

Progress Test Files 7-12

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

B

American

ENGLISH FILE 2

GRAMMAR

1 Underline the correct word or phrase.

Example: When did you finish / have you finished your work?

- Is Ian good at **playing** / **play** the guitar?
- I borrowed her laptop, because **my** / **mine** was broken.
- Who **left** / **did leave** all this garbage last night?
- It is easier **to learn** / **learn** to drive when you're young.
- I might **see** / **to see** my friends this weekend.
- We've lived here **for** / **since** 18 months.
- They **shouldn't** / **don't have to** listen to her. She tells lies.
- A** I love ballroom dancing.
B Neither / **So** do I.
- If you don't turn down the music, I **will** / **would** be very angry.
- The meeting **might** / **will** finish early. It depends how long the boss speaks!
- What **have they eaten** / **did they eat** for lunch yesterday?
- She gets along **well with her sister** / **her sister well**.
- Did** / **Was** he use to teach math at your school?
- We really **enjoy** / **want** spending time at the beach.
- You **must not** / **don't have to** pay to enter the museum. It's free.

15

2 Complete the sentences with one word.

Example: The girl walked into the store to buy some bread.

- I haven't seen my aunt _____ last year.
- A** _____ there use to be a supermarket over there?
B Yes, but it closed two years ago.
- The English class is on the first floor. Go _____ the stairs and turn right.
- _____ you pay that woman, she'll sell you the tickets you need.
- A** Is this pen _____, Fiona?
B Yes, it is. Thanks.
- Pete said he _____ already bought the CD.
- You _____ smoke in the restaurant. It's against the law.

- Oh, no! I've _____ to phone the doctor!
- The hours in his job are long, but he doesn't _____ working late, so that's OK.
- This book was written _____ Charles Dickens.

15

3 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

Example: If I had (have) a lot of money, I'd buy a new car.

- A** I _____ (not go) to the meeting tonight.
B Neither are we.
- If they _____ (get) here before 6 p.m., we'll go to the theater.
- Pasta _____ (make) all over the world.
- A** I didn't really like that book.
B Neither _____ (do) I!
- If you really wanted that car, you _____ (save) your money to buy it.
- A** Why is he going out?
B _____ (buy) some milk.
- A** How long _____ (you / be) on the team?
B Since last year.
- The teacher told us _____ (stay) after class.
- What would you do if you _____ (lose) your credit card?
- They got to the theater 10 minutes late, and the play _____ (already / start).
- I _____ (know) Ed for twenty years. We're good friends.
- We _____ (live) in a city apartment, but now we have a house in the country.
- Rachel asked us if we _____ (want) to go out for a pizza.
- The supermarket _____ (build) in 2008.
- Pascual said he _____ (never see) that movie.

10

Grammar total

40

Progress Test Files 7-12

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

B

American

ENGLISH FILE 2

VOCABULARY

4 Write the opposite.

Example: turn on (the TV) turn off

- 1 forget (a name) _____
- 2 put on (a coat) _____
- 3 turn up (the radio) _____
- 4 get up (in the morning) _____
- 5 stand up _____

5

5 Underline the odd word(s) out.

Example: duck eagle swan mosquito

- 1 get home get an email get a salary get a present
- 2 really a little good very
- 3 cow spider pig horse
- 4 math physics biology chemistry
- 5 shark dolphin goat crocodile
- 6 go away look after get up sit down
- 7 tired divorced retired married
- 8 miss get on catch lose
- 9 try on turn down take off put on
- 10 through toward along passed

10

6 Complete the sentences with one word.

Example: I woke up very early this morning.

- 1 My son _____ that he wanted to travel before college.
- 2 Tina got a _____ for her birthday, and now she's taking lessons.
- 3 Don't _____ away that old magazine. I haven't read it yet.
- 4 Rafi's in the shower right now. He'll call you _____ soon.
- 5 Sarah doesn't _____ much money. Her job's poorly paid.
- 6 Their teacher _____ them they had all passed their exams.
- 7 **A** Sorry this is taking so long.
B Don't worry. We _____ mind waiting.
- 8 Alex _____ along very well with John. They're good friends.

- 9 Please _____ your dictionaries to next week's class.
- 10 We _____ last night watching our favorite movie.

15

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

Example: Would you like to look at my vacation photos?

watch look at read

- 1 The PC was _____ long before most of us first used it.
designed discovered invented
- 2 Carol is really afraid _____ snakes.
of on by
- 3 My grandparents married young, and _____ eight children.
became had got
- 4 Go _____ the movie theater and the restaurant is on your right.
past over along
- 5 **A** I don't like shopping in supermarkets at all.
B _____ do I!
Neither So Also
- 6 He's really tired and doesn't feel _____.
studying tonight.
for like to
- 7 If you don't know where it is, look _____ the directions on the internet.
through up down
- 8 He was walking _____ the park when I saw him.
across down on
- 9 We're looking _____ our neighbor's dog while she's on vacation.
for forward after
- 10 I _____ broke my friend's iPod. I felt terrible.
finally luckily accidentally
- 11 The Queen of England always _____ a handbag.
puts wears carries
- 12 My brother decided to _____ at the age of 50 and go traveling.
receive retire repair

Progress Test Files 7-12

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

B

American
ENGLISH FILE 2

- 13 She used to play a lot of tennis, but gave it _____ last year.
up down off
- 14 The lion moved _____, and everyone felt very frightened.
sadly luckily suddenly
- 15 Piero doesn't look _____ his father. They're completely different.
as like same

15

Vocabulary total 40

PRONUNCIATION

- 8 Match the words with the same sound.

finish hope forget turn send tiger
discover wear enjoy divorced get

Example: remember send

- 1 promise _____
2 mosquito _____
3 try _____
4 pretend _____
5 earn _____
6 elephant _____
7 dangerous _____
8 whale _____
9 throw _____
10 across _____

10

- 9 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: a|ddress

- 1 in|ven|ted
2 di|rec|ted
3 news|pa|per
4 se|pa|ra|ted
5 e|lec|tion
6 dol|phin
7 i|ma|gi|na|tion
8 e|le|phant
9 to|ward
10 su|ccess

10

Pronunciation total 20

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 100

READING

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

Is technology bad for our brains?

by James Sanders

Nowadays, many useful gadgets (small machines) are advertised as “smart.” This “smartness” generally means that the machine can change how it works to **suit** the user’s needs, learn our preferences, and make intelligent choices for us. Smartphones can now take photos, play songs, send emails, and do a thousand other useful things, such as shopping online or **assisting** us with our homework. We used to need lots of machines to help us to do these things, but not any more. They fit in our pockets, but contain more **data** than we could ever possibly need, or remember.

If you asked most people, they would say that smart machines have improved life. Not everyone agrees, however. A few scientists are worried about the **effect** of using machines to do things that we used to do for ourselves. For example, we don’t have to remember people’s **contact details** any more, as our phones **store** this information. We can also find information **instantly**, via Internet search engines like Google. A few studies have shown, surprisingly, that people in their 50s and 60s are better than teenagers at studying and **memorizing** information, because they’ve always worked this way.

Technology has changed our expectations and made us very impatient. Now we want our news in tiny **soundbites**, and get bored if we actually have to read or listen for more than a minute or two. Scientists reported recently that the Internet was changing how we think and learn. One author even said that Google was making us stupid! It’s certainly true that we often do two or three things **simultaneously** when we are online, and it’s harder and harder to **focus on** one thing. Maybe technology is bad for our brains, and our memories, and we should stop depending on it all the time. But if you tell me to give up my smartphone, sorry, I won’t!

Example: Gadgets nowadays can be very expensive.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn’t say ☒

1 Different people use “smart” gadgets in different ways.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn’t say ☐

2 Smartphones can help us do many things.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn’t say ☐

3 They are also cheaper to buy these days.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn’t say ☐

4 Most people think that “smart” technology makes things easier.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn’t say ☐

5 One result of smartphones is that we remember more.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn’t say ☐

6 The memory test results show that young people have quick memories.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn’t say ☐

7 Older people have more smart gadgets than teenagers.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn’t say ☐

8 We have less patience now than we used to have.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn’t say ☐

9 On the internet, we do one thing at a time.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn’t say ☐

10 James Sanders likes using modern gadgets.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn’t say ☐☐ 102 Match **five** of the highlighted words / phrases with the definitions.Example: be right for something, or someone **suit**

1 learning facts, so we can say them later _____

2 small comments or pieces of information _____

3 telephone number, email, and address _____

4 at the same time _____

5 helping _____

☐ 5Reading total ☐ 15

WRITING

Answer these three questions. Write 25–35 words for each question.

1 What would you do if you won a lot of money?

2 What subjects did / do you most enjoy studying at school? Why?

3 What is your favorite possession? Why?

Writing total ☐ 10Reading and Writing total ☐ 25

Progress Test Files 7-12

Listening and Speaking

B

American

ENGLISH FILE 2

LISTENING

1 Listen to Kate speaking about a job she enjoys. Check (✓) A, B, or C.

- 1 Kate does most of her work _____.
A in an office ☐ B at a swimming pool ☐
C at home ☐
- 2 Her swimming classes are all on _____.
A Mondays and Wednesdays ☐
B the same day ☐ C on Saturday ☐
- 3 Her favorite class is _____.
A older people ☐ B advanced swimmers ☐
C young children ☐
- 4 Most of the adults are _____.
A scared of the water ☐
B about 40 years old ☐
C excellent swimmers ☐
- 5 If the _____ was better, she'd teach swimming every day.
A journey to the pool ☐ B work ☐
C pay ☐

5

2 Listen to five conversations. Match them with speakers A–E.

- Conversation 1 ☐
Conversation 2 ☐
Conversation 3 ☐
Conversation 4 ☐
Conversation 5 ☐

- A a doctor
B a pharmacist
C a brother
D a receptionist
E a tourist

5

Listening total 10

SPEAKING

1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now ask your partner these questions.

- 1 Which animal(s) do you like best? Why?
- 2 What free-time activities would you like to do more of?
- 3 When do you usually get up and go to bed?
- 4 What electronic gadgets do you have at home? Which do you use most?
- 5 What do you usually have for breakfast?
- 6 What do you like to do on vacation?
- 7 What makes you feel frightened?
- 8 What's the best party you've ever been to?
- 9 How did you use to spend your free time when you were a child?
- 10 Which are the easiest and most difficult parts of language learning for you?

2 Write questions and ask your partner about a course he / she attended.

- How long / course?
- What / study?
- Where / stay?
- school / have / computers / anything else for students?
- What / do / evenings and weekends?
- How much / cost?

3 Use this information to answer your partner's questions about a history course you attended.

History Evening Course

Class time: Tuesday evenings 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Length of course: Twelve weeks

Course: 19th and 20th century world history

Teacher: Dr. Tims (Professor of modern history at Yale University)

Classes: 5 / 6 students (age 16+)

Cost: \$275

Speaking total 15

Listening and Speaking total 25