

GRAMMAR

Look at this letter from Pablo, who is staying in Bath in England, to his friend Antonio. Write the verbs in brackets in the correct form / tense or fill in the proper missing words.

Dear Antonio,

My stay in England is approaching an end. In ten days' time I'll be back in Spain. I can hardly believe that I **1** (**be**) in Bath for three months now. The time is passing so quickly! Yesterday, I **2** (**take**) my final exams. When it started I was so upset that I couldn't remember what I **3** (**learn**) before. However, I hope I **4** (**pass**). I **5** (**let**) you know as soon as I **6** (**get**) the results.

I'd really like to have a holiday **7** the course finishes, but I have to go straight back to Spain. No spare time for me! If it **8** (**be**) possible, I **9** (**visit**) Scotland. Unfortunately, I **10** (**not see**) much of Britain and I **11** (**not be**) to London yet!

I really like England. The people are friendly, the countryside's lovely, and the food's actually quite good. My friend, Alberto, loves it here, too. He even says he wouldn't **12** living here. But for me the problem is the weather. If I could choose between Spain and England, I think I'd **13** live somewhere warmer and drier. Recently it's been **14** terrible – raining every day.

My host family **15** (**be**) really nice to me, taking **16** of me very well. I shall miss them, but I can't **17** to see my family again. My parents were planning to move to Barcelona. They might **18** moved already; I **19** (**not hear**) from them for a while. And I've learnt my brother **20** (**make**) redundant, which is bad, so he **21** (**look**) for a new job lately and I am sure it **22** be very worrying for him and his wife. He says he **23** have to move to another town where there are more jobs, but he's not sure yet.

Yesterday I went to the cinema with Alberto to see *The Secret Mission*. It's the third time Alberto **24** (**see**) it! He **25** really like it and so do I. When we entered the cinema, another friend of his **26** (**already, get**) there and was waiting for us. We had a drink after the film and he said he **27** (**take**) part in another language course in Scotland next year.

I've applied for lots of jobs lately, including one with the EU in Brussels. It **28** (**be**) great if I **29** (**get**) it, but I haven't got a very good chance because they want someone with fluent English and French, and my French isn't very good.

Anyway, I'd **30** book my plane ticket now.

See you next week. I'll give you a ring.

Best wishes,
Pablo

Total points: _____ / 15 pts
(0.5 pt per answer)

V O C A B U L A R Y**A. Use the words in capitals (on the right) to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.**

- | | |
|--|--------------|
| 1 Try to focus on your and not to worry about your weaknesses. | STRONG |
| 2 My geography teacher has great of the globe. | KNOW |
| 3 I sent them a letter of complaint as I was with the service. | SATISFACTION |
| 4 He is a kind person. He is to all people. | RESPECT |
| 5 Despite her, she achieved a lot in her life. | DISABLE |
| 6 I wanted to apologize for the I had caused. | CONVENIENT |
| 7 Some poor countries have a high rate of because a large number of people have no jobs. | EMPLOY |
| 8 I got quite a shock to have heard of his | REFUSE |
| 9 School tests make a lot of students | ANXIETY |
| 10 She told a little girl to look before crossing the road. | CAUTION |

_____ / 5 pts
(0.5 pt per answer)

B. Choose and circle the most appropriate word that fits in each of the following sentences.

- 1 ____ your sandals if you are going out. The sand on the beach is burning hot.
A Put off B Put on C Take on D Put away
- 2 After we'd ____ the shopping, we went to a café.
A made B done C had D ended
- 3 They live in a ____-end street, so there is very little traffic outside their house.
A finish B blind C dead D closed
- 4 My parents have to pay a ____ to help me prepare for my GCSEs.
A lecturer B tutor C instructor D trainer
- 5 Luckily, the giant panda hasn't died out yet, but it is a/an ____ species.
A captive B protective C endangered D extinct
- 6 This is a major scientific ____ that marks the beginning of a whole new era.
A outbreak B breakthrough C break-in D breakdown
- 7 I tried calling John four times this morning, but I couldn't get ____ .
A over B across C through D along
- 8 The switchboard operator asked for the ____, but I had no idea.
A clap B end-number C line D extension
- 9 Drop me a ____ when you get a chance.
A sentence B word C line D letter
- 10 I haven't got a ____ line, only a cell phone.
A land B home C fix D firm

_____ / 5 pts
(0.5 pt per answer)

Total: _____ / 10 pts

READING COMPREHENSION

- A. Read the text about gold. Five sentence parts have been removed. Put the sentence parts in the right place in the numbered gaps. There is one sentence extra which cannot be used. You should write your answers below the text.**

GOLD

Gold has always been regarded as a symbol of power and wealth since civilization began. In many communities or societies, gold was seen as a magic substance which could protect people against illness or evil spirits. It is the one material that has always been accepted in exchange for goods or services. Mankind never seems to have enough gold and the search for it has driven men mad. The need to search for gold has been compared to a disease, and is called 'gold fever'. Throughout 1849, people around the United States (mostly men) borrowed money, mortgaged their property or spent their life savings to make the arduous journey to California. In pursuit of the kind of wealth they had only dreamed of, they left their families and hometowns; in turn, **1** such as running farms or businesses. Thousands of would-be gold miners travelled overland across the mountains or by sea.

In spite of man's constant search for gold, **2** is only enough to make a solid block of eighteen cubic metres, the size of a large house.

Industry

Because gold is untarnishable, workable, almost indestructible, durable, reflective and conductive, it has a number of industrial uses. Gold is measured in troy ounces (31.1 grams). One ounce can be drawn into 80 kilometres of wire. A single grain (0.065 grams) can be beaten down to make a sheet which would cover this page.

Between 20 and 30 ounces are needed for every jet engine. Gold coatings, 0.000024 mm thick, **3**. The windscreen of high speed aircraft have a gold electric heating element, which is used to prevent icing. Spacecraft are protected against radiation by a thin layer of the metal. As it conducts electricity well and does not tarnish, gold is used in computers and electric consumer goods. For many years it has been blended with oils and applied as decoration to china and glass. Because it is so reflective, it is employed in the manufacture of some roof tiles and glass. Gold has always been prescribed for various ailments, **4**.

Decorations

Because gold is valuable, bright, rare, attractive, durable and untarnishable, it has always been used for decorative purposes. Gold works of art were created by many of the great civilizations of the past, **5**. Since time immemorial gold has been coveted and desired. Until recent years it was worn only by the very rich and was considered the ultimate status symbol.

Gold jewellery is made to four standards, 22, 18, 14 and 9 carats. 18 carat gold is 18 parts gold out of 24, which is pure gold. That is, 18 carats is 75% pure gold. 24 carat gold is too soft for most purposes.

In traditional Indian cooking, gold flakes are used to decorate food and are consumed. In Britain, gold is hallmarked using a system which dates back to the twelfth century. There are five marks on gold which has been tested for quality in Britain.

(Continued on the next page.)

Finance

The first gold coin was issued by King Croesus of Lydia in the sixth century BC. Today gold still plays an important part in the international monetary system. About thirty years' production of gold is held by central banks and monetary authorities, in spite of efforts to reduce its importance. New deposits of gold are being found, and old mines are being reopened and it is likely that **6**. Gold can be bought by private investors in the forms of bars, coins and medals, as well as jewellery.

Gold production

Gold is found on all continents, but 85% of the annual output of gold is produced by four countries: South Africa, Russia, Canada, and the USA.

At times of economic uncertainty, investors rush hysterically to buy gold and the price soars, often only to fall back again. Gold fever is in many ways irrational, but historically gold has always held its value, and it is likely that in an uncertain world, it will continue to do so.

- A** *and may be seen in museums all over the world*
- B** *are used to reflect heat from jet engine exhausts*
- C** *is being used to squeeze gold from the rock*
- D** *the amount which has been produced since the beginning of time*
- E** *gold will always be valued as protection against inflation*
- F** *and is used today to treat cancer and arthritis*
- G** *the women left behind took on new responsibilities*

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

_____ / 6 pts
(1 pt per answer)

B. Read the text again and find out if the statements are T (true) or F (false) according to the text.

- 1 In the past people used to believe gold kept them safe and sound. _____
- 2 When searching for gold, people fell ill with high temperature. _____
- 3 The reason why gold is used in electronics is its high price. _____
- 4 To make a book page, you need 0.065 grams of pure gold. _____

_____ / 4 pts
(1 pt per answer)

Total: _____ / 10 pts

LISTENING**A. Listen to an interview with Barbara, a fashion designer. Find out if the five following statements are true or false. Write T (true) or F (false) opposite each statement.**

- 1 Fashion designers of the '80s influenced Barbara. _____
- 2 She had a problem at school because of the strange colour of her hair. _____
- 3 The fashion designer Galliano criticized her unique style. _____
- 4 Two years after graduation, she opened her own high-street shop. _____
- 5 When designing new clothes, Barbara is inspired
by Western fashion and famous designers. _____

_____ / **2.5 pts**
(0.5 pt per answer)

B. Listen again and fill in the gaps with the proper words.

- 6 Some teachers didn't allow her to stay at school
for a bad model to other students. (one word)
- 7 Students' final designs were by John Galliano. (one word)
- 8 She wouldn't have liked to work for eminent (one word)
- 9 Her designs are by her own style. (one word)
- 10 If you want to be stylish, try to tips from people around you. (two words)

_____ / **2.5 pts**
(0.5 pt per answer)

Total: _____ / **5 pts**
(0.5 pt per answer)

Autor: PaedDr. Anna Brisudová

Recenzent: doc. PhDr. Jana Bérešová, PhD.

Korektor: Joshua M. Ruggiero

Olympiáda v anglickom jazyku – celoštátne kolo

Vydal: IUVENTA – Slovenský inštitút mládeže, Bratislava 2017