

Part A • Grammar, Vocabulary and How to ...

GRAMMAR

1 Choose the correct option (a, b or c).

- Jake is ____ to be at the match. He never misses a game.
a certain b definitely c unlikely
- My parents ____ us this weekend because they're quite busy.
a don't visit b are going to visit c aren't visiting
- You ____ be able to finish your dinner, but please eat as much as you can.
a couldn't b not likely c might not
- You ____ to break that phone if you keep dropping it.
a 're going b 're due c will
- It might rain tomorrow, but it's ____ to snow.
a certain b likely c unlikely
- Claire ____ come to the cinema with us because she doesn't like horror films.
a will probably b probably won't c won't probably
- The coach is ____ depart at 8 o'clock so we should hurry.
a could b due to c will
- I'm ____ to finish this report today because I've got other things to do.
a likely b probably won't c not likely
- Peter's quite clever so he ____ know the answer.
a due to b may c won't
- They ____ let you pay by credit card. They only accept cash.
a definitely won't b will definitely c won't definitely

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2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- I reckon the **large number** / **majority** of young people use social media these days.
- Would you like **a little** / **little** time to think about your answer?
- Several** / **Every** of us decided to walk further, but the others were too tired.
- There's **any** / **no** supermarket in my village, but there's a small grocery store.
- His comments showed **a lack** / **a little** of respect.
- A few** / **Few** people bought tickets for the show so we had to cancel it.
- We were in **the minority** / **the majority** so they had to accept our decision.
- She gave a small gift to **each** / **every** of the children.
- He wanted to borrow some sugar, but I said I didn't have **any** / **some**.
- There were only **a handful** / **plenty** of people on the bus this morning. I don't know why it was so empty.

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VOCABULARY

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- The theory can't be proved ____ (science), but it seems to be true.
- It's difficult to make a ____ (predict) about the future of work.
- We've done an ____ (analyse) of the problem and put it in this report.
- She enjoys finding out about things so she'd be a good ____ (research).
- We agreed to meet ____ (virtual) because it was easier than meeting in person.
- I've read an interesting ____ (science) paper about climate change.
- I've got an app which allows me to control the lights in my house ____ (remote).
- This book is a bit too ____ (analyse) for me. I prefer simpler explanations.

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4 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

coastline deserted scenery sunlight track
woodland

- They want to increase ____ areas by planting more trees.
- We came across a ____ beach where there was just one man lying on the sand.
- Canada has some spectacular ____, especially the lakes and mountains.
- This part of the ____ can be quite dangerous for boats.
- It's easier to get to the village if you follow the ____ across the fields.
- You need to get out in the _____. It's not good to spend all your time in a dark office.

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5 Complete the sentences with extreme adjectives.

- Jerome's detailed knowledge of European history is **ast** _____.
- She was a **mi** _____ leader who made some big changes.
- I'm so pleased for you. It's **inc** _____ news.
- This picture is very **pre** _____ because my daughter made it for me.
- This is a **mag** _____ book. It's one of the best I've read.
- The art gallery has the **fi** _____ collection of paintings in the country.

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HOW TO ...

6 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

100 percent sure bound to fairly certain
have thought modest no way obviously
reckon rewarding the impression

- 1 I'd _____ that they'd send you an email. That's what they normally do.
- 2 He's _____ be upset. They were together for a long time.
- 3 I'm not _____, but I'll probably be able to take a day off work.
- 4 His job must be very _____ because he earns good money and he helps people in need.
- 5 I _____ the cake's ready now. I'll take it out of the oven.
- 6 I'm _____ that it's going to rain, although I might be wrong.
- 7 Do you get _____ that Raj doesn't like us?
- 8 There's _____ that I'll get there on time. It's too late now.
- 9 She _____ thought it was better to work on her own.
- 10 I've got a fairly _____ life because I don't have many possessions.

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Part B • Listening, Reading and Writing

LISTENING

1 [Audio UT2.01] Listen to a podcast about digital wellbeing. Tick the ideas that are mentioned.

- 1 In some ways, smartphones have made people's lives better. ____
- 2 Digital wellbeing is a new concept which experts are just beginning to talk about. ____
- 3 The technology sector hasn't taken enough responsibility for guaranteeing digital wellbeing. ____
- 4 Some digital wellbeing apps are fun for users. ____
- 5 It is unlikely that digital wellbeing apps are completely effective. ____
- 6 We should look for distractions to stop us using our phones. ____
- 7 There are times when it is better not to have our phones connected. ____

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2 [Audio UT2.01] Listen again. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 The speaker's son finds it hard to imagine a life without smartphones. T / F
- 2 The speaker points out that some apps have helped people in difficult situations. T / F
- 3 There is little research to suggest that using a smartphone can be bad for you. T / F
- 4 The speaker suggests exchanging your phone for a notebook. T / F
- 5 The speaker thinks some people will be unhappy about apps that turn off their phones. T / F
- 6 Using digital wellbeing apps might not have the expected effect. T / F
- 7 The speaker thinks it's important to get regular social media updates. T / F
- 8 The speaker thinks people would have problems waking up without smartphones. T / F

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READING

3 Read the article about the future of city life. Tick the topics which are mentioned.

- 1 Technological advances ____
- 2 The environment ____
- 3 Wildlife ____
- 4 Ways of working ____
- 5 Types of housing ____

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The future of city life

Since the 1960s, there has been an astonishing increase in the number of people living in cities. Some analysts think more than two thirds of the world's population will live in cities by 2050. Despite the higher cost of living and higher levels of pollution in the city, a growing number of people are leaving rural areas in search of work. As a result, cities are expanding rapidly, while small towns and villages are becoming deserted. What is the future of city life? We hear two different views.

Tania Khan

I grew up in the countryside and moved to the city to work, and there's no way I'd go back now. For one thing, it's not as easy to develop a career in the countryside. Not only that, but the city has more to offer in terms of cultural and social activities. I know some people worry about stress and the effect of pollution on their health, and they think that moving to the country will improve that. But I'm not so sure. While there might be cleaner air and less noise, there are disadvantages like boredom and loneliness. I know for a fact that they're not good for you.

In future, more people will leave rural areas and cities will become even bigger. For most people, country life will become harder as shops and services disappear. As friends and family move away as well, there will probably be less social support and people will feel more isolated. In contrast, cities will be able to provide everything we need. I suppose some people will still be attracted to country life, but they'll probably spend their weekends there while continuing to live and work in the city most of the time.

Rob Méndez

I don't doubt that there are some advantages to living in a city. You're likely to earn more money and more services like schools and hospitals are available. However, what puts me off most is the traffic, which causes high levels of air and noise pollution. A lot of people don't take it very seriously, but pollution in cities is having a terrible effect on people's mental and physical health. On top of that, a large number of people live in small apartments with little or no outside space, so it's not surprising that people want to live in the countryside. A big house with a garden, surrounded by beautiful scenery – who wouldn't want that?

I know the number of people leaving rural areas has been increasing, but I'm fairly certain that will change. As more people have the chance to work remotely, fewer people will need to live in cities. It won't matter where you live as long as you've got an internet connection. What's more, without the need to commute, workers won't need to worry about time lost travelling if they live far from the city. For those reasons, I'm sure that the growth of cities will slow down and that more people will choose to live in the countryside.

4 Read the article again. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

- 1 According to the article, the main reason cities are growing is that
 - A it's expensive to live in the countryside.
 - B people no longer want to work in rural areas.
 - C they offer more opportunities for work.
 - D there's little to do in rural towns and villages.
- 2 Tania thinks some people prefer living in the countryside because
 - A it's healthier than living in the city.
 - B it's not as boring as the city.
 - C they enjoy the social and cultural activities.
 - D they aren't worried about their career.
- 3 Tania believes that country life will get more difficult because
 - A of people who have arrived from the city.
 - B people will find it difficult to get what they need.
 - C people in the country are not very sociable.
 - D people will need to commute to the city.
- 4 Rob would prefer to live in the country because
 - A the schools and hospitals are better.
 - B he has had some health problems.
 - C people in the city take themselves too seriously.
 - D he's worried about the effects of pollution.
- 5 Rob thinks that country life will be more attractive due to
 - A changes in people's working habits.
 - B improved transport for commuters.
 - C the lower cost of housing in villages.
 - D better internet connectivity in rural areas.

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WRITING

5 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 **Despite / While** the fact that he didn't know anyone at the party, he had a great time.
- 2 **However / While** it can be quite cold here in winter, it gets very hot in summer.
- 3 **Despite / However** waiting in the queue for hours, we still didn't manage to get tickets.
- 4 The film was popular with a lot of people. **However / Although**, I thought it was awful.
- 5 **Although / Despite** she'd never been skiing before, she did very well.

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6 Write a for-and-against essay on the use of technology in our free time.

Write 140–190 words.

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Part C • Speaking

SPEAKING

1 Make questions and ask your partner.

- 1 Do / spend / too much time / working or studying?
- 2 Would / prefer / have / an exciting life / or / a modest life?
- 3 Why / think / people / worry about / appearance?
- 4 How / think / the planet / change / in your lifetime?
- 5 What jobs / think / people / do / in 20 years' time?

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2 Answer your partner's questions.

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3 Describe the picture to your partner. What do you think the people might be doing?



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