

Unit 8 Progress Test B

Grammar

1 Complete the email using reported speech and the words in brackets.

Hi Rob,

Lisa phoned earlier, so I thought I'd send you an email. She said ¹ _____ (I've come back) from Manchester. She asked me ² _____ (are you and Rob going to the concert?), and I said yes. She said ³ _____ (we'll have a great time) there, and she asked ⁴ _____ (how are you getting there?) So I said ⁵ _____ (my dad is taking us), and I told Lisa ⁶ _____ (he can stop at your place) on the way. There's lots of room in Dad's company minibus, so you don't mind, do you? Lisa also asked ⁷ _____ (how much do the tickets cost?) I said they weren't expensive. I also told her that ⁸ _____ (I can buy the tickets for everyone) on the internet. So don't get a ticket yourself, Rob – you can all pay me back later.

Bye for now.

Carolyn

Mark: ____ / 8

2 Rewrite the sentences and questions. Pay attention to the pronouns and time expressions.

1 We'll phone you back tomorrow.

The company told me _____ .

2 You shouldn't go out tonight.

Mum told my sister _____ .

3 How much did you pay for the concert tickets yesterday?

My friend asked me _____ .

4 I'm using the computer now.

Jason told us _____ .

5 You're going to have a test next Monday.

Mrs Gallagher told the class that _____ .

6 Have you posted anything new on your blog this week?

We asked Stuart _____ .

Mark: ____ / 6

3 Tick (✓) the two correct sentences and rewrite the other sentences, correcting 1–3 words.

1 Matthew asked me whether I'd ever visited the USA.

2 Tanya said that she was going on holiday the later week.

3 When I called, Josh's mum said that he had left hospital a few hours ago.

4 The girls asked us what time the play will start.

5 Zoe said they might cancel the concert because of the weather.

6 Sean asked me can you get a signal on the mobile phone?

Mark: ____ / 6

Vocabulary

4 Read the mini-dialogues and choose the correct words.

Cameron Did you ¹**get back** / **speak up** to Harry and tell him we were coming to the party?

Max Well, I tried to. He ²**got through** / **picked up** the phone, but I couldn't hear what he said. Then the line started to ³**hang up** / **break up**.

Cameron Maybe that's because he was in the mountains yesterday.

Max Yes, I think his phone ⁴**lost** / **switched off** the signal.

David Richard ⁵**blamed** / **admitted** me for breaking his smartwatch. But I didn't do it.

Grace Well, did you manage to ⁶**propose** / **persuade** him that you didn't do it?

David No. He ⁷**insisted** / **refused** to believe me!

Grace Just forget it.

David I can't. He's told his parents, and they think I should ⁸**offer** / **beg** to pay for a new one.

Mark: ____ / 8

5 Match the quotes with the words below. There is one extra word.

blog horror newspaper novel poem science fiction western

- 1 I try to write a new post for my site every few days, but sometimes it's hard to think of ideas. _____
- 2 The film is set on the planet Mars in the year 2415. _____
- 3 Have you seen this article? It says the Queen visited our town yesterday. _____
- 4 Men with guns are looking for you. So you keep riding that horse – all the way to Apache Hill! _____
- 5 I read it and I really like it. It rhymes nicely too. _____
- 6 We were terrified when we saw that film, so don't watch it at night! _____

Mark: ____ / 6

6 Complete the sentences with the words below.

comedy promise recharge remind thank wonder

- 1 I _____ to help you with your project later, but I'm too busy to do it now.
- 2 You should _____ your phone before we go out, so the batteries don't run out of power.
- 3 They said the film was a _____, but it wasn't very funny. I didn't laugh very much.
- 4 Mel forgot to _____ her uncle for getting her a birthday present, so she sent him an email later.
- 5 I _____ how much this phone is. There's no price on it.
- 6 Can you put a message on your Facebook page to _____ people to come to the play tomorrow?

Mark: ____ / 6

Use of English

7 Complete the text with the words below.

can't clear could I'd judging looks pretty say sure view

The photo shows three older women who are sitting on a bench in a park. I'm ¹ _____ certain that they are all friends. It ² _____ as if it's a cool autumn day because they are dressed in light coats and are wearing headscarves and there are lots of leaves around the bench. I'm ³ _____ that two of the women have moved closer together to look at something that is in the middle woman's hand. I ⁴ _____ be sure, but I'd say it's a mobile phone. ⁵ _____ by their expressions, ⁶ _____ say that the two women are finding something really funny and they are both laughing. It's hard to ⁷ _____, but they could have just seen a funny photograph or read an amusing message. The third woman is sitting further along at the end of the bench and can't see what they're looking at. It ⁸ _____ be that the other women don't want her to see what's on the phone. It's ⁹ _____ that she feels quite annoyed. In my ¹⁰ _____, the other women have completely forgotten about their friend and wouldn't even realise if she got up and left them.

Mark: ____ / 10

Listening

8 🎧 8 Listen to the interview and answer the questions.

- 1 Which of these statements is true about Elon Musk?
 - A He was born in Britain.
 - B He grew up in America.
 - C He studied in Canada.
 - D He now lives in South Africa.
- 2 What did Elon Musk do after he sold Zip 2?
 - A He stopped working with computers.
 - B He developed a way to pay for things on the internet.
 - C He designed a new type of computer game.
 - D He went to live in another country.
- 3 Which of these statements about Tesla cars is true?
 - A They use fossil fuels.
 - B They don't go very fast.
 - C They burn a lot of petrol.
 - D They use electricity for power.
- 4 What is the purpose of the Hyperloop?
 - A To produce electricity.
 - B To send people into space.
 - C To connect two cities.
 - D To help the environment.
- 5 What would be a good title for Marion's book?
 - A The Man Who Went into Space
 - B A Rich Man's Dream
 - C A Man of Many Talents
 - D Our World is Changing Fast

Mark: ____ / 5

Reading

9 Read the text and complete gaps 1–5 with sentences A–G. There are two extra sentences.

Lost in the translation

In 1977, American president Jimmy Carter visited Poland and tried to say something in Polish. But his translator hadn't done a good job. He said something rude, and everyone began to laugh! It wasn't a good start to his trip.

Translation is a difficult business. Nobody knows that better than 23-year-old Melike Kara, a translator in Istanbul. ¹ _____ Because of her language skills, she gets a lot of translation work. When I asked her what the most difficult thing to translate was, she said 'poetry'. This is because you can't translate a poem word-by-word. It has to sound nice in the other language, too. Melike has also translated film scripts. 'Serious films are OK,' she says 'but comedies are really difficult. A joke in one language simply isn't funny in another language. So you have to think of something else.'

Melike told me that there was no writing on the screen in Turkish cinemas. Instead, she said that actors recorded new Turkish dialogue for foreign films. The translated dialogue must be exactly as long as the original words – so the on-screen actors' mouths don't move when there's no sound. This takes ages to write. 'I have to watch the film again and again,' Melike told me, 'until the dialogue is exactly right. ² _____

Nowhere is translation more important than at the United Nations in New York. There I met Masoud Abadi, who works as a translator in United Nations meetings. 'It's a very difficult job,' Masoud told me, 'because I have to listen to the conversation, and translate it at the same time. ³ _____ And you mustn't miss what anyone says.'

Every day, people at the United Nations translate hundreds of important documents. These can be anything from business agreements to important political discussions. ⁴ _____ And all translators at the United Nations have to speak three languages perfectly. Masoud told me he could speak four: Arabic, French, English and Farsi.

Translating documents correctly can be very important. In 1840, the British and the Maori people signed a peace agreement in New Zealand. But there were big differences between the British and the Maori translations of the agreement. ⁵ _____ But today, the Maoris and the New Zealand government are still arguing about what it says!

- A People don't speak slowly, or stop and wait for you to translate.
- B The best translators can earn a lot of money, but it isn't an easy job.
- C The translators use computer translation programs, but they also have to check everything themselves.
- D Both sides were very happy when they signed the agreement.
- E Melike is Turkish, but she grew up in Germany and speaks perfect German and English.
- F You certainly haven't got time to look at a dictionary.
- G But when you do your job well, it really looks like the actors are speaking Turkish.'

Mark: ____ / 5

Writing

10 Write a story about a time that someone was late. Follow the instructions below and write your story.

- Set the scene.
- Describe the lead up to the main event.
- Talk about the main event.
- Say what happened in the end.

Mark: ____ / 10

Total: ____ / 70
