

Unit 7 Progress Test B

Grammar

1 Choose the correct words to complete the mini-dialogues.

- Ruby What time ¹**do we need to / must we** leave home in order to get to the theatre?
- Sacha We ²**needn't / 'd better** go in about half an hour. We really ³**ought / should** to leave a little extra time to get there early and buy the tickets.
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- Bethany Where on Earth is Sarah? I've just phoned her, but I'm ⁴**unable / can't** to get a reply.
- Faruq Maybe she's stuck in traffic. She ⁵**couldn't / isn't able** to answer the phone if she's driving.
- Bethany That's true. But she ⁶**needs / is better off** to arrive soon or we'll have to go without her.
- Faruq Don't worry – I'm sure she'll ⁷**have to / manage to** get here soon.

Mark: ____ / 7

2 Match the parts of the sentences, completing the gaps in the second halves with 1–2 words only. Use modal verbs for advice, prohibition, ability, etc.

- 1 Tickets for the concert are selling quickly, so we'd ...
- 2 It was a really difficult test, and I only ...
- 3 Sally heard the phone ringing, but she was ...
- 4 If we finish all this work this afternoon, we'll be ...
- 5 Don't just go into my room and take my things. You ...
- 6 Amanda missed the flight because of a traffic delay. She wasn't ...

- A _____ to do about half of the questions.
- B _____ not wait too long before we get them.
- C _____ answer it because she was in the shower.
- D _____ get to the airport in time to catch her plane.
- E _____ have asked me before borrowing my laptop.
- F _____ to relax and do nothing all afternoon.

Mark: ____ / 6

3 Rewrite the sentences so that they have the same meaning but use the words in brackets.

1 It was a mistake to book this hotel because it's miles from the city centre. (shouldn't)

2 Run if you want to catch the train – it's leaving now. (better)

3 By the time our flight could finally take off, we were five hours late. (able)

4 It would be much cheaper if you bought those books online. (better off)

5 It wasn't worth getting an expensive taxi to our hotel – it was right next to a metro station. (needn't)

6 We booked the wrong guided tour and couldn't understand anything because it was in Spanish. (unable)

7 It's a good idea to be flexible when you're on holiday, rather than planning everything. (better off)

Mark: ____ / 7

Vocabulary

4 Circle the word which is different in each line.

1 delay diversion congestion saddle

2 industrial action security alert cruise cancellation

3 get away city break safari sightseeing tour

4 pump pedals atlas brake

5 overtake pull over kerb reverse

Mark: ____ / 5

5 Complete the email with the correct form of the words in the box.

slopes tailbacks skiing trip mechanical fault admire try delayed turbulence

Hi Gareth

Greetings from beautiful Innsbruck, Austria! The city is surrounded by high mountains which usually have snow for five months a year, so it's perfect for a ¹ _____.

We're having a fantastic time here, hitting the ² _____ every day. It's also great to sit at a café up in the mountains, and ³ _____ the wonderful scenery.

We did have a terrible trip over on Friday though. Firstly we were worried about missing our plane because we ran into ⁴ _____ on the motorway. We made it just in time, after a lot of stress, but then our flight was ⁵ _____ due to industrial action in another country. The strike meant that most flights across the Alps were being re-scheduled. When we finally got away, we were flying over France when the plane began to shake violently. The cabin crew tried to reassure everyone, but we were all beginning to wonder if the plane had some kind of a ⁶ _____. Luckily, the shaking finally stopped. It may have just been ⁷ _____, but we were all very relieved when the plane landed in Innsbruck.

Anyway, I have to go now. I've decided ⁸ _____ my hand at snowboarding this morning, which I haven't done before. I've got a lesson in half an hour.

Bye for now

Carole

Mark: ____ / 8

6 Complete the words in the sentences.

- 1 The men got into a d_n_ __, then untied it and went out to sea.
- 2 We went to the lost l_gg_ _ _ office after we landed because we couldn't find our bags.
- 3 I don't want to go anywhere today. I'm just going to l_ _ _g_ by the pool.
- 4 Sarah gets very d_sc_ _s_l_t_ when she applies for jobs and doesn't get them.
- 5 One of our tyres got a p_n_ _ _ _e, so we had to stop on the hard shoulder of the motorway and change it.
- 6 The h_v_ _sa_ _ contained everything we needed for a picnic.
- 7 I'm looking forward to being able to s_ _p_ _ the local cuisine in Malaysia. They say the food there is excellent.

Mark: ____ / 7

Use of English

7 Complete the dialogue with the words below.

plus being downsides prefer minus agree cons drawback upside to be

- Martin Would you ¹ _____ to visit somewhere more exotic this year?
- Rachel How about an eco-tour? I'd love ² _____ able to go cave diving or to explore a rainforest.
- Martin I'm not sure. Don't you ³ _____ that ecotourism has brought a lot of problems to natural areas that never used to have tourism?
- Rachel Not really. For me, the ⁴ _____ is that it provides jobs for local people and is good for the economy.
- Martin I know that there are pros and ⁵ _____. However, for me the impact on the environment is a real ⁶ _____.
- Rachel But don't you like the idea of ⁷ _____ able to travel to destinations like Antarctica, where you get to see animals, such as whales, seals and penguins in their natural habitat, rather than a zoo?
- Martin I suppose the main ⁸ _____ is the cruise ships that are carrying the tourists to Antarctica and polluting the oceans along the way. There's evidence that the penguins are stressed by the increase in visitors too.
- Rachel So one of the ⁹ _____ for you is the journey to the destination because it's polluting the environment.
- Martin Yes. Finding somewhere with exotic animals in their natural habitat, but which didn't involve a plane or ship to get there, would be a real ¹⁰ _____!
- Rachel In that case, why don't we just go camping to Wales? It's stunning and you can find seals and whales along the coast too!

Listening

8 7 Listen to five people talking about moving to another place. Choose the correct answer (A–H) for each speaker (1–5). There are three extra sentences.

What problems has each speaker had?

- A the breakup of a marriage
- B not having the kind of career they wanted
- C the hostility of some local people
- D not being able to speak the language
- E feeling less close to old friends
- F being unable to get money to do research
- G getting used to a different way of life
- H hiding their presence from the authorities

Mark: ____ / 5

Reading

Time travel – truth or fiction?

There are many urban myths about time travel, but are any of them able to stand up to serious examination? Here are some of our favourite tales.

In 2002, Andrew Carlssin suddenly appeared on Wall Street, New York and began buying shares. Starting out with only \$800, he made 126 high-risk investments in a row – and managed to turn his cash into \$350 million! His activities must have come to the attention of fraud investigators because he was soon arrested. Carlssin later 'confessed' that he was a time traveller from the year 2256 who had used his knowledge of the past to make money. It all sounds fascinating, but unfortunately Carlssin doesn't exist. The story originated from a tongue-in-cheek magazine and later appeared on Yahoo News, who can't have made it very clear they were reporting a fictional story. After that, the story spread across the internet, with details being constantly added, until it was extremely believable.

Old photographs and films are another source of time traveller stories. A few years ago, an old film clip caused a sensation on YouTube. The video showed people arriving for the première of a Charlie Chaplin film in Los Angeles in 1928. At one point, a woman walks past in the background, holding something which is ostensibly a smartphone. It looks as if she could be speaking into it, making a mobile call half a century before mobiles were invented. There might be other explanations, however. Experts say that she may have been using a large, square portable hearing aid – a new technology at the time – holding the bulky device up to her ear. It also seems unlikely that a time traveller with a smartphone would wear period costume, unless of course, she wanted to blend in.

Another alleged 'time traveller' photo shows a young man standing in a crowd in Canada in 1941. The people around him are wearing the typical suits and hats of the 1940s, but he's got casual trousers, modern-looking sunglasses and what could well be a T-shirt with a logo on it. The photo is apparently genuine, so the man must have been there in the crowd that day in 1941. Printed T-shirts didn't exist in 1941, so could this be a tourist from the future, getting away from it all on a sightseeing tour to the past? Vintage clothing experts say not. Although the man is dressed much more casually than the people around him, the glasses and trousers look modern, but are correct for the period. And the so-called T-shirt could be a woven sports shirt with a team logo – something that was worn at the time.

Aside from any photographic evidence, there is also the question of how time travellers would manage to visit us. What kind of machine would be able to travel through time? One famous story, the Philadelphia experiment, attempts to answer this question. It's claimed that in 1943, the US navy conducted a top-secret experiment aimed at making ships invisible. A US navy ship, the USS Eldridge, was fitted with huge electro-magnetic generators at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. Allegedly, these created a force-field which not only made the ship invisible – as expected – but briefly moved it in both space and time.

The experiment took place at the height of World War II, when German submarines were hunting down allied ships. So clearly the government might have investigated ways to make ships less visible to the enemy. However, the navy has no official record of such an experiment and denies that it took place. Some commentators also question the basic science behind the story. Interestingly, however, the equations that the great physicist James Clark Maxwell developed to describe electro-magnetism do work equally well going forwards and backwards in time. This fact, along with some recent experiments in quantum physics, makes some people believe that we may be able to travel in time one day.

Scientists have long debated whether the laws of physics allow for time travel to the past, with such great minds as Albert Einstein, Kurt Gödel and Stephen Hawking weighing in. It may be generations before we can answer that question. However, although we can't actually visit the past right now, we do have a way of seeing it. Point any telescope at the stars, and, depending on where you look, you are seeing the universe as it was hundreds, thousands or even millions of years ago.

9 Read about time travel. For questions 1–5 choose the correct option (A–D).

- 1 The story of Andrew Carlssin was believable because ...
 - A it gave a motive for time travel.
 - B the police were interested enough to investigate it.
 - C it spread to many sources and was altered over time.
 - D there was no other logical explanation for the man's success.
- 2 A video of a woman outside a movie première in 1928 ...
 - A actually shows a device which had been invented at the time.
 - B appears to have been altered.
 - C proves that she was carrying a smartphone.
 - D shows her wearing clothes which hadn't been invented.
- 3 The author makes it clear that a photograph of a man in a crowd in 1941 ...
 - A is impossible to explain.
 - B shows clothes which hadn't been invented at the time.
 - C is clearly a faked image.
 - D shows a man dressed very differently to the people around him.
- 4 The writer concludes that the Philadelphia experiment ...
 - A is a popular myth which isn't supported by historical facts.
 - B proved the link between electromagnetism and time.
 - C helped the US navy to fight the Germans in World War II.
 - D is so sensitive that documents relating to it remain top secret.
- 5 Overall, what is the message of the text?
 - A Stories about time travel are likely to continue.
 - B The number and variety of time travel stories suggests that at least some of them are true.
 - C We may one day be able to travel in time.
 - D Time travel myths can be explained in other ways, but time travel may still be possible.

Mark: ____ / 5

Writing

10 Read the task below and write a letter of complaint (220–260 words). Remember to plan your paragraphs before beginning to write.

You recently went on a five-day sightseeing tour to another country. Unfortunately, you were unhappy with the tour coach, your hotel room, and extra costs that you had to pay. Write a letter of complaint to the travel company, explaining what happened and demanding action.

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