

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

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Example: You've got such a terrible cold – you really need to look after yourself
you one yourself

- 1 The villagers _____ left the area because they had difficulty growing food.
may understood to are thought to have
- 2 We're _____ find a petrol station soon – we've been driving for hours.
must sure bound to
- 3 Not until you've seen the evidence _____ believe what I'm telling you.
you will you'll will you
- 4 I'll be back in a minute. I'm just going to wash these _____.
cups of coffee coffee's cups coffee cups
- 5 Let me _____ you, please! I'm sure it will be done quicker if we work together.
help helping to help
- 6 It looks _____ it's going to rain soon.
that as if though
- 7 I don't really like rap music, but Andrew _____.
likes doesn't does
- 8 As I was _____, if we can borrow your parent's car, we'll be able to go to the festival.
said to say saying
- 9 _____ you need is a cup of coffee and a big slice of chocolate cake!
The reason What The thing which
- 10 The boss told me she _____ in a couple of years.
will be retiring due to retire is about to
- 11 Jon has started jogging every day _____ he wants to enter the Marathon des Sables.
because due to owing
- 12 We would rather _____ in August, but we ended up going in September because it was much cheaper.
we went have gone that we go

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb(s) in brackets.

Example: I wasn't able to go to the concert at the weekend because I had to (have to) work late.

- 1 I was having a nap when the doorbell _____ (ring).
- 2 How long _____ you and Dimitri _____ (be go out)?
- 3 Steve seems _____ (be work) much too hard over the past few weeks. He needs a holiday!
- 4 You would've seen the winning goal if you _____ (be pay) attention to the match!
- 5 It's so overcrowded! We _____ (not used to) seeing so many people here.
- 6 I wish that I _____ (not give) Johnathon my phone number.
- 7 I'd rather you _____ (not use) your mobile phones during the lecture.
- 8 Do you think we could get someone _____ (advise) us about electric cars?

- 9 It _____ just _____ (be announce) that the new business will create 60 local jobs.
- 10 What time did you say the performance was due _____ (start)?
- 11 I would _____ (organize) a barbecue if I had known how good the weather was going to be!
- 12 Did you see some kids _____ (play) cricket here this morning?
- 13 If you _____ (wake up) earlier this morning, you wouldn't be in a rush now.
- 14 I started practising yoga while I _____ (working) in Thailand.

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3 Complete the sentences with one word.

Example: We enjoyed the competition even though we didn't win it.

- 1 Is Daniel a friend _____ your brother's?
- 2 Not _____ is it snowing, but the car also won't start!
- 3 I went to the post office in _____ to buy some stamps.
- 4 **A** Did Nina pass her driving test?
B I'm afraid _____. Maybe next time.
- 5 When I was young, my mother _____ always bake cakes on a Saturday.
- 6 Clara can't have got my message, _____ she would have called me.
- 7 It is believed _____ many of the animal species in the area are still undiscovered.
- 8 Evie loves animals and Ellie even more _____.
- 9 Excuse me. Are you the man _____ smartphone was stolen?
- 10 The circuits class was full of women, all of _____ seemed fitter than me.
- 11 _____ to the radio travel report, several bridges are closed today because of the bad weather.
- 12 I've lost my wallet with the tickets in it. In _____ words, we can't go to the concert.
- 13 _____ Ilaria wants to do is dance. Nothing else!
- 14 I don't have time to go to the barbecue. In _____ case, I'm a vegan so I don't eat meat.

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VOCABULARY

4 Complete the sentences with one word made from the word in brackets.

Example: After his illness, it took him several months to get his strength back.

- 1 After university, Richard and I formed a _____ (partner) and started our own business.
- 2 Sorry but you'll need to do this work again – it's totally _____ (standard).
- 3 I just couldn't resist the _____ (tempt) to buy these red shoes in the sale!
- 4 The Arctic may be an _____ (hospitable) environment but it is home to many types of animal.
- 5 Do you know what kind of _____ (curricular) activities the university offers?

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- 6 We need to know your _____ (high) and shoe size before you can hire the skis.
- 7 Several species of reptile happily _____ (exist) on the island.
- 8 After the crash, the _____ (wound) were taken to hospital for treatment.
- 9 It was because of your uncle's _____ (generous) we were able to buy this flat.
- 10 We _____ (estimate) how many people would want the job. We've had far more applications than we were expecting!

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5 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: It's the summer holidays, so I've got time on my hands / head.

- 1 Many endangered species are now only bred in captivity / inhumane conditions.
- 2 There isn't any harm in telling a grey / white lie every now and again, is there?
- 3 The neighbour's dog always roars / barks furiously at anyone who walks past their gate.
- 4 Just look at that view – it's absolutely imposing / breathtaking!
- 5 The door of the spooky castle creaked / crunched when it closed behind us!
- 6 According to a government source, the troops have surrendered / released and will be flown home in a few days.
- 7 I wouldn't want you to get away with it / into trouble – don't break any rules-rules.
- 8 It's a pity that when inflation goes up, so does the cost / standard of living.
- 9 I think this omelette's almost ready – I'll just flip it over with the sieve / spatula.
- 10 Wow! The child's face in this portrait / still life is incredibly lifelike!

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6 Read the definitions and complete the words.

Example: speak in a very soft voice = to whisper

- 1 very monotonous, boring = t_____
- 2 the system of money that a country uses = c_____
- 3 making you think seriously about a particular subject or issue = th_____ - _____
- 4 to refuse politely to accept or do something = d_____
- 5 cheap, badly made and/or not in good taste = t_____
- 6 remove from power using force = to o_____
- 7 a group of words whose meaning is different from the meaning of the individual words, for example *it was a piece of cake* (= it was easy) = an i_____
- 8 expressing opinions strongly and with confidence so people take notice = a_____
- 9 put off until later = to p_____
- 10 (organization or activity) not large in size or extent; limited in what it does = s_____ - s_____

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7 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

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Example: Sorry, I can't talk now. I'm a bit short of time!
spare ~~short~~ matter

- 1 Surely you doesn't believe that? It's a completely _____ explanation!
impractical irrational irregular
- 2 Jaime's on _____ leave at the moment because his wife's just had a baby.
paternity compassionate maternity
- 3 The city has been peaceful since the two armies agreed on a temporary _____.
treaty _revolution ceasefire
- 4 Unfortunately, my father's went bankrupt because his business failed during the _____.
recession instalment inflation
- 5 What's that actor's name again? It on the tip of my _____.
elbow tongue nose
- 6 Every time a boy walked past them, the girls started _____.
buzzing clicking giggling
- 7 Working for a homeless charity might not pay that well, but it's a very _____ job.
heavy going reliable rewarding
- 8 I got the _____ that Mrs Reid wasn't interested in what we had to say.
way act impression
- 9 I can't understand how anyone could ill-treat an animal. It's totally _____.
incoherent immoral incompetent
- 10 It was such a _____ story. I couldn't stop thinking about it for days.
depressing haunting witty

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Vocabulary total 40

PRONUNCIATION

8 Underline the stressed syllable.

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Example: trackly

- 1 a|fford
- 2 de|feat
- 3 in|ca|pa|ble
- 4 cha|ri|ties
- 5 in|come
- 6 straight|for|ward
- 7 o|ver|crow|ded
- 8 pa|ter|ni|ty
- 9 pro|mo|ted
- 10 mo|ti|va|ting

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9 Match the words to the same sound.

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environment charge creak touch vegan
spontaneous suspicious chance revolution
released put off

Example: skills chance

- 1 adulthood _____
- 2 budget _____
- 3 jealous _____
- 4 pressure _____
- 5 impression _____
- 6 tremendous _____
- 7 manage _____
- 8 refugees _____
- 9 experience _____
- 10 troops _____

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Pronunciation total 20

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 100

READING

1 Read the article and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

Power failure ...

A

I have a voice-controlled personal assistant at home, and I must say, it's hard to remember what life was like without it. When I bought it, it seemed like an obvious must-have modern tool – just what was needed to alleviate some of the pressures of my busy, hectic life. It's like having a constant companion, waiting silently to answer any question I ask, immediately, at any time. But recently I discovered something – that seemingly innocent little device sitting on my desk had a dark secret: an astonishingly massive carbon footprint. To be honest, I feel a bit stupid now – I hadn't even thought beyond how brilliant the technology was, but apparently the process of teaching such devices to process language uses vast amounts of electricity. In fact, training just one voice-controlled household gadget algorithm has a carbon footprint comparable to operating five vehicles over the course of their lifetimes.

B

So, now I have a moral dilemma. Do I simply stop using my personal assistant or do I neglect the environment in favour of my own convenience? And if so, will it even make a difference? The last decade has seen a staggering array of technological devices come onto the market – each more hi-tech and appealing than the last. Apparently, we're so obsessed with our mobile devices that there are now more of them than humans on the planet. We tend to think of the power consumption of these devices as just being limited to when they're plugged in charging the battery, but that's not the case, is it? Each and every search, tweet, post, share, selfie, and 'like' on social media uses energy. Why? Because the devices we're so hooked on are constantly sending and receiving data between massive, energy-consuming processing centres, and the vast majority of the electricity used by these data centres currently comes from non-renewable sources or fossil fuels.

C

A recent study established that our habit of watching online videos has a carbon footprint equivalent to the energy consumption of a small city over the course of a year. And that's the problem. Technology use has become second nature to us – an addiction – so much so that we can spend hours immersed in an online world and never think about how that relates to the real world. The fact is that the need to save the Earth's finite resources is urgent. But how can this be achieved in a world where we've become accustomed to looking up any random piece of information we're curious about in an instant, asking our personal assistants to order takeaway, and watching funny videos online?

D

Experts predict that by 2040, information and communication technology could account for around 14% of global carbon emissions. With our technology use increasing at a phenomenal rate, research at this stage is crucial in order to reduce its impact. Studies have highlighted some adjustments that large tech companies can make to reduce their carbon emissions. For instance, when people are listening to music via a background browser tab on video streaming sites, automatically switching off the video component would decrease

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Reading and Writing**

AB

the carbon usage by 3%. While that might sound relatively insignificant, it is the equivalent to taking 50,000 cars a year off the roads. But then that sounds ridiculously insignificant in comparison to the remaining 97% of electricity that's being used to stream the music videos that people are listening to.

E

Several major tech companies and social media giants have pledged to work towards using 100% clean, renewable energy in their data centres in future. Some are planning to build their own solar and wind farms. It's progress but perhaps too little, too late. Despite these good intentions, if our technology use rapidly increases, there are no guarantees that these efforts will make a significant enough impact on climate change.

F

So, what then does the future hold for our personal technology use? Experts warn of a very different future. One where we'll have highly advanced technology, but limited freedom to use it casually as we have become so accustomed to doing. For example, internet use might be rationed, we may only be allowed to post or send black and white images online, and we may have to curb our habit of streaming box sets. We may not like it, but soon we might have to admit that the Earth has limited resources and therefore our addiction to unlimited digital amusement is in fact unsustainable. A metaphor of our times perhaps is that smartphone that heats up in your pocket – it represents our warming planet.

- 1 In section **A**, regarding his recent discovery, the writer says he feels _____.
 A disappointed that the company who sold his device hadn't displayed information about its electricity usage on the packaging. ☐
 B determined to get rid of all of his household digital devices. ☐
 C foolish that he hadn't considered it before. ☐
- 2 In section **B**, what does the writer wonder about in relation to reducing his personal technology use?
 A Whether it might reduce his living costs. ☐
 B Whether it will have any significant environmental impact. ☐
 C Whether a smartphone app could do the same job as the personal assistant. ☐
- 3 In section **B**, the writer points out that the energy consumption of our devices _____.
 A isn't just limited to the amount used while charging them ☐
 B only includes the amount we use when we charge the battery ☐
 C is the responsibility of tech companies and not individuals ☐
- 4 In section **C**, what issue of concern does the writer raise?
 A That people have lost touch with the reality of their technology use. ☐
 B Our curiosity makes us vulnerable to technology addiction. ☐
 C That you can't rely on the internet to provide accurate facts. ☐

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5 In section D, what does the writer feel is essential at this stage to reduce future carbon emissions?

- A Funding to help educate people about their technology use. ☐
B Scientific studies. ☐
C Making tech companies pay fines if they waste energy. ☐

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6 In section D, what is the writer's attitude towards watching online music videos?

- A He feels it would be more effective to take 50,000 cars off the road per year. ☐
B He feels disappointed that he'll have to give them up. ☐
C He is shocked by the amount of energy that is used by people watching them. ☐

7 In section E, in the writer's opinion, tech companies' efforts to reduce their carbon footprints are _____.

- A making a significant effort to tackle climate change ☐
B unlikely to make a substantial difference to the environment ☐
C simply attempting to greenwash their image ☐

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8 In section F, experts predict that with future technology use we will _____.

- A be obliged to use technology sustainably ☐
B have access to more efficient internet services ☐
C be much more reliant on technology than we are now ☐

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9 In section F, what does the writer use the idea of an overheating smartphone to represent?

- A The power that tech companies have over the general public. ☐
B The climate crisis.. ☐
C Our addiction to technologies ☐

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10 What is the writer's purpose in the article as a whole?

- A To criticize the actions of technology developers and social media companies. ☐
B To suggest solutions to the solve the world's energy crisis. ☐
C To raise awareness of the effects of our addiction to gadgets and social media on the environment. ☐

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2 In which section of the article (A–F) are the following mentioned?

- 1 the measures some tech companies have promised to take to conserve resources ____
- 2 a solution from researchers to reduce the carbon footprint of everyday technology use ____
- 3 the carbon emissions produced by people watching videos online ____
- 4 the number of mobile devices in relation to people on Earth ____
- 5 the satisfaction of having technology that can respond to the human voice at home ____

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Reading total 15

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WRITING

Choose one of the titles below and write approximately 250 words:

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- 1 Write a review (positive or negative) of a book you have read or film you have seen.
- 2 Write an essay with the title 'More emphasis should be placed on food production, cooking, and healthy eating in school curriculums.'
- 3 Write an article about what the jobs of the future will be like and how training and working practices might change.

Writing total		10
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LISTENING

1 Listen to five people talking about how they keep fit. Match the speakers (1–5) to the sport or activity they do (A–H).

- Speaker 1 ☐
Speaker 2 ☐
Speaker 3 ☐
Speaker 4 ☐
Speaker 5 ☐

- A wild swimming
B boxing
C pilates
D hill running
E ballroom dancing
F spinning
G an extreme fitness class
H yoga

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2 Listen to an interview with Linda Karlsson, a behavioural psychologist, about conflict. Tick (✓) A, B, or C.

1 The type of conflict ~~that the interviewer sets up as the~~ which is the main focus of the discussion is _____.

- A war and political conflict ☐
B general conflicts that ordinary people are often involved in ☐
C conflict in sporting competitions ☐

2 What does Linda highlight about everyday situations?

- A That conflict should not necessarily be viewed as negative. ☐
B That people should avoid expressing their opinions on sensitive subjects. ☐
C That conflict arises when people fail to communicate effectively. ☐

3 What did sociologist Lewis Coser say the purpose of conflict was in relation to individuals?

- A to become part of the most powerful group ☐
B to ensure that their political values are clear to others ☐
C to establish a sense of belonging ☐

4 What does Linda say about nonviolent conflict such as protest and opposition?

- A It can prevent individuals from forming their own identities. ☐
B That in some circumstances it can encourage ordinary people to break the law. ☐
C It can bring about positive social change. ☐

5 According to Linda, conflicting views among colleagues can _____.

- A result in improved performance at work ☐
B assist you in establishing good relationships across the workplace ☐
C lead to reduced confidence in your professional abilities ☐

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Listening total

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SPEAKING

1 Ask your partner these questions.

- 1 Which technological gadget would you find it hard to live without? Why?
- 2 Do you think relationships (friends, family, romantic) are easier in modern times than they were in the past? Why / Why not?
- 3 Do you have aversions to anything, or things you find particularly irritating? What, and why?
- 4 Is exercise important to you? Why / why not?
- 5 Describe a city or natural environment you have enjoyed being in. What made it so special?

2 Now answer your partner's questions.

3 Talk about one of these statements, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

- 1 'The use of technology reduces human creativity.'
- 2 'Adopting an anti-capitalist lifestyle is the best approach for future generations.'
- 3 'Schools need to place greater importance on life skills and less on academic achievement.'

4 Now listen to your partner. Do you agree with him / her?

Speaking total

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Listening and Speaking total

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