

Unit 2 Progress Test A

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap. Sometimes there is more than one possible answer.

- 1 Hundreds of years ago, travelling by sea was _____ quicker _____ trying to make the same journey overland.
- 2 Roads back then were nowhere _____ as good _____ they are now.
- 3 Although _____ well-known than Columbus or Magellan, one of _____ greatest of the late medieval explorers was Vasco Núñez de Balboa.
- 4 _____ longer the journey, _____ more supplies travellers had to take.
- 5 One of the _____ significant discoveries by 18th-century European sailors was that of New Zealand, a country composed of two islands of similar size. Actually, South Island is only _____ larger than North Island.
- 6 Not much lower _____ Everest, and _____ as hard to climb, Kangchenjunga is part of the Himalayan chain of mountains.

Mark: ____ / 6

2 Complete the comparative or superlative sentences. Use the correct form of the adjective or adverb in brackets and add any other necessary words.

- 1 Although dressed much _____ (sensible) her fellow hikers, Sophie still felt wet and miserable after it started raining.
- 2 Few people have been quite _____ (lucky) my brother Grant, who won the lottery with a ticket he found in the street.
- 3 _____ (tough) the climb, the more likely it is that adventurers will want to try to reach the top.
- 4 Amy didn't get a prize despite being just _____ (talented) the other performers.
- 5 This brand of toothpaste is a _____ (popular) any other brand. Over 70% of the population use it.
- 6 By running _____ (far) people expected, David raised a lot of money for charity.

Mark: ____ / 6

3 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 As the match went on, I saw Peter _____ (get) angrier and angrier. His team weren't playing well at all.
- 2 You'd better not _____ (go) to school today with such a bad cold.
- 3 _____ (ride) a bike on busy roads can be dangerous.
- 4 Why _____ (complain) about things when you can do something about it?
- 5 I didn't mean _____ (play) so badly.
- 6 I'd sooner not _____ (come) round later. I'm not feeling well.
- 7 As she opened her front door, Sara saw somebody _____ (jump) out of the window. It all happened in an instant.
- 8 Don't forget _____ (give) your grandmother a call.

Mark: ___ / 8

Vocabulary

4 Match descriptions 1–5 with adjectives a–g. There are two extra adjectives.

- 1 'He just won't stop making silly noises and talking when I'm watching TV!' a ashamed
- 2 'It was so funny. It was hard not to laugh.' b envious
- 3 'At last! Sun, sea and sky. This is where I want to be.' c amused
- 4 'I didn't do the right thing, and feel really bad about that now.' d indecisive
- 5 'As usual, Mark got top marks, and everybody thinks he's great!' e irritated
f content
g upbeat

Mark: ___ / 5

5 Complete the sentences using an idiom to describe feelings that contains the words in brackets.

- 1 I was absolutely thrilled when Kelly told us you were going to visit us. (moon)
I was _____ when Kelly told us you were going to visit us.
- 2 We were both a little depressed after the holiday ended. (dumps)
We were both _____ after the holiday ended.
- 3 My dad is going to get really angry when I tell him I have lost the watch he lent me. (top)
My dad is going to _____ when I tell him I have lost the watch he lent me.
- 4 Some students were stressed because they hadn't been told their test results. (edge)
Some students were _____ because they hadn't been told their test results.
- 5 Jack was unsure about which subjects to take at school. (minds)
Jack was _____ about which subjects to take at school.

Mark: ___ / 5

6 Complete the text with the missing prepositions.

Are teenagers always at fault?

On Saturday, I dropped a piece of litter ¹ _____ accident in the shopping mall near my house. Almost immediately, a middle-aged man shouted at me very rudely, and demanded that I pick up the chocolate wrapper that had come out of my pocket. Naturally, I did as he asked. I was clearly ² _____ the wrong. But what annoyed me was the fact that the man was ³ _____ the impression that I had acted really badly, and that, just because I was a teenager, he had a right to shout at me. ⁴ _____ the whole, teenagers behave really well in my town, but there are too many adults who treat us as if we are about to commit horrible crimes at any moment. We are human beings and deserve respect, and ⁵ _____ any case, we don't drop any more litter than anyone else does.

Mark: ___ / 5

7 Complete the sentences with the words below.

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- 1 Police have warned of a crime _____ in the region. Violent crimes have risen by an alarming 20%.
- 2 In an attempt to _____ people from committing crime, the government has increased the number of police officers on the streets.
- 3 Politicians have promised to spend \$1 million on crime prevention. They hope to _____ crime in the city by 50% over the next decade as a result.
- 4 There are concerns that the numbers of people who _____ serious, violent crimes is getting worse.
- 5 Police say that they take _____ crimes such as shoplifting seriously, and that they always arrest anybody who commits such a crime.

Mark: ___ / 5

Use of English

8 Complete the dialogue. Write A, B, C or D.

Toby	Are you okay? You look a bit ¹ ___ edge.
Ruth	I didn't want to bring it ² ___, but I wanted to talk to you about how long you take in the bathroom every morning.
Toby	Oh dear, I ³ ___ realise. Is everyone in the house annoyed with me?
Ruth	Well, it's ⁴ ___ that I often don't have time to wash my hair and Sam never has time for a shower.
Toby	You ⁵ ___ have said something earlier.
Ruth	I was in two ⁶ ___ about it, but I didn't want you to ⁷ ___ your top. You weren't very happy when I asked you to help more with the cooking.
Toby	I'm so sorry. I'm very happy to have a bath in the evening instead. And please just knock on the door when you feel I've been in there for too long. You ⁸ ___ feel that I'm a nightmare to live with.
Ruth	³ ___ at all. But could we possibly agree ³ ___ taking it in turns to go in the bathroom first?

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| 1 A on | B at | C in | D up |
| 2 A down | B up | C through | D along |
| 3 A not | B hadn't | C mustn't | D didn't |
| 4 A just | B only | C possibly | D not |
| 5 A would | B should | C could | D will |
| 6 A feelings | B thoughts | C minds | D hopes |
| 7 A blow | B hit | C explode | D up |
| 8 A should | B would | C ought | D must |
| 9 A Nothing | B Not | C No | D Something |
| 10 A on | B in | C at | D of |

Mark: ___ / 10

Listening

9 2 Listen to four people talking about their first day at a new school. Match the speakers (1–4) with the sentences (A–E). There is one extra sentence.

- A Speaker ___ felt anxious on their first day at school.
- B Speaker ___ felt well-prepared for their first day.
- C Speaker ___ started at a new school in the middle of the year.
- D Speaker ___ was in two minds about what to do on their first day.
- E Speaker ___ managed to seem upbeat despite the situation.

Mark: ___ / 5

Reading

10 Read the text divided into three parts. Match questions 1–5 with paragraphs A–C.

The Mosquito

A Exasperated with having large gangs of teenagers outside their premises day and night, a growing number of British shopkeepers have taken extreme measures. They have installed a Mosquito alarm, a small, square-shaped object which is no bigger than a regular burglar alarm and just as easy to install. Fitted to the exterior wall of a shop, the Mosquito produces an incredibly irritating high frequency noise that only people younger than 25 can hear. To my mind, it seems unfair to target youths in such a way, but the device is proving a bestseller. As a result of its increasing use, hanging out with friends in front of local newsagents, something British teenagers used to enjoy doing, has become, in many places, a thing of the past.

B So far, over three thousand people have purchased the Mosquito, ranging from homeowners driven crazy by teenagers listening to music in the street outside their houses, to local councils anxious about how to prevent teenagers going close to railway lines or electrical cables. It's most popular with shopkeepers, however. 'Hanging out near my shop at weekends was all the kids round here ever did,' complained Frank Court, a newsagent from Bristol. 'Imagine how that affected my business. The elderly, in particular, felt terrified of walking past them. It all changed the moment I installed the Mosquito. The kids put up with it for about twenty minutes or so, then wandered into the shop and demanded to know what the noise was. In the end, they hated it so much they went away and stayed away. I'm over the moon.'

C Naturally, the use of Mosquitoes has split opinions. Some lawmakers consider it a useful means of crime prevention, pointing out that petty crimes such as shoplifting and vandalism have fallen on large housing estates where youths once congregated in large numbers. Others argue that the Mosquito is an illegal 'sonic weapon'. Nothing less than the civil rights of young people are at stake, they say, and the authorities should ban selling a product that so obviously discriminates against one section of the community. Furthermore, campaigners have suggested that the Mosquito could be dangerous for very young children who have sensitive hearing. 'More tests should have been carried out to see what the long-term effects might be before selling this device to the public,' said a campaigner. Whatever the rights and wrongs, the Mosquito, silent to adults, but buzzing loudly in the ears of the young is, for now, becoming more and more common.

In which paragraph does the author ...

- 1 give reasons why people who own shops dislike gangs of teenagers? _____
- 2 describe more than one sort of person interested in owning a Mosquito? _____
- 3 present arguments to say why it is unfair to target young people? _____
- 4 say how or he or she feels about the use of the Mosquito by shop owners? _____
- 5 compare the Mosquito to another device? _____

Mark: / 5

Writing

11 Read the task below. Write a for and against essay.

Increasingly, young people rely on the internet as a resource when doing homework or writing assignments. Write an essay in which you offer arguments for and against using the internet as a resource in these situations.

Mark: ___ / 10

Total: ___ / 70