

Grammar

1 Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

- The cinema is **nearer / the nearest** than the library.
- The Burj Khalifa in Dubai is **higher / the highest** building in the world.
- He is **the funnier / the funniest** boy in the school.
- Your trainers are **more casual / the most casual** than your shoes.
- What is **more polluted / the most polluted** river in the world?
- Who is **kinder / the kindest**, your uncle or your aunt?

2 Complete the sentences with the comparative and superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- In general, people in Australia are _____ than people in Africa, but people in Europe are _____. (happy)
- Cycling is _____ than walking to school, but trams are _____. (good)
- In the UK, rugby is _____ than tennis, but football is _____. (popular)
- I think geography is _____ than history, but physics is _____ subject. (bad)
- The classroom is _____ than the library, but the computer room is _____. (hot)
- Trains are _____ than coaches, but planes are _____ form of transport. (safe)
- Football is _____ than judo, but skiing is _____. (dangerous)

3 Find the mistakes in each sentence. Circle the mistake and write the correction.

- Which is more far from your country, Russia or Australia? _____
- Who is the more polite student in your class? _____
- The supermarket is busyer than the small shop. _____
- My smartphone is expensiver than my laptop. _____
- The chef only uses the most freshest food. _____
- What's the better website to use for our homework? _____
- My bedroom is biger than my brother's room. _____

4 Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 8 We **planned** / **planed** our trip a year ago.
- 9 She **tried** / **tryed** to take a photograph of the snake.
- 10 They **visited** / **visitted** the town hall.
- 11 She arrived **last thirty minutes** / **thirty minutes ago**.
- 12 I **chatted** / **chated** to my friend with a new app.
- 13 She **couldn't** / **could** understand the map so she asked for help.
- 14 Was it hotter **last month** / **month ago**?
- 15 We **weren't** / **wasn't** at the party last night.
- 16 The city **was** / **were** dirty and polluted.
- 17 **Were** / **Was** you frightened?

5 Complete the postcard with the affirmative or negative past simple form of the verbs below.

be x2 can x2 decide help jump stop study walk

Hi Maisy,
We ¹ _____ on a school trip last week. The teachers ² _____ to take us to Wales for our photography course. We ³ _____ a lot of useful things and Mr Kiffin really ⁴ _____ me to understand how to take better pictures. On the last day we ⁵ _____ along a path and down to the beach. Suddenly the teacher ⁶ _____ talking and a dolphin ⁷ _____ out of the sea. I ⁸ _____ believe it! My camera ⁹ _____ in my hand, so I ¹⁰ _____ take a photo of it in mid-air! How exciting!
Please send me some of your photos soon!
Love,
Eva

6 Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 18 They **brought / bringed** a lot of food to the party.
19 Did you **make / made** this sandwich?
20 I **didn't / don't** have an exam yesterday.
21 They didn't **stay / stayed** at home.
22 Did she **become / became** famous?
23 He **taked / took** his headphones to school.
24 **Did / Does** he go to New York last week?
25 The fishermen **cought / caught** a huge fish.
26 We didn't **ate / eat** all of our breakfast.
27 It **began / begun** to snow.

7 Complete the dialogue with the correct past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- Kevin** Hi Mark! ¹_____ (you / play) in the match on Saturday?
Mark No, I ²_____. I ³_____ (break) my foot in P.E.!
Kevin Oh no! ⁴_____ (you / be) at home all weekend?
Mark No, I ⁵_____ (go) out on Sunday. I ⁶_____ (meet) Jack in town.
What ⁷_____ (you / do)?
Kevin Well, I ⁸_____ (not / can) go to football either because the bus
⁹_____ (not / come) and I ¹⁰_____ (not / have) my bike. I was
really disappointed!

Vocabulary

8 Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.

- 1 My uncle works with animals ____.
a in an office block b at the gym c on a farm
- 2 Shall we have a BBQ in the ____?
a lake b park c car park
- 3 Scotland is in the ____ of the UK.
a north b south c west
- 4 He's taking the ____ from Edinburgh to London.
a underground b tram c coach
- 5 I'm borrowing some money from the ____.
a library b bank c post office
- 6 There's a fire! We have to leave the building and wait ____.
a outside b inside c between
- 7 We have to protect wild elephants in Asia and ____.
a Europe b Antarctica c Africa

9 Complete the sentences with the correct verb. The first letter of each word has been given.

- 1 Can I g _ _ _ you a lift?
- 2 It's difficult to g _ _ on the train with my bike.
- 3 It's late – let's t _ _ _ a taxi.
- 4 We can c _ _ _ _ a train home.
- 5 Many teenagers r _ _ _ scooters in southern Europe.
- 6 Where do you w _ _ _ for the bus?
- 7 Don't m _ _ _ the tram! You have to get to school on time.

10 Circle the correct words to complete the text.

I live in a small ¹ **town / village** in the countryside. It's a very ² **quiet / crowded** place to live. From my bedroom window I can see ³ **a farm / an office block**. ⁴ **Between / Behind** that, there's a beautiful ⁵ **valley / wood** where we can ski in the winter. Some people think life here is ⁶ **boring / exciting** – but I love it!

11 Complete the sentences with words about the natural world. The first letter of each word has been given.

- 8 S _ _ _ _ _ is later in the winter and the days are shorter.
- 9 There is a bright m _ _ _ tonight.
- 10 The sun is behind a c _ _ _ _ .
- 11 F _ _ _ _ _ need water and sunshine to grow.
- 12 The traffic is always very slow in the s _ _ _ and it's dangerous to drive.
- 13 I looked down at the g _ _ _ _ _ and there was a snake in front of me.
- 14 We wanted to try free climbing in the m _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .

12 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 15 Some fishermen helped ___ back into the water before it landed on the beach.
a the whale b the shark c the frog
- 16 You have to go the long way and walk ___ all of the fields.
a up b round c down
- 17 An eagle's ___ is usually between one and three metres long.
a tail b tooth c wing
- 18 Insects have six legs, but ___ have eight.
a spiders b hippos c giraffes
- 19 ___ are similar to dogs.
a Tigers b Bears c Wolves
- 20 It's too hot here. Let's move ___ the BBQ.
a away from b out of c off
- 21 A ___ wants to write about your experience in Antarctica for her newspaper.
a journalist b politician c scientist
- 22 Who is the fastest British ___ to go around the world in a boat?
a pilot b sailor c soldier

13 Match the adventure holiday activities with the descriptions of the people.

abseiling cycling kayaking surfing trekking

- 23 Tilly loves any sport with small boats. _____
- 24 Paul often falls off into the ocean. _____
- 25 Ruth isn't scared of being very high up. _____
- 26 Jonny loves riding his bike. _____
- 27 Sam likes to go on foot through the fields and valleys. _____

14 Complete the instructions with the words below.

first of all follow install now turn on

- 1 _____, you have to 2 _____ your tablet.
Secondly, 3 _____ the app.
4 _____ 5 _____ the instructions on your screen.

15 Complete the phrasal verbs with the words below.

down in off on up

- 28 I forgot to shut _____ the computer last night.
- 29 It's very dark. Can you turn _____ the light?
- 30 It's too quiet – please turn _____ the volume.
- 31 She logged _____ and turned off her computer.
- 32 Where can I plug _____ this charger?

16 Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.

- 33 I keep ___ an error message.
a getting **b** visiting **c** checking
- 34 Can I ___ to the internet here?
a enter **b** download **c** connect
- 35 I have to ___ my emails.
a surf **b** check **c** click
- 36 Is there free Wi-Fi to ___ online?
a connect to **b** visit **c** get
- 37 Did you ___ that video from John's web page?
a download **b** upload **c** scan
- 38 Did you read the comments on the internet ___?
a message **b** forum **c** media
- 39 I can use my ___ speakers in the garden.
a touch-screen **b** HDMI **c** wireless
- 40 Plug in your phone in the ___ port.
a USB **b** SIM **c** HDMI
- 41 Where can I buy a ___ card for my phone?
a built-in **b** USB **c** SIM
- 42 This new laptop has a longer _____.
a Wi-Fi **b** battery life **c** built-in 4G

Use of English

17 Complete the email with the correct answers.

Hi Esme

How are you? I can't wait to see you next week!

I'm sending you some directions so that you can find your way from the train station. I live quite ¹ ___ to the centre, so it shouldn't be difficult to find my flat. When you're outside the station, ² ___ right and go ³ ___ Park Street. ⁴ ___ to the end of the road and turn left ⁵ ___ the crossroads. Go ⁶ ___ on and then ⁷ ___ the main road. Go ⁸ ___ the small church on the ⁹ ___. My flat is on the left, ¹⁰ ___ the Cosmos Café and the fruit shop.

Have a safe journey. See you soon!

Love,

Bella

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| 1 | A next | B opposite | C close |
| 2 | A take | B cross | C turn |
| 3 | A straight | B along | C over |
| 4 | A Go | B Turn | C Take |
| 5 | A on | B in | C at |
| 6 | A left | B right | C straight |
| 7 | A cross | B turn | C go |
| 8 | A over | B under | C past |
| 9 | A corner | B crossroads | C end |
| 10 | A next | B between | C in front |

18 Complete the text with the words below.

at background by centre in in on on on right

This is a photo of a National Park ¹ _____ Africa that is popular with tourists. There are tall mountains ² _____ the left of the photo and a beautiful forest on the ³ _____. The sky is pink and blue in the ⁴ _____ of the photo. There are some climbers ⁵ _____ top of one mountain and some monkeys ⁶ _____ the edge of a cliff. Between the mountains and the forest, in the ⁷ _____ of the photo, there's a river. The water is very clear and you can see fish swimming ⁸ _____ the bottom. ⁹ _____ the foreground there are some elephants standing ¹⁰ _____ the river and drinking water.

19 Read the dialogue and complete each gap with ONE word.

- Assistant** 1 _____, please! 2 _____ can I help you?
- Rebecca** Hi! I'm looking for some headphones to take on holiday.
- Assistant** Try these.
- Rebecca** That's loud! Can you turn them 3 _____ a bit please!
- Assistant** Sorry! Is that better?
- Rebecca** Yes, thanks! How 4 _____ are they?
- Assistant** With the case, that 5 _____ to £32.
- Rebecca** 6 _____ you like anything else?
- Assistant** No, thanks. Can I pay 7 _____ card?
- Rebecca** Of course. Enter your 8 _____ here please.
- Assistant** Could I have a 9 _____, please?
- Rebecca** Here you are. Would you 10 _____ a bag?
- Assistant** No, thanks. I've got one here.

Reading

20 Read the text. Match sentences A–E with gaps 1–5.

Unusual homes

There isn't enough space to build all of the houses we need in many cities. ¹ ____ The average house price in London is now over £500,000, but most workers are still getting low salaries. They have to move out of London into small towns and catch the train to work every day. ² ____

Is there anything we can do about this problem? Perhaps there is, as people are finding creative ways to live near their workplace. More and more people are following the example of the Netherlands. They are choosing to live on water – on the rivers that flow through our cities. Houseboats are a popular new form of accommodation for professionals working in towns and cities. ³ ____ There are over 3,500 just in Amsterdam. There are around 6,000 houseboats in the whole of the UK at the moment. Some companies are even building *offices* on the water.

What are the advantages of living on the water? ⁴ ____ You can work in the city, but you can also enjoy living close to the countryside. Second, they are much cheaper than ordinary houses. You can buy a houseboat for as little as £60,000.

You have to be careful if you want to buy a houseboat because there are some disadvantages. They *are* cheaper, but the cost of living on a boat can be more expensive. ⁵ ____ This can be £7,000 a year in some parts of London. In Amsterdam, you have to paint your boat every three years. And people complain that when it gets cold, it's very expensive to keep the boat warm.

- A The Netherlands has the most houseboats in Europe.
- B This means that the price of houses in London and the rest of the UK is getting more and more expensive.
- C For example, you have to pay for your 'parking' space on a river.
- D But it costs a lot of money to buy train tickets too.
- E First, they are beautiful spaces for people to live and work in.

21 Read the text. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

The Loch Ness Monster

In 1933 a man called George Spicer and his wife travelled to Scotland. They were driving on a road near Loch Ness, which is the largest lake in the UK. They described seeing a huge animal that ran in front of them and across the road with a smaller animal in its mouth. A few weeks later, a journalist called Alex Campbell published a story about this 'monster'. Other people started to tell stories about the 'Loch Ness Monster' in the newspapers.

In December 1993 a man called Hugh Gray photographed the 'monster' and the photo appeared in a London newspaper. The photo showed a huge creature with a long tail. People asked – was the photo real or was it fake? But it wasn't important – the Loch Ness Monster, or 'Nessie', was the most famous creature in the country!

Many people still believe that there is a sea monster that lives in the very deep water in Loch Ness. The place is popular with tourists, who come to look for the monster. They take photos, but scientists always say that they are fake. The scientists explain that the images on the photos are really elephants or water snakes or trees.

Jeremy Wade is a professional fisherman and is now famous for his TV programme called *River Monsters*. In 2013 he travelled to Loch Ness to look for the creature. He decided that it was actually a shark, similar to those in Antarctica that have dark coloured skin.

No one knows the truth. However, Nessie continues to be a modern-day myth and tourists continue to try to take the first authentic photograph of the 'Loch Ness Monster'.

- 11 George Spicer was married. ____
- 12 They saw a strange animal swimming across the lake. ____
- 13 Alex Campbell was a fisherman. ____
- 14 There was a 'monster' with a huge mouth in Gray's photo. ____
- 15 Jeremy Wade doesn't believe that it is a monster. ____

22 Read the text. Match sentences A–F with gaps 1–5. There is one extra sentence.

The Piano Man

In 2005 some walkers discovered a man on a road by the sea in the east of England. He was in his twenties. He had a black jacket, smart trousers and a tie. ¹ ____ He couldn't answer any questions about who he was, or where he came from. It seemed that he didn't have any memory.

² ____ They tried to find out if someone pushed him into the sea or if he fell from a boat. But the man couldn't tell them. He seemed terrified. And nobody knew who he was.

³ ____ At the hospital, one of the doctors had a brilliant idea. She gave him some paper. The young man drew a picture of a piano on it. The doctors were very excited and took him to a room with a piano. ⁴ ____ For many weeks after this, he didn't speak, but he only communicated with his music. He played for three to four hours every day. Sometimes he didn't want to stop playing and the doctors had to pull him away from the piano. The doctors called him the 'Piano Man'.

Eventually, the police took a photograph of him and started a social media campaign to discover who he was. ⁵ ____ He started to speak to the doctors and he confirmed that he was German and he flew back to his family. A friend of his family spoke on German television and said that nobody could understand why he ended up in England. And it is still a mystery today!

- A He sang songs and danced around the room.
- B Soon after, they took him to hospital.
- C A few months later, his father recognised him from a photo and they discovered that he was from Germany.
- D He started to play a beautiful piece of music and he was calm for the first time.
- E The police came and asked him questions, but still he didn't speak.
- F But strangely, all of his clothes were completely wet.

Writing

23 Write an article about a town or city in your country that is popular with tourists.

- Include information about **three** of these topics: places of interest; places to stay; history; entertainment; shopping; eating out; getting around
- Use adjectives to describe the town or city.
- Introduce the topic in the first sentence.
- Write in paragraphs of two or more sentences.

24 Imagine you are on safari. Write a postcard. Include information about:

- where you are and where you are staying.
- the weather.
- the animals you saw yesterday.
- other activities you are planning.

25 Write a narrative about a viral story or video that you've read or watched on social media.

- Say when you saw the video or read the story.
- Describe the situation. What happened?
- How did it all end? Did it end well or badly? How did it make you feel?
- Use some direct speech with the correct punctuation.
- Use at least one adverb.