

Progress Test Files 1-5

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation

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American

ENGLISH FILE 3

GRAMMAR

- 1 Complete the second sentence with two words so that it means the same as the first sentence. Contracted forms, e.g. *isn't*, count as one word.

Example: I'm not sure who it is. Maybe it's his wife.

I'm not sure who it is. It might be his wife.

- 1 Do you have time to meet me on Friday?
Will you be _____ meet me on Friday?
- 2 Our wedding is going to be in May.
We're _____ in May.
- 3 I didn't like pasta when I was younger, but now I eat a lot of it.
I didn't _____ like pasta but now I eat a lot of it.
- 4 That garden is beautiful!
What _____ garden!
- 5 I've never seen a funnier movie.
That's _____ movie I've ever seen.
- 6 We met a few months ago.
We _____ each other for a few months.
- 7 All visitors must report to reception.
You _____ report to reception.
- 8 This DVD isn't as interesting as the last one you gave me.
This DVD is less _____ the last one you gave me.
- 9 I was in the middle of my exercises when you called.
I _____ my exercises when you called.
- 10 Traveling by air is more expensive than traveling by bus.
Traveling by bus isn't _____ as traveling by air.

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- 2 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

Example: How many cups of coffee do you have (have) every day?

- 1 _____ you _____ (can) come to the meeting tomorrow?
- 2 We _____ (stay) with my sister at the moment while we look for a house.
- 3 _____ you _____ (see) the new James Bond movie next week?
- 4 Chris isn't in the office today. He _____ (work) in San Francisco.

- 5 _____ Sara _____ (look for) me 10 minutes ago? I was at lunch.
- 6 What _____ you _____ (give) Bill for Christmas last year?
- 7 I _____ (go) to the hairdresser's at 2:00. I'll see you at 3:00.
- 8 _____ she _____ (finish) reading that newspaper? That was quick!
- 9 They _____ (watch) a football game on TV when I arrived.
- 10 _____ you ever _____ (drive) a really fast car?
- 11 The bus _____ (not arrive) yet. It's an hour late.
- 12 Don't get a taxi. I _____ (meet) you at the station.
- 13 I _____ (answer) ten phone calls since 9 o'clock this morning.
- 14 I'm sorry I'm late. _____ you _____ (wait) long?
- 15 We _____ (finish) dinner and were having coffee when Kate arrived.

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- 3 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: She wants / *is wanting* to be alone at the moment.

- 1 You *don't have to* / *must not* pay to go into museums in the UK. They're usually free.
- 2 We sometimes go to *the restaurants* / *restaurants* for a change.
- 3 My sister eats *slowlier* / *more slowly* than I do.
- 4 I dropped my iPad on the floor last year so I *must* / *had to* get a new one.
- 5 *Are you liking* / *Do you like* traveling to new countries?
- 6 Have you *had* / *been having* that car for a long time?
- 7 I'm *a science teacher* / *science teacher* in a high school.
- 8 He drives much *more* / *most* carefully than I do.
- 9 I'm afraid you *can't* / *couldn't* see Mr. Allan. He's in a meeting.
- 10 She's been teaching at this school *for* / *since* 2008.
- 11 The weather was OK in Italy, but it wasn't as hot *as* / *than* it was last summer.
- 12 You *shouldn't* / *don't have to* eat a lot of sugar. It's bad for you.
- 13 Adam *used to play* / *was playing* baseball when he was in college.

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- 14 She *isn't needing* / *doesn't need* to get up early tomorrow. It's a holiday.
- 15 What time *do you go* / *are you going* to Peter's this evening?

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Grammar total 40

VOCABULARY

4 Underline the correct word.

Example: The trip took forever; I was really tired / *tiring* when we arrived.

- I've left my homework at home again! It's very *frustrated* / frustrating.
- Have you ever left the theater because the movie was *bored* / boring?
- I wore my wife's glasses to work. It was so *embarrassed* / embarrassing.
- We were extremely *frightened* / frightening during the hurricane.
- The rain in Seattle makes me feel *depressed* / depressing.

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

Example: I owe my dad \$100.
borrow owe invest

- I'm afraid I'm really busy right now. Can I _____ you back in 20 minutes?
leave dial call
- They _____ us \$15 to park the car at the bus station.
cost saved charged
- I did the opposite of what my sister told me to do. She was _____.
filthy tiny furious
- The _____ is much better in my new job than it was in my old job.
mortgage salary tax
- Do you still keep in touch with any of your _____ from school?
colleagues partners classmates
- She's such a cute girl. She's very _____.
aggressive moody affectionate

- Are you going to apply _____ that job you were talking about?
of to for
- Be careful what you say to Michael. He's very _____.
responsible sensitive sensible
- I'm trying to cut _____ on chocolate at the moment. I just eat it once a week.
out down up
- I never eat _____ food. I think all food is better cooked!
raw boiled fried

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6 Write the opposite of the adjective.

Example: lazy hard-working

- organized _____
- shy _____
- freezing _____
- tiny _____
- mature _____

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7 Underline the odd word out.

Example: glass napkin knife eggs

- hilarious furious tiny hungry
- earn throw inherit charge
- moody bossy stubborn reliable
- win play lose draw
- coach fan track spectator
- roast frozen boiled fried
- beet melon peach pear
- carton margarine box jar
- scooter van bus highway
- father nephew niece brother

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8 Complete the words in the sentences.

Example: He's very smart. He always knows the answer.

- 1 When Dave's grandmother died, he **i**_____ her house.
- 2 Slow down! The speed **l**_____ on this road is 30!
- 3 My parents were an hour late because there was a terrible traffic **j**_____.
- 4 That's Wendy, my **r**_____. We live in the apartment above the store.
- 5 I don't feel like cooking tonight. Shall we get **t**_____?
- 6 You have to choose **b**_____ these two books.
- 7 You should try that new restaurant. The food is **d**_____.
- 8 Your plane is departing from **g**_____ 15.
- 9 Kate and I are really good friends because we have a lot in **c**_____.
- 10 Mr. Jones is in a meeting right now. Would you like to **l**_____ a message?

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Vocabulary total 40

PRONUNCIATION

9 Match the words with the same sound.

gossip injured organized selfish ~~owe~~ team
charming inherit paid journey height

Example: phone owe

- 1 train _____
- 2 jazz _____
- 3 snake _____
- 4 tree _____
- 5 fish _____
- 6 bike _____
- 7 chess _____
- 8 clock _____
- 9 zebra _____
- 10 egg _____

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10 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: com|pe|ti|tive

- 1 un|der|ground
- 2 am|bi|tious
- 3 mort|gage
- 4 rasp|be|rries
- 5 a|fford
- 6 i|ma|gi|na|tive
- 7 cir|cuit
- 8 in|de|pen|dent
- 9 spec|ta|tor
- 10 pe|de|stri|an

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Pronunciation total 20

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 100

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Reading and Writing **B**

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READING

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

The transatlantic question

Charles Lindbergh's 33-hour flight from New York to Paris in 1927 made aviation history. Less known is the return flight to New York by two Frenchmen three years later. Taking just over three hours longer, Costes and Bellonte made an equally exciting journey from Paris to New York in their plane, the *Question Mark*. The first question they faced, Captain Costes remembered in an article at the time, was "Would the plane lift off the ground?" "That was our greatest **concern**. We had 5,200 liters of gasoline **on board**."

This fear passed quickly but was followed by other **hazards**. They **ran into** three storms. The third, and worst of all, was over Nova Scotia, in Canada. "In order to avoid it we had to fly 100 miles **out of our way**. Time was passing and every minute meant the loss of more of our **precious** fuel."

They had another problem: "The sky was **overcast**, it was raining and we had to fly below those rain clouds." Sometimes they were extremely low which meant they had to fly as close to the water as thirty feet.

"There were many exciting moments during our trip, but I think the greatest **thrill** came when we first saw the coast of North America," said Costes. He decided that three was their lucky number. They had survived three storms – and at 3 a.m. French time, they saw land. But their adventures weren't over.

Suddenly, a mountain appeared out of the mist. "We were between the steep banks of a river. It was a tight place. Bellonte was at the controls at that time and he had to think fast. Fortunately, having flown thousands of miles, the plane was light." Bellonte managed to turn the plane just in time. But Costes said, "It is not pleasant to think how close we came to those cruel, **jagged** rocks."

Fortunately, they succeeded where many others before them had failed, and the **graceful** landing at the airport in New York was greeted by 10,000 cheering people. Among them was Colonel Charles Lindbergh who said, "I congratulate you!" as he shook the hands of the two heroes.

Example: Lindbergh traveled from New York to Paris in ____.

A a plane ☒ B a ship ☐ C a boat ☐

1 Costes and Bellonte flew to New York from Paris in ____.

A 1933 ☐ B 1930 ☐ C 1927 ☐

2 Their flight to New York took ____.

A just over 35 hours ☐ B just over 33 hours ☐
C just over 36 hours ☐

3 They were very worried because the plane was carrying a lot of ____.

A people ☐ B luggage ☐ C fuel ☐

4 The ____ of the three storms was the worst they experienced.

A first ☐ B second ☐ C third ☐

5 Costes and Bellonte ____ the storm in Nova Scotia.

A flew around ☐ B flew through ☐
C flew over ☐

6 They ____ flew above the clouds when it rained.

A always ☐ B sometimes ☐ C never ☐

7 They saw the American coast when it was ____ in France.

A midnight ☐ B mid-afternoon ☐
C early morning ☐

8 Costes thought that they were going to ____.

A fly into a storm ☐
B crash into a mountain ☐
C fly into the river ☐

9 ____ five thousand people were waiting for them at the airport.

A Fewer than ☐ B More than ☐
C About ☐

10 Colonel Lindbergh congratulated them ____.

A in a letter ☐ B at the airport ☐
C on the phone ☐

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2 Match five of the highlighted words and phrases with the definitions.

Example: worry concern

1 on the plane _____

2 dangers _____

3 experienced (difficulties) _____

4 important _____

5 rough with pointed edges _____

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Reading total 15

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Answer one of the questions and write 75–100 words.

- 1 What advice would you give to someone moving to your country?
- 2 Describe an exciting sporting event you have seen or been to.
- 3 What is your favorite way of traveling and why?

Writing total		10
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Reading and Writing total		25
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Listening and Speaking

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LISTENING

1 Complete the sentences with **one** word.

- The expert mentions a celebrity who loses weight by eating _____ food.
- You _____ do the "cabbage soup diet" for more than a week.
- On the "morning banana diet" you have to go to bed before _____.
- Doctors say that we should have a bigger meal in the _____.
- On the "air diet," you don't eat _____ if you go out for a meal with your friends.

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2 Listen to five conversations. Check (✓) A, B, or C.

- Rob says he usually likes to eat curry _____.
A twice a week ☐ B every week ☐
C every weekend ☐
- Lisa says that _____.
A she has never won any money ☐
B would love to win some money ☐
C thinks people shouldn't do the lottery ☐
- Paul loved Iceland mostly because of _____.
A the weather ☐ B the scenery ☐
C the crowds ☐
- Anna advises Mark not to tip taxi drivers if they _____.
A don't drive well ☐ B arrive late ☐
C ask for a lot of money ☐
- Sam and Alice were a couple for _____.
A a long time ☐ B a year ☐
C six months ☐

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Listening total	10
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SPEAKING

1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now make questions and ask your partner.

- What / food / not / like / when / child?
- seen / an exciting movie recently? What?
- When / last buy / present? Who? What?
- any skill / you / find / hard / learn? Why?
- Who / you find / hilarious? Why?
- What / most exciting way / travel? Why?
- Which person / closest to? Why?
- ever / go / football game?
- What / best / way / travel / in your town?
- What / should / give / wedding gift / in your country?

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

- "Fast food should never be sold to children."
- "All towns and cities should have a lot more bicycle lanes."
- "People worry too much about manners."

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

Speaking total	15
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Listening and Speaking total	25
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