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SAMPLE PAGES

1 Entertainment & the Arts



boring



thrilling



terrifying



hilarious

➤ Which of these words would you use to describe the last film you saw? Why?



go to the theatre



go bowling



go to a live concert



visit an art gallery / museum



go to the cinema

- Which of these things do you do on a regular basis?
- Which have you never been to? Why haven't you ever been?
- What else do you and your friends do for entertainment?

Look at the picture and then answer the questions.



- 1 What can you see in the picture?
- 2 Do you think you would enjoy this concert? Why?
- 3 Who would you most like to see live in concert?

Reading

2 You are going to read an article about mistakes that occur in films.



1 Answer the questions.

- Do you enjoy watching films? Why?
- Have you ever noticed any mistakes in any of the films you have watched? What were they?

Did you see that?!

I am sure that, like me, you enjoy the hilarious scenes that are shown at the end of many Jackie Chan films – those embarrassing moments that have been cut from the film before it goes on general release. However, are you aware that in the majority of films released there are some really obvious mistakes that were not spotted by the producers?

There are many websites on the Internet dedicated to highlighting these mistakes for us, as most of us are so absorbed in the film that we rarely notice them. A large number of these errors involve what is called "continuity" – someone has a watch on their left arm in one scene and in the next scene the watch has mysteriously moved to the right arm. This occurs a lot in the production stages of a film and the mistakes usually get picked up at a later stage, but many get overlooked. It is only when someone else points them out that we sit up and take notice.



Some continuity errors are extremely noticeable and you have to wonder how they were not spotted. For instance, in one scene at the beginning of *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, Harry sits down on the right side of the table next to Ron. When the food appears, Harry is on the other side of the table, next to Hermione.



When making historical films, producers need to ensure that everything is as it should be for the particular time period. Two major mistakes spring to mind here. The first and quite probably the most famous appears in Mel Gibson's historical drama *Braveheart*, which is set in the 14th century. Observant fans know that there are an embarrassing number of errors in this film, ranging from crew members caught on camera to actors waving rubber weapons

around. However, the appearance of a white van during a battle scene is one that stands out like a sore thumb and which badly affects the period setting. Look for the van in the lower left corner behind the group of horsemen. The Scots may be able to beat us English in a fight, but they will never take our Ford Transit vans! The second outstanding mistake is from the film *Gladiator*. During a performance of the Battle of Carthage in the Colosseum, one of the chariots is turned over. Once the dust settles, you can see a gas cylinder in the back of the chariot. The Romans were responsible for many technological advances, from roads to aqueducts. But as far as I know, using gas to power chariots was not among them!



3 Look at the article again. For questions 1-5, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

1 Most people

- A easily spot mistakes in films.
- B watch films on Internet websites.
- C do not see mistakes while watching a film.
- D pick up mistakes at the production stage.

2 What normally happens when an error is made while filming?

- A It gets sorted out before the film is released.
- B It gets noticed immediately.
- C It gets highlighted on the Internet.
- D It becomes extremely noticeable.

3 Some of the people you see in *Braveheart*

- A are very observant.
- B should not have been visible.
- C appear in a white van.
- D are looking for crew members.

4 Why is the white van in *Braveheart* problematic?

- A It frightened the horses.
- B It should have appeared after the battle scene.
- C Vans didn't exist in that time period.
- D It didn't belong to the Scottish.

5 The Romans

- A used gas to make their chariots go faster.
- B used gas cylinders in theatre productions.
- C were responsible for the discovery of gas.
- D did not use gas.



4 Complete the notes. Write no more than three words from the article in each gap.

- 1 Many films are released with obvious mistakes that the did not notice.
- 2 The errors accidentally left in films are often highlighted on many
- 3 People cannot understand how some of the more continuity errors don't get picked up.
- 4 Producers need to make sure that historical films do not have errors that affect the
- 5 Some of the weapons in *Braveheart* were obviously made of
- 6 People would often go and see famous battles performed at

Vocabulary

1 Find a word in the text to replace the word(s) in colour.

- 1 The film was **extremely funny** from beginning to end. (para 1)
- 2 The new FIFA game will be **made available for people to play** on Friday. (para 1)
- 3 I think it's **easy to notice** that Peter is in love with you just by the way he looks at you. (para 1)
- 4 It's not very often that earthquakes **happen** here. (para 2)
- 5 'Won't your dad notice that you're not there?' 'No, he's not very **good at noticing things**.' (para 4)
- 6 If the snow **comes down and stays in one place**, will we get a day off school? (para 4)

2 Fill in the correct word to complete the sentence.

mind • notice • camera • release • thumb

- If you mention how much money you earn, both boys will **sit up and take**
- You can't go to the party dressed like that; you will **stand out like a sore**
- What's the first thing that **springs to** when you think of Christmas?
- The film **went on** general last week.
- The actor's arrest was **caught on** by a passing journalist.

3 Choose the correct word.

- a What year did the **Battle / Fight** of Marathon take place?

b Joey got into a **battle / fight** with another boy at school.
- a If you look carefully, you can see a **group / crew** of people standing behind the boat.

b All the actors and the film **crew / group** worked really hard on the film.
- a She decided that Ireland was the perfect **scene / setting** for the film.

b In the next **setting / scene**, you will see that the hero no longer has a cut on his head.

4 PREPOSITIONS

Choose the correct preposition.

- Mum was so **absorbed to / in** the book she was reading that she never heard me come in.
- Pollution is **responsible for / in** many illnesses.
- There is a girl in the water **waving** her arms **up / around**. Do you think she needs help?
- A **group of / from** fans were waiting outside the theatre hoping to meet the actor.

5 WORD FORMATION

Fill in the correct form of the word in capitals.

- The of Diana at the party was a surprise to everyone. **APPEAR**
- Nowadays, the of teenagers have a mobile phone. **MAJOR**
- Luckily, my mistake wasn't very **NOTICE**
- Do you know what time the evening begins? **PERFORM**
- Have you seen the latest of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*? **PRODUCER**
- You must that your project is finished by Friday. **SURE**

6 Fill in the correct verb to complete the sentence.

appear • point • range • set

- The story is **in** Paris and is about the search for a missing teenager.
- We have many second-hand books for sale and prices **from** £1 to £10.
- What's the name of the actress who **in** *The Hunger Games*?
- I'm not sure what she looks like. Could you her **out** to me, please?

7 CONFUSABLE WORDS

Fill in the correct word.

a historic • historical

- I love reading novels.
- The city is full of buildings.
- Millions of people watched the event on live television.
- You must ensure that your facts are correct.

b fault • mistake

- There were lots of in your composition.
- It's Paul's that we're late. He couldn't find his jacket.
- I picked up the wrong book by
- There was a in the new washing machine.

Grammar

Present Tenses

Grammar Reference 1

1 Fill in the simple present or the present continuous.

'And here (1) (come) Matthew McConaughey and his girlfriend ...'

Every time the Oscars are on television, Helen and her sister, Caroline, (2) (watch) them. They usually open a bottle of wine and they never answer the phone. This year, however, they (3) (go) to the Oscars in person. Caroline won two tickets in a competition, and on 19th March they (4) (fly) to Los Angeles. Even though it's only January, they (5) (talk) about the big event all the time. Caroline wants to meet Matthew McConaughey. Helen, who doesn't know what to wear, (6) (think) about buying a new red dress.



2 Fill in the simple present perfect or the present perfect continuous.

- | | | | |
|----------------|---|-----------------|---|
| 1 WORK | Your shoes are dirty. you in the garden? | 5 NOT BE | Paul a member of a football club for more than two years. |
| 2 HAVE | I this flat for more than twelve years. | 6 KNOW | I about his illness for quite some time. |
| 3 SLEEP | Wake her up! She since nine o'clock. | 7 RING | The phone for the last three minutes. |
| 4 LIE | They in the sun for over three hours. | 8 SPEND | It's the first time I so much money on clothes! |

3 Fill in the simple present, present continuous or present perfect continuous forms.

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Why are you so hot? you (run)? | 4 | He (relax) all weekend. |
| 2 | The kids (play) since early this morning; they ought to rest. | 5 | My aunt Jane (have) her second baby in June. |
| 3 | School (start) again in September. | 6 | your friends (plan) anything interesting for the weekend? |

4 Complete each sentence with two to five words, including the word given.

- | | | | |
|---|---|----|---|
| 1 | I started working here five years ago.
WORKING I five years. | 6 | He hasn't arrived home yet.
STILL He home. |
| 2 | We have never eaten here before.
FIRST This is the here. | 7 | These trousers should fit if he hasn't put on weight.
UNLESS These trousers should fit on weight. |
| 3 | It's the best song I've ever heard.
NEVER I a better song. | 8 | It's been years since I last wore a dress.
NOT I a dress for years. |
| 4 | It's a long time since I saw her.
FOR I a long time. | 9 | I've never met such a famous person before.
TIME It's the such a famous person. |
| 5 | He started playing the piano at the age of seven.
BEEN He the piano since the age of seven. | 10 | I was given this hat two years ago.
HAVE I two years. |

Language Development

TOPIC-RELATED VOCABULARY

1 Label the picture. aisle • box • circle • curtains • stage • stalls

1

2

3

4

5

6



2 Match the words with their meanings.

audience • cast • critic • director • flop
hit • matinee • rehearsal • scene • script

- 1 The person who makes a film.
- 2 The total number of actors in a play.
- 3 Part of a play during which there is no change in time / place.
- 4 The people watching a play.
- 5 Person who reviews and comments on films / plays.
- 6 The text on which a film / play is based.
- 7 An afternoon performance.
- 8 An unsuccessful play or film.
- 9 A very successful play or film.
- 10 A practice session before a performance.

3 Match the words to form collocations.

- 1 **big**
- 2 **box**
- 3 **film**
- 4 **lead**
- 5 **special**
- 6 **evening**

- a **crew**
- b **effects**
- c **office**
- d **role**
- e **performance**
- f **screen**

4 Replace the words in colour with a word from the box.

gripping • **moving** • **stunning** • **violent**

- 1 The film was **not only exciting but also interesting**.
- 2 I didn't like the film; it was **full of shootings and killings**.
- 3 Romantic films can be **full of sadness and emotion**.
- 4 The scenery in that film was **so amazing**.

PREPOSITIONS

Fill in the correct preposition to complete the sentence.

at • behind • during • in • to • up

- 1 Paul and I sat the stalls.
- 2 A very nice lady showed us our seats.
- 3 People like to have a drink the interval.
- 4 You'd better ask the box office.
- 5 My favourite actress starred the film.
- 6 Our seats were the front row.
- 7 A lot of work goes on the scenes.
- 8 Please don't put bags the aisle.
- 9 Be quiet! The curtain is going
- 10 Do you have any tickets left? We want two seats the circle.

CONFUSABLE WORDS

1 Fill in **notice** or **remark** in the appropriate form to complete each sentence.

- 1 I haven't him around here before.
- 2 Please don't on my appearance again.
- 3 Did you the mistake in the battle scene?
- 4 Many critics that the play was not original.
- 5 Did she anyone leaving the house?
- 6 She was a young actress trying to get herself

2 Tick the word that best completes each sentence.

	adapt(-ed)	adjust(-ed)
(1) The novel has been		
(2) He		
(3) My camera can be		
(4) They have		
(5) She had to		

for television.
an old car engine for his boat.
to take pictures in cloudy or sunny weather.
to their new lifestyle in America.
the seat as it was too high.

3 Tick the correct boxes.

	something to somebody	items in a shop window	a film	something in a gallery / museum
display				
show				

PHRASAL VERBS

Choose the correct word.

- 1 If you don't have any plans for tomorrow evening, why not **come out / over** to my house and watch a DVD?
- 2 When will the new Katy Perry album **come across / out**?
- 3 Dad went out very early this morning but he promised to **come back / along** by six o'clock.
- 4 If you like dancing, you should **come along / over** to the party with us tonight.
- 5 I was looking for some paper in my desk when I **came across / back** an old photograph.

EXPRESSIONS with MAKE / TAKE / DO

Fill in **make**, **take** or **do** in the appropriate form to complete the sentence.

- Can you **me a favour** and get some milk on your way home?
- The lead singer's voice really **me by surprise**. I didn't think it would be so good.
- Well done, Peter! You didn't **any mistakes** in your letter.
- A walk along the beach will **wonders for you**. You'll feel much better afterwards.
- **no notice of** Jenny; she's just jealous because you've got a new phone.
- Two more people have arrived – can you **room for** them at one of the tables?
- The French actress was excellent and really **an impression on me**.
- I've **arrangements** to go to the cinema with Jerry next weekend.

WORD FORMATION

Fill in the correct form of the word in capitals.

- Fans watched in as Katy Perry joined the band on stage. **AMAZE**
- On our at the theatre, we went straight to the box office. **ARRIVE**
- The crowd was shouting with , waiting for the band to appear. **EXCITE**
- The tickets were very expensive because of the band's **POPULAR**
- John has a for jazz music so he may not want to go to a rock concert. **PREFER**
- They played a of their greatest hits during the concert. **VARY**

WORD DISTRACTORS

Choose the correct word.

- I enjoyed the play even though the was a little difficult to follow.
A plan **B** history
C tale **D** plot
- The miniskirt was very in the 1960s.
A preferred **B** liked
C favourite **D** popular
- He'll be here for Christmas but we don't know how long he's staying for.
A absolutely **B** exactly
C occasionally **D** certainly
- We're going to the cinema – do you want to come ?
A out **B** across
C along **D** over
- When we left, I took someone else's coat by
A mistake **B** fault
C error **D** luck

EXPRESSIONS with STAR

Match the situations with the expressions.

- You're very ambitious.
- A friend has done you a big favour.
- You fell over and banged your head very hard and now you feel dizzy.

- see stars
- reach for the stars
- thanks – you're a real star

IDIOMATIC ENGLISH

Fill in the correct noun.

head • life • ball

- The film was so funny that I **laughed my** **off**.
- From the sound of their laughter, they must be **having** a in there.
- I **had the time of my** at the music festival. It was great!

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

1a Fill in the correct word to complete the expressions.

bother • must • worth • waste • miss

1 The new Scarlett Johansson film is excellent – **don't** it.5 As for the sequel, I'd say **give it a**4 It's well **seeing** on the big screen.2 The concert was a **of time**.

6 This is a for all science fiction fans.

3 **Don't** going to see that play – it's really dull.

b Now put the phrases into the correct column.

POSITIVE

NEGATIVE

- | | POSITIVE | NEGATIVE |
|---|----------|----------|
| 1 | | |
| 2 | | |
| 3 | | |

2 Listen to the dialogues and decide where each conversation is taking place. More than one answer may be possible.



A at the cinema • B at the theatre • C at a concert

- 1 'The audience didn't stop cheering and clapping.'
'I know. I was on my feet singing along the whole time too.' ☐
- 2 'Have we got long before the curtain goes up?'
'No. Let's go and find our seats.' ☐
- 3 'Do you know if there's an interval?'
'No. At this multiplex there are no breaks, so get your popcorn before it starts.' ☐
- 4 'We'll be meeting the cast after the show.'
'Great. I'll definitely ask for a few autographs.' ☐

- 5 'It was well worth coming – they are fantastic.'
'I totally agree. The lead singer is extremely talented.' ☐
- 6 'I hope it's worth the money. Did you read any reviews?'
'The critics said the acting was outstanding and the director is one of the best.' ☐
- 7 'Do you think we would have a good view from the circle?'
'I think it would be better to be close to the stage – so I'd rather sit in the stalls.' ☐

- Look at the following films, plays and concerts and say if you would recommend them to your classmates. Use the expressions from this lesson.

- ◆ *The Phantom of the Opera* (musical at the local theatre)
- ◆ *The Fast and the Furious: New Generation* (in 3D at the cinema)
- ◆ National Orchestra classical music concert.
- ◆ *Romeo and Juliet* (at the local theatre)
- ◆ *Return of the Vampire* (in 3D at the cinema)
- ◆ Miley Cyrus live in concert



PRONUNCIATION

/æ/ **cat**, /ʌ/ **cut**

Listen to the following sentences and underline the word you hear each time.

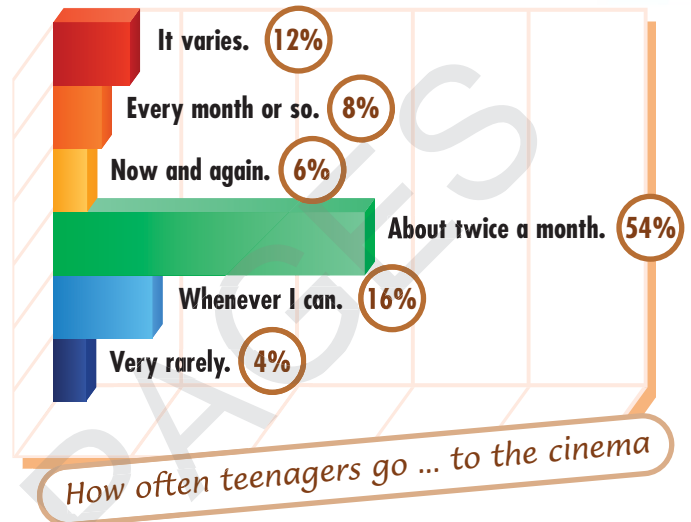
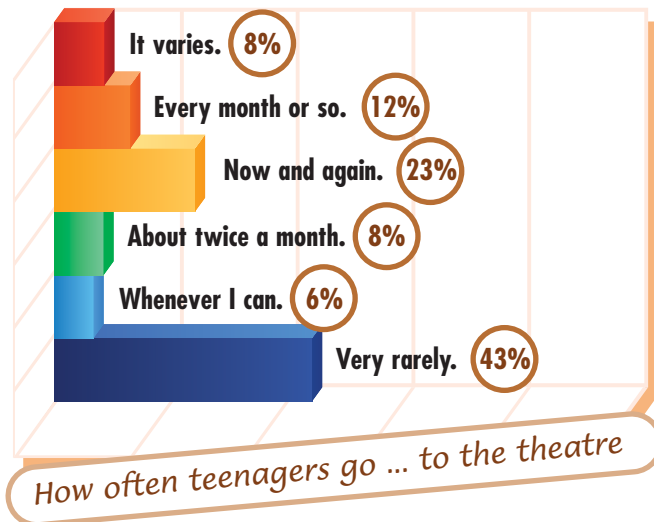
- 1 We're late for the match – the game has already **began / begun**.
- 2 The fishing boat hit a rock and **sank / sunk** off the coast.
- 3 Jane stood up and **sang / sung** us a song.
- 4 Yesterday I bought a new poster and **hang / hung** it up in my bedroom.
- 5 The school bell **rung / rang** and the children went into their classrooms.

Speaking / Listening

FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH: FREQUENCY / LIKES / DISLIKES

1 Look at this information about how often teenagers go to the cinema or theatre.

Now that people can download almost anything from the Internet, from music to the latest Hollywood blockbuster, one has to wonder whether today's teens are missing out on some of life's other pleasures, such as a night out at the theatre. However, a recent survey that was carried out into how often teenagers go to the cinema or theatre has certainly provided us with some food for thought.



2 Now read this conversation between Liz and Paul.



Liz: Hey, Paul! Did you see the information in this article?

Paul: The one about mistakes in films?

Liz: No, the one about how often teenagers go to the cinema or theatre.

Paul: Oh, that. Yes I did and I thought it was a load of rubbish.

Liz: Why? I thought it seemed quite accurate – well, for me and my friends at least.

Paul: That's just it – it doesn't really apply to everyone. Take Simon, for instance. He goes every Saturday with his friends.

Liz: So that means he's in the 16% who go **as often as possible**.

Paul: That's what I mean – there must be a lot of people our age who do that, much more than 16%.

Liz: Not necessarily. Most people I know go **roughly once a fortnight**.

Paul: Whatever!

Liz: Well, I was more interested in the chart about the theatre. How often do you go to the theatre, Paul?

Paul: **Hardly ever**. To be perfectly honest, I don't find it very appealing.

Liz: Oh, and how many times have you been?

Paul: Er, I try to go **every once in a while**.

Liz: That doesn't answer my question! Come on! How many times ...

Paul: OK, OK. Just the once!

Liz: Ha, ha. So how can you say it's boring?

Paul: Well, the play I saw was so dull it was unreal. Mind you, it was put on by the local drama club and most of the actors were in their 60s.

Liz: Oh my goodness, Paul. You really must come with me to see a decent play – one of the ones they have on in the West End.

Paul: Oh, so you go to the theatre a lot, do you?

Liz: **Every couple of months** if I can. In fact, there's nothing I enjoy more than a decent play.

Paul: Seriously?

Liz: Yes.

Paul: I don't know why, but I always thought you weren't particularly fond of the theatre.

Liz: I'm mad about it, although I'm not quite so enthusiastic about the cinema. You probably got confused.

- How often do you go to the theatre?
➤ What do you like about the theatre? What do you dislike?



3 Match these frequency expressions from the bar graphs with the words in bold in the dialogue that have a similar meaning.

- 1 **Every month or so.**
- 2 **Now and again.**
- 3 **About twice a month.**
- 4 **Whenever I can.**
- 5 **Very rarely.**

4 Find five expressions / words in the dialogue that show you like or dislike something.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

5 PAIR WORK

Look at the pictures and then ask and answer questions. Say if you like / dislike these activities and how often you go. Use expressions from **exercises 3 and 4**.



bowling



live concert



cinema



theatre



ice skating

Example:

How often do you go bowling?

Well, I'm not particularly fond of bowling, so I hardly ever go.

Speaking

1a Compare these two pictures by talking about the similarities and differences between them. Use the Useful Words / Phrases to help you.



Useful Words / Phrases

- In the first picture ...
- Both pictures show people ...
- The main difference is ...
- However, in both pictures ...
- ... but in the second ...
 - on screen / on stage
 - live performance
 - atmosphere
 - entertaining / exciting
 - casual / formal
 - popcorn / refreshments

b Which of these places would you prefer to go to? Why?

2 Answer the questions.

- What do you and your friends do for entertainment in your area?
- Is it necessary to go out in order to have a good time?
- Do you think the cost of going to the theatre or cinema is too high? Why?
- How can people be encouraged to go to the theatre more often?

Choose the correct word(s) to complete the sentence.

- 1 I **have to see / haven't seen** a play this good for a long time.
- 2 I recently went to see *Cats* **at / in** the theatre.
- 3 The film **tells / says** the story of a young girl's dream to become a famous dancer.
- 4 Unfortunately, the film does not have a happy **end / ending**.
- 5 Most of the action takes **place / part** in Mrs Brown's kitchen.
- 6 The play is **set / placed** in Scotland.
- 7 The excellent **scene / scenery** and lighting help to create an atmosphere of suspense.
- 8 The role of Geoffrey's mother is **played / acted** by Lena Headey.

Pre-Listening

a Read the text and then match the words in colour with their meaning.

The rock band *Ice and Fire* is ready to perform their latest (1) **hit**, *The Wall*. Earlier they were on stage (2) **tuning up** their instruments. Their album is selling in large numbers all over the country – surely it will be top of next week's (3) **charts**. Lead singer Reece Bolton's book, *Dreaming of Rock*, has also become a (4) **best-seller**, with 500,000 copies sold in the UK. Some critics have said this was a bit (5) **predictable** – they knew it would end up being successful. It will also be (6) **translated** into Japanese, as the band has a huge number of fans there.

- A the weekly lists of the most popular records
- B when you know what will happen
- C make a musical instrument play the right sound
- D a successful song
- E to change written or spoken words into another language
- F a popular book which many people buy

b Now say who is talking in the text.

- A a singer
- B a journalist
- C a critic

Listening Task 1



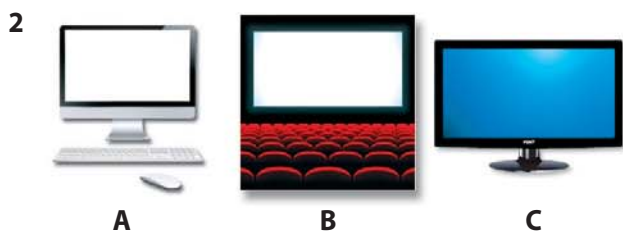
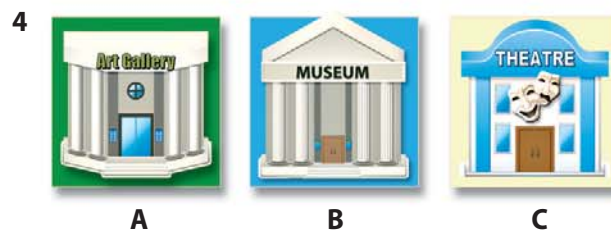
You will hear people talking in six different situations. For questions 1-6, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 You hear a woman talking on TV. What is she talking about?
 - A a concert
 - B a book
 - C a film
- 2 You hear a man trying to persuade his girlfriend to go somewhere. Where does he want her to go?
 - A the ballet
 - B the opera
 - C the cinema
- 3 You hear a man talking on TV. What is he presenting?
 - A a quiz show
 - B a chat show
 - C a music programme
- 4 You hear a young woman describing a surprise appearance of a band. What did the band do?
 - A They made a video in a shop.
 - B They played live.
 - C They gave away copies of their new CD.
- 5 You hear a man talking about the work of a famous author. What does the man say about it?
 - A It has recently been published.
 - B It has never been published.
 - C It was published a century ago.
- 6 You hear a woman talking about her career as a dancer. What did she do after she gave up?
 - A She remained involved in the dance world.
 - B She travelled to France and Italy.
 - C She went into acting.

THE WALL

Listening Task 2

You will hear short conversations. After you hear each conversation, you will be asked a question about what you heard. The answer choices are shown as pictures. Choose the correct answer (A, B or C).



You see this announcement in an English-language magazine called *Film-goers Monthly*.

Reviews Wanted

Have you seen
a good film recently?

If so, write us a review of the
film and you could win tickets
to a film of your choice.

Include information about the
main characters, the storyline
and any special effects. Also
let us know if you would
recommend the film.

- Write your review in 140 – 190 words in an appropriate style.

➤ **Writing Task Booklet**

Answer the questions.

- What is the name of the film you are going to review?
- What kind of film is it?
- Who stars in it and who was the director?
- Where is the story set?
- What is it about?
- Do all the actors perform well?
- Does it have a confusing storyline?
- Is it funny in places?
- Are there any special effects? Are they good or bad?
- Are there any frightening / violent scenes?
- Is it suitable for all ages?
- Does it have an unexpected ending?
- What is your overall opinion of the film?
- Would you recommend it?

Real World

- 2 You are going to read an article about the cinema. For questions 1-8, choose from the people (A-D). The people may be chosen more than once.



Are cinemas still alive and kicking?

The cinema has long been a popular form of entertainment, enjoyed by millions of people all over the world. However, have all the recent advances in technology, such as 3D TVs, Blue Ray and home theatre, marked the beginning of the end for the cinema? We asked you, our readers, to write in and give us your thoughts on this matter. Reactions were mixed – here is what four of you said:



Suzie Glover

A

If you ask me, it's all changed for the better. The quality of the films produced nowadays has improved immensely, although I can't always say the same for some of the acting.

All these multiplexes popping up all over the place means there's an impressive selection of films to choose from, so there's always something to suit all tastes. Having more comfortable seats is also a plus as films tend to be much longer nowadays. I personally believe that people will always go to the cinema, no matter what – it's a part of who we are.



Dave Walker

B

As far as I'm concerned, the cinema is safe while people like me exist. I just love the whole cinema experience – you know, freshly-made popcorn, ice cream, fizzy drinks.

As a film enthusiast, I try to go at least once a week and with all the special offers they have such as Orange Wednesday, where you buy one ticket and get another free, it's actually more affordable than it was a few years ago. There's a wealth of good films around too and some of the special effects are out of this world. Seeing a film in 3D for the first time left me absolutely speechless!

Which person

feels some actors aren't very good?

1 ☐

was extremely impressed by 3D?

2 ☐

is of the opinion that it is cheaper to go to the cinema nowadays?

3 ☐

thinks some cinema-goers are inconsiderate?

4 ☐

would go to the cinema more often if things were different?

5 ☐

is sure that the cinema will always exist?

6 ☐

mentions other people's needs?

7 ☐

likes to be in control of what they watch and who they watch it with?

8 ☐

- Which person's comments do you agree with most? Why?
- Which do you disagree with?
- What do you like and dislike about going to the cinema?



Linda Collins

C

Well, in all honesty, I've never been overly keen on going to the cinema and nothing other than a really spectacular film would get me there now. No, I much prefer to stay at home with friends and totally relax.

I can't stand all the distractions when you're at the cinema - people munching on popcorn and sipping drinks noisily through straws. The worst thing of all is when someone behind you answers their mobile and then has a lengthy conversation - how rude!

Home is undoubtedly better - you get to choose the film and the friends. One thing's for sure, the film definitely won't start before everyone is comfortably seated.



Daniel Metcalf

D

My problem is the cost - tickets are less expensive than they used to be but the cost of refreshments is ridiculous. I have two kids and if the wife wants to come along too, it starts to get a bit pricey - we'll be eating bread and jam for the rest of the month!

Having a 3D TV at home means the kids are usually content to watch that, but I know they would like more frequent trips to the cinema. As they get older, they will want to accompany their friends there too. What really gets on my nerves though is the unbelievable amount of money that the actors receive. Demanding millions per film won't help to keep prices down. Perhaps that's the root of the problem - pay them less and I'll be able to have a night out with my family more often.

3 Look at the article again and answer the questions below. Put a cross (X) in the box next to the correct answer.

- 1 Why is the cinema under threat?
 - A ☐ Tickets are too expensive.
 - B ☐ Technology provides us with a similar experience in our own homes.
 - C ☐ Actors are paid too much.
- 2 What has improved in cinemas?
 - A ☐ the level of comfort
 - B ☐ the refreshments
 - C ☐ mobile phones have been banned
- 3 What can be said about films nowadays?
 - A ☐ They are worse than they used to be.
 - B ☐ They are the same as they have always been.
 - C ☐ They have improved.
- 4 What is one of the best things about watching a film at home?
 - A ☐ You decide when the film is going to start.
 - B ☐ You can eat popcorn.
 - C ☐ Your friends choose the film.



Vocabulary

1 Find a word in the text to replace the word(s) in colour.

- I enjoyed the film **very much**. (Section A)
.....
- That actor's name is always **appearing** in the news at the moment. (Section A)
.....
- The fact that you pay for one ticket and get the other free is definitely **an advantage**. (Section A)
.....
- The bad weather caused **very long** delays on the roads. (Section C)
.....
- I'm afraid that £50 a ticket is a bit too **expensive** for me. (Section D)
.....

2 Fill in the correct verb in the appropriate form.

choose • come • get • keep • suit

- My dad doesn't like this song – it really on his nerves.
- The menu was varied and there were dishes to all tastes.
- I don't know which CD to buy; there are so many to from.
- I'm going to Jamie's house after school. Why don't you along too?
- A cool bath will help to your temperature down.

5 WORD DISTRACTORS

Choose the correct word.

- The stolen jewels were a lot of money.
A valued B cost
C priced D worth
- They me £50 for fixing the window.
A cost B charged
C asked D demanded
- Excuse me. What is the of this laptop, please?
A charge B price
C amount D expense
- We will deliver the sofa to your house at no extra
A cost B fee
C value D price
- I need some change to pay the bus
A price B fee
C fare D ticket
- Can you tell me how much the entrance is, please?
A fee B charge
C price D cost

3 WORD FORMATION

Fill in the correct form of the word in capitals.

- A holiday in Greece is not as as it used to be. **AFFORD**
- When I fell and broke my arm, the pain was **BELIEVABLE**
- The bed wasn't very and I didn't sleep very well. **COMFORT**
- Leaving Jane to walk home was very of you. **CONSIDERATE**
- will be provided after the show. **REFRESH**

4 Fill in the correct word.

comfort • problem • threat • wealth • world

- You can try on the clothes **in the** **of your own home**.
- The library has a **of** interesting books for teenagers.
- The new *Hunger Games* film is **out of this** You really must see it.
- Daily newspapers are also **under** from modern technology.
- Take your car to the garage – they'll find the **root of the** for you.

Grammar

Past Tenses

Grammar Reference 2

1 Complete the sentences using the simple past, simple past perfect or past perfect continuous.

- How much cake she
(eat) by the time she (leave)?
- I (not read) long when
my dad (come) home.
- I never (drink) green
tea until John (offer) me some.
- he (drink)
the night he (have) the accident?
- She (be) very tired because she
..... (work) hard all day.
- They (not walk) for more
than an hour when black clouds
(begin) to appear in the sky.
- How far he (go) before he
..... (realise) he had forgotten his phone?
- My dad (take) me to the zoo when
I was six; it was the first time I
..... (see) a giraffe.

2 Fill in the simple past or past continuous.

- When I was a baby, I (cry) a lot.
- He (not write) very many
popular plays.
- What you (do) the
moment the earthquake shook the city?
- When they (start) to fight, we left.
- She (lie) on the sofa while her
mother (prepare) lunch.
- Penny (have) a much better sense
of humour before she met her husband; he's so
serious.
- My parents (live) in London
when I was born.
- At 9 o'clock, she (watch) the
news on TV.

3 Fill in the missing parts of the text using the simple past or past continuous.

Melanie (1) while the musicians were tuning their instruments. When they (2) to play the first song, she felt nervous. When she was younger, she (3) of becoming a famous singer and her friends used to tell her that she (4) a good imagination! The crowd (5) to welcome her on stage – she could hear them screaming and clapping. Why (6) she nervous? Sometimes Melanie (7) herself. 'Time to start,' said her manager and Melanie took a deep breath and (8) on stage.

- (1) wait
- (2) start
- (3) dream
- (4) have
- (5) get ready
- (6) feel
- (7) not understand
- (8) walk

4 Complete each sentence with two to five words, including the word given.

- When did she see the band in concert?
LONG How
the band in concert?
- I had never seen such a good performance before.
EVER It was the
seen.
- He did not start acting until he had finished
university.
BEFORE He waited until
..... he started acting.
- When did Harry meet Sally?
SINCE How long
..... Sally?
- When he was famous, all the girls used to ask for his
autograph.
WOULD When he was famous, all the girls
..... for his autograph.
- She started crying as soon as Jake left.
UNTIL She didn't start crying
.....
- It was my first time cycling, you know.
HAD I
....., you know.
- It was my first time at a concert.
NEVER I
to a concert before.

Writing

ARTICLE

2 Lucy's class has been discussing music. Now the teacher has asked the children to write an article about a live concert. This is what Lucy wrote.



1 Answer the questions.

- How often do you listen to music?
- What kind of music do you listen to?
- Have you ever been to a live concert?
Who did you see and what did you think of it?

Miley Cyrus World Tour

Introduction

Do you remember Hannah Montana who rose to fame on Disney Channel? These days, she is known as Miley Cyrus and is no longer the wide-eyed innocent child we all remember. Recently, I was fortunate enough to get hold of a ticket for one of her concerts and I was really looking forward to it.

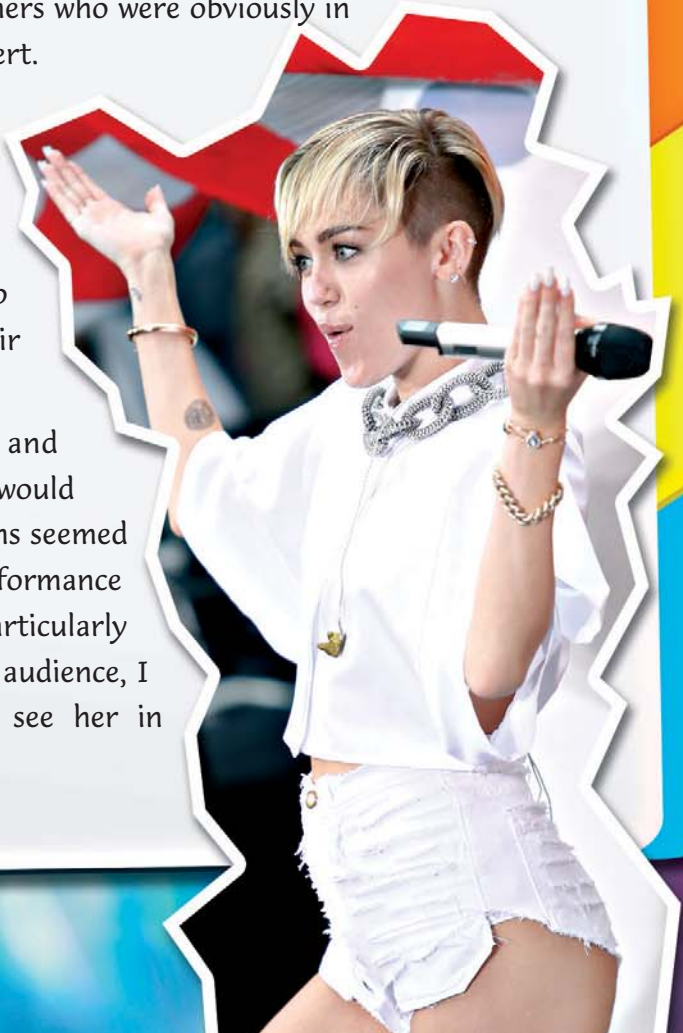


Paragraph 2

When I arrived at the venue there were already hundreds of excited fans queuing at the entrance. I eventually got inside the huge arena and made my way to the front - I wanted to be right next to the stage in order to get the best view and soak up the atmosphere. The place was enormous and there were gigantic video screens on either side of the stage. There was a real mix of fans - some very young, wearing their Hannah Montana T-shirts with pride, and others who were obviously in their twenties and expecting an entertaining concert.

Paragraph 3

Miley certainly made a dramatic entrance - she used a large plastic tongue as a slide. She also had numerous costume changes throughout the show and sang many of her more recent hits such as *Wrecking Ball* and *We Can't Stop*. Her backup dancers were very talented and certainly knew their stuff.



Conclusion

This was a concert that was spectacular and entertaining in every way - in fact, everything you would expect from Miley Cyrus and, on the whole, her fans seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. Although parts of the performance were definitely meant to shock people, and not particularly suitable for some of the younger members of the audience, I would definitely recommend that you try and see her in concert should you get the chance.

Over to
you

- Would you like to see Miley Cyrus in concert? Why? SA

Writing Skills

1 In which paragraph does Lucy

- 1 talk about the venue and the fans?
- 2 give an opinion and a recommendation?
- 3 mention who she is going to see in concert?
- 4 talk about the concert itself?

2 The introduction to an article is very important. It should be interesting and let the reader know what the article is about.

Choose the best two introductions for an article about a rock concert.

- 1 My favourite band is *Depeche Mode* and I went to see them in concert last summer. ☐
- 2 I have never really been a big fan of *Madonna*, but a couple of years ago I won some tickets to go and see her live at *Wembley Arena* - I was completely blown away. ☐
- 3 Have you ever been so impressed by something that it left you absolutely speechless? Well, that's exactly what happened to me when I went to see *Lady Gaga* in concert. ☐

3 Which of the following should you include in an article about a concert?

- 1 name of the band / singer ☐
- 2 a list of all their songs ☐
- 3 brief details about the other people at the concert ☐
- 4 a recommendation ☐
- 5 brief details about the venue ☐
- 6 detailed information about the band / singer ☐
- 7 brief description of the concert ☐
- 8 your opinion ☐

Writing Preparation

1 Use the words to replace the words in colour.

tune • beat • lyrics

- 1 The dancers were moving to the **rhythm** of the music.
- 2 I've heard the **melody** before but I don't know the words to the song.
- 3 It's a nice song, but I don't really understand the **words**.

2 Match the columns to form the best collocations.

- | | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 1 music | | a festival |
| 2 packed | | b songs |
| 3 pop | | c stadium |
| 4 powerful | | d voice |

3a Fill in the correct verb in the appropriate form.

blast • come • join • perform • see • show • sing • sell

I was disappointed when I heard that tickets for the *One Direction* concert were (1)
out. That is, until my mum surprised me by giving me two tickets as an early birthday present. I was over the moon.

The concert was held at the *Odeon Theatre* and my best friend accompanied me. Luckily for us, Mum had got us seats very close to the main stage. I couldn't believe that I was actually going to (2) Harry Styles and the rest of the band **in the flesh**. There were lots of teenage girls there all holding their mobile phones ready to take photos of the band.

When the band (3) **on stage**, the entire audience jumped to their feet and started cheering and clapping. It was amazing. The band (4) **out** hit after hit and encouraged us all to (5) **along** so, of course, we all (6) **in**. The guys in the band really seemed to be enjoying themselves. They obviously liked having an opportunity to (7) **off their** considerable **talent**.

If you ever get the chance to see a band (8) **live in concert**, then make sure it's *One Direction*. Believe me, you won't be disappointed!



b Now listen and check your answers.



4 Fill in the correct word.

head • heart • house • show

- When Justin Bieber walked on stage, the young girl next to me started to **scream her** **off**.
- However, it was one of the backup dancers who **stole the** with her amazing dance moves.
- Selena **brought the** **down** when she sang *Come and Get it*.
- The band's vocalist **sang his** **out** for the entire 90 minutes they were on stage.

5 Fill in the correct form of the word in capitals.

- It was one of the most performances I had ever seen. **ENERGY**
- The band's amazing performance last night was **FORGET**
- The lead is extremely talented. **GUITAR**
- This singer will certainly make an on you, that's for sure. **IMPRESS**
- Take That* were one of the most British boy bands. **SUCCESS**

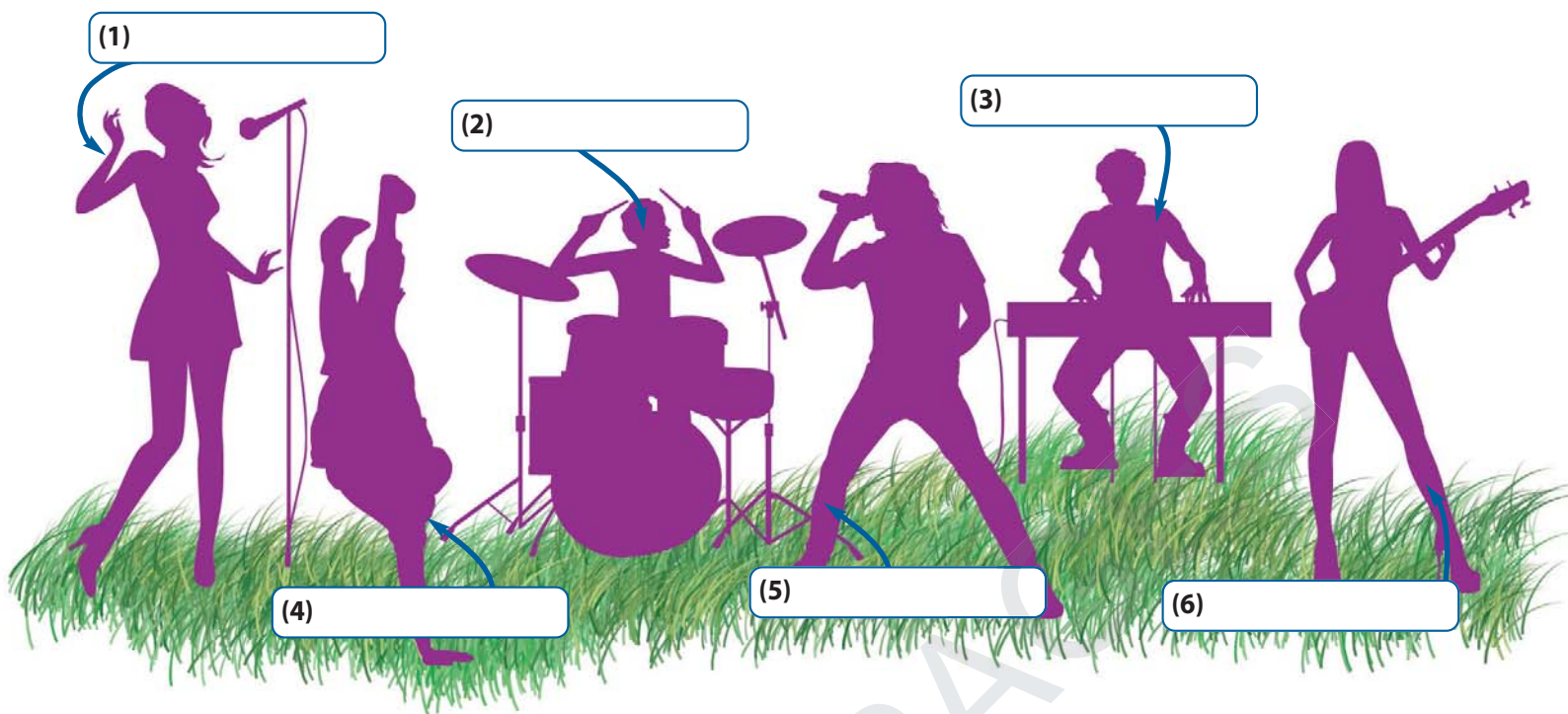
COMMON MISTAKES

Choose the correct word(s) to complete the sentence.

- The band is very popular **to** / **with** young people.
- I have always wanted to see them perform **live** / **alive** in concert.
- The closer to the stage you are, the **much better** / **better** the view is.
- They played all of their most **famous** / **popular** songs that everyone sang along to.
- I often **hear** / **listen** it on the radio in the car.
- I am one of the band's **biggest** / **largest** fans.
- Both** / **And** the lighting and the atmosphere were amazing.
- I have **to go** / **not been** to such a fantastic concert in a long, long time.

6 Label the picture.

backing singer • backup dancer • drummer • guitarist • keyboard player • lead singer



Tell your partner about a concert you went to see by answering the following questions.

- When did you go to the concert?
- Who did you go to see?
- Where did you sit / stand?
- What was the venue like?
- Were there many people there?
- What songs did the singer / band perform?
- Were there backing singers or backup dancers?
- What was your overall opinion of the concert?
- Do you think other people would enjoy seeing this singer / band live?



Writing Task Article

You have seen the following announcement in an English-language music magazine.

Are you a music lover? Can you help us?
Write an article about the best live concert you have ever been to.
We will publish the best articles in next month's magazine.
Send us your article today, and perhaps you will see your name in print!

Write your article in 140-190 words in an appropriate style.

Plan

Introduction

Say who you went to see and whether it was easy or difficult to get tickets.

Paragraph 2

Mention something about the venue and the other people at the concert.

Paragraph 3

Describe the concert and mention some of the songs.

Conclusion

Give your overall opinion of the concert and say whether you would recommend seeing this band / singer perform live.

➤ Writing Task Booklet

Vocabulary & Grammar Consolidation [Unit 1]

Exam Style

VOCABULARY

Choose the correct answer.

- I wasn't expecting the film to be so good – it really me by surprise.
a did b took
c made d had
- We don't go to the theatre a regular basis.
a on b in
c for d with
- Alex is very – only he saw what really happened.
a violent b moving
c observant d stunning
- What's the of this tablet, please?
a cost b price
c value d fee
- Why don't you come to my house tomorrow?
a across b back
c out d over
- The party will be great fun – we'll!
a get on your nerves b spring to mind
c have a ball d reach for the stars
- Even though most of the were unknown actors, the play was a great success.
a director b script
c critic d cast
- Steve was always ready to any mistakes.
a point out b blast out
c sold out d show off
- The storyline wasn't very good, but there were some moments that made the audience laugh out loud.
a gripping b hilarious
c lengthy d terrifying
- Did you how that strange man was looking at us?
a notice b remark
c display d show
- I didn't mean to tell her about the party. I mentioned it by
a luck b error
c mistake d fault
- Do you know how much the entrance is?
a fee b cost
c charge d expense

GRAMMAR

Choose the correct answer.

- We haven't had lunch yet – we usually around two o'clock.
a are eating b eat
c have eaten d have been eating
- She up, brushed her teeth and got dressed.
a woke b was waking
c had woken d didn't use to wake
- Susan and Joanna were friends in school. They each other for over ten years.
a know b are knowing
c have known d have been knowing
- Miss Smith was an excellent teacher; she her students.
a always helping b always was helping
c was always helping d has been always helping
- We've the fun park twice so far and we love it!
a gone in b gone to
c been in d been to
- James had been in that restaurant for many years before he opened up his own place.
a work b works
c worked d working
- Hurry up or we'll miss the train. Oh no, there!
a it's gone b it goes
c it is going d it has gone
- It was the first time we another country.
a visit b would visited
c had visited d were visiting
- You've got mud all over your clothes – what?
a you do b do you do
c you doing d have you been doing
- Mandy used to to that island every summer.
a went b go
c gone d going
- It since last night.
a rains b is raining
c has rained d has been raining
- Nigel always us a lot of gifts whenever he went to Japan.
a bought b was buying
c would buy d had been buying

REVISION 1 [UNITS 1 & 2]

Exam Style

1 Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, or C) best fits each gap.

Fight for your Life is one of the best films I've seen on the big (1) for a long time. It is another exciting action film by (2) Stephan Milberg, with Nathan Reeves starring in the (3) role.

The film is (4) in New York during the 1980s and (5) the story of Brett Fontain, a young man who stops a (6) fight in the street. However, this proves to be a serious (7) as dangerous people then follow Brett wherever he goes.

As you would expect with a Stephan Milberg film, there are plenty of amazing special effects and some gripping action (8) The actors give some good performances, although Brett's girlfriend, Cindy, (9) by Lena Headey, steals the (10)

The plot is quite (11), but this film is meant to excite and entertain. There are already plans for a (12) to come out next year.

Overall, I would recommend *Fight for your Life* to fans of action movies who want to see an exciting film.



- | | | | |
|----|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | A stage | B screen | C multiplex |
| 2 | A critic | B cast | C director |
| 3 | A first | B lead | C big |
| 4 | A set | B put | C appear |
| 5 | A says | B tells | C makes |
| 6 | A hilarious | B moving | C violent |
| 7 | A mistake | B fault | C waste |
| 8 | A settings | B scenes | C views |
| 9 | A seen | B acted | C played |
| 10 | A show | B film | C performance |
| 11 | A unexpected | B predictable | C suitable |
| 12 | A sequel | B script | C matinee |

2 Complete the gaps by choosing the correct answer (A, B or C).

- We spent a amount of time at the beach last summer.
A consider B considerate C considerable
- The documentary had lots of interesting about how the animals live.
A inform B information C informative
- That's my favourite film ever – it is absolutely
A forget B forgettable C unforgettable
- Some newspapers only write about and their relationships.
A celebrate B celebrities C celebrations
- Maria was really about going to the rock concert.
A excited B exciting C excitement
- My uncle has been working in for over twenty years.
A advert B advertising C advertisement

3 Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

I'm a huge fan of *One Direction* and I'm always listening to their songs. They recently went (1) a world tour and I really wanted to see them live (2) concert. However, finding tickets to see them was easier said (3) done because they have a lot of fans. Luckily, my parents got my ticket early, so I was able to go!

I'll never forget that concert. There was a great atmosphere and as soon as they came (4) stage, the audience started shouting and screaming. *One Direction* played all their hits and the whole crowd joined in and sang (5) The concert was out of this (6)! I had the (7) of my life and their performance really (8) an impression on me as I realised how talented they are.

According (9) their website, their new album will come (10) next month, and I've already asked my parents to get it for me. I hope I'll be able to see them live again in the future.

4 Choose the sentence (A, B, C or D) which is closest in meaning to the first.

1 He's been in America for quite a long time.

- A He always has a good time in America.
- B He enjoyed his trip to America.
- C He has been to America several times.
- D He is still in America.

2 I'm as good a player as you are.

- A You don't play better than me.
- B You are nearly as good a player as me.
- C I am a worse player than you.
- D We are the best players in the team.

3 He had a drink after he had had some cake.

- A He ate some cake and then had a drink.
- B He had a drink and then ate some cake.
- C He had some cake with his drink.
- D He made a drink to have with his cake.

4 The harder you practise, the better you'll become.

- A The less you practise, the worse you'll get.
- B You'll get better and better if you practise more.
- C A little practice will result in a vast improvement.
- D You won't get any better because you hardly practise.

5 I won't have finished this essay by six.

- A I will need until six to finish this essay.
- B At six this essay won't be finished.
- C The essay will be finished a long time before six.
- D I'll start the essay by six.

5 Read the text below. Use the word given at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

Many parents often worry that (1) advances can have negative effects on young people and cause social (2) However, the fact is that an Internet (3) can give people a wide (4) of opportunities. For example, it can (5) ordinary people who are talented musicians or singers to post videos of themselves so that others can watch their (6) Some of these videos become extremely (7) as more and more people watch them. This means that the stars of the videos can gain a large online (8) Although this probably won't happen to the (9) of people who post videos, several talented individuals have become (10) in this way.

TECHNOLOGY

ISOLATE

CONNECT

VARY

ABLE

PERFORM

SUCCESS

FOLLOW

MAJOR

FAME

6 Put a cross (X) by the missing word or phrase.

- 1 It wasn't just the band that was great. The special effects were amazing and some of the backup who were on stage were really good.

A ☐ guitarists
 B ☐ dancers
 C ☐ drummers

- 2 It is often said that we are losing basic social skills due to our use of technology. This is why we should not on computers to do everything for us.

A ☐ rely
 B ☐ focus
 C ☐ log

- 3 I'm afraid that Mr Benson's line is engaged at the moment. If you for a few minutes, I'll put you through as soon as he's available.

A ☐ hold the line
 B ☐ hang up
 C ☐ call back

- 4 The play was quite serious, but the best scenes were when Ian Johnson, who played the role of the king, was on stage. He provided some great moments of comedy and really

A ☐ had a ball
 B ☐ suited all tastes
 C ☐ stole the show

- 5 Please don't leave your bag in the Other members of the audience will need to pass this way during the interval.

A ☐ stalls
 B ☐ circle
 C ☐ aisle

7 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- 1 They have never been to a concert before.
TIME This is the to a concert.
- 2 He is the tallest student in the class.
TALLER He is student in the class.
- 3 Your behaviour is really annoying me, Steve.
NERVES Your behaviour is really , Steve.
- 4 Mum started cooking as soon as the children came home from school.
UNTIL Mum the children had come home from school.
- 5 The furthest I can walk is two miles.
THAN I can't two miles.
- 6 They started listening to music at six o'clock, nearly two hours ago.
HAVE By eight o'clock, they to music for two hours.
- 7 Your cousin is really friendly, isn't she?
WAY Your cousin behaves , doesn't she?
- 8 You can visit me at my house any day you want.
OVER You can my house any day you want.

8 Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

There are very few young people who are (1) with technology nowadays. In fact, technology has almost become a(n) (2) in modern society. This is because the media and adverts make us believe that we need the newest phone, laptop or tablet. Companies often (3) their products as something that a young person can't (4) without. After all, we depend (5) such devices for surfing the Net and social networking. A mobile that allows a teenager to take great pictures and (6) them online – usually through their *Facebook* (7) – is shown in adverts as being essential. Although technology has become more affordable, it really (8) on my nerves that so many adverts (9) and try to make young people feel that they need these devices. These adverts (10) a false impression, which I believe is wrong.

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|----|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | A misleading | B inaccessible | C unwilling | D unfamiliar |
| 2 | A chore | B obsession | C efficiency | D curse |
| 3 | A promote | B appeal | C occur | D annoy |
| 4 | A make | B have | C do | D let |
| 5 | A in | B on | C for | D with |
| 6 | A copy | B paste | C send | D post |
| 7 | A email | B address | C account | D password |
| 8 | A puts | B gets | C takes | D breaks |
| 9 | A exaggerate | B participate | C communicate | D educate |
| 10 | A create | B feature | C comply | D refresh |

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