

GRAMMAR

I. Complete the text by inserting the correct prepositions.

My wife complained that something was wrong 1. _____ her. She said she had a pain 2. _____ her back and that she was suffering 3. _____ bad headaches. Because she was getting worse and worse, I sent 4. _____ a doctor. Immediately afterwards she was taken 5. _____ hospital. Yesterday she was operated 6. _____. Now she feels much better.

_____ / 6 pts

II. Complete the sentences by putting the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

When 7. _____ your daughter _____ (to graduate) from her school?

You should 8. _____ (to know) that you 9. _____ (must, to talk, not) during a test, young man.

If you just 10. _____ (to ask), we 11. _____ (to come) over.

You ought 12. _____ (to be) more careful.

I 13. _____ never _____ (to have) a pet. I'd like 14. _____ (to have) one.

Look at that child! He 15. _____ (to walk) in the middle of the street.

_____ / 9 pts

Total: _____ / 15 points

V O C A B U L A R Y

I. Choose the word which the best completes each sentence. Circle a), b), c) or d).

1. When you ____ this red button, the machine stops.

- a) hit b) lift c) press d) pull

2. Can you help me? I can't ____ how to start this machine.

- a) do in b) get on c) set down d) work out

3. Don't touch that wire or you may get an electric ____.

- a) attack b) current c) shock d) surprise

4. The door will open if you ____ it hard.

- a) hold b) knock c) push d) throw

5. You can get drinking water by turning this ____.

- a) knob b) pipe c) switch d) tap

6. He wanted a bath but couldn't find the ____.

- a) cork b) lid c) plug d) stopper

7. I ____ the door-bell several times but there was no one at home.

- a) knocked b) pulled c) rang d) squeezed

8. Who left the tap running? There's a ____ of water on the floor.

- a) bucket b) pool c) heap d) stain

9. We'll have to use the stairs as the lift is out of ____.

- a) function b) movement c) practice d) order

10. The water could not flow freely because the pipe was ____.

- a) blocked b) bolted c) loaded d) trapped

_____ / 5 pts (half-point for each)

V O C A B U L A R Y
(continued)

II. Complete the following sentences with the appropriate words related to football.

11. The “instructor” of a team is the _____.
12. The game takes place on a _____.
13. The leader of the team is the _____.
14. The man in the _____ is the goal-keeper.
15. The match starts with a _____.
16. During the match each team tries to _____ as many goals as possible.
17. The players of the other team are the _____.
18. The man who enforces the rules during the match is the _____.
19. Playing correctly is called _____ play.
20. Unfair moves are called _____.

_____ / 5 points (half point for each)

Total: _____ / 10 points

READING COMPREHENSION**I. Read the text carefully. There are two tasks to do on the next page.****How house proud are you?****These are the biggest signs - and some of them are truly WEIRD.**

Do you buy fresh flowers for your home every week, or vacuum the curtains? If you said yes to all the above, then you'd be considered truly house proud according to a new survey.

Researchers carried out an in depth look at the cleaning habits of the nation – and uncovered some rather strange things.

Among just a few of the tricks people play when guests come round is pretending not to have a cleaner and making sure the children are out when guests arrive. A further 21% tidy up by hiding things in the garage or garden shed to make their houses look less cluttered, while another 20% light a scented candle.

But unfortunately around one in three (35%) are in such a rush to tidy up they forget where they put things away. Others (27%) admitted they find it frustrating when guests leave the house looking a mess. And almost one in ten (8%) even went as far as to admit they had told off guests for being untidy.

The survey also revealed Birmingham to be the leader among the UK's cities, with a staggering 80% of people claiming their home is always clean and tidy. The people of Leeds – where 79% claim to keep their abodes clean at all times – came in second and those in Liverpool and London were a joint third. But there was bad news for Scots, as the people of Edinburgh came bottom of the house-proud pile, with just 59% saying they keep their home as dust-free as possible.

“Not only is it great to discover the UK's most house-proud region but it is interesting to reveal Brits are more house-proud than they have ever been, with more time and effort spent improving the home.”

And when it comes to impressing friends, family and even more importantly neighbours, we employ a host of quick fixes to ensure our house looks the best.

A spokesperson for Anglian Home Improvements said: “We undertook this research to gain a greater understanding of the UK's attitudes to maintaining their homes and our findings show we well and truly live up to our reputation of being a house-proud nation. It also emerged the average Brit rates their home's cleanliness as a 6.9 out of ten.”

Ironing is the chore we spend most of our time doing, followed by hoovering and the dreaded job of cleaning the oven. Buying fresh flowers before guests arrive (27%) was the most popular ruse, while 24% of us put out freshly washed towels in our bathrooms.

When it comes to home improvements, the average Brit has spent around £6,988 over the last five years, with another £441 each year on furniture.

READING COMPREHENSION – TASKS

I. Based on what you have read in the article, decide whether the statements below are true (T) or false(F). Circle one of the letters.

1. Many families have a cleaner. T / F
2. Some people put their things away and then look for them. T / F
3. Guests are usually very untidy. T / F
4. Hosts spray a nice scent around the house. T / F
5. It is difficult to believe over 50% people keep their home clean and tidy. T / F
6. The survey shows that Brits are not a house-proud nation. T / F
7. People put out clean towels when guests arrive. T / F

II. Define the following words (underlined in the text) by circling one of the three words with the closest meaning.

8. weird
a) worried b) unexceptional c) strange, unusual
9. ruse
a) bad idea b) clever plan c) extra time
10. abodes
a) place where you live b) hidden place c) place where you welcome guests

Total: _____ / 10 points

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

You will hear some information about the charity Water Aid. In the gaps provided, write one or two words or the number you have heard to complete the sentences.

1. The Water Aid charity helps people gain access to _____ and _____.
2. Since 1990 clean water and standard toilets have become a reality for _____ people.
3. Some eco-community residents live in _____. (*name of country*)
4. Sister Sarah used to get water from _____.
5. _____ was a common health problem.
6. Running water helps to improve people's _____.
7. Eco-communities are careful about how much _____ they use.
8. The charity has now been helping communities for _____ years.
9. As a child, Nigel Saville only got a limited amount of _____.
10. Nigel's daughter uses a _____ for gardening.

Total _____ / 5 points (half-point for each)

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