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Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation A

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Example: Fiona doesn't fancy going (go) out for dinner tonight.

- 1 The art thieves are believed _____ (steal) two priceless paintings.
- 2 I enjoyed the film, despite _____ (see) it before.
- 3 Marius denied _____ (leave) the car door unlocked.
- 4 I remember _____ (play) cricket in the garden when I was little.
- 5 Criminals used _____ (give) longer prison sentences in the past.
- 6 The family business is going to _____ (sell) next week.
- 7 I'm so sorry – I completely forgot _____ (buy) any bread.
- 8 It _____ (think) that the gang escaped in a black 4x4.
- 9 Dogs must not _____ (bring) into the park unless they are on a lead.
- 10 My parents convinced me _____ (not go) straight to university after finishing school.

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2 Complete the sentences with one word.

Example: This milk carton has already been opened – take it back to the shop.

- 1 We'll have to leave that box. There's _____ more room in the van.
- 2 We love India, but we can't _____ used to eating spicy food every day.
- 3 I have good chats with my hairdresser while I'm _____ my hair cut.
- 4 My sister's with me – she insisted _____ coming.
- 5 Darcy _____ have gone home – her coat is still on her chair.
- 6 That sounds _____ a really good idea!
- 7 I'm _____ to working in this kind of heat. I lived in Abu Dhabi before I moved here.
- 8 _____ of my brothers are older than me – I'm 19 and they're 22 and 25.
- 9 Sandy looks _____ if he's had some really bad news. Is he OK?
- 10 You _____ have spoken to the customer like that – it was very rude!
- 11 I loved the music, even _____ it was a bit too loud.
- 12 Do you have a _____ of scissors? I need to cut some wrapping paper.
- 13 Please close doors quietly so _____ not to disturb other residents.
- 14 _____ the cold, we had a fantastic time exploring Norway.
- 15 I don't want tea, thanks. I'd _____ have a coffee if you have some.

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3 Underline the correct form.

Example: It took my father-in-law a long time to **be / get** used to being retired.

- 1 All the staff in this hotel **is / are** really friendly.
- 2 I bought a book and a magazine in the shop. **The / A** book is for my sister.
- 3 I'm going to **get my car serviced / get serviced my car** tomorrow.
- 4 Selma's going to **(–) / the** hospital tomorrow to visit her friend who has just had a baby.
- 5 **Every / All** room in the hotel has a spectacular view.
- 6 **Any / None** of the children wanted to go ice-skating so we went bowling instead.
- 7 There'll be **(–) / a** terrible traffic if you leave before 9.30.
- 8 Do you feel **as if / like** going to a concert tonight?
- 9 We used to **live / living** in Denmark. It was nice, but the weather wasn't great in winter.

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- 10 A great place to go to escape the cold winter is **the / (-)** Canary Islands.
- 11 You **may / can't** have seen Anthony at work yesterday. He took the day off.
- 12 We built a fire **so that / so as to** help the rescuers locate us.
- 13 **Despite / In spite of** setting off late, we arrived in good time.
- 14 I know it's difficult with this noise, but please try **to go / going** to sleep.
- 15 I recommend **to visit / visiting** the Uffizi Gallery in Florence.

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Grammar total		40
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VOCABULARY

4 Underline the odd word out.

Example: duvet pillow sleeping pills blanket

- 1 fraud robbery evidence blackmail
- 2 biased accurate sensational censored
- 3 ankle heel calf wrist
- 4 newsreader advert presenter commentator
- 5 scratch wave point kneel
- 6 judge verdict jury witness
- 7 nap snore insomnia yawn
- 8 launch manufacture take over merge

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

Example: There was a big advertising campaign to launch their latest mobile phone.
produce launch manufacture

- 1 We _____ most of our manufactured goods from China.
export import expand
- 2 The Sun's so bright when it _____ off the water like that. I need my sunglasses!
dissolves scatters reflects
- 3 It's an interesting proposal but we should consider the _____ before making a decision.
cause and effect forwards and backwards pros and cons
- 4 Government plans to _____ thousands of public sector jobs.
quit clash axe
- 5 A _____ is somebody who studies plants and their structure.
zoologist geneticist botanist
- 6 Three men have been _____ with theft.
charged arrested questioned
- 7 I have to wake my husband up when he _____ because it's so loud!
snores yawns sleepwalks
- 8 My neighbours won't _____ if you park your car in front of their house.
notice mind matter
- 9 The conferences are _____, in April and October.
postannual multiannual biannual

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- 10 Have you ever read any reviews by this _____?
agony aunt critic paparazzi

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6 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: My wallet was stolen / **robbed** from out of my jacket when I went to the toilet.

- 1 The drug is no longer used because of its harmful side **results** / **effects**.
- 2 Scientists **made** / **carried out** an experiment to see whether the plant could be developed into a new medicine.
- 3 Did you **notice** / **realize** whether the post office was open when we drove past?
- 4 Prices have **raised** / **risen** by over 10% during the last year.
- 5 Governments must cut carbon emissions to avoid environmental disaster. It's **sooner or later** / **now or never**!
- 6 Which of the company's branches **did** / **made** the biggest profit this year?
- 7 Unfortunately, our favourite restaurant has **gone out of** / **unfinished** business. Apparently, the owner had financial problems.
- 8 **Remember** / **Remind** me to buy some stamps when we're in the newsagents.
- 9 It was a difficult expedition, but luckily they arrived home **safe and sound** / **sound and safe**.
- 10 I've had plenty of **downs and outs** / **ups and downs** in my 20-year career.
- 11 Javier is a brilliant public speaker – he really does have the **wit** / **gift of the gab**!
- 12 It's hard to find **biased** / **objective** journalism that isn't obviously left- or right-wing.

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7 Complete the words in the sentences.

Example: You should turn off the tap while you're brushing your teeth!

- 1 The men were tried, but **a**_____ because of a lack of evidence.
- 2 The noise of the traffic going past the hotel kept me **a**_____ all night.
- 3 This hard drive is so small you can hold it in the **p**_____ of your hand.
- 4 As wind turbines **r**_____, they produce energy.
- 5 The audience clapped so long that the singer gave another **e**_____.
- 6 I'd hate to suffer from **i**_____ because I love sleeping!
- 7 I've sent Maya a lovely **b**_____ of flowers for her birthday.
- 8 We were absolutely **s**_____ stiff walking home through the woods in the dark!
- 9 You're such a **h**_____ – you're always imagining that you're ill!
- 10 I don't trust that politician at all – I think he's really **d**_____.

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PRONUNCIATION

8 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: or|a|tor

- 1 ad|ver|tis|ing
- 2 black|mail
- 3 me|ga|ci|ty
- 4 em|ba|rassed
- 5 lone|i|ness
- 6 per|mit (verb)
- 7 sci|en|ti|fic
- 8 con|vince
- 9 or|ches|tra
- 10 in|vest|i|g|ated

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9 Match the words with the same sound.

verdict	sleep	refuse	court	violin	ankle
jury	theory	lose	antisocial	grow	

Example: axe ankle

- 1 comb _____
- 2 review _____
- 3 law _____
- 4 peace _____
- 5 journalist _____
- 6 deny _____
- 7 judge _____
- 8 guilty _____
- 9 raise _____
- 10 volunteer _____

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Pronunciation total		20
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READING

- 1 Read the article. For questions 1–5, choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D).

Pet sounds

There have been many scientific studies related to how the human brain responds to music. But what about animals? Do they respond, and if so, are there any similarities between animals and humans? Studies have come up with a few interesting results.

In one study in the US, researchers monitored the effect of music on the behaviour of dogs. They played different types of music to the dogs, including classical and heavy metal. They also observed their behaviour when no music was playing. The study found several similarities between dogs and humans when they heard music. For example, classical music seemed to reduce stress and promote sleep, and heavy metal music increased anxiety and caused restlessness. Interestingly, a similar study in Scotland concluded that dogs prefer soft rock and reggae music. Perhaps it's just a matter of taste!

Cats, on the other hand, are fairly indifferent to human music of all types. In 2015, a team of psychologists and musicians in the US developed a specific type of music which contained frequencies and rhythms similar to the ones that cats use for communication. When the team played examples of both classical music and 'cat' music, the cats ignored the 'human' music. However, they responded physically to the specially developed cat music by going close to the speakers and rubbing themselves against them.

In terms of physical reactions to music, humans might tap a beat, nod their head, or dance, but so do birds. To explore this, researchers at Harvard University in the US used an unconventional source for their studies – YouTube videos. They analyzed videos of Snowball, a type of parrot, moving to music, and found that he could follow the beat of a song even when it was slowed down or sped up. The common factor between parrots and humans is that they can imitate sound and move in time to a beat. This suggested that there is a connection between the brain mechanisms required for dance and sound imitation.

But parrots aren't the only birds that respond to music. The UK's traditional Christmas dinner bird – the turkey – doesn't move to a beat but it does enjoy music. Organic farm worker Elin Williams plays her guitar to the turkeys on the organic farm where she works. The main aim on the farm is to create an environment which is as stress-free as possible, but unfortunately as it is located beside a main road, the birds are often disturbed by loud traffic. To combat this, the staff started playing classical music on the radio to the turkeys overnight. The birds responded well to it so the staff put the radio on during the day too. Then Elin's boss suggested she play her guitar to them. She thought he was joking, but as soon as she started playing, the turkeys crowded around to listen and started pecking on the guitar strings with their beaks. Now she regularly plays pop and Welsh folk songs, and her boss thinks the turkeys are happier and more relaxed as a result.

The benefits of playing music to farm animals isn't limited to de-stressing turkeys either. The dairy industry is starting to take notice of some interesting results from trials which involve playing music to cows. In a recent study, different genres of music were played to a herd of around a thousand cows. The music was organized by speed: slow (under 100 beats per minute), including pop and classical music such as Beethoven, and fast (over 120 beats per minute), including soft rock and faster pop tunes. The cows seemed to prefer the slower,

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more relaxing music as it resulted in an increase of over 3% in their milk production. That translates to approximately 0.73 litres more milk per cow a day – a significant increase in profit for the farmers, and happier cows too!

- 1 A study revealed that Scottish dogs feel more relaxed when they listen to ...
A heavy metal.
B classical music.
C reggae.
D pop.
- 2 How did the cats in the study respond to music?
A They ignored all types of music.
B They had a strong physical response to human music.
C They only enjoyed the classical music.
D They only responded to the music that is similar to cat communication.
- 3 A Harvard study found that parrot ...
A can memorize musical sequences.
B don't enjoy human music.
C are able to move in time to a beat.
D can accurately mimic the sounds of music.
- 4 Elin plays her guitar to turkeys on an organic farm ...
A because they appear to enjoy it.
B to disguise the sound of nearby traffic.
C because they didn't like the radio music.
D for her own entertainment.
- 5 What effect does slow music have on dairy cows?
A They become stressed.
B They produce more milk.
C They sleep more.
D They don't respond to it at all.

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2 Match five of the **highlighted** words / phrases to the definitions.

Example: qualities that the same similarities

- doing things in a different way from most people
- tests
- the state of being unable to sit still
- came very close
- observed over a period of time

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WRITING

Write an article for one of the following. Write 140–180 words.

- 1 Write a blog post about your favourite music, film, or TV show.
- 2 Describe an invention or piece of technology you think is clever and explain why.
- 3 What do you like and dislike about using social media?

Writing total		10
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LISTENING

1 Listen to five people talking about photographs. Choose from the list (A–H) what each person is describing. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters you do not need to use.

- A a childhood memory
- B a very old photograph
- C a fake news photograph
- D a school photograph
- E a wedding
- F a person they once knew
- G a journey
- H a place they once lived

Speaker 1: []

Speaker 2: []

Speaker 3: []

Speaker 4: []

Speaker 5: []

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2 Listen to an interview with a professional speaker. Underline the correct answer.

- 1 Kyle says that **he still gets nervous before a speech / anxiety and excitement have the same effect on the body / he used to have a phobia of public speaking.**
- 2 Kyle says most people make the mistake of **talking too fast / making their speech shorter than it should be / including too many facts and statistics.**
- 3 Before writing a speech Kyle **considers who might listen to him speak / interviews his audience / does some physical exercise.**
- 4 According to Kyle, the most powerful part of communication is your **tone of voice / words / body language.**
- 5 Kyle advises people preparing a speech to **record themselves giving it / use the Internet as a learning resource / memorize it word for word.**

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SPEAKING

1 Make questions and ask your partner.

- 1 Which city / most like to visit and why?
- 2 you rather have a city break or an adventure holiday? Why?
- 3 How / get a good night's sleep?
- 4 What / last advert you saw?
- 5 Which relative / you most look like? Why?
- 6 How / science made life easier in the last 100 years?
- 7 What fake news / last hear about?
- 8 If / could work for an advertising company, which product / like to promote?
- 9 you ever had difficulties sleeping? What / you do?
- 10 How / feel if / had to speak in public?

Now answer your partner's questions.

2 Listen to your partner. Do you agree with him / her?

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

- 1 'We should always believe what we read online.'
- 2 'It's easy to tell whether someone has committed a crime from their appearance and behaviour.'
- 3 'If you have to give a speech or presentation, it is best to memorize it.'

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