

File Test 3

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation A

GRAMMAR

1 Choose the correct form of the verb.

Example: I used to love / *was loving* riding my bike to school.

- 1 Where *did you grow up* / *did you use to grow up*?
- 2 Marissa *had* / *was having* lunch when I knocked on the door.
- 3 Jose *used to work* / *worked* in that car factory for four years.
- 4 **A** *Did your children use to like* / *Were your children liking* their swimming lessons?
B They both *used to hate* / *hated* going for the first few weeks but then it was fine.
- 5 Which year *were you moving* / *did you move* to London?
- 6 I *wasn't doing* / *didn't use to do* much exercise in my teens but now I often go to the gym.
- 7 **A** *Was Ola studying* / *Did Ola study* this time last year?
B Yes. It was near the end of her course so she *was preparing* / *prepared* for her final exams.
- 8 Max and Oliver *didn't know* / *weren't knowing* each other until I introduced them.
- 9 I *was meeting* / *met* a lot of friendly people when I lived in South America.
- 10 What job *were you wanting* / *did you want* to have when you were younger?

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

Example: The children are looking forward to the school holidays in two weeks' time.

- 1 We flew _____ the river Thames as we came into London.
- 2 I'm not very good _____ keeping secrets.
- 3 Hao is upset because Ting laughed _____ his new haircut.
- 4 Well done! I'm very proud _____ you.
- 5 We may have a barbecue at the weekend but it depends _____ the weather.
- 6 It was late when we finally arrived _____ Budapest.
- 7 What's the time? Look at the clock _____ the wall.
- 8 Alexandre is frightened _____ snakes.

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VOCABULARY

3 Match the sentences with the correct word / phrase in the box. There is an extra word / phrase you do not need.

baby child early thirties early twenties late thirties late twenties mid-twenties mid-fifties pre-teens retired teenager toddler

Example: Anne's youngest son started primary school last week. child

- My sister's 21st birthday party was fantastic.

- Nevin learned to drive when she was 17 years old.

- Our 80-year-old neighbour used to work in a car showroom.

- I had my first daughter, Tasha, when I was 25.

- Lola is 13 months old and is starting to walk.

- I bought my first flat when I was 31.

- Lorenzo's 12 and always wants to stay up late.

- At ten months old, our son said 'Dada' for the first time.

- Alexa married Marcel when she was 38.

- My brother is only 29, but he looks older because he doesn't have much hair.

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4 Complete the sentences. Write one word in each gap. They are all related to describing or taking photos.

Example: The old-style cameras with film were better than digital cameras.

- There are some colourful old houses in the **b**_____.
- If the light's poor, use **fl**_____ when you take your photo.
- In this one I'm standing on **t**_____ of a high mountain in Wales.
- A picture can be **ov**_____ if you point the camera at the sun when you take it.
- You can see my sister in the **b**_____ right-hand corner, sitting on the wall.
- A photo can be **o**_____ **o**_____ **f**_____ if you use the wrong setting.
- In the **f**_____ there's a small fountain and behind that there's the castle.
- When taking a photo of a person, use the **p**_____ setting.
- There's a group of tourists standing **i**_____ **fr**_____ of the hotel.
- When you are far from something, you can **z**_____ in for a close-up.

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Vocabulary total	20
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PRONUNCIATION

5 Underline the word with a different *-ed* sound.

Example: picked worked solved looked

- 1 tried hated banned smiled
- 2 liked laughed received relaxed
- 3 lived ended described believed
- 4 washed criticized moved played
- 5 decided wanted added watched

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6 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: land|scape

- 1 el|der|ly
- 2 fore|ground
- 3 pho|to|gra|phy
- 4 tee|na|ger
- 5 re|tir|ed

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Reading and Writing A

READING

Read the email about a family gathering. Five sentences have been removed. Choose from the sentences A–G the one which fits each gap (1–5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Hi Claire

I heard that you're out of hospital now and I hope you're feeling much better. 0 ☐ B It was a shame you couldn't be there but everyone sends you their best wishes and says get well soon.

Granny had such a lovely time. It was a good idea of mum's to have a garden party because there were lots of children there. 1 ☐ The twins are nearly four and there's Bluebell, who is now a toddler, and a newborn baby boy called Dylan. I held him for a little while and it reminded me of when your brother Arthur was a baby. Do you remember when I used to come and babysit? You were such a cheeky girl – much more difficult to look after than Arthur. 2 ☐

Anyway, of course you already know Arthur couldn't come all the way back from New York but he sent Granny some beautiful flowers and a card. In fact, she got lots of nice cards and presents and Ella also made her a fantastic cake. 3 ☐ She's really talented. I suspect she may be Granny's favourite great-grandchild!

I saw Jamie briefly and he says hello. He seems to have settled down now and his girlfriend is really lovely. She's called Sarah and she's very different from that awful woman he used to go out with. What did we use to call her? Moody Melanie! I'm glad she wasn't there.

Joanna and John were packing for their holiday but they popped in to see Granny. John managed to drop a bowl and smash it, even though they were only there for about half an hour! He's just as accident-prone as he ever was. Granny thought it was pretty funny. 4 ☐

It was a nice touch to invite some of Granny's friends as well as family and we enjoyed getting to know them. Granny says she is having more fun now in her retirement than in her forties and fifties because then she was just focused on work and the family and she didn't use to have much time for socialising. 5 ☐ Her friends, Edna and Rowena, are in their late seventies but they don't seem elderly somehow. They certainly seemed to enjoy the children's company and all the tea and party food.

I'm attaching some photos so you can see how happy Granny was. I'm making a photo book too. Would you like me to order one for you?

Let me know when you're fully recovered and I'll bring her for a visit. She'd love to see you.

Lots of love

Julianne

- A She said she remembered previous family get-togethers when mum would always ban him from the kitchen!
- B I thought I'd email you to tell you about Granny's 70th party.
- C As a middle-aged woman myself, I can see what she means!
- D You would hide in all sorts of places and it took me ages to find you.
- E I was amazed at how many people turned up to celebrate with her.
- F I can hardly believe she's only 15.
- G I'd forgotten how many kids Anna has now.

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WRITING

Write an article for a local magazine about your childhood in the place where you grew up (140–180 words). Include the following information:

- describe what the village/town/city/area was like
- write about what you enjoyed doing there as a child
- say what you think is the same and different for children living there now

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Listening and Speaking A

LISTENING

1 Listen to an interview with Theo Walton about his hobby – using a smart phone camera. Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Theo says he ____
 - A would like to be a professional photographer.
 - B is very interested in photography.
 - C enjoys taking selfies.
- 2 ____ are the kind of photo that Theo takes most often.
 - A Portraits
 - B Family photos
 - C Landscapes
- 3 Theo's photography group usually ____
 - A use a range of photographic equipment.
 - B give positive and negative feedback on each other's photos.
 - C go to cafes to take photos.
- 4 According to Theo, you can get a sharp close-up image by ____
 - A using the phone camera's zoom.
 - B making sure the light is very bright.
 - C positioning the camera physically close to the subject.
- 5 Theo doesn't recommend taking macro photos outside ____
 - A when it's windy.
 - B in the morning.
 - C when it is cloudy.

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2 Listen to five people talking about their favourite holiday photos. What does each person say about the photo?

- A It was taken on a typical family holiday.
- B It isn't very good quality.
- C It was taken by a friend.
- D It makes them feel sad.
- E It shows a special occasion.
- F In the foreground, there's something interesting.

Speaker 1 ☐

Speaker 2 ☐

Speaker 3 ☐

Speaker 4 ☐

Speaker 5 ☐

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SPEAKING

1 Make questions and ask your partner.

- 1 / you have / the same character / now / when you / be / child?
- 2 What / your happiest memory / your childhood years?
- 3 Which / better / life as teenager / life now? Why?
- 4 Who or what / in your favourite photo?
- 5 / you take / a lot of photos? Why / Why not?

Now answer your partner's questions.

2 Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

'The best time of your life is before you become an adult.'

3 Listen to your partner talking about age. Do you agree with him / her?

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