

## Quick Check Test 1A

- 1: 2 was tidying 3 are ... playing 4 've been wondering / have been wondering 5 to be enjoying 6 haven't been listening
- 2: 2 is prone to losing 3 a rule ... don't talk 4 keeps on parking 5 has a tendency to overeat 6 (am) 'm inclined to believe
- 3: 2 It's\_a bit\_late\_to be going\_out. 3 We've got\_an\_hour before\_our flight. 4 Tim's\_an\_incredibly talented\_artist. 5 That can't\_be the answer. It doesn't\_make\_any sense. 6 You've got\_a nerve talking to me like that.
- 4: 2 easygoing 3 gregarious 4 conservative 5 selfish 6 temperamental
- 5: 2 life 3 blanket 4 ways 5 black 6 pain
- 6: 2 wonder 3 pretty 4 gives 5 guess 6 something

## Quick Check Test 1B

- 1: 2 is ('s) ... watching 3 wasn't paying 4 were wondering 5 to be getting 6 are feeling
- 2: 2 am ('m) not inclined to let 3 a rule ... am ('m) 4 has a tendency to exaggerate 5 is ('s) prone to being 6 keep on interrupting
- 3: 2 It's\_a bit\_early to be going to bed. 3 We've got\_an\_hour\_or more to wait. 4 Tim's\_an\_incredibly talented\_actor. 5 That must\_be the answer although it doesn't\_really make sense. 6 You've got\_an\_absolute nerve talking to me like that.
- 4: 2 mature 3 considerate 4 solitary 5 obsessive 6 rebellious
- 5: 2 set 3 neck 4 wet 5 soul 6 sheep
- 6: 2 reckon 3 makes 4 wonder 5 might 6 pretty

## Quick Check Test 2A

- 1: 2 would (you) have felt 3 would have been 4 wouldn't say 5 hadn't told 6 Had (we) known
- 2: 2 don't expect to hear 3 would (you) rather do / be doing 4 don't regret handing in 5 encouraged (Peter) to enter 6 was considered to be
- 3: 2 would 3 would 4 had 5 would 6 had
- 4: 2 killing 3 instincts 4 learning 5 ropes 6 bright
- 5: 2 b 3 c 4 b 5 a 6 c
- 6: 2 knowledge 3 far 4 Look 5 gather 6 In

## Quick Check Test 2B

- 1: 2 hadn't eaten 3 hadn't told 4 Had (you) understood 5 giving up 6 'd (would) think
- 2: 2 Do (you) regret not going 3 was thought to be / is thought to have been 4 would (you) prefer to celebrate 5 have always encouraged (me) to follow 6 dislike speaking
- 3: 2 would 3 had 4 had 5 had 6 would
- 4: 2 effect 3 advantage 4 dim 5 target 6 under
- 5: 2 b 3 c 4 a 5 a 6 b
- 6: 2 far 3 In 4 knowledge 5 gather 6 Look

## Quick Check Test 3A

- 1:** 2 hugely expensive freshly-baked organic 3 those ridiculously silly slapstick comedy 4 an incredibly powerful bright blue German 5 those beautiful old oval silver photo 6 really fantastic newly-opened Italian pizza
- 2:** 2 whom 3 whose 4 which 5 none 6 who
- 3:** 2 naughty 3 jokey 4 airy 5 shady 6 gloomy
- 4:** 2 bustling 3 run-down 4 picturesque 5 deserted 6 magnificent
- 5:** 2 semi 3 ir 4 im 5 under 6 co
- 6:** 2 help 3 objective 4 up 5 instance 6 aim

## Quick Check Test 3B

- 1:** 2 incredibly powerful bright red Italian sports 3 those beautiful old oval silver photo 4 hugely expensive freshly-baked organic French 5 those ridiculously stupid slapstick comedy 6 fairly reasonably-priced new Chinese take-away
- 2:** 2 which 3 neither / none 4 whose 5 who 6 whom
- 3:** 2 gaudy 3 poky 4 airy 5 daily 6 roomy
- 4:** 2 tranquil 3 bustling 4 run-down 5 picturesque 6 deserted
- 5:** 2 out 3 anti 4 over 5 super 6 un
- 6:** 2 objective 3 up 4 aim 5 instance 6 help

## Quick Check Test 4A

- 1:** 2 It would appear that the case has been closed. 3 It always amazes me that you don't care about your environment. 4 It's hard to know what John is thinking. 5 It looks as though Steve's going to resign. 6 It's not that I'm jealous but I don't like Tom.
- 2:** 2 had locked / 'd locked 3 studied / has been studying 4 not to have seen 5 will have been teaching / 'll have been teaching 6 Have (you) read
- 3:** 2 c 3 a 4 d 5 f 6 b
- 4:** 2 perfect 3 justice 4 under 5 innocence 6 fresh
- 5:** 2 e 3 a 4 f 5 b 6 d
- 6:** 2 Given 3 shadow 4 sooner 5 better 6 soon

## Quick Check Test 4B

- 1:** 2 It looks as though Tim's going to leave the team. 3 It would appear that the crime has been solved. 4 It's not that I'm paranoid but I don't like Mark. 5 It's hard to believe that Ben is so young. 6 It amazes me that you're so insensitive.
- 2:** 2 will have been living / 'll have been living 3 have you been waiting 4 not to have seen 5 had gone 6 haven't had
- 3:** 2 b 3 f 4 c 5 a 6 d
- 4:** 2 alibi 3 evidence 4 arrest 5 appeal 6 innocence
- 5:** 2 f 3 b 4 e 5 a 6 d
- 6:** 2 found 3 would 4 up 5 sooner 6 Given

## Quick Check Test 5A

- 1: 2 I didn't dare say what I really felt.  
3 We needn't have gone to the airport so early. 4 You'd better pay more attention in future. 5 Do passengers have to wear seat belts? 6 I was forced to have piano lessons as a child. / My parents forced me to have piano lessons as a child.
- 2: 2 ('s) is known 3 is being renovated  
4 have been made 5 to have been kidnapped 6 will be announced
- 3: 2 comfortable 3 vegetable 4 mandatory  
5 Wednesday 6 dictionary
- 4: 2 keep 3 cat 4 top 5 game 6 himself ... himself
- 5: 2 b 3 c 4 b 5 a 6 c
- 6: 2 see 3 make 4 put 5 about 6 take

## Quick Check Test 5B

- 1: 2 We didn't need to call Julia because we'd already arranged where to meet.  
3 You'd better focus on work if you want to get that promotion. 4 You don't have to learn all of this new vocabulary.  
5 I didn't have the courage to open the door because it was so dark outside.  
6 It isn't allowed to use mobile phones during a flight. / You aren't allowed to use mobile phones during a flight.
- 2: 2 to have been destroyed 3 have been sold 4 ('s) is being landscaped  
5 is believed 6 will be broadcast
- 3: 2 comfortable 3 vegetable 4 mandatory  
5 Wednesday 6 dictionary
- 4: 2 slip 3 doors 4 bag 5 hush 6 myself ... myself
- 5: 2 b 3 c 4 b 5 a 6 c
- 6: 2 about 3 see 4 why 5 What 6 case

## Quick Check Test 6A

- 1: 2 won't have 3 will be doing 4 will have been discovered 5 will ... take  
6 ('s) is going to rain
- 2: 2 as 3 Whatever 4 Despite 5 although  
6 though
- 3: 2 had 3 Basically 4 had  
5 enthusiastically 6 compulsory
- 4: 2 weather 3 moon 4 oath 5 suspicion  
6 hill
- 5: 2 talking 3 run 4 get 5 edgeways  
6 cross
- 6: 2 to 3 from 4 back 5 of 6 about

## Quick Check Test 6B

- 1: 2 ('re) are meeting 3 won't have finished  
4 will be flying 5 will ... regret 6 isn't going to study
- 2: 2 Wherever 3 Although 4 as 5 though  
6 In spite of
- 3: 2 had 3 Basically 4 compulsory  
5 enthusiastically 6 dramatically
- 4: 2 top 3 impression 4 course 5 board  
6 all
- 5: 2 talking 3 understatement 4 stick 5 get to  
6 edgeways
- 6: 2 of 3 to 4 about 5 from 6 back

## Quick Check Test 7A

- 1: 2 It's because you meet so many interesting people that I love travelling. 3 It was on a round-the-world trip that Maria spent all her money. 4 What happened was that Mike missed his flight. 5 What our neighbours didn't realise was that they'd been burgled. 6 It was only yesterday that we booked the hotel.
- 2: 2 Having wandered 3 standing 4 Not wanting 5 Visited 6 loved
- 3: 2 let your hair down 3 unwind 4 have a breather 5 take your mind off your troubles 6 switch off
- 4: 2 scandalous 3 tendency 4 strengthen 5 sympathetic 6 persuasive
- 5: 2 midnight 3 take 4 whiling 5 mind 6 down
- 6: 2 am 3 for 4 to 5 some 6 a

## Quick Check Test 7B

- 1: 2 What happened was that John forgot his keys so he couldn't get into the house. 3 What I love about Julia is her spirit of adventure. 4 What Maria did was she bought a new car with her bonus. 5 What Paul didn't realise was the danger he was in. / What Paul didn't realise was that he was in danger. 6 What I'd like to know is where Steve has gone.
- 2: 2 Not wishing 3 Admired 4 sitting 5 Having eaten 6 Knowing
- 3: 2 unwind 3 take your mind off your troubles 4 let your hair down 5 switch off 6 have a breather
- 4: 2 likelihood 3 resourceful 4 hesitation 5 embarrassment 6 dramatically
- 5: 2 have 3 candle 4 hours 5 out 6 time
- 6: 2 over 3 a 4 not 5 of 6 am

## Quick Check Test 8A

- 1: 2 were going to get 3 was on the point of walking out 4 was about to leave 5 weren't meant to hear 6 was on the verge of bursting
- 2: 2 Would you like a cup of tea? I'm making some ~~tea~~ now. 3 My car is black and Fred's ~~car~~ is red. 4 Paul forgot to buy bread and ~~he also forgot to buy~~ cheese so we haven't got anything for lunch. 5 I'll help you later if you want (me to) ~~help you later~~. 6 These shoes are too tight and ~~these shoes are~~ too big. What a shame!
- 3: 2 Put your best foot forward. 3 The early bird catches the worm. 4 The pen is mightier than the sword. 5 Home is where the heart is. 6 Out of sight, out of mind.
- 4: 2 alike 3 picture 4 Practise 5 hot 6 rest
- 5: 2 life 3 clean 4 memory 5 tip 6 lifetime
- 6: 2 and 3 Looking 4 with 5 mean 6 makes

## Quick Check Test 8B

- 1: 2 would walk out 3 wasn't going to tell 4 were to have gone 5 was on the point of exploding 6 meant to remind
- 2: 2 Those trousers are too short and these ~~trousers~~ are too long. 3 I'm making some coffee. Would you like some ~~coffee~~? 4 My new bicycle is red and John's ~~bicycle~~ is green. 5 I can't believe I forgot to buy pasta and ~~I forgot to buy~~ oil. 6 I'll help you later if you want (me to) ~~help you later~~.
- 3: 2 The early bird catches the worm. 3 Put your best foot forward. 4 Out of sight, out of mind. 5 Home is where the heart is. 6 The pen is mightier than the sword.
- 4: 2 day 3 sorry 4 preach 5 wicked 6 iron
- 5: 2 yesterday 3 back 4 remember 5 lapse 6 mind
- 6: 2 said 3 with 4 makes 5 On 6 mean

## Quick Check Test 9A

- 1: 2 It's high time (you) grew up 3 as though (she) owned 4 What if (that car) hadn't stopped? 5 Supposing (you) were offered 6 I'd / would rather (you) didn't smoke
- 2: 2 a 3 b 4 a 5 a 6 b
- 3: 2 knock 3 Wednesday 4 poignant 5 answer 6 subtle
- 4: 2 c 3 b 4 b 5 a 6 c
- 5: 2 seemed 3 hit 4 have / 've been toying 5 came 6 gave
- 6: 2 That was **the** most amazing play I've ever seen. 3 If there's one thing I **can't** stand, it's queuing. 4 That magazine was **a** total waste of time. 5 I couldn't believe **my** luck when they said there were still tickets for the gig. 6 Bad language drives me **up** the wall.

## Quick Check Test 9B

- 1: 2 as if (you) were 3 What if (I) hadn't been paying 4 It's about time (Mark) learnt / learned 5 (I)'d sooner (we) stayed 6 Suppose (you) got
- 2: 2 b 3 b 4 a 5 b 6 a
- 3: 2 walk 3 poignant 4 climb 5 wrong 6 subtle
- 4: 2 b 3 b 4 a 5 a 6 c
- 5: 2 is 3 to get / getting 4 have 5 have / 've been toying 6 seemed
- 6: 2 I couldn't believe **my** luck when I realised I'd won the lottery! 3 That meal was **a** total waste of money. 4 That's one of **the** most beautiful films I've seen. 5 Going round museums is not my cup **of** tea. 6 If there's one thing I **can't** stand, it's people talking loudly on their mobile phones.

## Quick Check Test 10A

- 1: 2 No sooner had I gone out than it started raining. 3 Rarely do you see such beautiful sunsets. 4 Had I known how you felt, I wouldn't have said anything. 5 No way would I ever do a parachute jump. 6 Little did Alison know how dangerous the situation was.
- 2: 2 lot 3 bit 4 barely 5 considerably 6 like
- 3: 2 The sooner, the better. 3 The bigger they come, the harder they fall. 4 The greater the risk, the sweeter the reward. 5 The better the sales, the cheaper the goods. 6 The warmer the weather, the happier I feel.
- 4: 2 irritate 3 substantial 4 squabbling 5 ostracised 6 stress
- 5: 2 off 3 in 4 to 5 after 6 in
- 6: 2 We want to sort this out as soon as possible. 3 Let me know if you have any queries. 4 Get in touch if anything needs clarifying. 5 Can you go into more detail? 6 What if we supported your deal?

## Quick Check Test 10B

- 1: 2 did William appreciate what was going on. 3 will I see Tom again. 4 did they give up their jobs but they also sold their house. 5 you to have read my email, you'd have known what to do. 6 it was too late did Robert see the car.
- 2: 2 just 3 miles / far 4 far / miles 5 fractionally 6 every
- 3: 2 The sooner, the better. 3 The bigger they come, the harder they fall. 4 The greater the risk, the sweeter the reward. 5 The better the sales, the cheaper the goods. 6 The warmer the weather, the happier I feel.
- 4: 2 embark 3 straightforward 4 estimate 5 unadulterated 6 grasp
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### Progress Test Units 1–2A

- 1:** 2 c 3 b 4 c 5 a 6 b
- 2:** 1 Have you had\_a chance to look\_at my essay? 2 I don't\_know what's wrong with Dan these days. 3 Let's have\_a coffee when you've\_finished\_all your stuff. 4 You must\_be exhausted\_after your long journey. 5 What's your opinion\_of the new Italian restaurant? 6 It sounds\_as\_if you're really busy at the moment.
- 3:** 2 surname 3 middle 4 maiden 5 after 6 up 7 made 8 household 9 put 10 clear 11 married
- 4:** 2 flicker 3 flattering 4 physical presence 5 dismal 6 usual take
- 5:** 2 axe 3 spoke 4 advocate 5 fence 6 beat
- 6:** 2 being 3 Having 4 on 5 always 6 tends 7 will 8 wet 9 ten 10 thinking 11 regret
- 7:** 2 Dan would never do any sport at school. 3 Had I listened, I would have known what to do. 4 I hate being shouted at (by you). 5 Tim regrets not having studied harder. 6 Julia has been waiting for an hour.
- 8:** 2 kind of 3 and so on 4 a couple of 5 loads of 6 plenty 7 stuff 8 one or two 9 about 10 thing 11 a bit
- 9:** 2 what 3 sure 4 about 5 debatable 6 knowledge
- 10:** 2 d 3 g 4 b 5 f 6 c e not needed
- 11:** 2 However 3 Consequently 4 obviously 5 Furthermore 6 Evidently

**12:** (sample answer: 220 words)

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**4:** 2 caricatured 3 flicker 4 flattering 5 dismal 6 endorse the view  
**5:** 2 grind 3 mind 4 devil's 5 sit 6 bush  
**6:** 2 left 3 Having 4 other 5 is 6 to 7 will 8 blanket 9 nine 10 thinking 11 regret  
**7:** 2 James has been waiting for twenty minutes. 3 Dan never used to do any sport at school. 4 I love being bought flowers (by you). 5 Tim regrets not having gone to university. 6 Were you to have listened, you would have known what to do.  
**8:** 2 plenty of 3 lots 4 stuff 5 one or two 6 kind of 7 and so on 8 a couple of 9 about 10 a bit 11 thing  
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### Progress Test Units 3–4A

- 1:** 2 D 3 F 4 C 5 B 6 E  
**2:** 2 gaudy 3 airy 4 shady 5 gloomy  
6 naughty  
**3:** 2 ramshackle 3 quaint 4 awe-inspiring  
5 sprawling 6 secluded  
**4:** 2 un, over 3 co, bi 4 out, un 5 post, non  
6 ir, super  
**5:** 2 in 2 on 3 with 4 on 5 with  
**6:** 2 b 3 c 4 b 5 c 6 a 7 d 8 d 9 a 10 b  
11 c  
**7:** 2 Jack often goes back to the big, old  
house in the village where he was born.  
3 Fred lost his temper, at which point I  
walked out of the meeting. 4 I may be  
back late, in which case I'll call you.  
5 Isn't that the man whose daughter is on  
television? 6 We've got two computers,  
neither of which is working.  
**8:** 2 look, another 3 come, with 4 about,  
combine 5 any, can 6 there, regarding  
**9:** 2 Given the choice, would you vote in  
favour of tougher sentencing? 3 Without  
a shadow of a doubt, the economic  
situation is worsening. 4 You're  
absolutely right when you say it's time to  
act. 5 I'm afraid it's out of the question  
for you to cut down on your hours. 6 You  
were totally wrong to have behaved the  
way you did.  
**10:** 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 F  
**11:** 2 drinking 3 keep 4 there 5 farmers  
6 food

- 12:** *(sample answer: 209 words)*  
Famed throughout the world for its  
stunning architecture and fairytale  
atmosphere, Prague is quite simply a  
beautiful city with a long, colourful  
history. Situated in the centre of Europe,  
it flanks the two banks of the Vltava river.  
On one side, you will find the Old Town  
with its quaint, winding cobbled streets  
leading up to the Castle complex which  
houses St Vitus' Cathedral, churches,  
museums and the President's residence,  
as well as Golden Lane, home to Franz  
Kafka, while on the other side, you will  
be able to enjoy the finest shops and  
restaurants that the city can offer.

For those who prefer green spaces,  
there are many parks, both wild and  
manicured. From the Castle hills,  
terraced with old vineyards, the views  
over the terracotta roofs are reminiscent  
of Tuscan landscapes while further afield  
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skyline.

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relax than one of the many street cafés  
and bars, with a plate of the local  
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6 naughty  
**3:** 2 scenic 3 quaint 4 vast 5 secluded  
6 awe-inspiring  
**4:** 2 semi, over 3 out, in 4 super, inter 5 ir,  
super 6 co, bi  
**5:** 2 with 3 into 4 in 5 into 6 with  
**6:** 2 b 3 a 4 c 5 d 6 a 7 c 8 b 9 a 10 b  
11 c  
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the village where I was born. 3 That's  
your neighbour whose dog is always  
barking, isn't it? 4 We've got two cars,  
both of which are sports cars. 5 Martin  
started playing games on his phone, at  
which point I walked out of the meeting.  
6 I may have to stay at work late, in  
which case I'll call you.  
**8:** 2 way, costs 3 leeway, schedule  
4 Let's, another 5 try, up 6 about, ideas  
**9:** 2 I'm afraid it's out of the question for you  
to take unpaid leave as we're really busy.  
3 It was totally wrong of Charles to have  
spoken to you the way he did. 4 Given  
the choice, I would travel everywhere on  
public transport. 5 The temperatures are  
going up, without a shadow of a doubt.  
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there's no time to lose.  
**10:** 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 F  
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### Progress Test Units 5–6A

- 1: 2 T 3 F 4 F 5 F 6 T
- 2: 1 Where did you put my dictionary?  
2 I didn't want to tell Paul what had happened.  
3 Please make yourselves comfortable.  
4 Which vegetables would you like with your fish?  
5 I feel compelled to take issue with what you said.  
6 You have never really had faith in me, have you?
- 3: 2 off, out 3 around, away 4 out, up  
5 back, back 6 down, off
- 4: 2 point 3 thing 4 signs 5 explosion  
6 days
- 5: 2 purposes 3 end 4 shop 5 good  
6 head
- 6: 2 Although 3 wasn't 4 forced 5 allowed  
6 however 7 let 8 is 9 traced  
10 because 11 force
- 7: 2 A lot of new houses have been built in the village.  
3 Someone might have seen what happened.  
4 We're getting our car repaired at the moment.  
5 I needn't have kept Josie's secret as everyone knew she was getting married.  
6 Much as we've enjoyed the party, it's really time we went.
- 8: 2 There are a couple of things I'd like to say.  
3 That's something which we should consider carefully.  
4 I'm not sure what that's got to do with the state of the economy.  
5 So, what do you think about conspiracy theories?  
6 Hold on a minute. I wanted to say that I'm actually in agreement with you.
- 9: 1 Basically ~~so~~ I don't see how we can move forward from this impasse.  
2 So, what ~~that~~ I'm really saying is, let's not do anything too hasty.  
3 So, ~~as~~ overall I think we can be pleased with the outcome of today's meeting.  
4 In a conclusion, we shall be contacting our solicitors in due course.  
5 To sum # up, George will be approaching local businesses while we focus on our media contacts.  
6 All in ~~an~~ all, I would say the event has been a great success.
- 10: 2 f 3 d 4 b 5 g 6 c e not needed
- 11: 2 As soon as 3 ever since 4 from then on 5 subsequently 6 eventually

- 12: (sample answer: 219 words)  
I've always enjoyed a challenge, so when I was asked whether I'd like to take part in a charity fundraising trek to Everest Base Camp, I needed no encouragement but immediately said yes. It was only after the euphoria had died down that I realised just how much I'd taken on. Not only did I have to raise funds, but I also quickly came to the conclusion that I would have to set myself a very rigorous training programme to make sure that I'd be fit enough for the adventure of a lifetime.

The sights and sounds of those majestic Himalayan mountains surpassed anything I could have dreamed of. At first we walked through lush, green fields and forests, with blue skies overhead and thundering rivers by our side. This was truly a paradise but as we climbed higher and higher, the air became thinner and walking harder. The trees disappeared and colour did as well. We were surrounded by grey rock, an inhospitable terrain at the best of times. The sense of relief as we all stood at Base Camp was quickly replaced by a sense of urgency to get back down to civilisation. Despite the pain and cold, I wouldn't have missed that experience for the world and am now looking forward to my next challenge.

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- 7: 2 Somebody might have taken your phone by mistake. 3 We're getting the garden landscaped at the moment. 4 Much as we've had a really good time, it's high time we went home. 5 A lot of old trees have been cut down in the village. 6 We needn't have kept Martin's secret, as everyone knew he was being promoted.
- 8: 2 It's not something I've thought about much before. 3 Where do you stand on this? 4 That's an interesting question to consider. 5 Going back to what you were saying about yesterday's meeting ... 6 Getting back to the point, which is the mayor's decision to resign ...
- 9: 1 Basically, so I don't see how we can move forward from this impasse.  
2 So, what that I'm really saying is we should be really proud of our achievements today.  
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4 All in all, I would say the day has gone really well.  
5 So, as overall I think we can be pleased with the way our plans have been received.  
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### Progress Test Units 7–8A

- 1: 2 D 3 C 4 E 5 F 6 B
- 2: 2 Slow down, Martin! 3 Take it easy  
4 Why don't you let your hair down?  
5 It's hard to switch off. 6 I'm going to  
have a breather.
- 3: 2 refuge 3 stranded 4 fled 5 plan  
6 trapped
- 4: 2 dawn 3 foreseeable 4 years 5 outset  
6 verge
- 5: 2 to yourself 3 just in 4 with ... spare  
5 in (the) world 6 on (my) hands
- 6: 2 what 3 was 4 to 5 Tired 6 point  
7 why 8 would 9 meant 10 did 11  
going
- 7: 2 What I would like to know is why I  
**wasn't** informed. 3 I **expect we'll** have  
more time next week. 4 **Dreaming** of a  
romantic holiday in the sun, Julia booked  
her flight to the Greek islands. 5 It was  
Ken **who** borrowed your laptop. 6 We  
**were** supposed to meet up with our  
cousins yesterday but they cancelled at  
the last minute.
- 8: 2 Oh, come on, you can't really believe  
that nonsense! 3 That's the whole point!  
We need to lead by example. 4 All I'm  
trying to say is that you need to be  
patient. 5 Surely you don't think that I'm  
choosing not to work. I'd love a job.  
6 I just think it's too easy to blame  
everything on poor parenting.
- 9: 2 think, else 3 there, missed  
4 managed, up 5 go, detail 6 tell, more
- 10: 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 F 6 T
- 11: 2 Grace danced enthusiastically to the  
band. 3 Memories of my first day at  
school came flooding back to me when I  
smelled that cabbage soup. 4 I have a  
hazy recollection of my grandparents'  
house. 5 Paul has an unquenchable  
thirst for knowledge. 6 I distinctly  
remember the first time I travelled on my  
own.

12: (sample answer: 221 words)

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5 It's hard to switch off. 6 I'm going to have a breather.
- 3: 2 to take 3 break 4 trapped 5 to flee  
6 escape
- 4: 2 future 3 come 4 outset 5 verge  
6 dawn
- 5: 2 to yourself 3 in (the) world 4 on (my) hands 5 just in 6 with, spare
- 6: 2 so 3 was 4 to 5 of 6 on 7 reason  
8 would 9 had 10 never 11 going
- 7: 2 It **was** Joseph who called you yesterday. 3 We **were** supposed to meet up in town but Rob had made other arrangements. 4 What I would like to know is why **you lied** to me. 5 I **expect we'll** be really busy over the summer. 6 **Having** fallen down in the street, Julia felt really embarrassed.
- 8: 2 All I'm trying to say is that I need time to decide what to do. 3 Surely you don't think that I'm as superficial as that. 4 That's the whole point! You need to get a steady job and start behaving responsibly. 5 I just think it's too easy to blame everything on poverty. 6 Oh, come on, you can't be serious about wanting to leave me.
- 9: 2 Can, else 3 anything, missed  
4 Anyone, with 5 go, more 6 tell, us
- 10: 2 T 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 T
- 11: 2 Memories of childhood holidays came flooding back when I smelled the fresh sea air. 3 Peter has a(n) unquenchable thirst for knowledge. 4 Sam rushed enthusiastically to the gate to welcome his cousins. 5 I distinctly remember the first time I travelled on my own, as I was really nervous and almost left my suitcase on the train. 6 I have a hazy recollection of spending time with my aunt when I was really little.

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### Progress Test Units 9–10A

- 1:** 2 up the wall 3 tennis match / final  
4 getting up 5 celebrity gossip 6 cup of tea
- 2:** 2 poignant 3 whistling 4 cupboard  
5 foreigner 6 mosquito
- 3:** 2 stunning 3 subtle 4 offbeat 5 stylish  
6 bleak
- 4:** 2 coming 3 seemed 4 hit 5 has been  
toying 6 gave
- 5:** 2 held, esteem 3 became, success  
4 pay, dues 5 shot, fame 6 to be,  
spotlight
- 6:** 2 would 3 would 4 like 5 only 6 but  
7 absolutely 8 waste 9 rather / sooner  
10 than 11 bit
- 7:** 2 I'd sooner go to Spain this year, given  
the choice. 3 It's high time we started  
saving some money. 4 What if all your  
loved ones were at your birthday party?  
5 No sooner had we heard the news than  
we rushed out of the house. 6 Not only  
does William play the guitar but he also  
plays the piano really well.
- 8:** 2 simply 3 Basically 4 clearly  
5 Seriously 6 totally
- 9:** 2 Can you go into more detail as I'm not  
quite sure what you want from us? 3 Let  
me know if you have any queries about  
the schedule and I'll run through it with  
you. 4 What great news! It looks as  
though we've got a deal. Let's shake on  
it. 5 Please get in touch if there's  
anything else you need to know. 6 If you  
sponsor our idea, we'll (will) make  
concessions for you so it's a win-win  
situation.
- 10:** 2 c 3 f 4 b 5 d 6 e g not needed
- 11:** 2 On 3 into 4 for 5 On 6 In

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travelling is the opportunity to visit  
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has been no exception. 'All We Need' is  
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factory, the cavernous halls are home to  
different facets of life today, ranging from  
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simply, each installation is a feast for all  
the senses. When you are confronted,  
for example, by traditional symbols of  
love such as roses and diamonds, and  
you are then asked to reflect upon how  
they end up in your country, it all  
becomes rather disturbing.

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absorb all of the information on offer. I  
came away with sensory overload,  
unable to speak for some time due to all  
of the disturbing images, statistics and  
sound bites that I'd taken in.

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entertain, then 'All We Need' is the  
perfect example. I would urge anyone  
interested in the future of our planet to go  
along with an open mind and prepared to  
be challenged.

### Progress Test Units 9–10B

- 1:** 2 public places 3 his luck 4 the best thing 5 can't stand 6 absolutely awesome
- 2:** 2 poignant 3 whistling 4 cupboard 5 foreigner 6 mosquito
- 3:** 2 charming 3 bleak 4 stunning 5 subtle 6 offbeat
- 4:** 2 seemed 3 hit 4 coming 5 has been toying 6 gave
- 5:** 2 was, success 3 shot, fame 4 held, esteem 5 be, spotlight 6 pay, dues
- 6:** 2 be 3 have 4 nothing 5 were 6 also 7 absolutely 8 of 9 would / 'd 10 than 11 every
- 7:** 2 I'd rather go to Greece this year, given the choice. 3 Had I slept well, I wouldn't have woken up in a bad mood. 4 Little did we realise we were in danger / the danger we were in. 5 No sooner had the news been broadcast than people rushed into the streets. 6 It's about time we were going home / we went home.
- 8:** 2 simply 3 clearly 4 Seriously 5 completely 6 Basically
- 9:** 2 Let me know if you have any queries about the running order for the day and I'll go through it with you. 3 Please get in touch if you need any more information. 4 Can you go into more detail as I'm a little hazy on the content. 5 If you sponsor our idea, we'll (will) make concessions for you so everyone will benefit. 6 What great news! It looks as though we've got a deal, so let's shake on it.
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- 2: 2 A surprising number of people | are completely unaware | of the threat to the environment.  
3 Nothing I read in the papers | could have prepared me | for what I witnessed yesterday.  
4 Not for the first time | have I been reminded | just how fragile our planet really is.  
5 In her own way, | Gemma is a remarkable woman | who has always followed her dreams.  
6 I've always tried | to lead by example.
- 3: 2 tough 3 couch 4 blanket 5 apple 6 loose
- 4: 2 out 3 sub 4 non 5 mis 6 anti
- 5: 2 illiteracy 3 gender inequality 4 ageism 5 poverty 6 antisocial behaviour
- 6: 2 f 3 a 4 e 5 c 6 d
- 7: 2 will 3 kept 4 always 5 tends 6 inclined
- 8: 2 I wish I'd followed my dream.  
3 If only Stephen were here today.  
4 If I hadn't lost my wallet, I would have my credit cards.  
5 Fred regrets being angry with you.  
6 Had we listened to you, we wouldn't have got lost.
- 9: 2 been waiting 3 had 4 finished 5 mislaid 6 known
- 10: 2 If I had to make a guess, I'd say that  
3 I reckon you're about  
4 I'd hazard a guess that  
5 It makes me think that maybe  
6 I'd say she doesn't look
- 11: 2 objective 3 plan 4 feasible 5 instance 6 long-term
- 12: 2 e 3 a 4 f 5 d 6 c
- 13: 2 c 3 e 4 f 5 d 6 b
- 14: 2 however 3 In fact 4 conversely 5 what is more 6 obviously
- 15: 2 meanwhile 3 afterwards 4 subsequently 5 immediately 6 ever since

- 16: (sample answer: 204 words)  
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Much has been written about a worrying increase in the number of obese people in countries of the developed world. On the one hand, this has been put down to a sedentary lifestyle with most people working or playing at computers for hours every day, but on the other hand, we can attribute the increase to the ready availability of fast food.

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- 1: 2 E 3 C 4 B 5 D 6 F
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- 3: 2 wet 3 rotten 4 cannon 5 cookie 6 potato
- 4: 2 ir 3 inter 4 anti 5 im 6 over
- 5: 2 censorship 3 gender inequality 4 organised crime 5 poverty 6 antisocial behaviour
- 6: 2 f 3 a 4 e 5 c 6 d
- 7: 2 will 3 kept on 4 always 5 prone to 6 inclination
- 8: 2 I wish you would tidy up.  
3 If only Stephen were here today.  
4 If I hadn't forgotten my keys, I wouldn't be locked out of my house.  
5 Laura regrets being so impatient.  
6 But for her bad back, Sarah would have been able to go to work.
- 9: 2 heard 3 known 4 made 5 been waiting 6 had
- 10: 2 I reckon you're about  
3 If I had to make a guess, I'd say that  
4 It makes me think that maybe  
5 I'd hazard a guess that  
6 I'd say she doesn't look
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- 2: 2 Out of sight, out of mind.  
3 Home is where the heart is.  
4 Practise what you preach.  
5 Rome wasn't built in a day.  
6 A picture is worth a thousand words.
- 3: 2 appeal 3 thing 4 trend 5 imagination  
6 risen
- 4: 2 embarrassment 3 expertise  
4 exemplifies 5 rebellious 6 sarcastic  
7 applicants 8 censorship 9 Financially  
10 privatised 11 brighten
- 5: 2 beggars 3 wicked 4 forward 5 worm  
6 count
- 6: 2 be going 3 due to 4 have heard 5 will  
6 starts
- 7: 2 Having spent 3 Not knowing  
4 manufactured 5 Considered  
6 Having been abandoned
- 8: 2 It's high time we went home.  
3 I'd rather you didn't call me at work.  
4 Wouldn't you sooner go for a pizza?  
5 It's about time you knew this grammar.  
6 Mark looks as though he's been  
working too hard.
- 9: 2 nothing like 3 the more 4 miles  
5 marginally 6 barely
- 10: 2 more 3 point 4 logic 5 joking 6 think
- 11: 2 f 3 c 4 b 5 d 6 a
- 12: 2 out 3 in 4 in 5 By 6 into
- 13: 2 f 3 d 4 b 5 e 6 c
- 14: 2 The number of people learning English  
has grown over the last few years.  
3 There has been a gradual decline in  
the quality of language teaching.  
4 The number of teenagers leaving  
school without qualifications has risen  
sharply.  
5 There has been a steady increase in  
the level of unemployment.  
6 The value of property in the UK has  
fallen steadily.
- 15: 2 really fascinating 3 pleasantly  
surprised 4 entertaining 5 highly  
intelligent 6 eccentric

- 16: (sample answer: 193 words)  
So many of my most vivid memories are  
connected with travelling. I think it must  
have something to do with the fact that  
all your senses are heightened when  
you're in an unknown environment.  
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even the most mundane can appear  
exotic. One of my most precious  
memories is of a sleepy little bay in  
South Africa.

Picture in your mind's eye bright blue  
summer skies, golden sands and gentle  
waves rippling backwards and forwards.  
Look more closely and you will see a  
colony of small penguins splashing  
around in the water. No-one knows  
where they have come from, but they  
have taken up residence and have been  
living in harmony with the locals for many  
years now.

Ever since I was a child, penguins have  
been my favourite animals so to be able  
to be so close to them was a dream  
come true. Like little old men in tuxedos,  
many of them just stood motionless,  
staring into the sun, while others ducked  
and dived into the foaming waves. A  
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one which has stayed with me for over  
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### End of Course Test B

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5 loneliness 6 sarcastic 7 exhaustion  
8 censorship 9 Financially 10 elusive  
11 tendency
- 5: 2 choosers 3 iron 4 foot 5 late  
6 chickens
- 6: 2 be enjoying 3 will 4 have left 5 due to  
6 starts
- 7: 2 Having studied 3 Not recognising  
4 made 5 Considered 6 Having been  
rejected
- 8: 2 It's high time you went to bed.  
3 I'd rather you didn't leave your clothes  
all over the floor.  
4 Wouldn't you sooner have a pizza this  
evening?  
5 It's about time you knew the rules.  
6 Stephen looks as though he's been  
working too hard.
- 9: 2 nothing like 3 barely 4 the more  
5 miles 6 marginally
- 10: 2 joking 3 think 4 more 5 point 6 logic
- 11: 2 f 3 c 4 b 5 d 6 a
- 12: 2 into 3 in 4 in 5 out 6 By
- 13: 2 c 3 f 4 b 5 d 6 e
- 14: 2 The value of property in the UK has  
fallen steadily in the last couple of years.  
3 The number of teenagers leaving  
school without qualifications has risen  
sharply.  
4 There has been a steady increase in  
the level of unemployment among young  
people.  
5 The number of people learning  
Chinese has grown over the last few  
years.  
6 Some people believe there has been a  
gradual decline in the quality of language  
teaching.
- 15: 2 extremely interesting 3 pleasantly  
surprised 4 funny and enjoyable  
5 highly intelligent 6 peculiar

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