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General review

Read the letter of complaint to a travel company. Write one word in each blank.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to complain about our recent Super Trip vacation, (1) _____ we booked through your company at (2) _____ beginning of February. My companion and I feel that (3) _____ advertising of this vacation was misleading, the organization poor, and the cost too high. If we (4) _____ known what it was really going to be like, we definitely (5) _____ not have chosen it.

Right from check-in at the airport, (6) _____ was supposed to be at 5:45 in the morning, things started to go wrong. Your staff there, (7) _____ appeared to be half asleep, said they had (8) _____ record at all of our reservation and neither (9) _____ them seemed interested in finding out why. They said we must (10) _____ been given the wrong tickets and suggested we (11) _____ in touch with the main office, (12) _____ of course was closed at that time of the morning. Our vacation (13) _____ have ended there and (14) _____ if the supervisor had (15) _____ appeared by chance and eventually sorted things out.

The flight itself, which (16) _____ have taken off at 7:45 but was delayed for almost (17) _____ whole morning, was uncomfortable and the food, (18) _____ at last it was served, was almost inedible. When we landed, we found the buses (19) _____ we had been promised had long since left. By the time we reached the hotel, we were already wishing we (20) _____ stayed at home, but the worst was still to come.

The hotel, (21) _____ in the brochure as "luxury accommodation", was appalling. The rooms were tiny and the food, (22) _____ my opinion, was disgusting. I would (23) _____ have eaten fast food every day.

There was, (24) _____ fact, so much wrong with the place that we collected evidence in the form of photos, (25) _____ I enclosed.

Needless to say, the return flight was also late, (26) _____ off more than six hours behind schedule. I travel frequently, and am not used (27) _____ such poor service. My companion and I feel there (28) _____ be no excuse for this and we expect you to offer us a considerable (29) _____ of money in compensation. If this is not forthcoming, both (30) _____ us will take legal action to obtain it.

Yours faithfully,

Patricia Ryan

1 point for each correct answer 30

Determiners, relatives, and modals

Some of the lines in this text are correct and some have a word which should not be there. Check (✓) the correct lines and cross out the incorrect words.

Survival in the desert

- 0 The Atacama Desert is one of the ~~most~~ driest places on Earth.
 00 Though flanked on one side by the Pacific Ocean and by the ✓
 1 snow-capped Andes on the other, very little of water ever reaches
 2 this parched area, which it extends for thousands of miles
 3 through northern Chile and up into Peru. In some of places, there
 4 must has been no rain for hundreds of years, certainly since the
 5 Spanish conquest of the sixteenth century and possibly even longer.
 6 Near the coast, however, some water does get to the few plants
 7 that can survive there; but in the form of fog, not a rain. These
 8 plants can have adapted to the conditions by taking moisture from
 9 the air when the clouds roll in from the Pacific. Further of south,
 10 in the slightly less arid region near Vallenar, the parched brown
 11 earth now and then undergoes a remarkable change when the
 12 rains come and the phenomenon that known as the "flowering
 13 desert" occurs. Suddenly, purple, yellow, and blue flowers spring
 14 up from long-buried seeds, which forming a spectacular sight, but
 15 one which occurs only once every of four years or so.

1 point for each correct answer 15

Participles

Rewrite the sentences using present or past participles instead of relative clauses.

People who live near the airport are fed up with the noise.

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- 1 We were kept awake by a dog that barked all night.

- 2 The figures which were given by the government were wrong.

- 3 Cars that are parked on the pavement will be towed.

- 4 Employees who serve food have to wear gloves.

- 5 Products that are made in China are competitively priced.

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6 All the money that has been spent has been wasted.

7 Passengers who arrived late missed their flight.

8 I had an accident when I was driving to work.

1 point for each correct answer

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Hypothesizing

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word in capitals. Don't change this word. Write between two and five words.

1 I think you should stay at home. RATHER

I _____ at home.

2 You need to know the truth. TIME

It _____ the truth.

3 It's sad that we didn't stay in touch. ONLY

If _____ in touch.

4 The problem was you didn't call in time. SHOULD

You _____ called in time.

5 I wasn't at the wedding, which I regret. WISH

I _____ at the wedding.

6 Martin isn't happy that you read his email. RATHER

Martin would _____ his email.

7 They should do something about crime. TIME

It _____ done about crime.

8 We could have lost. Imagine that. SUPPOSING

We didn't lose, but _____?

1 point for each correct answer

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used to

Check (✓) the correct sentence.

- 1 a ☐ We lived in the same house for over 20 years.
b ☐ We used to live in the same house for over 20 years.
- 2 a ☐ Farmers used to getting up early.
b ☐ Farmers are used to getting up early.
- 3 a ☐ There used to be lots of farms in this valley.

b ☐ There would be lots of farms in this valley.

4 a ☐ At last I get used to my new cell phone.

b ☐ At last I'm getting used to my new cell phone.

5 a ☐ Nowadays people use to send emails.

b ☐ Nowadays people usually send emails.

6 a ☐ I'm still getting used to working at night.

b ☐ I'm still used to working at night.

7 a ☐ Did you used to go to the Palace Theater near the mall?

b ☐ Did you use to go to the Palace Theater near the mall?

8 a ☐ My dad used to have spiky hair and a leather jacket.

b ☐ My dad would have spiky hair and a leather jacket.

1 point for each correct answer

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Homonyms

Write a word that has both meanings.

1 a vehicle on rails / practice to improve in a sport

2 a place to put money / side of a river

3 not hot / trendy, fashionable

4 green area in a town / leave a car somewhere

5 go well with, look good / matching jacket and trousers

6 go out with someone / a day on the calendar

7 sort, kind / write something with a keyboard

8 payment made for breaking the law / doing OK

1 point for each correct answer

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Uses of get

Rewrite the words in *italics* with a form of *get*. Add any other necessary words.

1 What time do we *arrive in* Denver?

2 It's about time I *had* my eyes tested.

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Total 100

- 3 Chrissie is always *becoming* angry.
- 4 Please *contact* me immediately.
- 5 We'd better *begin* now, I think.
- 6 The kids are *growing* bigger all the time.
- 7 We don't *have a good relationship* these days.
- 8 The sound of car horns *irritates* me.

1 point for each correct answer 8

Collocations and word pairs

Choose the correct words.

- 1 "You look tired." "I'm *very / absolutely* exhausted!"
- 2 "Can I borrow \$1,000?" "Not on your *time / life*!"
- 3 I was *absolutely / very* pleased to hear that I got the job.
- 4 I'm not sure of the *ifs or buts / ins and outs*, but I get the general idea.
- 5 You can bet your *life / time* she'll keep us waiting.
- 6 We can't find an apartment, so we're staying with friends for the *time / life* being.
- 7 Goodbye! Be sure to send me an email *now and then / slowly but surely*.
- 8 Be careful with that vase. It's very *valuable / priceless*.
- 9 We looked at the *ups and downs / pros and cons* of moving and decided to stay.
- 10 I know you hate the dentist, but you'll just have to *grin and bear it / take it or leave it*.
- 11 Being around young people has given her a new lease on *time / life*.
- 12 His books are more than just funny, they're *very / absolutely* hilarious.
- 13 It's sometimes stressful, but *more or less / by and large* I enjoy my job.
- 14 Don't buy a cheap car. It won't stand the test of *life / time*.
- 15 I can't eat any more. That pizza was absolutely *big / enormous*!

1 point for each correct answer 15