

Progress Test Files 1–6
Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation A

GRAMMAR

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

Example: Shhh. The film *has* just *started* (start).

- 1 ' _____ you _____ (wash) the car yet?' 'No, I haven't.'
- 2 I _____ (like) vegetarian food.
- 3 Kate often _____ (go out) with Dinis, but they aren't a couple.
- 4 Laila and Jumaid _____ (watch) TV at 10 o'clock last night.
- 5 I _____ (call) you in five minutes. Is that OK?
- 6 'What _____ you _____ (do)?' 'I'm a shop assistant.'
- 7 'I promise I _____ (make) the bed', said Ricardo.
- 8 It _____ (rain) when Rachael arrived at her new office.
- 9 Faisal is over there. He _____ (stand) next to the tall man in the black hat.
- 10 Good news! Agnieska and Theo _____ (sold) their house.

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2 Put the words in the correct order.

Example: old you how are ?

How old are you?

- 1 do you last what did weekend ?

- 2 you any pets do have ?

- 3 to do of you listen music kind what ?

- 4 speak you other can languages any ?

- 5 Hong Kong you have to ever been ?

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3 Underline the correct form.

Example: Kim broke / **has broken** her arm while she was on holiday.

- 1 Lianne **has been** / **has gone** to Moscow more than once.
- 2 I **every day exercise** / **exercise every day**.
- 3 When you called I **ate** / **was eating** my lunch.
- 4 Ali **is cycling** / **cycles** to work every day.
- 5 What **are you doing** / **do you do** this weekend?
- 6 This song isn't **too good as** / **as good as** his last one.
- 7 **They're meeting** / **They meet** Jan at the cinema tonight.
- 8 My little brother is tired and **he's needing** / **he needs** a rest.
- 9 Look at the traffic. We're **being** / **going to be** late.
- 10 Vikram **does** / **is doing** an engineering course.

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4 Write negative sentences.

Example: I'm 24 years old.

I'm not 24 years old.

1 Dani went to Nigeria.

2 You've finished your homework.

3 They wrote those emails.

4 We'll see you later.

5 I'm going to climb a mountain.

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5 Complete the sentences with one word.

Example: The job was difficult, but Conchita worked hard and soon made a good impression.

1 Mikhail and Sonya are going to the park and _____ that they're going for a meal.

2 _____ Bryony was frightened, she walked into the dark room.

3 Is there _____ to leave our coats?

4 Is that the hotel _____ your parents stayed?

5 My lunch wasn't big _____. I'm still hungry.

6 I've eaten too _____ chocolate.

7 The problem started _____ I was downloading some new software.

8 There's _____ on TV tonight that I want to watch and I'm a bit bored.

Shall we go to the cinema?

9 That was the loudest concert I've _____ been to.

10 A department store is a place _____ sells different types of product.

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VOCABULARY

6 Match 1–11 with a–k.

1 wait e

a work early

2 do _____

b abroad

3 make _____

c the dishwasher

4 drop off _____

d something to the shop

5 have _____

e for my friend

6 unload _____

f from a holiday

7 come back _____

g a mistake

8 go _____

h a friend at the airport

9 leave _____

i some exercise

10 miss _____

j a wonderful time

11 take back _____

k a bus

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7 Complete the sentences using the words from the box. There are two words that you don't need.

looking	next-day	keys	harbour
luggage	ironing	failed	polluted
camping	bridge	name	medium-sized
basket			

Example: I went camping with my cousins. We slept in a tent for three nights.

- I don't need a trolley. A _____ is big enough for my shopping today.
- 'Did you pass your maths exam?' 'No, I _____.'
- Then we will cross the _____ to reach the historic centre of the town.
- We need to get our _____ now. Which way is baggage reclaim?
- It will arrive tomorrow because I paid for _____ delivery.
- 'Can I help you, sir?' 'No, I'm just _____, thank you.'
- They're your shirts so you can do the _____.
- The town is quite _____ so they clean the dirt off the historic buildings every year.
- It's a pretty town with colourful fishing boats in the _____.
- I'm so sorry. I've forgotten your _____.

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8 Complete the sentences with one word.

Example: There's a queue for passport control. Please wait behind the line.

- 'Noor, we need to talk _____ your essay plan,' said the teacher.
- I'm sorry. I don't agree _____ your opinion.
- Zeb arrived _____ the station and looked for a ticket machine.
- Yasmin belongs _____ a chess club. She plays regularly.
- The plates are all _____ the sink. You need to do the washing up.
- Please don't leave your dirty socks _____ the floor.
- Waiting _____ a delayed flight is really boring.
- Her birthday is on the 17th _____ June.
- My house is _____ to a park. It's beautiful!
- Oscar is in the _____ of that group of boys. Can you see him?

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

Example: Mill Street Café only sells healthy salads.

medical nutritionist healthy

- Phoebe has _____ hair.
medium tall curly
- Javier often stays in bed all morning. He's a bit _____.
lazy hard-working relaxed
- I don't like people who tell _____. We need to be honest with each other.
stories lies the truth
- We don't laugh much in English class. It's quite a _____ place.
friendly funny serious

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- 5 There are several _____ people in this class, but everyone's opinion is important.
talkative generous mean
- 6 People often say that yoga is _____, but I find it stressful!
positive interested relaxing
- 7 We _____ a boat and went around the lake.
sold hired came
- 8 Are they _____ in coming with us to the café?
exciting interested hopeful
- 9 The hotel was _____ and uncomfortable. What a disaster!
a bit clean dirty
- 10 On Saturdays, the shopping centre is too _____ .
crowded very noisy many people

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Vocabulary total	40
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PRONUNCIATION

10 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: fu|ture

- 1 car|di|gan
- 2 ro|man|tic
- 3 ma|chine
- 4 pho|to|graph
- 5 di|vorced
- 6 to|mo|rrow
- 7 a|ttrac|tive
- 8 hand|some
- 9 pre|fer
- 10 py|ja|mas

11 Complete the sound table with the words from the box. There are three words that you don't need.

~~there~~ curly trousers bike occasion
parent clothes matches early wear
glasses circle concert jeans

houses	computer	chair	bird
		<i>there</i>	

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Pronunciation total	20
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Reading and Writing A

READING

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

New year, old customs

by travel editor, Lauren Briard

Have you ever made a New Year's **resolution**? Perhaps you have decided to learn a new language, or take up more exercise? You are not alone. In many cultures, people choose to change something about their life at the beginning of the year. And all over the world, people celebrate the new year with interesting **customs**.

My favourite traditions come from Mexico and other Latin American countries. For example, at midnight on New Year's Eve in many Spanish-speaking cultures, everyone eats twelve grapes – one grape for each month of the year. People say that eating the grapes brings good **fortune** for the new year. And don't be surprised if your friend from Peru wants to walk around the outside of his or her house with heavy luggage. Traditionally, if you complete this **challenge** you will be a successful traveller in the new year. Would you like to go on a **dream** holiday next year? Then try it!

Cleaning the house is perhaps the most common new year tradition. From Mexico to Japan people **sweep** their homes from top to bottom. Some people believe this **removes** bad luck and allows good luck to enter the house. In other countries, such as Britain and Iran, the cleaning happens later in the year, so it's called 'spring cleaning'. In Iran, just before the March spring **festival**, people empty their houses of all their furniture. They clean the house from top to bottom, **mend** broken furniture or replace old items. People bring flowers and **herbs** indoors too so their homes smell fresh and clean.

New Year is often celebrated with friends, so my final story is from Denmark. If you are in Denmark at New Year, you will probably see piles of broken plates outside front doors. What's going on? Well, traditionally, people take their old or broken plates and **smash** them on their friend's front door. It brings good luck to your friend. It's great fun, too! So, a big pile of broken plates means you are a popular person.

Enjoy the new year festival, wherever you are in the world. I hope you are ready with your grapes, luggage and plates!

Example: New Year is a special day all over the world.

A True ✓ B False C Doesn't say

- 1 One of the writer's favourite New Year traditions comes from Latin America.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 2 At midnight, there is a tradition of eating one grape.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 3 The person who eats the fastest wins a prize.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 4 In Peru, there is a New Year tradition that includes suitcases.
A True B False C Doesn't say

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- 5 The tradition from Peru will give you good dreams in the new year.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 6 House cleaning is a very popular new year tradition.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 7 In Britain, people clean their homes at New Year.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 8 In Iran, the first month of the calendar is March.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 9 In Denmark, there is a special tradition between friends.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 10 The most popular people have the most broken plates.
A True B False C Doesn't say

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

Example: plants often used to add flavour to food
herbs

- 1 activities that have been common for a long time _____
- 2 something that is difficult to do _____
- 3 takes something away _____
- 4 a special day of celebration _____
- 5 to break into lots of pieces _____

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WRITING

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

- 1 Describe what you are wearing today.
- 2 Which housework job do you like best? Is there a housework job that you hate? Why?
- 3 What do you usually do when you are waiting at an airport or train station?

Writing total		10
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LISTENING

1 Listen to a tour guide talking about a town. Tick (✓) A or B.

- 1 Turlton is a small town.
A True B False
- 2 The church is famous because it is beautiful.
A True B False
- 3 The Old School has a café in the garden.
A True B False
- 4 You can visit a museum in the town hall.
A True B False
- 5 The tourists who want to visit the old bridge need boots.
A True B False

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2 Listen to five conversations. Where are the people? Match them with places A–E.

- Conversation 1
Conversation 2
Conversation 3
Conversation 4
Conversation 5

- A in a clothes shop
B in a hotel
C in traffic
D in a doctor's waiting room
E in a cinema

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Listening total		10
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SPEAKING

1 Ask your partner these questions.

- 1 What is your favourite healthy meal?
- 2 How do you remember new English words?
- 3 What do you do when you're stuck in traffic?
- 4 What did you last see at the cinema? Did you enjoy the film?
- 5 What are your plans for this weekend?
- 6 What is the best holiday you have ever had?
- 7 Do you like holidays with your family? Why?
- 8 Which European city would you most like to visit? Why?
- 9 Have you ever sent an email in English? Who to?
- 10 Which famous person would you like to have dinner with? Why?

Now answer your partner's questions.

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2 Make questions and ask your partner about a day trip he/she went on.

- How / get / Pompeii?
- What / see / morning?
- Where / have lunch?
- How much / lunch / cost?
- What / do / afternoon?
- What time / return / Naples?

3 Read this information about part of a holiday you went on and answer your partner's questions.

Walking in the Islands of Scotland: Day 3

Leave hotel: 8.30 a.m.

Morning: walk along coast – hills and beaches. Lots of sea birds. Distance: 5km.

1.30 p.m.: boat trip to next island (Skye).
May see seals and dolphins.

Afternoon: walk to hotel along quiet roads.
Explore town of Portree. Distance: 2km.

Arrive at hotel. Stay for 2 nights.

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