

Test 1

Grammar and Vocabulary

I Complete each gap in the text using one appropriate word, as in the example.

Hi John,

Example

How are you? I've got some fantastic news for you. Do you remember that music competition?

The (1) _____ that I did a few weeks ago? Well, I answered all the questions correctly and won (2) _____ first prize. I got the news in an email last night. And you'll never guess (3) _____ the prize is, it's four tickets for The Concert in the Park in the summer. That's right, not one (4) _____ four tickets. Anyway, I've already contacted George and he's coming with me. (5) _____ is Melita. She was so excited when I told her the news, she started screaming into the phone! I was wondering (6) _____ you'd like to come too, John. *The Spiders* are one of your favourite groups, aren't (7) _____? Well, *The Spiders* are going to perform at the concert so I'm sure you'd love to be there too. Let me know as (8) _____ as you can because if you don't want to come, I'll have to find someone else (9) _____ does want to. Oh and John, don't speak to anyone else (10) _____ this yet. They might get jealous. Let's keep it a secret for a while and then tell everyone later.

2 Read the sentences. Complete the second sentence to give it the same meaning as the first sentence. Use between three to six words in each sentence. There is one example.

Example

It is possible that the school will organise a classical music concert.

A classical music concert might be organised by the school.

1 It is absolutely essential to tell the parents about the possible problems.

The parents _____ about the possible problems.

2 "Have there been any pop concerts here before?" asked Gustav.

Gustav asked _____ any pop concerts here before.

3 "What can we do about the destruction of the rainforest?" Ivan is asking Stefan.

Ivan is asking Stefan _____ about the destruction of the rainforest.

4 The government ought to do something about it immediately.

Something _____ about it immediately.

5 "How many concerts have been held in the school hall?" asked Rudi.

Rudi asked _____ in the school hall.

3 Complete each gap in the text with the correct form of the word(s), as in the example.

Environment Awareness Day**Example**

As usual this summer, next month in fact, we are planning to have Environment Awareness Day in the school grounds once again. We (1) _____ this for ten years now and this summer's event is likely to be the biggest and most successful yet. It really (2) _____ in a big way since the first time it (3) _____.

Last summer was unbelievable. Around the school, there were six different presentations, all written by our students, which over 200 people (4) _____; a fantastic number of people for our small school. And while the presentations (5) _____, other students were collecting money for the various charities we (6) _____ every year. By the end of the day an amazing £500 (7) _____. Let's hope that this year we can attract even more people and raise even more money.

Of course, if the event is going to be a success, a lot of volunteers (8) _____.

At a meeting earlier in the year, many of you said you (9) _____. Mrs Green would like to see everyone interested in taking part after school on Tuesday in the main hall. She (10) _____ there from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Vice Principal A S Smith

PLAN

HOLD

CATCH ON

ORGANISE

ATTEND

TAKE PLACE

SUPPORT

COLLECT

NEED

HELP

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Test 1

4 Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. Write the correct letter, A, B, C or D in each gap. There is one example.

Example

The seas and oceans of the world are facing many problems and the human D of the world is certain to suffer as a result.

Perhaps the biggest threat we will have to protect ourselves against in the near future is the rise in sea level, which is slowly happening all around the world even now. Because of (1) gases, temperatures are rising and ice is melting. Places where people now live will soon be under water.

Already, (2) _____ in low-lying parts of the world are having a dramatic effect on the people who live there; their homes and possessions are often completely destroyed by the water. In the future, such events will certainly spread around the world and become a (3) _____ concern.

Overfishing is another problem. Fish is a (4) _____ part of many people's diets. Without it, they do not get what they need to stay healthy. However, this food source is now at risk because of the (5) _____ high demand for fish and improved fishing techniques. Many (6) _____ of fish have been

decreasing in number, the (7) _____ of the sea has been affected and some kinds of fish and even sea mammals are now threatened with (8) _____.

It is in all of our interests to protect the sea environment because all of us (9) _____ on the sea to some extent. If we do nothing now, future generations will have fewer food (10) _____ and will wonder why their parents and grandparents allowed such a thing to happen.

A people	B society	C country	D population
A cloud	B air	C greenhouse	D storehouse
A fires	B floods	C accidents	D rivers
A global	B local	C national	D cultural
A interesting	B crucial	C dangerous	D delicious
A now	B future	C before	D current
A species	B numbers	C packets	D tins
A weather	B biodiversity	C level	D difference
A diversity	B conservation	C extinction	D fishermen
A thrive	B rely	C swim	D fish
A sea	B access	C shops	D resources

5 Complete the sentences with the correct words from the box. There is one example. There is one extra word.

superior	exceptionally	emphasis	risk	appreciate	reliable
repertoire	standard	talented	absolutely	reputation	listen

Example

The standard of programmes on television these days is very low.

- 1 The _____ of having an accident is higher if you drive too fast.
- 2 She's one of the most _____ actresses I've ever seen.
- 3 It is better in every way. It's _____ to everything else.
- 4 That's a great point. I _____ agree with you.
- 5 The company's _____ was badly affected by an article in the newspaper.
- 6 The music I _____ most is pop.
- 7 That guitarist has a very wide _____. He can play almost everything.
- 8 She's an _____ good dancer, everyone enjoys watching her.
- 9 There should be more _____ on quality and less on cost.
- 10 He's not a very _____ person. You can't depend on him at all.

6 Write these words next to the correct definition. There is one example. There is one extra word.

merit	quartet	greenhouse	dependability	orang-utan	storehouse
interview	hectare	deforestation	genre	shelter	interlude

Example

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| a place for growing plants in cold weather | _____ <u>greenhouse</u> _____ |
| 1 cutting down many trees in a large area | _____ |
| 2 a musical group with four people in it | _____ |
| 3 a short break in a live concert | _____ |
| 4 an area of land | _____ |
| 5 a kind of music or other art form | _____ |
| 6 a place for keeping things in | _____ |
| 7 an advantage or good point | _____ |
| 8 the quality of being reliable | _____ |
| 9 a place for protection against the weather | _____ |
| 10 an animal that is related to humans | _____ |

Reading

I Read Eva's letter to her grandparents. For each question, circle the correct answer A, B, C or D. There is one example.

Hi Grandma and Grandpa,

Well, I've been at my new school for a month now and I'm slowly getting used to it. The first week was difficult but it's not so bad now. They say the first two months are the hardest and that after one year you never want to leave.

As you know, this school is an international school so it's different from my old school. There are students from all over the world and in the playground you can hear all sorts of languages – Chinese, Arabic, German – there are so many. I can only speak English at the moment (well I am Australian) but I'm going to learn some foreign languages while I'm here. In fact, I have to choose two for the first year. I can choose from Spanish, Chinese, Japanese and Russian. Also, next year I have to choose another one so that's three altogether.

Anyway, I really like my new school. The teachers are good and the students are friendly. I've made lots of new friends. But, to be frank, I didn't like it very much when I first arrived. I thought the students were cleverer than me, although the lessons weren't that difficult and I felt that I was the only one with no friends, but that soon changed.

I miss some things about my old school though. My old friends are always in contact with me by email so I don't miss them, but I do miss school clubs. You know, the swimming club and the music club. And more than anything else I miss the teachers, especially my old history teacher.

As I said before, this school is so different from my old one but most of the rules are similar. For example, girls are not allowed to wear make up and boys have to have their hair short. The only thing I couldn't believe was that the students have to clean the classrooms every day after school. Oh yes, one other difference is that you don't have to wear a uniform here. That wasn't really a surprise for me though. I knew that before I arrived.

I've got lots of interesting things to look forward to in the next few months. I'm meeting my friend Alex next month in the spring holiday and in the summer there's a school trip. We're going to sleep in tents by the river for a week. Can you imagine it? A week at a river will make a nice change. When we have a family holiday, we always go to the beach and sit around in the sun. Anybody would rather go camping than sit on a beach, wouldn't they?

Well, I can't think of anything else to write at the moment so I'll finish this letter now. I'll write again soon. I'd like to promise to write every week or two but I'll be busy with homework so is once a month OK? When I see you at the family party in two months, I'll show you some photos of my new school.

Love, Eva

Example

How long has Eva been at her new school?

- A one week **B one month** C two months D one year

1 How many foreign languages is Eva expected to study in her first year?

- A one B two C three D four

2 What was Eva's first impression of her new school?

- A The lessons were difficult. B She liked the school. C The people were friendly. D She disliked the school.

3 What has Eva been missing most about her old school?

- A her history teacher B her friends C the swimming club D the music club

4 What school rule has Eva been surprised about?

- A Boys have to have short hair. B Girls can't wear make up. C Students clean the classrooms. D There is no school uniform.

5 What is Eva looking forward to in the summer?

- A a camping trip B meeting her friend Alex C a beach holiday D a family holiday

6 How often did Eva say she would write to her grandparents?

- A every week B every two weeks C every month D every two months

2 Read the letter from Mr Roberts to a TV channel and complete it by putting the letter A–I of the correct sentence in the correct part of the text. There is one example. There is one extra phrase.

Phrases:

- A For example, it could be shown in the evening
- B Another negative effect is on the children themselves.
- C Secondly, the toys and games are not very good value.
- D as I believe this is a major social issue
- E ~~which are shown during children's programmes~~
- F However, this also happens in families which cannot afford it.
- G This, in turn, can lead to family relationship problems.
- H Firstly, it puts a lot of pressure on parents.
- I Regarding a solution to this problem

Dear Sir,

Example

I am writing to complain about the number of advertisements for young children's toys and games, E on your channel.

I have noticed a steady increase in these in recent months and think it is time you considered the negative effects, of which there are many. (1) _____ When children want a new toy or something else advertised on television, many parents, especially if they have the money, feel an obligation to buy it for them. This is not because they are weak parents but because they want their children to be happy.

(2) _____ If these families spend all their money on children's toys and games, then they won't be able to buy the important things in life such as food and clothing.

(3) _____ Young children may grow up not knowing the real value of money and they may not understand why a parent sometimes has to say 'no'. They may feel that their parents are just being horrible to them. (4) _____ Parents and children can be constantly arguing, even over small things, and in extreme cases families may even break up.

(5) _____, I think it would be much better if advertising of children's products took place after a certain time. (6) _____, after most young children have gone to bed. Parents could then see the products for themselves and decide if they are appropriate for their children or not.

I hope you will take my comments seriously, (7) _____. The problem needs to be faced now before we have a generation of children who want everything.

Yours faithfully,

D Roberts

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3 Read the headings A–H and the paragraphs 1–8 from a magazine article. Choose the letter for the correct heading to match each paragraph and write it in the gaps in the table. There is one example.

Example	
Paragraph 1 goes with heading <u> D </u>	Paragraph 2 goes with heading _____
Paragraph 3 goes with heading _____	Paragraph 4 goes with heading _____
Paragraph 5 goes with heading _____	Paragraph 6 goes with heading _____
Paragraph 7 goes with heading _____	Paragraph 8 goes with heading _____

Headings:

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| A Reasons to be hopeful | B Action must be taken now |
| C Nature also plays a part | D The reality of global warming |
| E Man's influence on the climate | F The effects of a warming planet |
| G Taking global responsibility | H The role of the individual |

A Global Problem

Paragraph 1	Paragraph 2
Although not everybody agrees on the reasons for global warming, there is a general acceptance of the idea that our planet is gradually getting warmer. Because of modern technology, which can measure very small changes in temperature over long periods of time, and of course, because of what has been observed in various communities around the world, this seems to be beyond doubt.	Most of us do not notice the way global warming is changing our planet. However, there is scientific evidence that sea levels are rising and that there is no longer as much ice in polar regions as there used to be. Moreover, as average temperatures rise, numerous species of plants and animals are falling into the danger of extinction.
Paragraph 3	Paragraph 4
The number of humans on the Earth and the recent rate of technological development and human scientific achievement have played a crucial role in the warming of the planet. Gases from factories, emissions from motor vehicles and the destruction of massive areas of oxygen-producing forests have all had an effect.	Certainly, man's influence on the climate is limited. Over millions of years, there have been many natural changes in the earth's temperature with ice ages and long periods of higher temperatures than now. Even in the present day, volcanoes put many greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, as do forest fires, which are a natural part of life in many countries. Grass eating animals also play a role.
Paragraph 5	Paragraph 6
However, if we want to continue our way of life into the future, we will have to do something about global warming now. If we wait for the next generation to do something, it may be too late. Although some steps have been taken, much more needs to be done.	Of course, everybody has a responsibility to care for the planet. Each person can do something, such as recycle materials, reduce their use of valuable resources, and very importantly, encourage other people, especially children to do the same. If everybody did something, there would be significant results.
Paragraph 7	Paragraph 8
It is true however, that individuals cannot do everything. It is the governments around the world that need to do what they can to minimise the effects of global warming. They also need to work together so that all world governments are trying to do the same thing. All countries need to co-operate.	People are now more aware than ever before of the effects of global warming and what they can do to reduce them. There are education programmes helping people to understand the problem and modern technology is helping us to predict potential problems. All of this means we can look forward to the future in a positive way.

Listening

1 Listen to these people discussing environmental issues. Choose the correct phrase from phrases A–H to match the conversations 1–8. There is one example.

Conversations 1–8:

1	B	2		3		4		5		6		7		8	
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Example

Phrases:

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| A That's staying power | B What a brilliant idea! |
| C Steps must be taken immediately | D We're spoiled for choice |
| E It's caught on in a big way | F Who's going to sort it out? |
| G Better late than never | H I have no doubt whatsoever |

2 Listen to two students and fill in the missing information with four words or fewer in each numbered space in the notes. There is one example.

Notes for Essay on Advertisements		
Rudi advantages:	they can be useful Example	(1) find out about _____
Lucie advantages:	(2) some are _____	(3) help you decide _____
Rudi disadvantages:	(4) they persuade people to buy _____	(5) too many advertisements _____
Lucie disadvantages:	(6) they don't always _____	(7) old people can _____

3 Listen to Tasha and Todd discussing a problem for the festival. For each question, circle the correct answer A, B or C. There is one example.

Example

What is Tasha doing when Todd calls her?

- A sleeping B watching television **C doing homework**

- Who has dropped out of the festival?
A a ballet dancer B a pop singer C an opera singer
- Where did Todd first hear about Rollo?
A from a friend B on the internet C in an advertisement
- How long has Rollo been working in the entertainment industry?
A 10 years B 20 years C 30 years
- What does Tasha want Rollo to do at the festival?
A sing B juggle C dance
- If Rollo performs at the festival, what time will he have to finish by?
A 3.30pm B 4.15pm C 7pm
- Who needs to be contacted as soon as possible?
A a classical dancer B a violinist C a circus performer

Test 1

Speaking

I Role Play

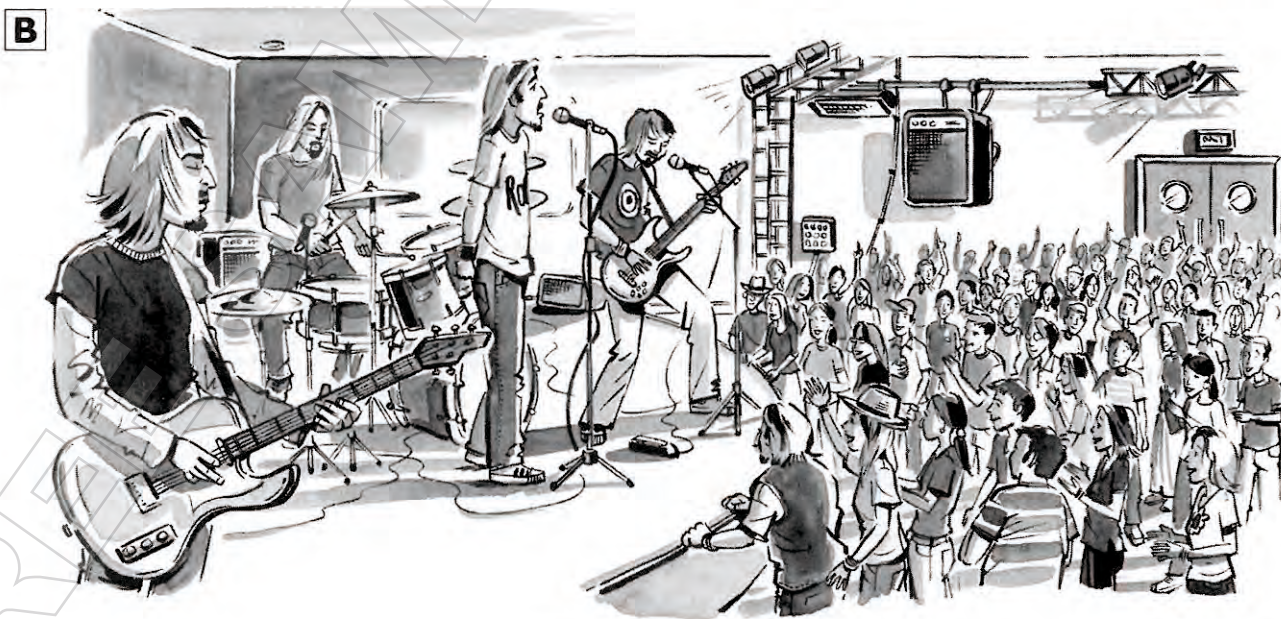
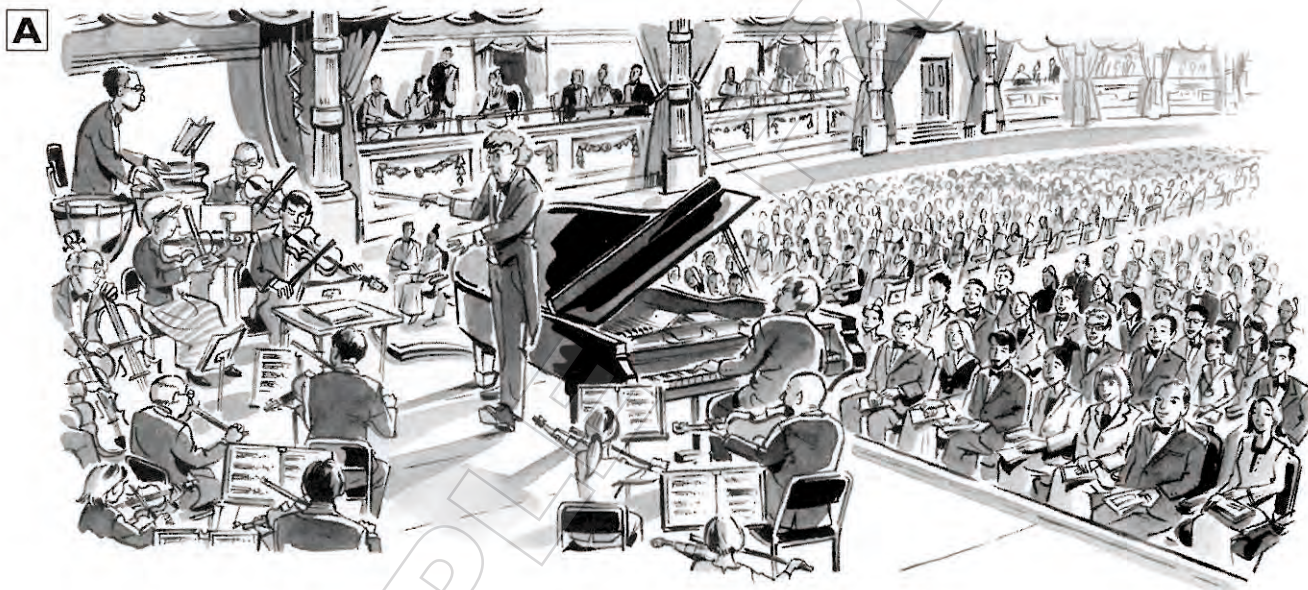
Student 1: You have one minute to read Task 1 card A which your teacher will give you. Prepare for a role play which you will perform with Student 2. Your teacher will tell you when to start and stop.

Student 2: You have one minute to read Task 1 card B which your teacher will give you. Prepare for a role play which you will perform with Student 1. Your teacher will tell you when to start and stop.

2 Presentation

Student 1: You have one minute to look at picture A and prepare the presentation as shown on Task 2 card A. Your teacher will tell you when to start and stop.

Student 2: You have one minute to look at picture B and prepare the presentation as shown on Task 2 card B. Your teacher will tell you when to start and stop.



Writing

- 1 Write an advertisement to persuade teenagers to buy a new mobile phone, a new computer game or a new bike. Write 140–160 words.**

In your advertisement:

- ▶ describe the product and explain why it is the best available;
- ▶ say how it will improve the lives of the people who buy it;
- ▶ explain how easy and inexpensive it is to buy.

Write your answer here.

If you need more space, use another piece of paper.

- 2 Write an essay explaining why your school needs to do more to help the environment. Write 140–160 words.**

In your essay:

- ▶ give reasons why you think the school is not doing enough;
- ▶ explain what it could do to be more environmentally friendly;
- ▶ say what you think might happen if the situation doesn't improve.

Write your answer here.

If you need more space, use another piece of paper.