

File Test 9

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation A

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences using reported speech.

Example: 'My children are both in their teens.'

Juliette said her children were both in their teens.

1 'How long has Christian been living here?'

Antonia asked _____.

2 'Don't worry if you have forgotten some of our names.'

They told me _____.

3 'I'm visiting my grandmother tomorrow.'

Adam said _____.

4 'Have you learnt your password by heart?'

He asked me _____.

5 'Diego has been to the USA before but I haven't.'

Fabiana said _____.

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2 Write the sentences using direct speech.

Example: Shaun told me to wait for him outside the cinema.

'Wait for me outside the cinema.'

1 She said she'd never forget the first time she met Filomena.

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2 Josef asked her how much time she needed to finish the work.

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3 She told me they had to catch a bus at 8am the following morning.

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4 Andrew asked me if I was going out that night.

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5 She said Sandra had worked there for over ten years.

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3 Complete the sentences with the past simple or the past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

Example: I said I 'd known Peter for about six months. (say, know)

- Lena _____ me if I _____ married long. (ask, be)
- I _____ at 6.30 but Anna's flatmate told me she _____ out at 6.00. (arrive, go)
- The performance _____, so we _____ go into the theatre. (start, not can)
- He _____ her number, but she _____ her phone. (ring, switch off)
- When I _____ talking to him, I realised we _____ before. (begin, meet)

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4 Complete the third conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Example: You would have slept better if you hadn't watched that scary film. (sleep, not watch)

- She _____ anything if she _____ it was a secret. (not say, know)
- If I _____ what would happen, I _____ my suitcase more carefully. (know, pack)
- We _____ to the wedding if they _____ us, but they didn't! (go, invite)
- It's your fault. You _____ late if you _____ more time. (not be, leave)
- If my wife _____ the date, we _____ Mia's party! (not check, miss)

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VOCABULARY

5 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. Use each word once.

forget	forgot	memorable	memorize	memory
recall	remembers	remind	unforgettable	

Example: Mary forgot that the water was very hot and burned her hand.

- Our trip to South Africa was a _____ holiday for many reasons.
- Your homework is to _____ this poem and be able to say it during the next lesson.
- I learned lots of facts and in the test I was able to _____ most of them quite easily.
- My grandmother _____ having a black and white television.
- My dad used to have an excellent _____ but now he sometimes gets confused.
- Don't _____ you have a dentist's appointment in the morning.
- Going skiing in Canada was an _____ experience.
- Please _____ me to buy some bread tomorrow.

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6 Complete the text. Write one word in each gap. They are all related to weddings.

My younger brother, Matthew, got **married** last May, after being ¹**e**_____ to Zara for three years. I'm really good friends with Zara and she asked me to be her ²**b**_____, which was a real pleasure. I helped her with lots of organisation, including choosing the cake and sending out wedding ³**i**_____. It was a wonderful occasion with just one small problem early on. The ⁴**c**_____ was supposed to start at 11 a.m. The ⁵**gr**_____ arrived at the church on time together with his ⁶**b**_____ man and so did all the ⁷**g**_____, but the ⁸**br**_____ was having some difficulty. One of the ⁹**p**_____ boys had spilt juice on her ¹⁰**w**_____ ¹¹**dr**_____ just as we were all about to leave. I managed to clean it up, and finally, we got Zara to the church around 30 minutes late. The ¹²**r**_____ afterwards was a huge success, with lots of eating, drinking and dancing.

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Vocabulary total		20
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PRONUNCIATION

7 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: wedding

- 1 per|son|al
- 2 a|ccu|ra|cy
- 3 con|fi|dent|ly
- 4 im|por|tance
- 5 e|mo|tion

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8 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: me|mora|ble

- 1 un|for|ge|tta|ble
- 2 re|call
- 3 re|mem|ber
- 4 re|mind
- 5 me|mo|rize

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Pronunciation total		10
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Reading and Writing A

READING

Read the blog about attending friend's wedding. 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.

A traditional Cypriot wedding

When my best friend Elaine started going out with Kostas, we all thought he was very good looking and a great guy but we didn't think their relationship would last because we were sure he would go back to Cyprus rather than staying in the UK. 0 ☐ D

It wasn't surprising then when Kostas proposed and Elaine accepted. She started planning their wedding straightaway. 1 ☐ Kostas told me he thought it might help compensate for it not being in Larnaca.

All I can say is that it's the most memorable wedding I've ever been to. 2 ☐ Her chief bridesmaid, or koumbara, was Kostas's sister, Androula. Our bridesmaids' dresses and the long white bridal gown were similar to what is worn in the UK, but there is an extra tradition which is for the family and friends of the bride to wrap a red scarf around her before she goes to the church.

3 ☐ In the church, Elaine's dad symbolically gave her to Kostas, which is something I'm used to but then all four parents stood next to the couple for the whole ceremony which they don't do in Britain.

I loved the symbolism in the wedding ceremony. Androula placed a wedding crown on Elaine's head and the best man did the same for Kostas. The crowns were really beautiful, decorated with flowers and jewels and they were connected with a ribbon to signify the couple being joined together. The couple exchanged rings and made their promises. Then the bride and groom had to walk three times around the table which had a bible and cross on it, led by the priest.

When the ceremony was over, everyone went off to the reception which was held in a very elegant five star London hotel. There was a huge dinner, followed by Cypriot music and dancing. 4 ☐ Many had made lines and sashes of notes taped together to drape over the dancers. There was a lot of money!

One last thing I'd like to share is that all the bride's single female friends get to write their names on the bottom of her shoes. 5 ☐ In the case of the shoes, the bride takes them off at the end of the evening and most of the writing has been rubbed off as she danced but the name that is left will be the next to marry. And, you can guess, that was me!

- A She was sure her in-laws would be pleased if they had a traditional Cypriot wedding in London.
- B When the new couple danced together for the first time, all the guests got up and pinned money on their clothing.
- C This is a bit like our British tradition of throwing the bouquet and whoever catches it will be the next to get married.
- D In fact, what happened was that his two brothers and sister all moved to London.
- E When we arrived there in our limousine, I noticed that Kostas had a red scarf around his waist too.
- F However, I think Elaine was right to embrace her new husband's culture.
- G Elaine had chosen me to be one of her bridesmaids and I felt very honoured.

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Reading and Writing A

WRITING

Write a story titled 'A very memorable experience' (140–180 words). Include the following information:

- say where you were and who you were with at the time
- describe the experience
- explain why you remember this experience

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Listening and Speaking A

LISTENING

1 Listen to an interview with Marianne Taylor, talking about her bookshop, which is called 'Memories'. Choose the correct answer.

- 1 According to Marianne, she started 'Memories' ____
A to help people in the town become interested in history.
B because the town needed another bookshop.
C because of her own interests.
- 2 Marianne and John provided armchairs ____
A so their elderly customers would be comfortable.
B because their customers were spending too much time talking at the counter.
C to encourage elderly customers to buy more books.
- 3 Marianne says that Ted Francis's talk was ____
A about 200 years of local history.
B important to the development of the bookshop.
C attended by just a few local people.
- 4 The Golden Memories sessions ____
A are only to help people with poor memories.
B don't take place on a regular basis.
C are really enjoyable for Marianne.
- 5 You ____ to join a Golden Memories session.
A need to reserve a place
B don't have to pay
C have to buy a book of old photos

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2 Listen to five people talking about their wedding days. What does each person say about their wedding?

- A** There were problems because they hadn't planned it well enough.
- B** They are not happy with the wedding photos.
- C** They invited the right number of guests.
- D** The bridesmaids were very important.
- E** They slightly regret their choice of venue.
- F** They didn't need to spend money on one aspect.

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

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SPEAKING

1 Make questions and ask your partner.

- 1 What / your earliest memory?
- 2 How / you memorize / passwords or pin numbers?
- 3 / you ever / forget / someone's name?
- 4 What / you think / be / best age / get married? Why?
- 5 In your country / people spend / lot / money / weddings?

Now answer your partner's questions.

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

'Your wedding day is the most exciting day of your life.'

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

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