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Progress Test Answer Keys B

Unit 1

Grammar

1

- 1 Did you watch
- 2 went
- 3 saw
- 4 didn't have
- 5 was
- 6 enjoyed

2

- 1 played football; sprained her ankle
- 2 couldn't walk; stayed at home all day
- 3 felt bored; rang Anna
- 4 listened to music with Anna; didn't do her homework

3

- 1 e; were
- 2 c; did you talk
- 3 a; did you give
- 4 f; did you invite
- 5 d; did you eat
- 6 b; did you spend

Vocabulary

4

- 1 ashamed
- 2 upset
- 3 envious
- 4 bored
- 5 confused
- 6 excited
- 7 embarrassed
- 8 relieved
- 9 frightened
- 10 cross

5

- 1 extremely
- 2 very
- 3 rather
- 4 a bit
- 5 a little bit

6

- 1 cut
- 2 broke
- 3 bruises
- 4 pain
- 5 slipped

Use of English

7

- 1 exciting
- 2 so
- 3 joking
- 4 sounds
- 5 thing
- 6 That
- 7 disaster
- 8 What
- 9 boring
- 10 How

Listening

8

- A 1
- B –
- C 3
- D 2
- E 4

Transcript

- 1 When I was nine, I broke the top of a cupboard in my bedroom. When Mum came upstairs and asked about the noise, I stood in front of the cupboard to hide it and told her it was nothing. After that, I put magazines and books on top of the cupboard so that Mum couldn't see it properly. I felt bad about not telling the truth, so I told Mum what really happened ... a few months later.
- 2 One day, my friend took a new smartphone out of her bag. I was envious because I really wanted a phone like that, but they cost so much money! I was very suspicious when she refused to say where it was from. I asked her which shop she got it from or if she found it somewhere, but she didn't say anything. I asked her again and again and in the end I found out that her parents gave it to her for her birthday. She was embarrassed to tell me at first because it was such an expensive present. I was just happy to know the truth.

- 3 I play football for my school, and one time we played a game against another school and the players weren't very nice. I was a little bit anxious when I took the ball off one of the players, and I was right to be. He tripped me up and I sprained my ankle. Although my ankle really hurt, I played for the rest of the game. At the end, I got chosen as the 'Man of the Match' and I felt extremely pleased when my coach told me how well I played.
- 4 My teacher's good and I usually really enjoy her lessons, but last week I had a bit of a problem with some grammar that she taught us. I don't think she explained it very well and when she gave us some homework, I couldn't do it. I didn't tell her my problem for a few days because I was worried and didn't know what to say. When I finally told her, she explained it in a different way and it was really clear.

Reading

- 9
- 1 B
 - 2 D
 - 3 E
 - 4 C
 - 5 –
 - 6 –
 - 7 A

Unit 2

Grammar

- 1
- 1 was sitting; reading
 - 2 took; was sitting
 - 3 noticed; entered
 - 4 was trying; rang
 - 5 was driving; talking
 - 6 reached; felt
 - 7 was doing; decided
 - 8 saw; was walking
 - 9 started; wanted
 - 10 sprained; was playing
- 2
- 1 ✓
 - 2 realising * realised
 - 3 was trying
 - 4 While * When
 - 5 did not
 - 6 ~~did~~ climbed
 - 7 ~~was~~ threw
 - 8 was * were
 - 9 take * took
 - 10 ✓

Vocabulary

- 3
- 1 Ocean
 - 2 Hill
 - 3 volcano
 - 4 River
 - 5 Forest
 - 6 narrow
 - 7 deep
 - 8 wide
- 4
- 1 rope
 - 2 paddles
 - 3 life jacket
 - 4 boots
 - 5 dinghy
 - 6 Orienteering
- 5
- 1 fantastic
 - 2 starving
 - 3 filthy
 - 4 delicious
 - 5 enormous
 - 6 astonishing

Use of English

- 6
- 1 C
 - 2 C
 - 3 A
 - 4 B
 - 5 A
 - 6 B
 - 7 C
 - 8 C
 - 9 A
 - 10 A

Listening

- 7
- A 2
 - B 1
 - C –
 - D 3
 - E 5
 - F 4

Transcript

- 1 I love white-water kayaking. It's such an exciting sport! Kayaking through a rocky valley in the middle of beautiful countryside is fantastic. To be honest, it's not something I do very often because I live in a city, and there are no rivers or streams nearby. I can only do it at weekends, unfortunately.
- 2 I thought rock climbing was great as soon as I started doing it. It took ages to get good at it, though. I was OK at going up normal cliffs, but if there was a difficult bit of rock that you had to climb around, then I found that so hard because my arms weren't strong enough. I like the challenge, though, and these days I find I can do even the most difficult climbs.
- 3 I did a bungee jump twenty years ago when I was travelling in New Zealand. Most people are really scared when they're standing waiting to jump. Actually, I was very excited then and I wasn't disappointed when I was flying through the air either. It was a little bit scary when my head nearly hit the water, though. I won't forget that bit! And I think it's something you should only do once in your life. You need to do it when you're young and brave!
- 4 I started hang-gliding years ago after doing a few weeks of training. I do it as much as I can now. People think that it's a dangerous sport, but if you know what you're doing, it's actually safer than driving a car! I've been lucky, anyway, and I think that's because I understand the weather and I'm so experienced. And actually, if something did happen to me, maybe it would stop me flying for a while, but I would do anything to get in the air again as soon as possible. I love it too much!
- 5 Mountain biking through the forest at the back of my house is the best way to relax. If I have a hard day at work, I just get on my bike. It doesn't matter what the weather's like. The rain makes it really difficult and you get filthy, but that's all part of the fun. I tell all my friends that there's nothing better than the feeling of going down the hill, then up the other side. Sometimes I fall off and injure myself, but I don't care. It's brilliant! And when I go back in the house, work is just a memory!

Reading

- 8
- 1 b
 - 2 c
- 9
- 1 D
 - 2 E
 - 3 B

Unit 3

Grammar

- 1
- 1 a little
 - 2 How much
 - 3 some
 - 4 many
 - 5 much
 - 6 any
 - 7 much
 - 8 a few
- 2
- 1 I must practise playing the game.
 - 2 I mustn't talk to other people during the competition.
 - 3 I mustn't forget to pay £10 to enter.
 - 4 I have to bring ID with me.
 - 5 I have to take a break every hour.
 - 6 I needn't bring my own headphones.
 - 7 I mustn't use my mobile phone.
- 3
- 1 must
 - 2 needn't
 - 3 needn't
 - 4 mustn't
 - 5 have to

Vocabulary

- 4
- 1 weather forecast
 - 2 documentary
 - 3 animation
 - 4 reality show
 - 5 soap opera
 - 6 chat show
- 5
- 1 plot
 - 2 confusing
 - 3 soundtrack
 - 4 embarrassing
 - 5 ending
 - 6 imaginative
- 6
- 1 take part in
 - 2 make
 - 3 concern
 - 4 opinion
 - 5 effects
 - 6 doing
 - 7 get
 - 8 benefits

Use of English

7

- 1 for = on
- 2 I prefer = I'd prefer
- 3 I not = I don't
- 4 ~~for~~
- 5 I rather = I'd rather
- 6 with = on
- 7 'm adoring = adore
- 8 in = of
- 9 to be = be
- 10 agree = idea

Listening

8

- A 2
- B –
- C 1
- D 3
- E 5
- F 4

Transcript

- 1 I think I watch too much TV, but that's because there's so much good stuff to watch. I really enjoy all the reality shows because it's like watching people you know on TV. They almost become part of the family. Mum thinks I should pick up a book now and again as I might learn more, but then I would miss all my favourite programmes!
- 2 A lot of my friends like going to the gym, but I love my video games and I can't believe how lucky I am at the moment. For my birthday, Mum and Dad bought me not one, but two brilliant games – one's a role-playing game and the other's a combat one. Some of my friends have them and they both sound amazing. The only question is, which one will I play first? It's really hard to choose.
- 3 I love my new phone. It's great because it does everything. I've got so many games and apps on it, so if I have to wait around, I never get bored. I can also get the internet wherever I am, so if there's something I'm thinking about – a difficult question that I need the answer to – well, I can just search for it right away. I think there was some research that said people who use their phones don't use their brains much, but I can't remember who said it. One minute, I'll just look it up.

- 4 I don't really like sitting at home watching TV or playing video games. I prefer to do more interesting things. So when my friend told me about the drama group that she was in, I couldn't wait to join. There are some really good actors there and every six months we do a show. The next thing we're doing is a musical. I did one a few years ago at school so I hope I can be in this one – and I've got a great singing voice. There are lots of people with talent in the group though, so we'll have to see!
- 5 My dad knows that I love learning languages, so he paid for me to do a new online Spanish course, which was really good of him! I think the course is fun because you can learn new words, listen to people speaking and even try speaking to the online teacher. I wasn't much good when I started, but I think I'm getting better all the time.

Reading

9

- 1 a
- 2 b
- 3 b
- 4 b
- 5 c

Unit 4

Grammar

1

- 1 not as big as
- 2 warmer than
- 3 not as early as
- 4 longer than
- 5 more dangerous than
- 6 colder than
- 7 not as expensive as

2

- 1 the most successful
- 2 the tallest
- 3 the heaviest
- 4 the deepest
- 5 the fastest
- 6 the shortest
- 7 the oldest

3

- 1 enough flour
- 2 too difficult
- 3 warm enough
- 4 enough space
- 5 too slow
- 6 too tired

Vocabulary

4

- 1 b
- 2 b
- 3 a
- 4 b
- 5 c
- 6 c
- 7 a
- 8 a
- 9 b
- 10 c

5

- 1 forest fires
- 2 tornado
- 3 epidemic
- 4 tsunami
- 5 mudslide

6

- 1 mild
- 2 cool
- 3 cold
- 4 freezing
- 5 below zero

Use of English

7

- 1 both
- 2 common
- 3 first
- 4 but
- 5 shows
- 6 Unlike
- 7 whereas
- 8 second
- 9 difference
- 10 contrast

Listening

8

- 1 b
- 2 b
- 3 c
- 4 a
- 5 c

Transcript

1 Did you know that in some countries the weather is a popular topic of conversation? In places like England, where the weather can change several times a day, people often start a conversation with a comment about the weather. So rather than saying 'Hello' or asking someone about their health, people will often say what a lovely day it is, or comment on whether it might rain later. I don't think they are really worried that it's going to rain – in my opinion, they just need a safe topic to start a conversation!

2 Well, it's been an unlucky week for the people who live on Sunshine Island. First, a tornado hit the island and some buildings fell down. Fortunately, because this happened on a Sunday and a lot of these were offices, no one was injured. This was followed by a small earthquake and many people felt this during the night. After this, there was a problem with flooding because of all the heavy rain. Unlike the earthquake, this did a lot of damage to people's homes, and firefighters are still trying to rescue people from the flooded areas.

3

Sandra Hi, Gary. How's your work going? Can I see the latest pictures? And are you still using your garage as an artist's studio?

Gary I am, yes. I can't do it all the time, though. There isn't any heating in there, so it's freezing in the winter. It's not that bad now, but still a bit too cold to be out there.

Sandra Oh well, it'll soon be spring!

Gary I can't wait. As soon as it gets a few degrees warmer, I'll start painting again!

4

Mary What a storm that was last night! I didn't sleep at all.

Ethan Neither did I. The lightning kept me awake. I was worried about the house.

Mary Me too, and the garden. Have you seen the tree on its side?

Ethan I know. The wind was so strong ... I can't believe there isn't a river outside the house after all that rain.

5

Carl Hi, Janna. How was your holiday?

Janna Well, we wanted hot weather and that's what we got.

Carl Oh, that's good! It's always difficult to know what to do with the kids if it rains on holiday. We usually have to find lots of games to play.

Janna That's why I chose Egypt – the weather's usually perfect at this time of year. I wanted them to spend lots of time in the water, but actually it was boiling and we didn't really enjoy it. We stayed in a lot of the time, because I was worried about the kids getting ill.

Carl Oh dear!

Reading

9

- 1 F
- 2 F
- 3 T
- 4 T
- 5 T

Unit 5

Grammar

1

- 1 I'm going to
- 2 we'll
- 3 I'll
- 4 is going to
- 5 are you going to
- 6 I'm going to
- 7 I'll

2

- 1 I won't get any qualifications
- 2 I'll buy you a present
- 3 I'll build one
- 4 I'll have no money left / I won't have any money left
- 5 I'll meet famous actors
- 6 you'll get really fit
- 7 you'll help people who are sick

3

- 1 ✓
- 2 you'll find
- 3 ✓
- 4 going to
- 5 probably she'll be ✗ she'll probably be
- 6 I'm going to help ✗ I'll help

Vocabulary

4

- 1 programmer
- 2 receptionist
- 3 pilot
- 4 engineer
- 5 sales assistant
- 6 waiter
- 7 police officer
- 8 builder
- 9 pizza delivery man / woman
- 10 estate agent

5

- 1 creative
- 2 alone
- 3 outdoors
- 4 feet
- 5 five
- 6 repetitive
- 7 Earning
- 8 animals
- 9 tiring
- 10 b

Use of English

6

- 1 Even though my sister has a degree in engineering, she can't find a well-paid job.
- 2 Although the film was really gripping, she fell asleep.
- 3 She works long hours. Nevertheless, she always finds time to do sport.
- 4 It's a low-paid job. However, it keeps me fit working outside.
- 5 He's a doctor. However, he's terrible at communicating with people.
- 6 Even though I can't speak Spanish, I still want to travel around Spain.
- 7 Although Liam failed his driving test, he can take it again next month.
- 8 Even though she prepared for hours for the interview, she didn't get the job.
- 9 It takes two hours to get to school by car. Nevertheless, all my friends go there.
- 10 Cycling on the roads is very stressful. However, it's better than taking the bus.

Listening

7

- 1 F
- 2 F
- 3 F
- 4 T
- 5 T

Transcript

- Interviewer** Today, I'm talking to Sue Perkins. Sue works for Job Search, an online agency that helps people get the jobs they want. Hello, Sue!
- Sue** Hello!
- Interviewer** So, Sue, what's the first thing that people should do when they want to find a job?
- Sue** Well, an important thing is to think about what they really want to do. So, people should think about what they're good at and what makes them happy.
- Interviewer** Isn't it more important to think about which job pays the most?
- Sue** Actually, money isn't that important to most people. Obviously you need enough money to live on, but there have been studies to prove that earning more than a certain amount doesn't make you happier.
- Interviewer** So, when you find a job you like, what should you do next?
- Sue** Well, you either need to send in an application form, or a CV and covering letter. But before you do that, it's a good idea to find out as much as you can about the job and the employer to make sure it's something you really want to do. You can usually get all the information you need online.
- Interviewer** And I suppose it's difficult to get jobs these days, especially for young people. You need a degree in the right subject to be successful ...
- Sue** Oh, don't worry too much about having the *right* qualifications. A lot of jobs involve working as a team, and that's more important to some employers than which degree you have.
- Interviewer** That's good to know. So you get an interview ... What should you do next?
- Sue** Well, you need to think about what to wear for the interview and also the kinds of questions people will ask you. Don't get your answers ready in advance, though. You won't sound natural if you do that. Just go along and be yourself. Try to talk about what you can do rather than what you can't, because then people will think you're really positive. And don't lie about what you can do, as people will be disappointed when they find out the truth.
- Interviewer** So what do you do if you don't get the job you want?
- Sue** My advice is: don't worry. If you don't get the job, it's probably because the job isn't right for you. Just start looking for the next job. Getting a job is a journey and what you learn along the way is very important.
- Interviewer** Thank you, Sue. That's great advice.

Reading

8

- 1 -
- 2 C
- 3 A
- 4 D
- 5 B
- 6 E
- 7 -

Unit 6

Grammar

1

- 1 tried
- 2 hasn't seen
- 3 wrote
- 4 Have you ever climbed
- 5 hasn't been
- 6 Did you meet
- 7 watched
- 8 gave

2

- 1 've been
- 2 has gone
- 3 did
- 4 talked
- 5 jumped
- 6 decided

3

- 1 been
- 2 ever
- 3 How long
- 4 for
- 5 come
- 6 since

Vocabulary

4

- 1 harbour
- 2 temple
- 3 palace
- 4 water park
- 5 tower
- 6 statue
- 7 museum
- 8 shopping district
- 9 monument
- 10 square

5

- 1 b
- 2 a
- 3 c
- 4 a
- 5 c

6

- 1 travel guide
- 2 sunscreen
- 3 campsite
- 4 penfriend
- 5 souvenirs

Use of English

7

- 1 Why
- 2 idea
- 3 Let's
- 4 think
- 5 fancy
- 6 mind
- 7 Shall
- 8 could
- 9 that
- 10 rather

Listening

8

- 1 F
- 2 T
- 3 T
- 4 T
- 5 F

Transcript

Interviewer Now, today in the studio, I have Ella and Harry, who have just come back from a trip round the world. Hello!

Ella & Harry Hello.

Interviewer So, Ella, tell us what was special about your trip.

Ella Well, we wanted to do it a bit differently, so we decided not to go on any planes.

Interviewer Wow. And what was reason for that, Harry?

Harry Well, many people don't go on planes these days because they're worried about the environment, but for us it was more about finding out where we were travelling through. When you're on a plane going from A to B, you miss out on that.

Interviewer OK, but was it difficult to do the trip without going on a plane?

Harry It was a bit. It's hard to get from the UK to South America without flying, but we managed to book a place on a ship that was going there.

Ella Yes – we didn't want a cruise ship because although the final destination was where we wanted to go, it stopped in lots of places we weren't interested in on the way. The ship we went on was taking produce to South America and we had a large room on it so it was very comfortable.

Interviewer But I suppose that took a long time ... Was it a bit boring?

Ella I was worried about that, so we took lots of things to do: lots of reading and board games. There was also a ping-pong table on the ship so we played that a bit. Actually, time went quite quickly so it wasn't too bad.

Harry We looked forward to mealtimes, because although the meals weren't that special, we ate with the crew and it was interesting to find out what life was like for them on the ship. We played card games with them too, when they had time.

Interviewer But how did you carry all these games and books? Did you take much luggage?

Ella Not at all. I just had a small backpack and I had to fit everything in there. Harry's wasn't much bigger ...

Interviewer So what was the most useful thing that you took?

Ella Ha ... Harry and I laugh about this.

Harry Yes, well ... For me it was my camping knife because I used it in every country we went to.

Ella And for me it was my diary. I wrote in it every day. We both managed to live without lots of things, though, like mirrors and hairdryers.

Interviewer Very interesting. So where did ...

Reading

9

- 1 Stella
- 2 Mary
- 3 Emily
- 4 Mary
- 5 Cameron

Unit 7

Grammar

1

- 1 C; would rent; didn't live
- 2 G; didn't have; would feel
- 3 I; would be; did
- 4 D; would become; was / were
- 5 H; studied; would get
- 6 A; slept; would have
- 7 F; got up; wouldn't be
- 8 J; knew; would tell
- 9 B; would buy; had
- 10 E; played; would join

2

- 1 I paid for Ahmed's bus ticket because he had lost his wallet.
- 2 Peter bought a sports car after he had passed his driving test. / After Peter had passed his driving test, he bought a sports car.
- 3 The shop had a half-price sale after Renata had bought a dress for €100. / After Renata had bought a dress for €100, the shop had a half-price sale.
- 4 Luca got a free T-shirt because he had collected coupons from a magazine.
- 5 Gene hadn't put any petrol in the car so it didn't start.
- 6 Antoinette received a credit card in the post after she had opened a bank account. / After Antoinette had opened a bank account, she received a credit card in the post.
- 7 Harry bought a new cinema ticket because he had left his ticket at home.
- 8 Fiona wanted to buy a new phone, but she hadn't saved enough money.
- 9 Two people had given Jim the same book for his birthday so he exchanged one for a different book.
- 10 Julie decided to make a birthday card herself after she had looked for one in the shops. / After Julie had looked for a birthday card in the shops, she decided to make one herself.

Vocabulary

3

- 1 baker's
- 2 garden centre
- 3 butcher's
- 4 takeaway
- 5 jeweller's
- 6 chemist's
- 7 optician's
- 8 post office
- 9 shoe shop
- 10 stationer's

4

- 1 five hundred and seventy-one rupees
- 2 nine thousand, seven hundred and forty-three pounds
- 3 six million, two hundred thousand dollars
- 4 eight hundred and forty-five thousand, two hundred and thirty-one euros
- 5 thirty-three thousand, nine hundred and fourteen yen

5

- 1 special offer
- 2 coupon
- 3 costs
- 4 owe
- 5 run out of

Use of English

6

- 1 B
- 2 B
- 3 C
- 4 A
- 5 B
- 6 C
- 7 C
- 8 B
- 9 A
- 10 A

Listening

7

- A 3
- B —
- C 2
- D 4
- E 1

Transcript

- 1 I love cooking, but don't like spending lots of money on food. That's why I started using free food. That's not food that companies are giving away or that your friends don't want. It's food growing in the countryside. I noticed that in the bushes by the road near my house, there were lots of different fruits growing, berries and things like that. Then, when I looked on the internet, I found that there were nuts and other fruit that I could find for free too. You just need to know where to look for it. People think I do it because I don't have much money. That's one reason, but even if I had loads of money, I think I would still enjoy going out and finding what I can get for free and then how I can cook it, because it's really creative. My plan is to write a book about it so that others can learn from my experience.
- 2 People throw away so much stuff these days and they don't need to. What you do need is some skills that can help you make things last longer. Everyone can do it. One thing I'm really good at is sewing and I make lots of things for my room and to wear using my sewing machine. It's a great skill and it stops me from buying things. When I see something in a shop, I always think about how I could make it and if I could make it better. Then I go home and try. I don't just do this with clothes. I also try to mend things if they break. If I had more time, I would make everything that I needed, but sometimes I have to buy things because I need them quickly.
- 3 Recently I read a great book called *Your Money or Your Life* and it has changed the way I think about money. The idea behind the book is that when you see something in a shop and you look at how much it costs, you should think about how many minutes of your life it has taken you to earn that money. A young man called Joe Dominguez came up with the idea. He worked on Wall Street in America and because he followed his own advice he actually retired by the time he was thirty-one. He then did what he really wanted to do in life rather than working all the time. I'd like to do that too!
- 4 I owed my dad lots of money last year and he refused to lend me any more, so I decided to stop going shopping. I was surprised by how easy that was. On the internet, I read about some people who try to have NSDs or 'No Spend Days' – a day when you don't spend anything – and I tried that too. I got really good at it and I managed to pay back everything I'd borrowed. Now I buy things occasionally, but that's a rare treat.

Reading

8

- 1 C
- 2 G
- 3 F
- 4 E
- 5 D

Unit 8

Grammar

1

- 1 she had heard
- 2 they had been
- 3 she would give me
- 4 weren't
- 5 had taken
- 6 he was getting on
- 7 they could identify

2

- 1 The reporter said (that) cybercrime was becoming a big problem in their country.
- 2 The victim said (that) she couldn't leave the flat at that moment because the building was on fire.
- 3 The police officer said (that) they had already launched an investigation.
- 4 The prison warden said (that) a dangerous criminal had escaped from prison the day before.
- 5 The eyewitness said (that) he didn't feel safe walking around there at night.
- 6 The shoplifter said (that) he would never steal from the local supermarket again.
- 7 The victim said (that) the police needed to do more to prevent crime in the area.

3

- 1 before
- 2 couldn't
- 3 told
- 4 had
- 5 were
- 6 that

Vocabulary

4

- 1 robber
- 2 smuggling
- 3 killed
- 4 looting
- 5 shoplifting
- 6 vandals
- 7 thief
- 8 arsonist
- 9 mugger
- 10 burglar

5

- 1 launched
- 2 footage
- 3 house
- 4 interviewed
- 5 made
- 6 appealing
- 7 balaclavas
- 8 damage
- 9 area
- 10 culprits

Use of English

6

- 1 in
- 2 see
- 3 that's
- 4 to
- 5 extent
- 6 more
- 7 not
- 8 don't
- 9 be
- 10 but / however

Listening

7

- 1 a
- 2 b
- 3 a
- 4 a
- 5 c

Transcript

Interviewer In the studio today, we have the famous crime writer Carol Simpson. Hello, Carol!

Carol Hi!

Interviewer So, Carol, you have written over forty books about terrifying crimes and the name of one of your characters, Detective Jessica Walker, is recognised even by people who don't read crime novels. But how did you first start writing about crime?

Carol That's a good question. Some people think that I was a policewoman or that one of my family was a victim of a crime. Actually, I found out a friend of mine had robbed a bank and that started me thinking about criminals. How can one person be good and another person from the same family become a criminal? What turns a person into a criminal? Or are people born to be criminals?

Interviewer Very interesting. Do you do any research for your books?

Carol Well, yes. Lots of writers use the internet, but I like to interview people and visit them where they live or work if possible. I've also talked to real criminals about the crimes they've committed. It's not the quickest way of doing things, but for me, it brings things to life more than reading a biography of a criminal.

Interviewer And does it help to make the crimes in your stories more realistic?

Carol Perhaps, but I am more interested in the criminals than the crimes. No one is all good or all bad. When you talk to criminals – even murderers – you will find that there are good things about them. They might have a pet dog, they may rescue injured birds or they might like gardening. Finding the good in them helps my criminals become characters that readers can believe in.

Interviewer Have you ever been in a dangerous situation with a criminal?

Carol There was one time when I was having coffee with a murderer and he made a comment that he always got to know his victims by having coffee with them. That did make me a bit scared. I don't think I finished my cup of coffee, actually.

Interviewer Frightening! Your last novel was extremely popular. Are you writing a new one already?

Carol I'm so happy readers like it. To be honest, I find it difficult to write novels fast enough. You spend years writing a book, your readers take a few weeks to read it, then they want the next one ... immediately.

Interviewer Well, at least you have a job for life!

Carol I think I do. As long as people keep reading my books, I'll keep thinking of more interesting crimes for my characters to get involved with.

Reading

8

- 1 c
- 2 c
- 3 b
- 4 a
- 5 a

Unit 9

Grammar

1

- 1 is used to make bicycles these days because it is lighter than other metals
- 2 are collected from countries around the world, particularly if they are rare
- 3 has been stolen from many building in London because of its value
- 4 was found in Australia in 1851
- 5 are often given as a third wedding anniversary present
- 6 won't be needed to write on in the future
- 7 were built with local stone

2

- 1 How many emails are sent every day?
- 2 Why was the Great Wall of China built?
- 3 Where will the next Olympic Games be held?
- 4 Who was penicillin discovered by?
- 5 Has Beijing ever been hit by a tsunami?

3

- 1 c
- 2 c
- 3 b
- 4 c
- 5 c
- 6 a
- 7 b
- 8 d

Vocabulary

4

- 1 cardboard
- 2 concrete
- 3 plastic
- 4 glass
- 5 stone
- 6 Nylon
- 7 Wood
- 8 Rubber

5

- 1 remote control
- 2 volume control
- 3 charger
- 4 case
- 5 camera
- 6 e-book reader
- 7 battery

6

- 1 baldness
- 2 invention
- 3 movement
- 4 discovery
- 5 reconstruction

Use of English

7

- 1 problem = wrong **or** something = a
- 2 bought = buy
- 3 of = with
- 4 ~~to~~
- 5 look = speak
- 6 bill = receipt
- 7 receipt = refund
- 8 ~~being~~
- 9 something = nothing
- 10 manager = customer

Listening

8

- 1 b
- 2 c
- 3 b
- 4 b
- 5 b

Transcript

- 1 OK, well we all know that you have your exams next week and you've done a lot of work to get ready for them. I know some of you may think that you've done enough to pass, but don't let that stop you from studying. I had a student last year who kept studying right up until the night before her exam. She didn't stop because she wanted to do her best and in her exam she got one hundred per cent. I think this shows that you can't really study too much, so keep going if you can.
- 2 Hi, Ella. Thanks so much for my birthday present. I love it! Sorry you weren't able to come to the party. It was at that new place in town called Nero's and the food was amazing. Why don't we go there for your birthday next week? I know you don't really want to do anything, but I think we'd have a great time. You don't need to invite lots of people, just go out with a few close friends. Have a think about it ...
- 3 So, I know your new smartphone is something you think you can't live without. It's great because you have all your contacts on it, you can receive emails and you can send messages to your friends all the time. But think about how much time you are spending on your phone. You might be with a group of friends, but you're still checking your messages. You really need to put your phone away when you are with people. Why not just use it a few times a day or check it once an hour? Don't let it take over your life!
- 4 Hi, I'm Monica and I'm here to make sure you're all doing OK. I'm so happy that you have all decided to move in to the Winter Springs housing development. It really is a fantastic place to live. I know that most of you already have other family members here and that they have encouraged you to move in. We're so happy about that because it means that you already know what a great place this is.
- 5 Hi there. It's me. I'm trying to find out about the local buses because I'm worried that I won't get there on time tomorrow if I walk. I know the traffic's terrible in the morning so I'll have to set off really early. If you've got a bus timetable, can you text me the time of the bus that you think I should get? Thanks – see you tomorrow.

Reading

9

- 1 C
- 2 A
- 3 D
- 4 B
- 5 A