

G R A M M A R

Complete the article by filling the gaps with the proper verb form or verb tense. Write your answers in the spaces below the article. Example: (00) entertained

She took her time, recording those memories. The smell of coffee, the taste of buttery pastry. The natty businessmen with cell phones pressed to their ears, the intricate knots of the scarves fluttering around women's throats. She 00 (entertain) the fantasy that surely danced in the head of every American who 01 (visit, ever) Paris: What would it be like to miss my plane? To just linger here, in this café, in this glorious city, for the rest of my life?

But in the end, she 02 (rise) from her table and hailed a taxi to the airport. In the end she walked away from the fantasy, from Paris, but only because she promised herself she 03 (return, someday). She just didn't know when.

Her flight home 04 (delay) three hours. That's three hours that 05 (walk, could) walking along the Seine, she thought as she sat disgruntled in Charles de Gaulle. Instead, she 06 (trap) in an airport so crowded with travellers she could find no place 07 (sit). By the time she finally boarded the Air France jet, she was tired and thoroughly cranky. One glass of wine was all it took for her to fall into a deep and dreamless sleep.

Only as the plane began its descent into Boston 08 (she, awaken). Her head ached, and the setting sun glared in her eyes. The headache intensified as she stood in baggage claim, watching suitcase after suitcase, none of them hers, 09 (slide) down the ramp. It grew up to a relentless pounding as she later waited in line to file a claim for her missing luggage. By the time she finally stepped into a taxi with only her carry-on bag, darkness 10 (fall), and she wanted nothing more than a hot bath and a hefty dose of Advil. She sank back in the taxi and once again drifted off to sleep.

The sudden braking of the vehicle awakened her. Stirring, she gazed through bleary eyes at flashing blue lights. It took a moment for her to register what she 11 (look) at. Then she realized that they had turned onto the street where she 12 (live), and sat up, instantly alert, alarmed by what she saw. Four Brookline police cruisers 13 (park), their roof lights slicing through the darkness.

She handed the driver the fare, grabbed her carry-on bag, and stepped out of the taxi. Only moments before she 14 (feel) dull and groggy; now the warm June night itself seemed electric with tension. She started up the sidewalk, her sense of anxiety growing as she drew closer to the gathering of bystanders. 15 (happen, something) to one of her neighbours?

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Olympiáda v anglickom jazyku, 31. ročník, krajské kolo 2020/2021, kategória 2C2 – úlohy**V O C A B U L A R Y**

Read the article below. Use the word given in CAPITALS at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Temptation

While everybody is –00– for their own finances and debts, banks and money—–01– have been bending over –02– to tempt borrowers with cheap money. Easy credit has been –03– available and companies have been aggressively touting for business with –04– offers.

Some companies that lend money have been lending new –05– sums above the property market value and at the very limit of the borrower's payment –06–. As a multiple of –07–, how much people can borrow varies –08– from bank to bank, but typically is in the region of four to five times annual salary. Each time the credit limit is reached, a new, higher threshold is set, pushing the borrower into ever-higher debt.

But not everyone is driven by –09– and the lure of –10– cheap money. At the bottom of the credit market are people on low –11– who always struggle to make ends meet at the end of the month and need a sub to tide them over until –12–. Until regulators stepped in, –13– firms were allowed to charge outrageous levels of interest on smallish (say between GBP 50-500), –14– (a few days to 30 days) loans. One per cent a day may not sound much, but many borrowers found –15– paying back four or five times the amount borrowed. On –16– benefits, they needed to borrow yet again to make up the –17– caused by the hefty repayment cost.

In 2016, the debt charity StepChange dealt with a record 600,000 –18– for help and advice, and are warning that the number of people experiencing debt crisis and possible family break-up should 'set alarm bells ringing'.

Better controls on –19– borrowing and lending may prevent a repeat of the sub-prime crash, but for those already in debt up to their –20–, the measures may be too little, too late.

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REQUIRE	18
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Total points:/10pts

R E A D I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N

Read the article about mapping avocado DNA. For questions 01-10, decide which of the sentences (A-M) above the article best fits into each of the numbered gaps in the article. There are three extra sentences.

Still for Brunch in a Warming World

- A** which is now a staple of the millennial diet
- B** they could have cultivated in these conditions
- C** to increase the productivity of the soil
- D** heat waves will become more common
- E** it had mapped the DNA sequences of several types of avocado
- F** forcing the team to cobble together money from other sources
- G** causing price increases across the United States
- H** which last year totalled 300 million pounds
- I** to create genetically modified varieties
- J** suppliers had to import fruit from abroad
- K** makes it difficult to grow in a laboratory
- L** can resist disease or survive in drier conditions
- M** experts had previously understood

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In September 2019, a team of scientists in the United States and Mexico announced that – 01 –, including the popular Hass variety. That research is likely to become the foundation for breeding techniques and genetic modifications designed to produce avocados that – 02 –.

Whether they realize it or not, this could be big news for toast-munching hipsters. Already, rising temperatures are disrupting the avocado supply chain, – 03 – that have also been exacerbated by trade uncertainty.

The history of the avocado dates to the Aztecs, who named the fruit ‘huacatl’, sometimes used as slang for ‘testicle’. Thousands of years later, a young Australian chef named Bill Granger is often credited with being the first chef to serve avocado toast, – 04 –, a symbol of modern decadence and an Instagram sensation.

The avocado is not changing yet. In recent years, scientists have sequenced the genomes of a number of fruits and have used that information – 05 –. But a genetically modified avocado is still a long way off, partly because avocado trees can take at least three years to mature.

As climate change intensifies, however, the challenges facing the industry are becoming increasingly urgent. The heat wave in California last year disrupted the development of this summer’s avocado crop, which meant – 06 –. The wholesale price of a box of four dozen avocados more than doubled.

Over the next few years, – 07 –, scientists and industry experts predict. A recent study by scientists in California estimated that climate change could reduce the state’s avocado production, – 08 –, by 40 per cent over the next three decades.

Identifying genes that confer heat tolerance and drought tolerance can help scientists engineer avocados for the future. Still, the genetic research is likely to be controversial. Dr Herrera-Estrella and his collaborators in Mexico have already had to navigate the complex politics of biotechnology. Their avocado project began in 2012 with a \$2.5 million grant from the Mexican agriculture ministry. Three years later, however, the government – which has grown increasingly resistant to genetic research over the years – declined to renew the funding, – 09 –. Mexico’s agriculture ministry did not respond to a request for comment.

The researchers also faced scientific hurdles. Unlike crops such as corn or maize, the avocado has a complex structure that – 10 –. To collect samples of the different varieties, the scientists had to travel to remote regions of Mexico, including areas where drug cartels control the local economy.

Total points:/10pts

L I S T E N I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N

You will hear five illustrative texts to the topics. For statements 01-08, match texts A-E which you will hear. Three statements do not directly match the texts; write X instead of a number for them. You will score five points.

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| 01 | What our birth certificate says is not important. | |
| 02 | It was her openness that drew me to her. | |
| 03 | I think that's the mark of a good friendship. | |
| 04 | It's like putting on a pair of comfortable slippers. | |
| 05 | It made me realise how much I care. | |
| 06 | She has taught me not to take things to heart so much. | |
| 07 | The pair of us shares a real passion for clothes. | |
| 08 | Our lives have changed so much since we met. | |

Total points:/5

Participant Name: _____

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VOCABULARY: PROGRESSIVE TEST

List as many words related to money as possible. You will score 1 point for every 5 correctly spelled answers.

For example: *exchange rate*

Total points:pts

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