

Unit 1 Progress Test B

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use the past perfect, past continuous, or (*didn't*) use to and the words below.

have like listen lose save wait walk work

- 1 Josh didn't eat much at the party because he _____ dinner earlier.
- 2 I _____ chocolate, but now I love it.
- 3 We arrived really late, and everyone _____ for us.
- 4 Mick and Yasmina became good friends while they _____ in the same company.
- 5 After Ryan and Katie _____ some money, they bought a house.
- 6 Sorry, what did you say? I _____ to you.
- 7 Sally _____ to school every morning, but now she cycles.
- 8 So, did Max start a business after he _____ his job?

Mark: ____ / 8

2 Read the text and choose the correct words.

My Aunt Rani's family ¹**were coming / came** to Birmingham from India when she was twelve because her parents ²**had decided / used to decide** to start a business here. Aunt Rani ³**didn't use to / used to** like Birmingham because it was a big noisy city, and she ⁴**had grown / was growing** up in a small village. She ⁵**used to miss / was missing** her friends a lot, and she ⁶**didn't use to / didn't get used to** living in the UK for a long time.

Years later, when Aunt Rani ⁷**used to study / was studying** at Aston university, she and her friends ⁸**started / had started** a band called The Aston Angels. They practised a lot and soon became really good. They ⁹**were playing / used to play** a small concert in Birmingham when a man from CDS Records ¹⁰**had seen / saw** them and liked their music. Later, when they ¹¹**used to make / were making** their first CD, Aunt Rani's band ¹²**changed / was changing** their name to The Temple Cobras, and now they're quite famous.

Mark: ____ / 12

Vocabulary

3 Match the words below with the definitions. There is one extra word.

criticism foreign look up to middle-aged nostalgic toddler

- 1 A very young child. _____
- 2 The act of saying negative things about someone. _____
- 3 To admire someone. _____
- 4 Feeling sad that things in the past have changed. _____
- 5 Someone in their fifties. _____

Mark: ___ / 5

4 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Don't **run out of** / **walk out on** me when I'm speaking to you – it's very rude.
- 2 This house is much nicer than your old place. When did you **move** / **settle down** here?
- 3 I know you're feeling quite **optimistic** / **pessimistic** about the exams, but I'm sure you won't fail them.
- 4 Martin is very **aggressive** / **arrogant**, and he often shouts at people.
- 5 Mandy wrote me a very **accusing** / **sympathetic** email, but I didn't break her phone.
- 6 Jack is very **dependence** / **dependable**. You can trust him to do anything.

Mark: ___ / 6

5 Complete the phone conversation with the words below.

chores complementary enthusiastic fit in with grateful impatient privacy safe share

Becky Hi Tom. Are you having a good time in Barcelona?

Tom Yes, I am. I wasn't very ¹ _____ about coming on this school exchange programme – in fact, I definitely didn't want to do it. But now I'm having a great time. And Barcelona is a great city. It's very ² _____ too – it isn't dangerous to walk around the city at night.

Becky What about the school?

Tom Well, it's in a nice part of Barcelona. I get on well with the students and I'm making friends here, too. So I really think I'm starting to ³ _____ everyone.

Becky Is your host family nice?

Tom Yes. My Spanish isn't very good, but they say really ⁴ _____ things about it. They're never ⁵ _____ with me when I make mistakes, or it takes me a long time to explain something. So I'm really ⁶ _____ to them.

Becky Is the house nice, too?

Tom Well, it's quite small. I have to ⁷ _____ a room with their son Manolo, so I don't have much ⁸ _____. And I have to do a few ⁹ _____ around the house, but that's OK. And here's the best thing: Manolo and I go to the beach every day after school.

Becky Hmm. It sounds great. You won't want to come home!

Mark: ___ / 9

Use of English

6 Read the dialogue and find ten mistakes (an unnecessary word, a word missing or an incorrect word). Circle the mistakes and write the corrections.

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| Cathy | Personally, I'm believe that students who are shy really build their self-confidence on exchange trips. | 1 _____ |
| Joel | I suppose it's true saying that staying with families and making conversation with people in another language is good, but I'm still scared! | 2 _____ |
| Cathy | I don't think you shouldn't spend time worrying about it. It'll be fine. | 3 _____ |
| Joel | But I'm scared about being with the family. From example, what if I can't think of anything to say to them? | 4 _____ |
| Kathy | You should try ask people about themselves first to get them talking and that will take the pressure off you. | 5 _____ |
| Joel | Good idea! I'm agree that people love talking about themselves! | 6 _____ |
| Cathy | You ought to listening actively to what someone is telling you too. | 7 _____ |
| Joel | Do you think I ought make eye contact with strangers or people older than me? Won't they think I'm rude? | 8 _____ |
| Cathy | At my experience, if you look people in the eye it shows that you're listening to them. You really shouldn't being too anxious. Just act naturally and feel positive about yourself! | 9 _____
10 _____ |

Mark: ____ / 10

Listening

7 1 Listen to five speakers talking about their families. Match the speakers (1–5) with the statements (A–F). There is one extra statement.

- A Speaker ____ used to be unhappy with his / her new life, but feels differently now.
- B Speaker ____ talks about a famous person and the problems he / she had.
- C Speaker ____ is in a studio, but talks to a presenter in the street.
- D Speaker ____ is showing a group of visitors around part of a city.
- E Speaker ____ interviews a famous person.
- F Speaker ____ talks about two people he / she knows well.

Mark: ____ / 5

Reading

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

A summer away from home

Many companies organise summer programmes abroad for young people aged fifteen to twenty. From working with children in Africa to protecting an ancient Inca road in Peru, there are lots of different trips to choose from. Travelling without your parents is a great way to become more independent, make new friends, and see a different country. ¹ _____ We spoke to three young travellers about their experiences.

Josh Tanner went to Lagos, Nigeria

I'm really good at football, so when I heard about a football volunteer programme in Africa, I was really excited. My parents weren't so enthusiastic at first. ² _____ I was feeling tired when I arrived in Lagos, and I couldn't believe how hot it was. But it only took me a few days to get used to the weather. I stayed with the Ngembo family in an apartment in the centre of Lagos. It was very small, and I had to share a room with three boys. But everyone was really nice to me, so I soon got used to having no privacy. I worked really hard, but I enjoyed my job, too. For most of the time, I was helping a Nigerian sports coach to teach football to ten-year-old boys and girls. I had a great time there, and I really got used to living in a big, noisy African city. By the time I left, I had really started to fit in!

Rebecca Jones went to Arles, France

Last year, I spent two weeks at a summer art school for young people in Arles. Arles is a beautiful little town in Provence, in the south of France. We were staying in a campsite and sharing tents, and most of the other students were French. I was nervous at first about speaking French to them. But everyone was very nice to me, and they didn't criticise my mistakes. I really gained a lot of confidence after I'd been there for a week. The course was good too. We had drawing and painting lessons every morning. ³ _____ The famous painter Vincent Van Gogh used to live in Arles. Many other artists used to visit the area too, and I can see why. It's a really beautiful place. I think I painted some good pictures while I was staying there. When Van Gogh was painting in Arles, people didn't used to like his work. ⁴ _____ Who knows? Maybe the same thing will happen to my pictures one day.

Matt Hazelwood went to Bryce Canyon, USA

Last summer, I got a job at Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah, USA. It's a beautiful place, but it was very difficult to get there! After I'd flown ten hours from London to Las Vegas, I had to get a bus to Cedar Springs, Utah. And after someone had met us there, it was another three-hour drive to the park. When I'd finally arrived, I went to bed and slept for twelve hours! Lots of young people like me were working in the park last summer. We were helping people from the US National Park Service to repair and build things – like picnic tables and information signs. ⁵ _____ That's important because a lot of middle-aged and elderly people visit the US national parks. I had to work really hard all summer, and get up very early in the morning. But I soon got used to that, and it was great to work outside in such a beautiful place. Bryce Canyon is famous for its red rocks and cliffs – and when the sun comes up in the early morning, they look amazing!

- A I missed my family, of course, but I made a lot of new friends.
- B Now his paintings sell for millions of pounds.
- C But after I had showed them some information on the internet, they decided that it was safe for me to go.
- D It was great to be outside all day, and the weather was really nice.
- E Then every afternoon, the teachers took us out into the countryside to practise our skills.
- F We also helped to repair the walking paths and make them safe.
- G But what is it really like to go on one of these trips?

Mark: ___ / 5

Writing

9 Imagine you see an advertisement on a website for English-speaking penfriends who are interested in your hobby. Write a message in reply. Follow the instructions below.

- Introduce yourself, say where you are from what your town is like.
- Say who you live with and say one interesting thing about a member of your family.
- Talk about why you like the hobby, and say how often you do it.
- Request information from the person you are writing to.

Mark: ___ / 10

Total: ___ / 70