sound, and the man in Question 4?



You will hear a recording about giraffes. Listen to the whole recording once. Then you will hear the recording again with pauses for you to write down what you hear.

Make sure you spell the words correctly.





You will hear a recording of a lecture. First read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the lecture. You will hear the recording twice.

Example: Lecturer's name: Dr Dan Gray				
12 Location of the lecture:				
13 Title of the lecture:				
14 How running helps the brain:				
15 Average distance the mice ran:				
16 Increase in brain size:				
You will hear a phone conversation. First read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the telephone conversation. You will hear the recording twice.				
Example: Company phone number: 794 0871				
17 Company name:				
18 Caller wants information about:				
19 How the caller knows about the company:				
20 Where the caller might move:				
21 Name of caller's overseas bank:				
Test Tip In this section, the correct answer is a word or phrase from the text but the words around it may				



Read each text and put a cross (X) by the missing word or phrase, as in the example.

Example:					
Guard dogs on duty.  Do not try to climb the fence or enter this property.  A   Danger!					
B					
C   mstruction:					
22.					
MONEY TROUBLES? WE CAN HELP  Bank on Your Feet is an independent financial company with over twenty years experience. We have helped thousands of ordinary people their money problems.					
A mend B treat C solve					
HEALTHY SCHOOL FOOD RECIPE 21  Courgettes in Tomato Sauce  This delicious dish takes only a few minutes  to and cook.  Ingredients: 2 tins of tomatoes 2 courgettes 1 onion 100ml oil black pepper					
A serve B prepare C organise					

24.			
How If	<b>muc</b> ly your h	ns answered  n food should I give my horse?  norse weighs 500kg (the weight of ahorse), eed about 5kg of food a day.	
A B C		common typical special	
The <b>C</b>	Green	New Bank Branch Opening  Bank is proud to announce the opening of its Park Road branch  9am Wednesday 24th November  Don't miss your to win free banking for a year.	n:
A B C		chance interest fortune	
I of fix	offer p ve to fi mail D	Teacher rivate lessons and revision classes to children from the ages of fteen in all subjects with the of History. rebbie Marshal: debbieslessons@freemail.co.uk ts for ten lessons.	(

#### Test Tip

Α

В

C

possibility

inclusion

exception

Some questions may include collocations, words which regularly appear together. For example in Question 22, "solve" is the only word which can combine with "money problems."



Read the passage and complete the sentences below. Put a cross (X) in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

**Amber Evans** left school at eighteen. She was unemployed for six months when she was nineteen, so she went to college at the age of twenty. She studied to be a nursery nurse but later switched to a beauty course. After her graduation, Amber got a job as a beauty therapist at *Highlights*, a local hairdresser, where she was working when she won a lottery prize of two million pounds. Amber talked to *Bolton Post* journalist Ravi Miandad.

**Ravi**: Amber, what was it like at *Highlights*?

**Amber**: Fantastic! There were four of us working there. We all had a lot of laughs.

**Ravi**: You didn't hate your job?

**Amber**: Not at all. The customers were friendly and the owner was really nice.

**Ravi**: Before your win, had you ever won the lottery?

**Amber:** No! I never had any luck. I used to buy a ticket at a supermarket on my way

home. But the Friday I won, I was going to a sale at a shopping centre in Manchester so I asked a friend at work to buy me a lottery ticket. He got one

at a post office near his home.

**Ravi**: How did you feel when you won?

**Amber**: Shocked, really shocked. When I got over the surprise, I had fun spending

the money: I organised a big party. I bought new clothes. I gave some to my parents. But I didn't go mad. More than three quarters of the money is still in

the new bank account I opened.

**Ravi**: And what are your plans for the future?

**Amber**: I've always dreamed of going on a cruise in the Caribbean so I'm taking my

boyfriend there. We're leaving next week. In the longer term I'm going to buy

a flat and then set up my own beauty business.

	Example: How old was Amber when she was unemployed?						
	Α		eighteen				
	В	X	nineteen				
	C		twenty				
27.	Wha	at was	Amber's job when she won the lottery?				
	Α		nursery nurse				
	В		beauty therapist				
	C		journalist				
28.	Hov	v did A	Amber feel about her job?				
	Α		She thought it was amusing.				
	В		She disliked it.				
	С	П	She liked it.				
		===					
29.	9. Where did Amber's winning ticket come from?						
	Α		a post office				
	В		a supermarket				
	C		a shopping centre				
30.	o. What happened to most of Amber's money?						
	Α		She put it in the bank.				
	В		She gave it to her mum and dad.				
	C		She spent it on parties.				
31.	Wha	at is A	mber going to do next?				
	Α		start her own business				
	В		buy a house				
	c		go on holiday				
	o <del>les</del> ti		<b>5</b>				

#### Test Tip

Try to find the answer in the text before looking at the choices. If one of the options is close to your answer, you can be more confident that it is correct.



Read the newspaper article below and answer the questions.

#### My Favourite Teacher

by Sheila McLean, financial analyst



Unusually for the nineteen sixties my mother worked full-time so I started my education early at the Start Club, a local kindergarten. After seven years at Oakhill Primary, I encountered my favourite teacher, Mr Marsh, in the third-year maths class of my secondary school, Wallford High. Two things impressed me about him: he was exceptionally tall, and more importantly, he was passionate about his subject. Then, unlike today, girls were not really expected to excel at maths. Mr Marsh, however, demanded high standards from everyone, not just the boys.



**Example:** What is Sheila McLean's job? financial analyst...

32. Why did Sheila start her education at an early age?
33. What was the name of Sheila's second school?
34. What did Sheila value about Mr Marsh?
35. How did Mr Marsh differ from other maths teachers of that time?

### **Section 6 Continued**



Read the magazine article below and answer the questions.

#### **Editorial**

This month's feature in *Collecting Coins* completes the series of articles on pre-decimal British coins which began last March. Decimalisation is of growing interest to numismatists younger than forty. These coin-collecting enthusiasts have no direct experience of the old British currency which was replaced in 1971. Indeed, fewer and fewer people remember the old names of pre-decimal coins such as a 'bob' or 'shilling' that was worth twelve pennies (five pence now). These old coins are increasing in value at the moment due to the precious metals in them rather than because they are rare.

Example: In which magazine did this editorial appear? <u>Collecting Coins</u>

36. What is a numismatist?
37. When did the British change to a decimal system of currency?
38. How much is a 'bob' worth in decimal British currency?
39. Why has the value of old British coins increased?



Read the article below and complete the notes that follow. Write no more than three words from the article in each gap.

#### Pets and children

by Debbie Mason

Parents often can't make up their minds what to do when their child asks to have a pet. In my view, you should always agree to a request for a pet providing you follow these basic rules:

- Before you get a pet, it's a good idea to visit someone who keeps one so your child has a chance to see the day-to-day realities of pet ownership: cleaning, feeding, exercise, grooming.
- It's even better if the pet owner you visit is also a child. Your son or daughter will probably learn more about keeping a pet from someone of the same age than from you or another adult.
- Don't only consider kittens and puppies for your child. More unusual choices like tropical fish, canaries and stick insects make suitable and sensible household pets.
- But don't impose your choice of suitable pet. Listen to suggestions. If possible, offer your child his or her choice of pet. On the other hand, don't be afraid to refuse an impractical request.
- It isn't helpful to use a favourite pet as a way to discipline a child or to try and improve the child's behaviour. For example, threats to remove a pet are likely to cause more problems than they solve.
- If your child gets bored with all the hard work, don't just take over. It's a good idea to share the care of the pet for a while. Some children just need a short break before their interest in their pet returns.
- It is certain that you will have to look after your child's pet some of the time. Remember when you are cleaning again the hamster's cage that your child is learning skills from owning a pet which will prepare them for their future responsibilities.

**Example:** The writer thinks children can have a pet if parents follow (these) basic rules ...

40.	Visit someone who keeps a pet so your child can learn about	٠
41.	Your child will probably learn about pets from a pet owner of	
42.	There are many suitable pets for children, not just	•
43.	If you can, try to give your child a	•
44.	Threats to remove a pet don't help to improve behaviour or	•
45.	Share the care of a pet with your child for a time if he or she	
46.	Looking after a pet prepares children for	



Use information from Section 7 to help you write your answer.

- 47. You have just read an article about children with pets. Write a letter to the editor of an online pet magazine with your own views about this subject. Write about 70-90 words. In your letter you should:
  - Say why you feel it is a good idea for children to keep pets.
  - · Recommend a pet which is a suitable gift for a child.
  - · Give practical advice about looking after the pet.

You may refer to ideas from the article but write in your own words.

Write your answer here. Do not write outside the box.

#### Test Tip

Make sure that you read the question carefully and that you include all the points mentioned. It is easy to forget this in a test.



Choose one of the topics below and write your answer in 100-150 words.

#### 48. A) Education

#### Write an essay on this topic:

The most important lesson I learned at school.

Or

#### 48. B) Animals

You see the following notice on a notice board at college.

Write an article about owning a pet for this competition.



To win one of these great prizes, just write a short article with the title "Owning a Pet is Great", telling us about looking after your pet.

Write your answer here. Do not write outside the box.

#### Test Tip

Make a short plan before you write your response. This will help you cover all the points and organise your answer effectively.

# Section 10 (1.5 minutes)

In this section you will speak on your own for about a minute. Your teacher/examiner will ask one of the main questions below and ask the follow-up questions if necessary.

**Main prompt 1:**• Tell me something about the languages you speak.

Follow-up prompts: • What languages have you studied in the last five years?

• What other language would you like to learn? Why?

• What is the main reason why people study a foreign language?

How successful is teaching of languages in your country?

Main prompt 2: • What is the nicest place you have visited?

**Follow-up prompts:** • When did you go there first?

• What do you like most about the place where you live?

· Where would you like to live when you are older?

Is it better to visit a new place on your own or with a friend? Why?

Main prompt 3: • Tell me about the sport you enjoy most.

**Follow-up prompts:** • Why do some people dislike exercise and sport?

Which team sport have you taken part in this week?

• What sports would you like to take up in the future? Why?

What is the best way of encouraging people to take part in sport?

Main prompt 4:Tell me about the last film you saw.

Follow-up prompts: • How often do you go to the cinema?

Do you have a favourite actor or director?

Which do you prefer, comedy films or action films? Why?

• Which is more important in a good film, the story or the acting?

# Section 11 (2 minutes)

In this section you will discuss something with your teacher/examiner.

It's better to rent a house than buy and own a house.

## What do you think?

Your teacher/examiner will use the following arguments to take an opposing view to yours.

#### For renting a house:

- It's cheap and quick to rent a house.
- You don't have to pay for repairs or breakages in a rented house.
- There are lots of rented houses. They are easy to find.
- It's flexible. You can easily change homes, for example, if you get married.

#### Against renting a house:

- When you buy a house, it's yours. You don't own a rented house.
- You can change the decoration in your own house. You can't change it in a rented house.
- A rented house never feels like home. It's always some else's.
- The house owner or landlord might want their house back.

#### Test Tip

This is a test of your language not your opinions. You will not gain or lose marks for your point of view. You gain marks by expressing yourself clearly and giving good reasons to support your point of view.

# Section 12 (1.5 minutes)

In this section you will talk about the picture for up to 1 minute. Tell your teacher/examiner what you can see in the picture.



Your teacher/examiner will now ask this follow-up question.

Which kind of book is this and what kind of books do you prefer reading? (Why?)

#### Test Tip

If you make a mistake and correct it, this shows you are aware of when you make an error and can rectify it. However, do not concentrate too much on your mistakes, make sure you fully describe the picture.

# Section 13 (2 minutes)

In this section you will take part in a role play. Your teacher/examiner will explain the situation.

#### TEST TAKER'S CARD

You are in a library. You borrowed a copy of 'The Da Vinci Code' that you accidentally damaged. You want to return it.

- Apologise for the damage. Give a reason.
- · Agree but say you can't pay now. Explain why.
- Arrange a time to come to the library with the money.

You are in a library. Your teacher/examiner is the librarian. Below is a sample script that your teacher/examiner may use.

Ready? I'll start.

Hello. Can I help you?

Certainly. Oh dear, this book is damaged. What happened?

Yes, but you'll have to pay ten pounds to replace the book.

Oh, why not?

OK but can you pay soon?

Good, we hope to see you then.

That is the end of the test.

# Unit Four

The themes for this unit are: hobbies/town and country/homes/transactions

# **Vocabulary and Grammar**

# Vocabulary 1: Phrases that go together

Choose the best phrase from the box to match with the verb, as in the example.

τ	a lot of time money an illness an account a flat
ć	a hobby a phone number part-time an accident a living
1	(Example:) spend a lot of time
	dial
	earn
	prevent
	raise
	recover from
	rent
	take up
	work
	open
	ow complete the sentences below with the phrases above.
E	<b>xample:</b> Anna and her friend spend <u>a lot of time</u> watching DVDs.
1	Alex and Amy are still at school, but they in his mother's
	restaurant.
2	Sarah, when you leave school, how are you going to?
3	Max and Joe had to when they went to study at university.
4	I tried to to ask about the room to share but no one answered.
5	Debbie is trying to to start her own clothes-making business.
6	It is very important to try to and injuries at work.
7	Pete stayed in hospital for two weeks to
8	When Helen retired, she decided to She chose painting.
9	After Matt got married he decided to from a bank to set up his
	own business.
10	The landlord didn't accept credit cards so Julie had to to pay
	the first month's rent.

# Vocabulary 2: Verb phrases

Choose the best verb to complete the following sentences, as in the example.

E	Example: The boy had only one hobby; he played chess.					
	a) show	ed b) made	c) played			
1	I tried to	some m	oney by selling some old books o	n e-Bay.		
			c) produce			
2	One of Dan's ho	bbies was to	and act in amateur T\	/ programmes.		
	a) turn	b) make	c) practise			
3	Seema was alwa	ays busy with h	er school work and never	much spare time.		
	a) spent	b) owned	c) had			
4	Jenny used to	st	amps when she was young.			
	a) gather	b) collect	c) play			
5	Pat	a long way fro	m the capital to visit her friend.			
	a) came	b) saw	c) arrived			
6	The country hot	el was full so B	en had toa room w	vith his brother.		
	a) share	b) own	c) divide			
7	Ahmed had bee	n busy and cou	ldn'tfor his holiday	in the capital to begin.		
	a) wait	b) stand	c) afford			
8	John had to	the	landlord three times about the b	roken heating in his flat.		
	a) connect	b) arrange	c) contact			
9	Susan was busy	so it took a we	eek for her to an app	ointment to see the house.		
	a) time	b) make	c) seize			
10	10 Dave's doctor advised him to weight and take more exercise.					
	a) give up	b) solve	c) lose			
V	ocabulary 3	: Word gro	ups			
C	omplete the wo	rd groups wit	h words from the box, as in the	e example.		
			ch rent respect cash machir	ne		
100			confidence for sale			
ā	thlete trainer	nephew key	pad clubbing concert			
	motions		Money	Sports		
(1	xample:) Love					
			P	A		
E	intertainment		Family and friends	riends Accommodation		

# **Vocabulary 4: Compound nouns**

Put together a word from each box to form a new word or phrase, then use them to complete the sentences, as in the example.

(Example:) room	service	room service
air	bus	
credit	currency	
foreign	cards	
free	department	
hotel	fare	
reservations	insurance	
travel	parking	
tour	receptionist	
pedestrian	licence	
driving	area	

**Example:** They called <u>room service</u> and a waiter brought them a sandwich.

L	John and Carol were pleased to find a hotel with	for their car.
2	2 Emma had to pay for the meal in cash because the restaurant didn't	take
3	Ben can't go to Australia because theis to	oo expensive.
4	4 You can getin banks or bureaux d	e change.
5	5 Thewas always polite and friendly	to the guests.
6	6 I contacted the and booked	a single room for two nights.
7	7 It is always a good idea to buy befo	ore you go on holiday.
8	Rod couldn't rent a car because he had not brought his	
9	Simon travelled by luxury through	Austria and Germany.
10	o Cars are not allowed into the town centre because it is a	

# **Grammar 1: Parts of speech**

Complete the table with the missing parts of speech, as in the example.

Noun	Verb
confirmation	(Example:) confirm
	instruct
entry	
	fly
	move

Adjective	Noun	
long		
	width	
bright		
boring		
	luxury	

## **Grammar 2: Comparative adjectives and adverbs**

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets, as in the examples. Sometimes the form does not need to change.

I had a lot of friends in my (Example	:) <u>old</u> (old) school. Two peo	pple I liked were called Amna
and Sajda. Amna was (Example:)t	aller (tall) than Sajda but Sa	jda was much <b>1</b>
(strong). Sajda worked 2	(hard) than Amna, bu	ut Amna usually did <b>3</b>
(good) in her class tests. Sajda was	always <b>4</b>	(annoyed) by this because
Amna was not as <b>5</b>	(hard-working) as she	e was. Amna and Sajda liked
6 (different)	things. Amna was very 7	(interested) in
digital photography, but unfortunat	ely she took <b>8</b>	(bad) photos than most of
the other students in the class. Sajo	a, on the other hand, though	t photography was <b>9</b>
(boring). Her interest was computer	games and she played them	10
(frequently) than anyone else I have	ever met.	

## Grammar 3: Adverbs qualifying adjectives and other adverbs

Put the words in brackets in the correct order to complete the following sentences, as in the example. You must use all the words.

Example: John was very bored when looking round his uncle's new house. (his – bored – when – uncle's – looking round – very – was – new) 1 Dave \_\_\_\_\_\_his sister. (quite like – very – but – unlike – his brother – looks) 2 Although \_\_\_\_\_ a job. (find – Luke – well-qualified – is – he can't) 3 Amy's brother \_\_\_\_\_\_ of him. (successful – is – but Amy – at all – isn't – very – jealous) 4 Ben's \_\_\_\_\_ phone him. (Ben – was – a little – forgot to – annoyed – when – father) 5 Jane \_\_\_\_\_ all her tests. (terribly – but – didn't – she – hard – study – passed) 6 Sajjad's sofa \_\_\_\_\_comfortable. (very - is - but - still quite - it - old - is)**7** Some \_\_\_\_\_\_ different. (totally – families – are – but – the – are – same – others) 8 Mario's \_\_\_\_\_ and tomato sauce. (good – mother – cooking – spaghetti – is – at – particularly) 9 Silvio's new flat \_\_\_\_\_ and attractive. (at all – wasn't – but – expensive – light – extremely – it's) 10 Oranut was \_\_\_\_\_\_ new coat. (cheap – somewhat – a really – she – surprised – when – found)

## **Grammar 4: The present passive**

## Circle the correct form in the sentences, as in the example.

**Example:** After Mike's house (is selling/s sold), Mike is going to move to London.

- 1 Those expensive digital cameras (are making/are made) in Singapore.
- 2 That machine over there (prints/is printed) very large photos.
- 3 We'll buy our tickets when the money (is paying/is paid) into our bank account.
- 4 The traffic is very bad today because the main road (closes/is closed).
- 5 In July we (are staying/are stayed) in a small hotel in a French village.
- 6 I'd buy those potatoes. They (are reducing/are reduced) in price.
- 7 Nowadays most bags (produce/are produced) at the company's new factory.
- 8 Nick (is visiting/is visited) his aunt at her new house next month.
- 9 The magazine articles that Angela (writes/is written) are very amusing.
- 10 Sarah's new car (is designing/is designed) to use small amounts of fuel.

## Grammar 5: Present simple and past simple active and passive

## Put the verb in brackets in the correct form, as in the example.

Example: This photograph of me was taken (take) in Spain.

1	Luke and Glyn (delay) at work yesterday because of the snow.	
2	Milk (sell) in cartoons and in plastic and glass bottles.	
3	Jane (study) at college for three years and then got a job in an office	١.
4	All these beautiful plants (grow) by local gardeners.	
5	Virginia's first novel (write) when she was only twenty-two.	
6	Andy has two dogs and (take) them for a walk every day.	
7	Katy didn't buy her car in England. It (import) from South Korea	
8	Andy (take) a lot of photos during his walking holiday in Turkey.	
	We used to grow vegetables in our back garden, but now it (plant) with flowers.	
10	Simon (visit) Japan three times last year and the year before.	

# Language skills

# Listening 1: Taking notes

Listen to the radio broadcast about life in the country and complete the notes. Use 1-3 words for each note, as in the example. Read the notes before you listen and think about what type of information is needed.

E	<b>Example:</b> How often the programme is o	on: twice a month		
1	Programme name:			
2	Second item is about farmers in:			
3	Alice Stewart's previous job:			
4	Year of marriage:			
5	Name of Alice's husband:			
6	Fruit grown on Alice's farm:			
	Now listen to this conversation in a each note, as in the example.	restaurant and complete the notes. Use 1-2 words for		
E	Example: Customer's name: Mrs Brigh	nt		
1	Customer's room number:			
2	Chef's special dish:			
3	Cost of two-course meal:			
4	Dessert order:			
5	Drinks order:			
6	Kind of bread:			
6	Listening 2: People talkin	g		
Li	listen to some people talking and a	nswer the questions that follow, as in the example.		
E	Example: What does she want to do? <u>to</u>	arrange a visit to a house		
1	What does she want to do?			
2	What does he want to do?			
3	What does she want to do?			
4	Where are they?			
5	Where are they?			
6	5 Where are they?			
6	<b>○</b> Listening and speaking: Discussion			
You are going to hear part of an interview with a writer who bought a house in the country. Listen to the interview and complete the notes below, as in the example.				
Li	Listen to the interview and complete	e the notes below, as in the example.		
Li Ex	Listen to the interview and complete Example: The writer usually writes stori	e the notes below, as in the example.		

3	The writer likes four things about France: the people,, the food,				
4	The farmhouse had no running water and no				
5					
10					
	riting: Adding details to a paragraph				
	ead the first part of these paragraphs. Use the notes to add more details.				
Ex	<ul> <li>tample: There are many advantages to life in the country compared to life in a town.</li> <li>one / big / clean / air // air in cities / dirty / because / more cars</li> </ul>				
	another advantage / country life / more space				
	cities / people / buildings / crowd / together				
Г					
	One of the biggest is cleaner air. Because there are more cars, cities are often much				
	dirtier. Another advantage of country life is that there is much more space. In cities				
	people and buildings are crowded together.				
`					
1	Here are the directions to my house.				
	<ul> <li>come / Market Street // left / traffic lights / past / supermarket / right</li> </ul>				
_	our house / number 20 / left, next / library // cannot miss				
2	I enjoy going for walks in the hills.				
	• like / views / reach the top // clear days / see / around				
	enjoy / get / fit / healthy				
	<ul> <li>final / really like / fact / walking / cheap hobby</li> </ul>				
	not pay lot / money / walk / up / hill				

# Practice Test Four

## Section 1



You will have 10 seconds to read each question and the corresponding options. Then listen to the recording. After the recording you will have 10 seconds to choose the correct option. Put a cross (X) in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

į	Example: What is the speaker offering to do?				
	Α	X	to refund a ticket		
	В		to cancel a meeting		
	С		to pay for a hotel		
	10000				
1.		hat is th	he announcement for?		
	Α		a cookery competition		
	В		a gardening competition		
	C		a painting competition		
2.	W	hat is tl	ne woman's opinion of a planned new road?		
	Α		She supports it.		
	В		She is against it.		
	C		She hasn't got strong feelings about it.		
3.	W	ho are t	the speakers talking about?		
	Α		someone who hasn't eaten lunch		
	В		someone who was in a hurry		
	C		someone who pushed into a queue		
4.	Wł	here ar	e the speakers going?		
	Α		to a hospital		
	В		to a farm		
	C		to a park		
5.	W	here ar	e the speakers?		
17.00	Α		in a busy street		
	В	$\overline{\Box}$	in a house in the country		
	С		in a flat by the sea		
	100		an property and the state of the control of the co		

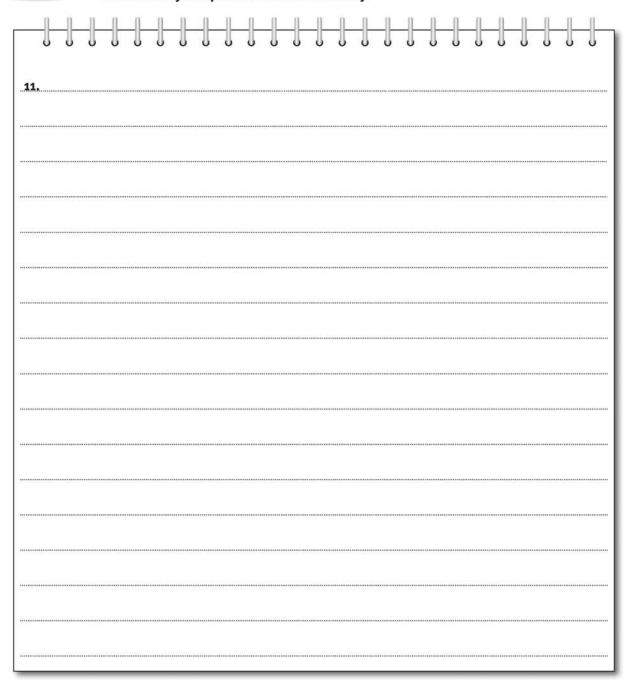
6.	<b>6.</b> Who is asking the questions?		
	Α		a police officer
	В		a bank clerk
	C		a customer
7.	Wh	at spo	ort is the woman going to try?
	Α		skating
	В		ice hockey
	C		skiing
8.	Wh	at is t	he man trying to get?
	Α		some information
	В		an invitation
	C		an apology
9.	Wh	at do	es the speaker want the driver to do?
	Α		attend a technology exhibition
	В		come to a fire exit
	C		move a car
10.	Wh	o is th	ne second speaker?
	Α		a participant in a race
	В		a famous athlete
	C		a sports coach
Te	st T	in	
			you listen to all the text before you choose your answer. For example, in Question o the

 $correct\ answer\ occurs\ right\ at\ the\ end\ of\ the\ message.$ 



You will hear a recording about life in a town in the north of England. Listen to the whole recording once. Then you will hear the recording again with pauses for you to write down what you hear.

Make sure you spell the words correctly.



#### Test Tip

Even if you do not know the meanings of all the words or you cannot remember how to spell them, do not leave them out. Here, you might not know "dull" but the spelling is very regular. You will score for including the word.



You will hear a recorded message. First read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the telephone message. You will hear the recording twice.

E	xample: Hotel name: <u>Redland</u>
12	Caller's surname:
13	Original booking date:
14	Reason for cancellation:
15	Reason for re-booking:
16	Contact the caller by:
_	
(	You will hear part of a broadcast. First read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the broadcast. You will hear the recording twice.
(	complete the notes with information from the broadcast. You will hear the
E	complete the notes with information from the broadcast. You will hear the recording twice.
E 17	complete the notes with information from the broadcast. You will hear the recording twice.  Example: George's hobby: bird watching.
E 17	complete the notes with information from the broadcast. You will hear the recording twice.  Example: George's hobby: bird watching.  George's job:
17 18	complete the notes with information from the broadcast. You will hear the recording twice.  Example: George's hobby: bird watching.  George's job:



Read each text and put a cross (X) by the missing word or phrase, as in the example.

Example:
A beautiful 18th century farmhouse     4 bedrooms, 3 reception rooms, large kitchen Phone 01200 547400 for an appointment now Country and Town Homes
A X For sale
B New Houses
C Flat to rent
22.
Hobbycroft® Toy Bricks:  ☆ Keep kids playing for hours  ☆ Give hours of fun  ☆ Are bright, light and safe  For children of 3 years and
A above
B higher
C beyond
23.
How to use this
Put your card into the slot.
Please enter your personal number on the keypad.
• Press Enter.
Choose the account or the service you want.
Remove your card.
A
A credit card  B bank account
D I Dank account

Lily's Restaurant – Country cooking at its best  MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEAS  Served with cakes and fresh local cream  LUNCH  Today's vegetable soup  Mixed garden salad  Organic chicken and local vegetables  Chef's apple pie	
A farm-raised	
B home-baked	
C undercooked	
25.	
Old family jewellery to get rid of?  Need for that dream holiday?  Come and see us now.  HACKETT GOLD AND SILVER SHOP, STATION ROAD	
A insurance	
A insurance B money	
STATE OF THE STATE	
B money C bookings	
B money	
B money C bookings	
B money C bookings  26.	
B money C bookings  26.  CLUB :  SKATEBOARDERS:  must ride carefully to prevent injuries  must ride on the same side as the traffic	
B money C bookings  26.  CLUB : SKATEBOARDERS:  must ride carefully to prevent injuries must ride on the same side as the traffic mustn't exceed 10km per hour	
B money C bookings  26.  CLUB :  SKATEBOARDERS:  must ride carefully to prevent injuries  must ride on the same side as the traffic	
B money C bookings  26.  CLUB : SKATEBOARDERS:  must ride carefully to prevent injuries must ride on the same side as the traffic mustn't exceed 10km per hour	

## Test Tip

Often this section tests your understanding of the main idea of the text by asking you to complete the title. For example, in Question 26, the answers "equipment" and "members" do not refer to the information in the text, which gives regulations.



Read the passage and complete the sentences below. Put a cross (X) in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

ow a sprightly sixty-nine-year old, Paul Vincent, has been a balloon pilot for the last nineteen years since he quit his job as an accountant at his fiftieth birthday party. Before these jobs, Paul had previously been a professional footballer, a teacher, and briefly, a TV presenter. He told us how he transformed his hobby into a new career:

"When I was very young, I never shared the passion that other little boys often exhibit for the noisy roar of jet plane engines or for dangerous and polluting rockets. I was always fascinated by birds as they soared silently across the sky. Then an aunt gave me a birthday present of a book called *Famous Firsts*. It was a biography of famous pioneers in different fields like medicine, travel and science. A story in it captured my imagination. I read about the Montgolfier brothers and their noble attempts to make the first manned balloon flight.

My first actual balloon flight was in March 1967. At the time I was a footballer at Bristol Rovers. I had a broken ankle, which meant I couldn't play. I was getting bored and restless so the club doctor suggested I take up a hobby. At first I didn't know what to do but then I remembered my childhood interest in ballooning.

Hot-air ballooning was becoming popular in the mid sixties. The design and fabric of modern hot-air balloons had come a long way since the paper and cotton used by the Montgolfier brothers. Synthetic materials such as nylon had just replaced natural materials such as silk. This was the first thing my new balloon instructor told me. It was followed by many more."

	Example: How old is Paul Vincent?			
	Α		19	
	В		50	
	C	X	69	
_				
27.	Но	w mar	y professions has Paul had?	
	Α		two	
	В		three	
	C		five	
28	. Wh	ıy didr	't Paul want to fly planes?	
	Α		They are noisy.	
	В		They cause pollution.	
	C		They are dangerous.	

29.	9. What kind of book was <i>famous firsts?</i>		
	Α		a biography
	В		a travel book
	C		a novel
30.	Wh A B C	y did t	the doctor at Bristol Rovers suggest Paul take up a hobby? Paul had got a broken ankle. Paul was bored and restless. Paul remembered his interest in ballooning.
31.	Wh	en Pa	ul first flew in a balloon, what fabric was the balloon made of?
	Α		nylon
	В		silk
	C		cotton

## Test Tip

Look for the option which says the same thing as the text but uses different words. For example, in Question 28, which word suggests the same meaning as "roar"?



Read the brochure below and answer the questions.

## Spa Breaks in the Lake District

BLACKBAY, ON ULLSWATER LAKE, is a five-star spa resort fifteen kilometres from Penrith. It is a pleasant mixture of old and new styles. The restaurant is located in the historic country house while the gyms and sauna are adjacent to the therapy rooms in a purpose-built annex. From Monday to Friday you can stay for £120 per person per night while for £550, a couple can book a luxury weekend spa. There are reductions for conference bookings longer than a week. Families with two or more children also benefit from special discounts.

**Example:** What is this brochure advertising? spa breaks

2. W	/hat is Blackbay?
3. W	hich building is the sauna in?
	/hat is the cost of a one-night stay at Blackbay during the week for one person?
5. W	/ho can have reduced prices when they stay at Blackbay Inn?

## **Section 6 Continued**



Read the article below and answer the questions.

## A Relaxing Hobby?

Triathlons consist of swimming, cycling and running races one after the other. Professional triathletes fly around the world to compete in different events but for most people, triathlons are a hobby to help them relax or keep fit.

I am a triathlon novice. In addition to last Monday's race in Brighton, I have competed in triathlons twice: once in London last year and again in Canterbury this spring. I have only competed in 'sprint' triathlons in which competitors swim 750m, cycle 20km and complete a 5km cross-country run.

**Example:** Which hobby is described in this article? ...(doing) triathlons.

36.	What means of transport do competitors use in one of the triathlon races?
37.	How many triathlons has the writer taken part in?
38.	Where was the writer's first triathlon?
39.	In each of the triathlons the writer has competed in, how far did she run?



Read the article and complete the sentences that follow. Write no more than three words from the article in each gap.

#### MOVING ADVICE

arry Hargreaves runs a company specialising in removals between city and country areas. These are Garry's tips on making that move from home to college go smoothly: "My first tip is this: you can never start organising your move too soon. Make sure you plan ahead in plenty of time. Moving is a complex business and it is very easy to forget something important.

Get in touch with other rural students currently studying in an urban university. They are an excellent source of information and will be able to tell you about the particular problems they faced when moving.

Many rural students have long journeys to college. It's often cheaper and quicker to use a removal company and complete the move in a single day than to make several trips in the family car.

City life can be noisy and frightening for pets used to a rural environment. Although you'll miss your favourite pets, be kind and leave them in more peaceful surroundings with your parents.

Accommodation in cities is expensive so it's unlikely that you will be able to afford as much space as you are used to in the country. Resist the urge to put too many unnecessary things in the limited space in your room. Only take what is necessary.

As traffic is generally lighter and parking restrictions do not always apply, delivering your possessions on Sundays is usually easier and more convenient than on weekdays or Saturdays.

Finally, keeping a box full of useful things such as tea and coffee close at hand is a good idea. There is nothing worse after packing and unpacking all day to find you cannot make yourself a hot drink."

**Example:** The article gives advice to rural students on moving from home to college.

40.	Organise your move and
41.	An excellent source of information about moving is
42.	Using a removal company for the move can be
43.	It's kinder to leave pets
44.	many things into your accommodation.
45.	Sundays are better than other days for
46.	Pack a box with useful items like



Use information from Section 7 to help you write your answer.

47. You have just read some tips in your college magazine for students moving to university from a home in the country. Write a letter to the editor of the magazine with your own advice about how to make moving to college easier. Write about 70-90 words.

## In your letter you should:

- · Say where and when you moved.
- · Give practical advice about how to make a move go well.

You may refer to ideas from the article but write in your own words.

## Test Tip

Make sure you include information which is relevant to the situation and your audience. You can use your own experience or make it up. The test assesses your language not your opinions.



Choose one of the topics below and write your answer in 100-150 words.

## 48. A) Town or country?

Write an essay on this topic:

Is it better to grow up in the town or in the country? What do you think?

Or

## 48. B) Hotels

Write a review of a hotel you have stayed in recently for a travel blog.

- · Give details about your stay.
- · Summarise the hotel's main feature in a few sentences.
- Would you recommend the hotel to others? Why?/Why not?

Write your answer here. Do not write outside the box.

## Section 10 (1.5 minutes)

In this section you will speak on your own for about a minute. Your teacher/examiner will ask one of the main questions below and ask the follow-up questions if necessary.

Main prompt 1:

• Tell me something about the first school you went to.

Follow-up prompts:

- · Which teacher did you like best? Why?
- What subjects did you study in primary school?
- What is your favourite memory of your primary school?
- · How successful is primary school education in your country?

Main prompt 2:

Tell me about the programmes you enjoy on TV.

Follow-up prompts:

- Tell me about your favourite TV star.
- How much TV do you watch every week?
- Would you like to appear on TV? Why/Why not?
- Is TV a good or a bad influence on young people?

Main prompt 3:

• Tell me about a famous singer you like.

Follow-up prompts:

- Why do some people dislike singing?
- How often do you listen to singing and singers?
- · Which is more important, classical singing or pop music? Why?
- Would you prefer to be a famous singer or a famous footballer? Why?

Main prompt 4:

• Tell me about some things people do to relax outdoors.

Follow-up prompts:

- · What is your favourite outdoor activity?
- Tell me about an outdoor activity you don't enjoy.
- If you had a lot of money, what outdoor activity would you take up?
- Is it better to do outdoor activities alone or to share them with other people?

#### Test Tip

Remember that it is quite natural to pause to think when you are speaking, but don't spend too long thinking or you will waste valuable speaking time.

# Section 11 (2 minutes)

In this section you will discuss something with your teacher/examiner.

Do you think it is a good idea to celebrate something with fireworks?

## What do you think?

For fireworks:

Your teacher/examiner will use the following arguments to take an opposing view to yours.

· It's an exciting way to celebrate.

• You can be outside with lots of other people.

	<ul><li>It's a good way to entertain children and adults together.</li><li>Fireworks are usually very beautiful.</li></ul>
Against fireworks:	They can be very dangerous.
	<ul> <li>They are a waste of money – we could spend the money in a better way.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>There's a lot of rubbish afterwards.</li> </ul>
	They make the air dirty.

# Section 12 (1.5 minutes)

In this section you will talk about the picture for up to 1 minute. Tell your teacher/examiner what you can see in the picture.



Your teacher/examiner will now ask this follow-up question.

Would you like to live in a house like this? (Why?)

## Test Tip

Remember to spend a reasonable amount of time describing the whole picture. Do not spend too long describing one small feature and leave no time to describe everything.

# Section 13 (2 minutes)

In this section you will take part in a role play. Your teacher/examiner will explain the situation.

#### TEST TAKER'S CARD

You see an advertisement for a flat that is near your work. You phone Mr Cole, the landlord, to make an appointment to see it. The examiner is the landlord.

- Ask to speak to Mr Cole.
- · Say why you are calling.
- · Suggest a time on Friday.
- · Express disappointment and suggest another day and time.
- · Arrange to meet at the flat.

# Your teacher/examiner is the landlord. Below is a sample script that your teacher/examiner may use.

Ready? I'll start.

Hello. Can I help you?

Yes, David Cole speaking.

Right, well, when would you like to see it?

Next Friday? I'm sorry. I'm away on business then.

On (repeat day and time) Yes, that sounds OK.

Fine, I'll see you there next (repeat day).

That is the end of the test.

#### Test Tip

You are not being tested on how well you can act. However, good intonation, tone of voice and language appropriate to the situation will help your overall mark.

# Unit Five

The themes for this unit are: manufacturing/emotions/entertainment/shopping

# **Vocabulary and Grammar**

## **Vocabulary 1: Words connected with making things**

Complete the sentences below with the correct words in the box, as in the example.

	actory mine construction plant robots union
p	roducts industry manufacturer pollution canteen
Ex	ample: A lot of jobs were lost when the local cementfactory closed.
1	A is a big hole underground from which minerals like coal are taken out.
2	Hussein works for a large company that manufactures a variety ofproducts
3	has a similar meaning to the word 'building'.
4	Ais another name for a building where industrial processes take place.
5	describes the process of producing goods, especially in factories.
6	Ais an organisation which represents the interests of its members.
7	Many industrial processes can result in air or water <u>pollution</u> .
8	A staff is a place where workers can buy cooked food in a factory.
9	An organisation or company that makes goods is called a <u>manufacturer</u> .
10	are automatic machines which do some industrial jobs that people once did.
V	ocabulary 2: Phrasal verbs
	atch the correct phrasal verb in the box below to the underlined section of the following ntences, as in the example.
p	ass on get on well clear away pick up set up take off
t	ake up get back to take part in get over <del>look out</del>
Ex	ample: Rory! Be careful! Look out! There's a car coming.

1	Anna and Paul have a good relationship	with their grandparents.
2	When did you start playing	badminton? You play very well.
3	Jill was good at languages. She <u>learned</u>	German in a year.
4	Laura, did you givet	he details of that cheap hotel to your sister?
5	I didn't have time to remove	the dirty cups before my guests arrived.
6	Mick wanted to participate in	the race but he was too busy.
7	Pete's mother wants you to return her call	her about the party.
8	When Catherine left university she started	l her own company.
9	John took a long time to recover from	his injuries from the accident.
10	Mark was hot in the cinema so he decided	to <u>remove</u> his jacket.

# Vocabulary 3: Odd word out

Underline the adjective in each group which does not have the same general meaning, as in the example.

Example: large	huge	friendly	big
unhappy	displeased	sad	pleasant
2 rare	average	typical	usual
3 far-off	bright	foreign	overseas
4 content	frightened	terrified	afraid
5 uncomplicated	simple	confused	basic
6 rude	dull	impolite	disrespectful
7 peaceful	quiet	tranquil	complex
8 luxurious	grand	sympathetic	five-star
9 confident	positive	certain	general
10 excessive	standard	average	normal

# **Vocabulary 4: Compound words**

Put together a word from each box to form a new word or phrase, then use them to complete the sentences, as in the example.

(Example:) DIY	store	DIY store	
popular	centre		
driving	dress		
pop	ceremony		
kitchen	canteen		
wedding	concert		
staff	unit		
marriage	brand		
recycling	licence		

E)	<b>Example:</b> Max went to the <u>DIY store</u> to get some wood to make shelves for his books.		
L	There is a good	at our factory where we can have lunch.	
2	The	for Emma's wedding was in an old castle.	
3	Emma wore a beautiful	which her sister designed for her.	
4	Paul installed the	which he and his wife had bought.	
5	When Sue bought a new sofa,	she took her old one to the local	
6	The sports shop sold most	of trainers and jogging shorts.	
7	Most	take place in the summer when the weather's warmer.	
8	In Britain you cannot apply for	auntil you are seventeen years old	

# **Grammar 1: Superlative adjectives and adverbs**

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets, as in the example.

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E	kample: The waiter told us a story about the rudest customer he had ever served. (rude)
1	place in the capital is at the Grand Hotel. (nice)
2	The fastest drivers are not the drivers who drive (safe)
3	students frequently get the best results in their tests. (attentive)
4	Biology was course at my university. (disappointing)
5	After our long walk I had one of night's sleep of my life. (good)
6	My uncle was one of people I ever met. (clever)
7	Of all my friends' flats, Allan's waslocated in the centre of the town. (convenient)
8	The worker who worked received money at the end of the
	month. (productive)
G	rammar 2: Future continuous and future simple
	ircle the correct tense in each sentence, as in the example.
E	kample: How long (will you stay/will you be staying) at your house in Italy this year?
1	Have a nice holiday. We (will think/will be thinking) of you.
2	It's three o'clock! George and Kate (will lie/will be lying) on the beach by now.
3	If the weather is wet this afternoon, we (will watch/will be watching) a film.
4	I feel a bit unwell. I think I (will sit/will be sitting) down for a few minutes.
5	When we are doing our test, Max (will land/will be landing) in Moscow.
6	It's a long way to the lake so you (will need/will be needing) to take a bus.
7	This time on Saturday John (will play/will be playing) in the tennis final.
8	There are engineering works tomorrow. No trains (will run/will be running).
9	I hope you (will phone/will be phoning) every day when you are away.
10	It's very late. Liz's children (will sleep/will be sleeping) when we get there.
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G	rammar 3: The present perfect continuous and past simple
P	ut the verb in brackets into the correct tense, as in the example.
E	kample: Sanjiv has been playing (play) the guitar for the last three years.
1	Paul and Glen (wait) at the check-in queue since 5.30.
2	I have been living in Manchester since I (start) my course in June.
	Luke (clean) his room for the last hour.
4	I
5	Jane first(watch) the series two years ago.

6	Andy looks tired. He(go out) a lot recently.				
	This book is great. I (read) it all morning.				
	Dave isn't hungry. He (eat) lunch at twelve.				
	Katy (learn) Turkish for only a month but already she can say				
,	quite a lot.				
10	We (look for) a new flat for ages and yesterday we found one.				
L	anguage skills				
0	Listening 1: People talking				
Li	sten to some people talking and answer the questions, as in the example.				
Ex	ample: What does he want to do? <u>to finish a shirt</u>				
1	What does she want to do?				
2	What do they want to do?				
3	Where are they?				
	What does the man want to buy?				
5	Where are they?				
6	Listening 2. Taking notes				
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	sten to part of a radio programme and complete the notes. Read the questions carefully				
be	fore you listen. Write a word or a short phrase for each note. When you have finished,				
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## Listening and speaking: Discussion

Look at this picture and discuss the questions below. Read the questions and make notes of possible answers before you begin.



- 1 What kind of activity is taking place in the picture?
- 2 Would you like to take part? Why?/Why not?
- 3 What carnivals or festivals do you have in your country?
- 4 What is your favourite family celebration and how do you celebrate it?
- 5 Describe an unusual or strange festival or celebration that you have been to.

You are going to listen to an interview in which the speaker describes a festival. Listen to the interview and answer the questions.

Example: When did the man go to an unusual festival? twenty years ago

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1	What's the name of the festival?
2	When is the festival?
3	What happens during the festival?
4	Where is Chiang Mai?
5	Why is Chiang Mai a good place for the festival?
6	Why did the man go to hospital?

## Writing 1: Adding details to a paragraph

Read the first part of these paragraphs. Use the notes to add three more sentences, as in the example.

**Example:** I saw Lenard Williams at a concert recently. It was fantastic.

- sing latest songs / beautiful words and music
- tickets cheap / friendly crowd
- supporting band good / whole evening fun

20	Lenard sang his latest songs which have beautiful words and music. The tickets to the
	concert were cheap and there was a friendly crowd. There was a good supporting band
5	and the whole evening was fun.
1	I went to see the new James Bland film. I liked it a lot.
	<ul> <li>story / entertaining / easy to understand</li> </ul>
	actors / brilliant / speak clearly
	<ul> <li>action in film / exciting / special effects excellent</li> </ul>

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- 2 I went on a tour of a car factory last summer. It was a very interesting experience.
  - factory very modern / clean and quiet / few people
  - enjoy / watch robots / paint car bodies / quick and independent
  - learn / lot of new things / visit / how cars are made / about work in a factory

## Writing 2: Replying to a letter asking for advice

Read this email to an online advice blog.

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Dear Advice Line,

My mum started a new job last year. We moved to a new house to be nearer her work. Because of this, I had to change schools. Before we moved I was very happy in my old school. I had lots of friends and I was doing well with my school work. Since I changed schools I have been feeling lonely and I haven't been doing well in my lessons because everything is new. What am I doing wrong? Stella

## Now write a short reply to Stella. Use these notes to help.

- Show that you understand Stella's problems and be sympathetic.
- · Explain that they are natural and not her fault.
- · Advise her what to do.

# Practice Test Five

## Section 1



You will have 10 seconds to read each question and the corresponding options. Then listen to the recording. After the recording you will have 10 seconds to choose the correct option. Put a cross (X) in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

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1	Example: What is the woman doing?				
	asking for tea				
	X	offer	ring to make tea		
		desc	cribing how to make tea		
1.	Wh	at are	the speakers going to make tonight?		
	Α		Chinese food		
	В		Indian food		
	C		Italian food		
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2.		iere is	the speaker?		
	A		in a factory		
	В		in a restaurant		
	C		in a tourist office		
3.	Wh	at are	the speakers complaining about?		
	Α		the quality of clothes		
	В		the price of clothes		
	C		the style of clothes		
4.	Wh	at is t	he man's job?		
	Α	П	a musician		
	В		an actor		
	C		a dancer		
5.		ere ar	e the speakers?		
	Α		in a restaurant		
	В		at home		
	C		in a cinema		

6	. Wh	at is c	opposite the bowling centre?
	Α		a supermarket
	В		a park
	C		a car park
7	. Wh	at is t	he relationship between the speakers?
	Α		husband and wife
	В		brother and sister
	C		colleagues
8	. Ho	w doe	s the man feel?
	Α		disappointed
	В		sad
	C		bored
9	. Wh	nere ar	re the speakers?
	Α		in a hospital
	В		in a car
	C		at the doctor's
1	<b>o.</b> Ho	w doe	s the speaker feel?
	Α		surprised
	В		annoyed
	C		sorry
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Questions in this section can focus on where a conversation is taking place. For example, in Question 2 there are cues (production area, production manager, staff canteen, all our products) which identify that this is a factory.



You will hear a recording about a new factory. Listen to the whole recording once. Then you will hear the recording again with pauses for you to write down what you hear.

Make sure you spell the words correctly.

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You will hear part of a broadcast programme. First read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the programme. You will hear the recording twice.

Example: Name of presenter: <u>Dalía Shalabí</u>								
12 Programme:								
3 Alternative to chicken:								
14 Difficulty of dish:								
15 Preparation time:								
16 Vegetables needed:								
You will hear a recorded message. First read the notes below then listen and complete the notes with information from the telephone message. You will hear the recording twice.								
Example: Name of caller:jill_								
17 Day of lesson:								
18 Reason for cancellation:								
19 Jill's hobby:								
20 Jill's second present for her mother:								
21 Jill's new mobile:								
<b>Test Tip</b> Most of the information you need will have cues. These may be the same words, synonyms or opposite words to those in the text. For example:								

In Questions 12 and 13, the cue is the same phrase as in the text. In Question 14, the cue is the opposite phrase as in the text..

In Question 16, the cue is a more general phrase for "vegetables needed."



Read each text and put a cross (X) by the missing word or phrase, as in the example.

Example:
Danger!in progress  No unauthorised access.  Safety helmets must be worn at all times.
A X Building B
22.
? Unattached?  Let Together At Last help you to find your perfect partner.  Visit our website and register online.  What are you waiting for? That special person is just a click away.
A Solitary B Individual C Single
23.
8pm Thursday, 24 May, Bolton Empire  WORLD-FAMOUS COMEDY STAR  Bill Noble  on his Still Alive World Tour  "The audience cried with" Daily Sketch  "Great fun, great timing, great lines" London Independent
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24.
PAPER MODELS FOR BEGINNERS  3: Jumping Frog  1 Use a sheet of A4 paper.
<ul><li>2 Turn the short of the paper to face you.</li><li>3 Fold the paper in half.</li></ul>
A sheet B side
C length
25.
LONDON MUSIC ACADEMY 13 <sup>th</sup> July 12.30 to 13.30
Lunch time
London Violin Orchestra presents:  3 <sup>rd</sup> String Quartet in D by Johann Sebastian Bach Sea Songs and Dances by Thomas Telford
Tickets: £20 including refreshments
A concert C play
26.
Miranda Hopkins, Life Coach  "Hi, I run life coaching sessions. Can help you to create a life. Release your potential. Overcome anxiety and stress. Be happier."  Call 01224 689332 today for a free consultation.
A _ confident
B ambitious C successful
Test Tip

Remember to think carefully about the purpose and content of the text. In Question 25, the text is about music. The incorrect options "play" and "exhibition" are related to different types of art.



Read the passage and complete the sentences below. Put a cross (X) in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

## Kitchen Units Survey

Many contributors to <u>homemade.com</u> have complained about kitchen units supplied by large Do-It-Yourself stores. We teamed up with our sister magazine *Make It!* and we commissioned a survey to look into our readers' complaints.

#### What we did

We bought and installed popular brands of kitchen units in the kitchens of some of our readers. We tested the following units from major high-street shops: Baseplay<sup>TM</sup> from B and F, Excellence<sup>TM</sup> from Homemakers, Carapace<sup>TM</sup> from DI Shops and Truefit<sup>TM</sup> from Travis Stores.

### Prices

In terms of price, the Carapace range is the most costly. Excellence units are notably less expensive. Both Baseplay and Truefit are also cheaper. Truefit has the lowest-priced worktop and doors but Baseplay is the most economical model overall.

### Instructions

Instructions for self-assembly units should be clear. In many cases they weren't. The most widespread complaint concerned the diagrams accompanying the instructions. They were often badly drawn. Other complaints were about instructions that were in the wrong sequence and complicated, or confusing names for different parts of the units.

### Poor service

Many readers were dissatisfied with the standard of customer service they received. The most heavily criticised shop was Travis Stores. Managers routinely refused requests for refunds and staff were frequently rude or aggressive. In one instance a store assistant threatened to call the police when a customer wanted to return her kitchen unit.

### Assembly Time

We asked readers how long it took to assemble these kitchen units. We were surprised by the variety of answers. The fastest assembly, by a professional fitter, was thirty-five minutes and the longest – over fifteen hours. When we assembled the units, it took an average of two hours and ten minutes, twenty minutes quicker than most people's average time of two and a half hours.

	Exa	mple:	Which organisations wrote this report?
	A		homemade.com and Do-it-Yourself stores
	В		Do-it-Yourself stores and Make It!
	c	X	Make It! and homemade.com
			make it. and <u>itememade.com</u>
27.	Hov	v man	y high street shops are covered in this survey?
•	Α		four
	В	$\overline{\Box}$	six
	c		eight
28.	Wh	ich is t	the cheapest range?
	Α		Trueform
	В		Baseplay
	C		Excellence
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29.		at was	the major complaint about assembly instructions?
	Α _		diagrams that were badly drawn
	В		complicated and confusing names
	C		instructions in the wrong sequence
30.	Wh	y did a	an assistant threaten to call the police?
157.7	Α		A customer was rude and aggressive.
	В	$\Box$	A customer wanted to return a kitchen unit.
	c		A customer asked for a refund.
31.	Hov	v long	was the average time to assemble these kitchen units?
	Α		thirty-five minutes
	В		two hours five minutes
	C		two hours thirty minutes

### Test Tip

Some answers might have the same words as the text. Check very carefully. For example, in Question 30, option A mentions "rude and aggressive" but is this why the assistant threatened to call the police?



### Read the newspaper article below and answer the questions.

RESIDENTS OF WEELEY are angry at the council's decision to allow a pop concert in the village next summer.

The event will attract between fifty and a hundred thousand fans which John Devlin, leader of the organising committee, says will be great for local businesses. "They will be able to sell large amounts of food, drink and other items," he said yesterday.

However, villagers believe that Weeley will become a rubbish dump again, as it did twenty years ago, the last (and only) time it held a pop concert. The villagers are planning a meeting to try to change the decision.

**Example:** How do Weeley residents feel about the concert?

angry.

35. What do the villagers want to do?

32. What will be the minimum number of people at the event?

33. Who will benefit from the concert?

44. How many pop concerts has Weeley had so far?

## **Section 6 Continued**



### Read the magazine article below and answer the questions.

We asked readers to email us about the happiest day of their lives.

There were thousands of replies.

This one is from housewife Angela Lawson, who previously worked as a fashion designer:

It wasn't my wedding day. I just felt relieved then. No, for me it was the day I met my husband, John.

I was in a restaurant when John walked in. It was quite busy so he sat next to me. We really got on well and after lunch John bought me a present, a lottery ticket, and I won £100,000. October 12 th 1977 was the happiest day of my life!

**Example:** How many readers sent emails to the magazine? ...thousands...

What was Angela's job before?
How did Angela feel on the day she got married?
Why did John sit next to Angela?
What did John give Angela?



Read the article below and complete the notes that follow. Write no more than three words from the article in each gap.

### How to meet people while living abroad

WHEN YOU GO ABROAD TO LIVE, your daily life is likely to be quite different from your life in your own country. You may also find it difficult to get to know new people and feel a little 'on your own'.

You will feel more comfortable about lifestyle changes if you are open-minded about them, live as the local people do and take steps to get to know your host country and its people better.

Some knowledge of the local language is vital if you want to feel more a part of the community. If the local language is new to you, ask language schools about their beginners' courses. Doing one will help you survive and make new friends. After a few weeks, you'll feel confident enough to speak to your neighbours and other people you meet in the street. Don't forget, communication is possible even if you only know a little of a language and the people you talk to will be pleased that you have tried to speak to them in their own language.

And when you know enough of the local language, invite your neighbours to your house and cook a meal for them. They are sure to enjoy it and will probably invite you to their homes too.

Finally, the library is an excellent place to find out about events in the local area. Library notice boards are full of advertisements for events you can go to.

And remember to go out and socialise. If you are always indoors in front of the television, it's not easy to meet people.

**Example:** The article gives advice on meeting people while living abroad.

40.	You should expect changes in your	•
41.	Be open-minded about	•
42.	If you don't speak the language, find out about	
43.	A basic knowledge of a language is enough for	•
44.	Ask your neighbours to your house for	٠
45.	For information about local events go to the	•
46.	You can't meet people by staying <u>indoors</u>	•



Use information from Section 7 to help you write your answer.

47. You have just read an article advising people how to meet people while living abroad. Write an email giving advice about meeting new people to a friend who is going to move to your country to study. Write 70-90 words.

You may refer to the ideas from the article, but write in your own words.

Write your answer here. Do not write outside the box.

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Choose one of the topics below and write your answer in 100-150 words.

### 48. A) Work

### Write an essay on this topic:

Is it better to work in a factory or in an office? What do you think?

Or

### 48. B) Pop music

Write a review for a pop music blog of a concert by a singer or group you have seen recently.

- Say which concert you attended and where and when you went there.
- Give a brief description of the music and the singer or group performing.
- Say why you would or would not recommend a concert by this singer or group to a friend.

Write your answer here. Do not write outside the box.

## Section 10 (1.5 minutes)

In this section you will speak on your own for about a minute. Your teacher/examiner will ask one of the main questions below and ask the follow-up questions if necessary.

Main prompt 1:

• Tell me about the after school activities at your school.

Follow-up prompts:

- What activities do you take part in after school?
- How long ago did you start doing that activity?
- Why did you choose to do it?
- What do you have to do if you want to take part in an after school activity?

Main prompt 2:

· What are your parents' favourite possessions?

Follow-up prompts:

- Why does your mum/dad like it?
- · How long has your mum/dad had it?
- What do you think of your parents' favourite possessions?
- If you could have one of your mum's/dad's possessions, what would it be?

Main prompt 3:

• What sports can you watch on television in your country?

Follow-up prompts

- How often do you watch sport on television?
- When was the last time you watched sport on television?
- Do you agree that they show too much sport on television?
- · Would you rather watch sport on television or live in a stadium?

Main prompt 4:

• Tell me about a musical instrument you can play or would like to play.

Follow-up prompts

- How long have you been able to play it?
- What do you think is the most difficult instrument to learn?
- Do you need to read music to play an instrument?
- If you could learn another instrument, what would it be?

### Test Tip

Don't worry if your examiner only asks you one or two questions. This probably means that you are speaking confidently at length about the topic.

## Section 11 (2 minutes)

In this section you will discuss something with your teacher/examiner.

Reading books is an old-fashioned way of reading. We should use computers.

### What do you think?

Your teacher/examiner will use the following arguments to take an opposing view to yours.

### For books:

- People love books. We want to keep them.
- We have had books for centuries. They have proved their importance.
- · Books are cheap and easy to carry around.
- Books don't use electricity or require an Internet connection and don't break down.

### Against books:

- You can use a book for one purpose. Computers have many uses.
- Books need a lot of space. You can keep hundreds of books on one small computer.
- · Information in books gets out of date very quickly.
- The information on computers is updated every day.

### Test Tip

Listen to the replies the examiner gives. This may help you think of additional ideas and points to make.

## Section 12 (1.5 minutes)

In this section you will talk about the picture for up to 1 minute. Tell your teacher/examiner what you can see in the picture.



Your teacher/examiner will now ask the follow-up question.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of buying food from places like this?

### Test Tip

The second question the examiner asks you is as important as the first. Make sure you give it your full attention.

## Section 13 (2 minutes)

In this section you will take part in a role play. Your teacher/examiner will explain the situation.

### TEST TAKER'S CARD

You are a customer at a tourist market. You are looking for a T-shirt as a souvenir of your trip.

- · Greet the stall holder. Say what you are looking for.
- · Say you don't like them. Explain why. Ask to see different ones.
- · Make a favourable comment. Give a size and ask about cost.
- · Complain. Offer a lower price.
- · Thanks and pay.

You are in a tourist market. Your teacher/examiner is a seller at a clothes stall. Below is a sample script that your teacher/examiner may use.

Ready? I'll start.

Hello. Can I help you?

Well, we have some nice T-shirts here. They would make a nice souvenir.

There are some different T-shirts over here. I'll get them.

Yes, we have them in (large). They cost four pounds.

(Three) pounds? Yes, all right, I can let you have it for three.

Thanks. Hope to see you again.

That is the end of the test.

### Test Tip

There may be some disagreement in the situation such as turning down an offer or complaining about poor service, but you are expected to use appropriate language for the context.

# Writing guide

### Introduction

## Writing tasks in the Pearson Test of English General

In the Pearson Test of English General test, there are two sections to assess your writing.

### Section 8

In Section 8 you are asked to write a piece of correspondence. This may be a letter, an email or another form of electronic communication such as a contribution to a web page.

What you have to write will always be a response to the text you have read in Section 7. For example, you may be asked to respond to a newspaper story by writing a letter to the newspaper. You will need to refer to the text in the previous section, usually by summarising the main idea and/or commenting on it. In either case, you should use your own words as far as possible, not simply copy parts of the original text. You will probably also need to say how the ideas in the text relate to your own opinions or experience. Exactly what you need to include is indicated by the bullet points in the instructions. The word limit in this section is 70-90 words. This is quite a small number so it is important that you don't waste words.

### Section 9

This section is a free writing task in which you will need to draw on your own experience to describe, analyse, explain, give an opinion about or express reasons for something. What you are asked to write can take various forms. It may be something factual (for example, a blog entry or article) or something critical or analytical (for example, an essay, review or report).

There will be a choice of two tasks. The topics will be related to two of the themes of the test so there may be ideas in other sections, but again you should use your own words. The word limit is 100-150 words.

### General advice

There are specific tips in the relevant test sections of this book. Below are some more general pieces of advice relating to writing in general and in the Pearson Test of English General test.

- Always be aware of the reader, the person or people that you are writing for. This will have an effect on both the content (what you write) and the style (how you write). Generally speaking, an informal style (similar to what you would use when speaking) is best for letters and emails to friends, and for lighthearted articles, while a semi-formal or neutral style is better for more serious articles or essays. It is very unlikely that you will have to write something in a very formal style.
- Show the examiner what you know, not what you don't know. If you're not sure how to say something in English, either say it in a different way or say something else.
- Before you do the test, don't try to learn large sections and long phrases, for example introductions, and try to fit them into your writing, whatever the topic. This often looks unnatural and is usually easy for the examiner to notice. It is often a waste of words as well: if you use a lot of words on "decoration", you might find you don't have enough words to get your real message across.
- Make a short plan of what you want to write. In this way your writing will be clearer and better organised. Use paragraphs to organise your writing. The text should be divided into three parts: an introduction, the body of the text and a conclusion. Linking words and phrases will also help you do this, but if the writing is well organised, it is probably enough to have two or three basic words or phrases for various purposes. For example use and, also and in addition to add extra information or but, whereas and however to show contrast. The most important thing is that you understand how to use them.
- When you have finished writing, check what you have written for mistakes, especially "silly" mistakes – the kind you make under pressure. Try to be aware of the kinds of mistake you tend to make frequently.
- Your writing will be marked for how well it performs the task as well as for the language, so make sure you cover all the points required by the question and bullet points.

### Letters to magazines or newspapers

### Model answer

You have read a review of a new CD in 'High Notes', a music magazine and you do not agree with what it says. Write a letter to the music magazine explaining your opinion of the review. Write about 70-90 words.

In "real life", there are rules Start by saying why you are ➤ Dear High Notes, or conventions about how writing. This first sentence is a very useful way of beginning to address the person or I want to complain about most formal or neutral letters magazine you are writing to but in the PTE-G tests only the because you can simply your review of Lilly Aspen's main body of what you write replace the verb complain is assessed. with another one that new CD, "Dreams". explains what you want to do, for example, enquire/ask Use this word to introduce the -> Firstly, there are mistakes in (about), tell/inform/explain or first of two or more points you give my opinion. the review. For example, you want to make (in this letter there are only two). say there are only three new songs, but there are five. but is a useful way to contrast → More importantly, however, This phrase shows that two things in the same you are moving on to your sentence. Often, simple the review suggests that few main point. It is often more connectors like but, and or effective to make your less fans will like the CD. That's so are all you need to state a important points first and point clearly and effectively. wrong! Everyone I talk to keep the main point till last. thinks it is great. This phrase, and other more -> In short, your readers formal ones like In summary should ignore what you say. To sum up and In conclusion, should be used to summarize "Dreams" is Lily's best CD what you have already stated or suggested. in years. As with opening salutations, there are rules about "signing off" but these are not [85 words] assessed in the PTE-G exam.

### **Practice**

- 1 On a web page about the area where you live you find an article that you think has wrong information about your town. Write a reply to the web page to complain about the article and suggest corrections. Write about 70-90 words.
- 2 You read an article in a newspaper that suggests young people nowadays are lazy and rude. Write a response to the newspaper to disagree with this view. Give reasons to support your opinion. Write about 70-90 words.

## Emails and other forms of electronic communication Model answer

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You read a posting on a website arguing that pet dogs are a nuisance and danger to the public. The website asks readers to contribute their opinion. Write your contribution in about 70-90 words.

At the beginning of any kind of correspondence, always ask yourself what the reader needs to know, for example who you are, why you are writing or what you are writing about. In this context, all of these things are already clear so you can get straight to the point.

After conceding a point, state your own argument, linking it to the previous statement with words like though or however (if it's a new sentence) or but (if it's in the same sentence).

This is called a rhetorical question. It is asked to make a point rather than find out information so it doesn't expect an answer. Questions like this are typical in spoken arguments and they can also be used in written contexts like this because the style here is quite informal.

opinion of dogs. Of course dogs can be annoying or dangerous if their owners do not control them.

However, we can easily solve these problems through proper training of dogs and their owners.

The main point is dogs bring great benefits. Dogs improve the health of their owners because they provide natural opportunities for exercise. Dogs also guard

homes and protect owners. Most

a friend and companion for life.

> It is any wonder, then, that dog

than other people? [95 words]

importantly dogs offer their owners

owners are happier and live longer

When arguing a point, it is an effective strategy to concede (partially accept) a point from the opposite argument before making your own point. Useful words/phrases for introducing this kind of concession include Obviously and, as here, Of course.

In this kind of correspondence, there is no need to introduce your opinion with phrases like *In my opinion* or *From my point of view*. It is understood that the whole point of what you are writing is to give your opinion, so using phrases like this is simply a waste of words.

When presenting a point of view for or against something, it is important to give clear and effective reasons to support your views.

The word total of 90 words is the maximum number but the instructions ask you to write <u>about</u> 70-90 words. If your answer is 5 or even 10 words too long, there won't be any penalty. Get an idea of what 90 words looks like in your handwriting and if your answer in the test looks about right, don't waste time counting the words.

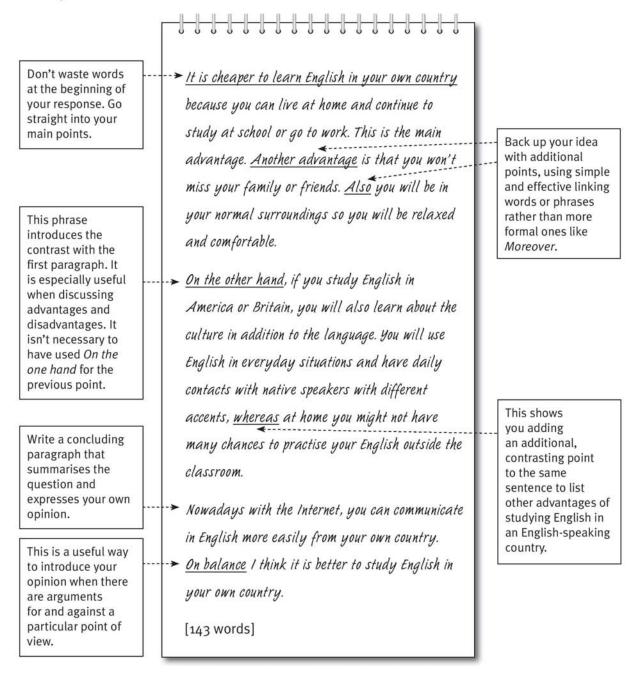
### **Practice**

- 1 You read a news story about the government giving money to support a local sports club. Write an email to the newspaper's website giving your opinion on whether or not this is a good use of public money. Write about 70-90 words.
- 2 You read an article on a website saying that reading a book is always better than watching a film of the same story. The website asks readers if they agree with this opinion and to give reasons why or why not. Write your contribution in about 70-90 words.

### **Essays**

### Model answer

You have been asked to write an essay in answer to the following question. What are the advantages and disadvantages of learning English in your own country? Write 90-120 words.



### **Practice**

Write an essay in answer to the following questions.

- 1 Do you think all students should have to stay on at school until they are 18? Why/why not?
- 2 How does the Internet impact on your life?

### **Articles**

### Model answer

You see this advertisement in an English language magazine and decide to write an article to enter the competition.

### SUMMER COMPETITION

Write an article about healthy eating.

We'll publish the best 5.

Great prizes!!!!!

Articles usually have a title or a heading to attract the reader's attention. Including one will make your article look more realistic.

The first sentence is important to attract the reader's attention. You can do this in different ways such as stating the topic quickly, simply and clearly, asking the reader a direct question or giving an interesting quotation.

It is important to decide what the aim of your article is, for example to explain, to advise, to persuade, to inform or to entertain. From the title of this article, the purpose is to persuade readers as well as inform them. The organisation and the style of the article try to reinforce these purposes.

## A balance is what you need!

Nowadays, many young people eat food which is not healthy. We all love junk food but we can have too much of it. The key to a better diet is balance. According to experts, we should eat at least five portions of fruit and vegetables a day to balance unhealthy food like burgers and fries. This will help us to avoid health problems such as heart disease. Fruit and vegetables are quite low in calories and there is so much variety to choose from. If you don't like apples, have a banana instead! Simple! So, enjoy your burger but maybe once a week, not every day. My top tips for a balanced diet are:

Remember the five a day rule.

- · Cut out or cut down on unhealthy foods.
- Have three good meals a day.
- · Snack on fruit, not on chocolate.
- Exercise to use calories.
- ➤ Enjoy your food!

[157 words]

The writer is putting himself or herself in the same position as the readers, to try and get the message of the article across.

Where possible include brief and relevant examples. These strengthen the arguments you are making.

The style of writing here is quite informal or even quite conversational. This is common in articles, which often address the reader personally, but it depends on the subject and where the article will be printed.

Unlike other pieces of writing, articles often contain headings, subheadings, lists or bullet points.

### **Practice**

1 You see this advertisement in an English language magazine and decide to write an article and enter the competition.

### Win a weekend break

Tell us about a city you would like to visit for a weekend break and why.

If you win the competition, you may get the chance for your dream to come true.

Good Luck!

2 You see this notice in your college magazine and decide to write an article.

"How to live cheaply as a student"

We want to print articles for next term's magazine to help new students coming to the college.
Tell us about your experiences so we can pass them on to help others.

# Glossary

## **Unit One**

adverse (adj) not good or favourable; that makes it difficult for something to happen

arduous (adj) involving a lot of strength or effort

ATM (n) Automated Teller Machine – a machine outside a bank that you use to get money from your account

available (adj) able to be used or can easily be bought or found

babysit (v) to take care of children while their parents are away for a short time

**basketball** (n) a game played indoors between two teams of five players, in which each team tries to win points by throwing a ball through a net

blood pressure (n) the force with which blood travels through your body

**book** (v) to make arrangements to stay in a place, eat in a restaurant, go to a theatre, etc. in the future

breakdown (n) an occasion when a car or a piece of machinery breaks and stops working

breathless (adj) having difficulty breathing because you are very tired, excited or frightened

brochure (n) a thin book giving information or advertising something

burn down (phr v) if a building burns down or is burned down, it is destroyed by fire

**cancellation** (n) a decision that an event that was planned will not happen; a decision to end an agreement or arrangement that you have with someone

**cash machine** (n) a machine in or outside a bank, supermarket, or other public building from which you can obtain money with a special plastic card

chat (v) to talk in a friendly, informal way, especially about things that are not important

**cover** (n) the protection insurance gives you, so that it pays you money if you are injured, something is stolen, etc.

cruise ship (n) a large ship with bars, restaurants, etc. that people have holidays on

**currency** (n) the system or type of money that a country uses

deal with (phr v) to take the necessary action, especially in order to solve a problem

donate (v) to give something, often money, to a person or an organization in order to help them

**double** (v) to make something twice as big or twice as much

draw (v) to finish without either side winning in a game such as football

**drop** (v) to decide not to include someone or something

earthquake (n) a sudden shaking of the Earth's surface that often causes a lot of damage

embark on (phr v) to start something, especially something new, difficult or exciting

enhance (v) to improve something

fall over (phr v) to fall onto the ground or to fall from an upright position

fit (adj) someone who is fit is strong and healthy, especially because they exercise regularly

**fit** (v) if a piece of clothing fits you, it is the right size for your body

fitness (n) when you are healthy and strong enough to do hard work or play sports

foot passenger (n) a passenger on a ship who has not brought a car with them

**frustrating** (adj) making you feel annoyed, upset or impatient, because you cannot control a situation, or achieve something

get worse (v phr) to become more unpleasant, bad or severe

**give up** (phr v) to stop doing something, especially something that you do regularly; to stop trying to do something

go wrong (v phr) to make a mistake during a process so that you do not get the right result graduation (n) the time when you complete a university degree course or your education at an American high school

hang around (phr v) to wait or spend time somewhere, doing nothing

heartbeat (n) the action or sound of your heart as it pumps blood through your body

homework (n) work that a student at school is asked to do at home

**hooligan** (n) a noisy, violent person who causes trouble by fighting, etc.

**housework** (n) work that you do to take care of a house, for example washing, cleaning, etc.

junction (n) a place where one road, track, etc, joins another

leisure (n) time when you are not working or studying and can relax and do things you enjoy

**look after** (phr v) to take care of someone by helping them, giving them what they need, or keeping them safe

look up (phr v) if a situation is looking up, it is improving

make up (phr v) to produce a new story, song, plan, etc. by thinking

manage (v) to succeed in doing something difficult, especially after trying very hard

pack (v) to put things into cases, bags, etc. ready for a trip somewhere

painkiller (n) a medicine which removes or reduces pain

**pass on** (phr v) to give someone something, especially a piece of information or a disease that someone else has given to you

**pavilion** (n) a building besides a sports field, especially a cricket field, used by the players and the people watching the game

**pick up** (phr v) to listen to telephone messages that have been received on your answering machine

**playground** (n) an area for children to play, especially at a school or in a park, that often has special equipment for climbing on, riding on, etc.

**postpone** (v) to change the date or time of a planned event or action to a later one

raise (v) to collect money that you can use to do a particular job or help people

raise (v) to improve the quality or standards of something

regret (v) to feel sorry about something you have done and wish you had not done it

reminisce (v) to talk or think about pleasant events in your past

**retirement** (n) when you stop working, usually because of your age; the period after you have stopped work

riverside (adj) along the edges of a river

**run** (v) to organize or be in charge of an activity, business, organization or country

**set up** (phr v) to start a company, organization, committee, etc.

settle in (phr v) to begin to feel happy and relaxed in a new situation, home, job or school

sightseeing (n) when you visit famous or interesting places, especially as tourists

**spell out** (phr v) to show how a word is spelled by writing or saying the letters separately in order; to explain something clearly and in detail

subway (n) a path for people to walk under a road or a railway

suit (v) clothes, colours, etc. that suit you make you look attractive

table (n) a list of sports teams, countries, schools, etc. that shows their position in a competition

**take back** (phr v) to return something you have bought to a shop because it is not suitable; to admit that you were wrong to say something

take off (phr v) if a plane takes off, it rises into the air from the ground

terminate (v) if a train, bus or ship terminates at a particular place, its journey ends there

**tie** (n) the result of a game, competition or election when two or more people or teams get the same number of points, votes, etc.

**tournament** (n) a competition in which players compete against each other in a series of games until there is one winner

trainers (n pl) shoes that you wear for sports or as informal clothing

valid (adj) a valid ticket, document or agreement is legally or officially acceptable

viewer (n) someone who watches television

wake up (phr v) to stop sleeping or make someone stop sleeping

ward (n) a large room in a hospital where people who need medical treatment stay

would rather (v) used to say that you would prefer to do or have something

## **Unit Two**

abroad (adv) in or to a foreign country

accommodation (n) a place for someone to stay, live or work

appointment (n) an arrangement for a meeting at an agreed time and place, for a particular purpose

backpack (n) a bag used for carrying things on your back, often by people on long walks

backpacking (n) the activity of travelling for pleasure, often without very much money

ballet (n) a performance in which dancing and music tell a story without any speaking

belongings (n pl) the things that you own, especially things that you can carry with you

best man (n) the man who helps the bridegroom at his wedding

borrower (n) someone who has borrowed money and has not yet paid it all back

break (n) a short holiday

bridegroom (n) a man at the time he gets married, or just after he is married

briefcase (n) a flat case used especially by business people for carrying papers or documents

**bring up** (phr up) to look after and influence a child until he or she is grown up

bruise (n) a purple or brown mark on your skin that you get because you have fallen, been hit, etc.

**cancel** (v) to say that an event that was planned will not happen

classify (v) to decide what group something belongs to

**clean up** (phr v) to make a place completely clean and tidy

coach (n) a bus with comfortable seats used for long journeys

colleague (n) someone you work with, used especially by professional people

complaint (n) a statement that someone makes saying that they are not satisfied

conscious (adj) awake and able to understand what is happening around you

**customer service** (n) the part of a company or business that deals with questions, problems, etc. that customers have

dessert (n) sweet food served after the main part of a meal

discount (n) a reduction in the usual price of something

disturb (v) to interrupt someone so that they cannot continue what they are doing

**DVD** (n) Digital Video Disc – a type of computer disc that can store a large amount of information, sound, pictures and video

**emergency services** (n pl) official organizations such as the police or the fire service that deal with crime, fires and injuries

engaged (adj) if two people are engaged, they have agreed to marry

facilities (n pl) rooms, equipment or services that are provided for a particular purpose

fall in love (v phr) to develop a strong feeling of attraction for someone

**fancy dress** (n) clothes that you wear, especially to parties, that make you look like a famous person, a character from a story, etc.

favour (n) something that you do for someone in order to help them or be kind to them

fine (n) money that you have to pay as a punishment

**fisherman** (n) someone who catches fish as a sport or as a job

fix (v) to repair something that is broken or not working properly

**fondness** (n) a strong feeling of affection for someone, especially someone you have known for a long time

footbridge (n) a narrow bridge used only by people who are walking

get married (v) become the husband or wife of someone

gift shop (n) a shop that sells small things that are suitable for giving as presents

graffiti (n) rude, humorous or political writing and pictures on the walls of buildings, trains, etc.

hire (v) to pay money to use something for a short period of time

**hobby** (n) an activity that you enjoy doing in your free time

incident (n) an event, especially one that is unusual, important or violent

**inspector** (n) an official whose job is to check that something is satisfactory and that rules are being obeyed

jewellery (n) small things that you wear for decoration, such as rings or necklaces

keen on (adj) wanting to do something or wanting something to happen very much

**kid** (n) a child or young person

lender (n) a person or organization that lends money to people on condition that they pay it back

librarian (n) someone who works in a library

**locate** (v) to find the exact position of something

**look through** (phr v) to look for something in a pile of papers, in a drawer, in someone's pockets, etc.

look up (phr v) if you look up information in a book, on a computer, etc., you try to find it there

mechanic (n) someone who is skilled at repairing motor vehicles and machinery

meet up (phr v) to meet someone in order to do something together

meeting place (n) a building or place where people meet

**mobile (phone)** (n) a telephone that you can carry with you and use in any place

never mind (phr) a phrase used to tell someone not to worry or be upset about something

**nightmare** (n) a very frightening dream

on time (adv) at the correct time or the time that was arranged

out of breath (adv phr) having difficulty breathing after running, hurrying, etc.

overheat (v) to become too hot, or to make something too hot

package holiday (n) a holiday organized by a company at a fixed price that includes the cost of travel, hotel, etc.

pancake (n) a thin, round, flat cake made from flour, milk and eggs, that is eaten hot

**paramedic** (n) someone who has been trained to help people who are hurt or to do medical work, but who is not a doctor or nurse

**platform** (n) the raised place beside a railway track where you get on and off a train in a station

prevent (v) to stop something from happening, or stop someone from doing something

put off (phr v) to delay doing something, or to arrange to do something at a later time or date

**put up** (phr v) to build something such as a wall, fence, building, etc.

relaxed (adj) a situation that is comfortable and informal

**rent** (v) to regularly pay money to live in a house or room that belongs to someone else or to use something that belongs to someone else

replacement (n) someone or something that is used to replace another person or thing

**requirements** (n pl) something that someone needs or asks for; something that must be done because of a law or rule

resume (v) to start doing something again after stopping or being interrupted

**scuba diving** (n) the sport of swimming under water while breathing through a tube that is connected to a container of air on your back

set up (phr v) to start a business, organization, committee, etc.

a shame (n) used to say that something is a cause for feeling sad or disappointed

**snowboard** (n) a long, wide board made of plastic, which people stand on to go down snow-covered hills as a sport

**speech** (n) a talk, especially a formal one about a particular subject, given to a group of people

stallholder (n) someone who rents or keeps a table or a small shop in a market

stressful (adj) a job, experience or situation that is stressful makes you worry a lot

stretcher (n) a type of bed used to carry someone who is too ill or injured to walk

**succeed** (v) to do what you tried or wanted to do

**sun block** (n) cream or oil that you rub into your skin, in order to stop the sun's light from burning you

suspend (v) to officially stop something from continuing, especially for a short time

**tick** (n) a mark written next to an answer, something on a list, etc. to show that it is correct or has been dealt with

timetable (n) a list of the times at which buses, trains, planes, etc. arrive and leave

worksheet (n) a piece of paper with questions and exercises for students

## **Unit Three**

accessible (adj) a place, building or object that is accessible is easy to reach or get into

**alternative** (adj) an alternative idea, plan, etc. is different from the one you have and can be used instead

ambitious (adj) determined to be successful, rich, powerful, etc.

annoyance (n) a feeling of slight anger

annoying (adj) making you feel slightly angry

apologize (v) to tell someone that you are sorry that you have done something wrong

applicant (n) someone who has formally asked, usually in writing, for a job, university place, etc.

appropriate (adj) correct or suitable for a particular time, situation or purpose

assemble (v) to put all the parts of something together

avoid (v) to deliberately not do something, especially something wrong, dangerous or harmful

**beauty therapist** (n) someone who has been trained to give a particular form of treatment which is intended to make you more beautiful

boredom (n) the feeling you have when you are bored, or the quality of being bored

canteen (n) a place in a factory, school, etc. where meals are provided, usually quite cheaply

**celebrate** (v) to show that an event or occasion is important by doing something special or enjoyable

**characteristic** (n) a quality or feature of someone or something that is typical of them and easy to recognize

**cheetah** (n) a member of the cat family that has long legs and black spots on its fur, and can run extremely quickly

**clinic** (n) a place, often in a hospital, where medical treatment is given to people who do not need to stay in the hospital

**complicated** (adj) difficult to understand or deal with, because many parts or details are involved **confusing** (adj) unclear and difficult to understand

consultant (n) someone whose job is to give advice on a particular subject

**create** (v) to make something exist that did not exist before

creature (n) anything that is living, such as an animal, fish, bird or insect, but not a plant

cub (n) the baby of a wild animal such as a lion or a bear

dancer (n) someone who dances, especially as a profession

delicious (adj) very pleasant to taste or smell

**diagram** (n) a simple drawing or plan that shows exactly where something is, what something looks like, or how something works

**disappointed** (adj) unhappy because something you hoped for did not happen, or because someone or something was not as good as you expected

dish (n) food that is cooked or prepared in a particular way as a meal

dissatisfied (adj) not satisfied or happy because something is not as good as you had expected

**DIY** (n) Do-It-Yourself – the activity of making or repairing things yourself instead of buying them or paying someone else to do it

driving instructor (n) someone who teaches people how to drive a car

effect (n) a change that is caused by an event, action, etc.

enthusiast (n) someone who is very interested in a particular activity or subject

**experiment** (n) a process in which you test a new idea or method to see if it is useful or effective **export** (v) to sell goods to another country

**fashion designer** (n) someone who design new styles of clothes

**financial analyst** (n) someone whose job is to think about money or the management of money and often to advise other people about it

fire alarm (n) a piece of equipment that makes a loud noise to warn people of a fire in a building

fitter (n) someone who puts together or repairs machines or equipment

flexible (adj) something that is flexible can bend or be bent easily

foal (n) a young horse

**get back to** (phr v) to talk to someone or telephone them later in order to answer a question or give them information

get on (phr v) if people get on, they like each other and have a friendly relationship

get over (phr v) to begin to feel better after a very upsetting experience

grandfather (n) the father of your father or mother

**guard dog** (n) a dog that is trained to protect a person, place or object by staying near them and watching them

hamster (n) a small animal that looks like a mouse with no tail

**helmet** (n) a strong, hard hat that soldiers, motorcycle riders, the police, etc. wear to protect their heads

high street (n) the main street of a town where most of the shops and businesses are

**impolite** (adj) not behaving or speaking in a way that is correct for the social situation you are in **inaccessible** (adj) difficult or impossible to reach

ingredient (n) one of the foods that you use to make a particular food or dish

install (v) to put a piece of equipment somewhere and connect it so that it is ready to be used

**journalist** (n) someone who writes news reports for newspapers, magazines, television or radio

kindergarten (n) a school or class for children aged two to five

**landscape** (n) an area of countryside or land of a particular type, especially when talking about its appearance

**lecture** (n) a long talk on a particular subject that someone gives to a group of people, especially to students in a university

**lifestyle** (n) the way a person or a group of people live, including the place they live in, the things they own, the kind of job they do, and the activities they enjoy

look forward to (phr v) to be excited and pleased about something that is going to happen

look into (phr v) to try to find out the truth about a problem, crime, etc. in order to solve it

make-up (n) coloured substances that are put on your face to improve or change your appearance

microscope (n) a scientific instrument that makes extremely small things look larger

musician (n) someone who plays a musical instrument, especially very well or as a job

nervous (adj) worried or frightened about something and unable to relax

**numismatist** (n) someone who collects and studies coins and medals

nursery nurse (n) someone who has been trained to look after young children

opening (n) a hole or space in something; the beginning or first part of something

overseas (adj) coming from, existing in, or happening in a foreign country that is across the sea

**pass on** (phr v) to give someone something, for example, a piece of information, a disease, etc. that someone else has given to you

pleased (adj) happy or satisfied

**potential** (n) the possibility that something will develop in a particular way, or have a particular effect

precious metal (n) a rare and valuable metal such as gold or silver

**production manager** (n) the person in charge of the process of making or growing things, especially in large quantities, to be sold

**progress** (n) the process of getting better at doing something, or getting closer to finishing or achieving something

puppy (n) a young dog

purchase (n) something you buy or the act of buying it

**put right** (v phr) to make a situation better, especially after someone has made a mistake or behaved badly

**qualification** (n) if you have a qualification, you have passed an examination or course to show you have a particular level of skill or knowledge in a subject

**range** (n) a number of people or things that are all different, but are all of the same general type **recipe** (n) a set of instructions for cooking a particular type of food

**refreshments** (n pl) small amounts of food and drink that are provided at a meeting, sports event, etc.

relieved (adj) feeling happy because you are no longer worried about something

**representative** (n) someone who has been chosen to speak, vote, or make decisions for someone else

**rubbish dump** (n) a place to take food, paper, etc that is no longer needed and has been thrown away

**scientific** (adj) about or related to science, or using its methods

**series** (n) a set of television or radio programmes that have the same characters or deal with the same type of subject and are usually broadcast every week or several times a week

**shocked** (adj) feeling surprised and upset by something very unexpected and unpleasant

**souvenir** (n) an object that you buy or keep to remind yourself of a special occasion or a place you have visited

successful (adj) achieving what you wanted, or having the effect or result you intended

**supply** (v) the amount of something that is available to be used; the act of making something available to use

**survey** (n) a general description or report about a particular subject or situation; a set of questions that you ask a large number of people in order to find out about their opinions or behaviour

switch to (v) to change from doing or using one thing to doing or using another

sympathetic (adj) caring and feeling sorry about someone's problems

take part in (v phr) to be involved in an activity, sport, event, etc. with other people

taste (n) the feeling that is produced by a particular food or drink when you put it in your mouth

tour (n) a journey for pleasure, during which you visit several different towns, areas, etc.

tracksuit (n) loose clothes consisting of trousers and a jacket, worn especially for sport

tune (n) a series of musical notes that are played or sung and are nice to listen to

typical (adj) having the usual features or qualities of a particular group or thing

unauthorised (adj) without official approval or permission

unemployed (adj) without a job; out of work

wallet (n) a small, flat case, often made of leather, that you carry in your pocket, for holding paper money, bank cards, etc.

waste time (v phr) to use more time than is useful or sensible

### **Unit Four**

**accountant** (n) someone whose job is to keep and check financial accounts, calculate taxes, etc. **afford** (v) to have enough money to buy or pay for something

annex (n) a separate building that has been added to a larger one

**benefit** (v) if you benefit from something or it benefits you, it gives you an advantage, improves your life, or helps you in some way

**booking** (n) an arrangement to travel by train, use a hotel room, etc. at a particular time in the future

**business** (n) an organization such as a company, shop or factory that produces or sells goods or provides a service

caller (n) someone making a telephone call

cash (n) money in the form of coins or notes rather than cheques, credit cards, etc.

**cashier** (n) someone whose job is to receive or pay out money in a shop, bank, etc.

clubbing (n) the activity of going to nightclubs

colourless (adj) not interesting or exciting

compete (v) to take part in a competition or sports event

complex (n) a group of buildings, or a large building with many parts, used for a particular purpose

**confirm** (v) to tell someone that a possible arrangement, date or situation is now definite or official; to say that something is definitely true

**credit card** (n) a small, plastic card that you use to buy goods and services and pay for them later **cross-country** (adj) across fields or not along main roads

**crowd** (v) if people crowd somewhere, they gather together in large numbers, filling a particular place

delay (v) to wait until a later time to do something; to make someone or something late

dial (n) the wheel on an older telephone with numbered holes for your fingers that you move round in order to make a call

dial (v) to press the buttons on a telephone in order to make a telephone call

**digital** (adj) using a system in which information is recorded or sent out electronically in the form of numbers, usually ones and zeros

directions (n pl) instructions about how to get from one place to another

**discount** (n) a reduction in the usual price of something

double room (n) a bedroom for two people

dull (adj) not interesting or exciting

earn (v) to receive a particular amount of money for the work that you do

event (n) one of the races or competitions that are part of a large sports competition

**exceed** (v) to be more than a particular number or amount; to go beyond what rules or laws say you are allowed to do

fabric (n) cloth used for making clothes, curtains, etc.

fare (n) the price you pay to travel somewhere by bus, train, plane, etc.

**firework** (n) a small container filled with powder that burns or explodes to produce coloured lights and noise in the sky

full-time (adj) for all the hours of a week during which it is usual for people to work, study, etc.

get rid of (phr v) to throw away or destroy something that you do not want any more

grow up (phr v) to develop from being a child to being an adult

**ice-skating** (n) the sport or activity of moving on ice on special boots with thin, metal blades on the bottom

import (v) to bring a product from one country into another so that it can be sold there

item (n) a single, usually short, piece of news in a newspaper or magazine, or on television

**key pad** (n) a small box with buttons on it, used to put information into a computer, telephone, etc.

landlord (n) a man who rents a room, building or a piece of land to someone else

**luxurious** (adj) very expensive, beautiful and comfortable

man (v) to work at, use or operate a system, piece of equipment, etc.

mend (v) to repair something that is broken or not working

necklace (n) a string of jewels, beads, etc. or a thin gold or silver chain to wear around the neck

novice (n) someone who has no experience in a skill, subject or activity

**overdraft** (n) the amount of money that you owe to a bank when you have spent more money than you had in your account

**own** (v) to have something that belongs to you, especially because you have bought it, been given it, etc., and it is legally yours

part-time (adj) someone who works for only part of each day or week

**pedestrian precinct** (n) a shopping area in the centre of a town where cars, trucks, etc. cannot go **pilot** (n) someone who operates the controls of a plane or spacecraft

**pin** (n) Personal Identification Number – a number that you use when you get money from a machine using a plastic card

**plan ahead** (phr v) to think carefully about something you want to do, and decide how and when you will do it

**post office** (n) a place where you can buy stamps, send letters and packages, etc.

**print** (v) to produce words, numbers or pictures on paper, using a machine which puts ink into the surface

prize-winning (adj) a prize-winning thing or person has won a prize

**purpose-built** (adj) designed and built for a particular purpose

**push in** (phr v) to go in front of other people who are already waiting in a line for something, instead of going to the back of the line

quit (v) to stop doing something, especially something that is bad or annoying

**reception** (n) a large, formal party to celebrate an event or to welcome someone; the desk or office where visitors arriving at a hotel or large organization go first

**receptionist** (n) someone whose job is to welcome and deal with people arriving in a hotel or office building, visiting a doctor, etc.

**reduction** (n) a decrease in the size, price or amount of something, or the act of decreasing something

**refund** (v) to give someone their money back, especially because they are not satisfied with the goods or services they have paid for

removal (n) the process of taking furniture from your old house to your new one

**reserve** (v) to arrange for a place in a hotel, restaurant, plane, etc. to be kept for you to use at a particular time in the future

resort (n) a place where a lot of people go for holidays

**restless** (adj) unwilling to keep still or stay where you are, especially because you are nervous or bored

**room service** (n) a service provided by a hotel, by which food and drinks can be sent to a guest's room

**running water** (n) if a house has running water, it has pipes which provide water to its kitchen bathroom, etc.

rural (adj) happening in or related to the countryside not the city

**sauna** (n) a room that is heated to a very high temperature by hot air, where people sit because it is considered healthy

savings (n pl) the money that you have saved, especially in a bank

scales (n pl) a machine for weighing people or objects

**shade** (n) slight darkness or shelter from the direct light of the sun

single room (n) a room in a hotel for one person

slot (n) a long, narrow hole in a surface that you can put something into

somewhat (adv) more than a little but not very much

**spa** (n) a place where the water has special minerals in it, and where people go to improve their health by drinking the water or swimming in it

spare time (n) time when you are not working

sprightly (adj) an old person who is sprightly is still active and full of energy

**synthetic** (adj) produced by combining different artificial substances, rather than being naturally produced

tip (n) a helpful piece of advice

tow (v) to pull a vehicle or ship along behind another vehicle, using a rope or chain

triathlon (n) a sports competition in which competitors run, swim and cycle long distances

twitcher (n) someone who watches wild birds and tries to recognize different types

urban (adj) relating to towns and cities

weekday (n) any day of the week, except Saturday and Sunday

## **Unit Five**

accuse (v) to say that you believe someone is guilty of a crime or of doing something bad

assembly (n) the process of putting the parts of something together

**audience** (n) a group of people who come to watch and listen to someone speaking or performing in public, or who watch or listen to a particular programme

average (adj) the usual level or amount for most people or things

**blame** (n) responsibility for a mistake or for something bad

**bowling** (n) an indoor game in which you roll a large heavy ball along a wooden track in order to knock down a group of objects shaped like bottles

**bowling alley** (n) a building where you go bowling

brake (n) a piece of equipment that makes a vehicle go more slowly or stop

brand (n) a type of product made by a particular company, that has a particular name or design

**call back** (phr v) to telephone someone again, for example because they were not at home when you telephoned last time

**carnival** (n) a public event at which people play music, wear special clothes, and dance in the streets

**check in** (phr v) if you check in at a hotel or airport, you go to the desk and report that you have arrived

**clear away** (phr v) to make a place look tidy by removing things or putting things back where they belong

**clutch** (n) the pedal you press in a vehicle in order to change gear

contamination (n) when a substance is added that makes a place dirty or harmful

dump (v) to get rid of something that you do not want

fluent (adj) able to speak a language very well

gender (n) the fact of being male or female; males or females considered as a group

get over (phr v) to begin to feel better after an illness or a very upsetting experience

guilty (adj) having done something illegal or very bad

homemade (adj) made at home and not bought from a shop

illegal (adj) not allowed by the law

jogging (n) the activity of running slowly and steadily as a way of exercising

**lottery** (n) a competition in which people choose a set of numbers and win money if they have chosen the winning numbers

moat (n) a deep, wide channel, usually filled with water, dug around a castle as a defence

noticeboard (n) a special board on a wall which notices can be fastened to

open-minded (adj) willing to consider and accept other people's ideas and opinions

panic (n) a sudden strong feeling of fear or nervousness that makes you unable to think clearly or behave sensibly

**plant** (n) a factory or building where an industrial process happens

pollute (v) to make, air, water, soil, etc. dangerously dirty and not suitable for people to use

**pollution** (n) the process of making air, water, soil, etc. dangerously dirty and not suitable for people to use; substances that make air, water, soil, etc. dangerously dirty

post (n) a job, especially an important one in a large organization

put right (phr v) to make a situation better, especially after someone has made a mistake or behaved badly

**recycle** (v) to put used objects or materials through a special process so that they can be used again

rehearsal (n) a practice of a play, concert, etc. before a public performance

rehearse (v) to practise a play, concert, etc. before a public performance

robot (n) a machine that can move and do jobs like a person

**sequence** (n) a number of events that happen in a particular order

**sheepdog** (n) a dog that is trained to control sheep

spare parts (n pl) a new part for a vehicle or machine that is used to replace one that is broken

spray (v) to force a lot of very small drops of liquid out of a container onto something

**staff** (n) all the people who work for an organization

survey (n) a set of questions that you ask a lot of people in order to find out about their opinions

take steps (v phr) to do something so that something else happens

**team up** (phr v) to join another person or group in order to do something together

timing (n) (joke) the skill of doing something at exactly the right time

trade union (n) an organization that represents workers, especially in meetings with employers

unattached (adj) not married or involved in a romantic relationship

unauthorized (adj) without official approval or permission

widespread (adj) existing or happening in many places or among many people

worktop (n) a flat surface in a kitchen for preparing food on



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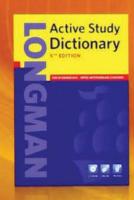
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