

## GRAMMAR

## I. Complete the article by putting the verbs in brackets into their correct forms.

No, we 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (**not argue really**), but Tom is very untidy. He 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (**make**) a mess! And Tina always 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (**forget turn**) the lights off when she goes out. I always cook for the others. John 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (**not can cook**), he just 5. \_\_\_\_\_ (**do**) the washing up. Mark doesn't spend much time at home. He loves 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (**ride**) his bike around London so he is always out, but he 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (**not wear**) a helmet. He 8. \_\_\_\_\_ (**study**) to be a London black taxi driver – this 9. \_\_\_\_\_ (**take**) about two years because you 10. \_\_\_\_\_ (**have learn**) all the street names in London. I miss 11. \_\_\_\_\_ (**be**) in our local stadium 12. \_\_\_\_\_ (**watch**) football with my friends and my dad. John is really a family guy. When we 13. \_\_\_\_\_ (**live**) in Copenhagen, he 14. \_\_\_\_\_ (**miss**) his hometown and now he 15. \_\_\_\_\_ (**miss**) home even more.

Total \_\_\_\_\_ / 15 points

## V O C A B U L A R Y

I. First read the article, then complete the chart below. Find all the appropriate words to fill in the chart correctly.

## ROGER FEDERER OR RAFAEL NADAL?

It's a new year, a new decade but an old battle. So far, Roger has won more Grand Slams, but Rafael has beaten Roger more times. Roger and Rafael have been the top seeds in men's tennis since 2005. Roger is an expert on grass courts – he's won in London six times. Rafael is the "King of Clay". At the Beijing Olympics in 2008, Roger won the Gold Medal in the Doubles, Rafael won the Gold Medal in the Singles. Roger hits the ball accurately – he hits most balls exactly where he wants to. Rafael hits the ball hard – he hits every ball with power and spin, so his shots are very hard to return. Former player Ion Tiriac says: "On the tennis court, Federer plays the piano; Nadal plays drums." Federer is very talented and has all the shots, and a great serve, but Nadal wants to win every single point.

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| <b>SPORT (1)</b>         |  | <b>BIGGEST EVENTS (2)</b>  |  |
| <b>PLACE OF PLAY (1)</b> |  | <b>SCORING SYSTEM (1)</b>  |  |
| <b>SURFACES (2)</b>      |  | <b>TECHNICAL TERMS (3)</b> |  |

\_\_\_\_\_ /5 pts

II. Now choose the correct word in the text and circle it.

WHO IS THE WORSE LOSER?

They both **11. hate / love** winning and they **12. love / hate** losing. When Rafael **13. wins / beats** Roger, Roger usually **14. cries / laughs** during the awards ceremony. And after Rafael **15. won / lost** the Wimbledon Final in 2007, his uncle said Rafael **16. cried / lauhged** for an hour.

\_\_\_\_\_ /3 pts

**V O C A B U L A R Y**

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**III. Find the correct word in both texts according the definitions below.**

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| <b>17. ten years</b>   |  |
| <b>18. a player ranked as one of the best</b>  |  |
| <b>19. he doesn't play anymore</b>   |  |
| <b>20. this takes place after a final, when the players receive their prizes (two words)</b> |  |

\_\_\_\_\_ /2 pts

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_ /10 points

**READING**

- I. Read ten paragraphs from someone's diary. There are ten sentences below. After reading, match the paragraphs with the sentences they could go with below. Write: *Day 1, etc.* next to the sentences. Each sentence belongs to only one paragraph.**

**Day 1**

You know how you're supposed to come up with a list of "resolutions" at the beginning of the year to try to make yourself a better person? So this year my resolution is to try to help other people improve. But the thing I'm finding out is that some people don't really appreciate it when you're trying to be helpful.

**Day 2**

When I unwrapped Uncle Charlie's gift, I didn't even know what it was supposed to be. It was a big plastic ring with a net attached to it. Uncle Charlie explained that it was a "Laundry Hoop" for my bedroom. It would make putting away my dirty clothes "fun". I told him he should give me cash so I could buy something I'd actually use. My mum told Uncle Charlie she thought the Laundry Hoop was a great idea. So, basically, it ended up that Uncle Charlie got me a chore for Christmas.

**Day 3**

When me and Rowley got to our bus stop today, we found a nasty surprise. There was a piece of paper taped to our street sign, and it said that effective today, our bus route was "rezoned". Well, I'd like to talk to the genius who came up with that idea, because our street is almost a quarter of a mile from the school.

**Day 4**

So I came up with a totally different idea for what we could do. I remember this thing I saw on TV where the scientists made a "time capsule" and filled it with a bunch of stuff like newspapers and DVDs and things like that. The idea was that in a few hundred years someone will come along and dig it up, and they can learn how people from our time used to live.

**Day 5**

I'm getting really tired of walking to school every day, so this morning I asked mum if she would drive me. The reason I didn't ask her sooner is because mum's car is covered in all those embarrassing bumper stickers, and kids at my school are brutal when it comes to that sort of thing. Today I got a ride from mum, but I told her to let me out behind the school.

**Day 6**

Well I learned my lesson about getting a ride from mum, so I'm back to walking to school. But when I was heading home with Rowley this afternoon, I seriously didn't think I had the energy to make it up the hill to my house. I got an idea. Rowley didn't exactly jump at the idea, so I offered to carry his backpack for him.

**READING**  
(continued)**Day 7**

When I got to my house, I was pretty tired, too. My new thing is that I take a nap every day after school. In fact I live for my naps. Sleeping after school is the only way I can really recharge my batteries. Once I'm out, I can sleep through just about anything.

**Day 8**

Yesterday in the cafeteria, when I emptied out my lunch bag, I got two fruits – and no snacks. This was a pretty big problem. Mum always packs cookies or sugar wafers or something in my lunch bag, and it's usually the only thing I eat.

**Day 9**

Today, when I got home from school, mum was waiting for me, and she didn't look too happy. It turns out the school sent home mid-term report cards, and she got the mail before I could intercept it. Whenever I get in trouble, I ask grandma to come over for dinner, because dad's not gonna act mad at me if grandma's around.

**Day 10**

Tonight I realized all my problems can be traced back to when someone in my family started stealing the lunch snacks. So I decided to catch the thief once and for all. After dinner I went in the laundry room and turned off the light. Then I climbed in an empty basket and waited. Suddenly I heard the sound of crinkling cellophane.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ So I asked Rowley if he'd give me a piggyback ride.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Then she said we were gonna wait for dad to get home to see what he thought.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I am already pretty much one of the best people I know.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ I've tried scraping them off, but whatever kind of glue they put on those things is meant to last until the end.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ It was dad!
6. \_\_\_\_\_ I'm actually kind of becoming an expert at sleeping.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ And what that means is now we have to walk to school.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Since that day, I've been doing my own laundry.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ The scientists buried it in the ground.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ So I had no energy for the rest of that day.

Total \_\_\_\_\_ / 10 points

**LISTENING**

**I. You are going to listen to a Special Report on the radio. Listen and write in the missing words.**

1. We were called at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock this morning.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ classrooms were destroyed.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ was set on fire.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ are destroyed.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ is burnt.
6. You are in Year \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I'm on study \_\_\_\_\_.
8. It could be a problem with the \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Or someone who doesn't like \_\_\_\_\_.
10. There were \_\_\_\_\_ arson attacks in the last two years.

**Total \_\_\_\_\_/5 points**