

## GRAMMAR

*I. Read the following dialogue. Complete the text by putting the verbs in brackets into the correct forms.*

**JIM:** Hello, Ben. I \_\_\_\_\_ 1. (not see) you for ages.

**BEN:** Hello, Jim. How are you?

**JIM:** Fine, thanks. I \_\_\_\_\_ 2. (just start) a new job as a car salesman. I  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3. (start) on Monday.

**BEN:** How many cars \_\_\_\_\_ 4. (sell)?

**JIM:** Well, none yet. Up to now I \_\_\_\_\_ 5. (learn) about the job. I think I  
\_\_\_\_\_ 6. (go) to like it.

**BEN:** You \_\_\_\_\_ 7. (have) a sports car when you were at college, I  
\_\_\_\_\_ 8. (remember).

**JIM:** Yes, and I've still got it. I \_\_\_\_\_ 9. (have) it for years. I \_\_\_\_\_  
10. (love) sports cars.

*II. Complete the text by putting the verbs in brackets into the correct past tense.*

11. The police \_\_\_\_\_ (get) to Clare's house immediately but the burglars  
\_\_\_\_\_ (disappear).

12. I \_\_\_\_\_ (thank) her for everything she \_\_\_\_\_ (do).

13. I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) nervous during the flight because I \_\_\_\_\_ (not fly) on  
a plane before.

14. When my car \_\_\_\_\_ (break) down, I \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) a garage.

15. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (open) the door, a friend \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) there.

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

## VOCABULARY

*I. Choose and circle the best word to finish each sentence.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_. Have a great weekend!  
A/ I'm on                      B/ I'm off                      C/ I'm for                      D/ I'm through
2. Martin is free tomorrow. We can all \_\_\_\_\_.  
A/ hang out                      B/ try out                      C/ go out                      D/ keep out
3. Always \_\_\_\_\_ everything \_\_\_\_\_ before making a serious decision.  
A/ check \_\_ through                      B/ look \_\_ through                      C/ think \_\_\_\_ through                      D/ hang \_\_\_\_ through
4. This species of bird \_\_\_\_\_ in extraordinary numbers.  
A/ arises                      B/ breeds                      C/ dwells                      D/ sheds
5. Why is your knee \_\_\_\_\_ up? I fell off my bicycle.  
A/ bind                      B/ binded                      C/ bunded                      D/ bound

*II. Choose and circle the best word to finish each sentence.*

6. The TV programme was so **bored / boring** that I fell asleep.
7. Some people do not go out at night because they are **frightened / frightening** that someone will rob them.
8. Most people were **confused / confusing** after listening to the talk.
9. I was **bored / boring** most of the time, because...
10. ...I didn't find it a very **interested / interesting** film.

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

**READING**

- I. **Read the following text about a village. Below the text you have ten missing parts (letters A-J) which have been removed from the text. Be careful, one of them is extra and does not fit. Write the letter of the correct part in the spaces (1-9) provided in the text.**

*'I visited the lovely Sunderland village in a unique location which borders three boroughs.'*

Springwell Village is in a very accessible location but it can be hard to pinpoint exactly where that is. When looking for places to go for a weekend feature, I wasn't quite sure where I was headed. That's because I was visiting Springwell Village – certainly a unique location as the village has been associated **1.** \_\_\_\_\_ over the course of its history. Springwell Village was formerly part of County Durham and has a Gateshead postal address, being located right on the border between the boroughs. It is actually classed as being in Sunderland, however, with accessibility to other areas such as Washington and Newcastle.

The first houses in the area were constructed in 1821 for the workers of the nearby colliery, with the village being able to retain much of this character. The Bowes Railway Museum is on **2.** \_\_\_\_\_, with the railway having served the colliery from 1826 until 1974, and a short part of the route now operating as the museum.

I decided to visit what is seen as the hub of the village first of all, by going to the Springwell Village Community Venue, a charity that provides a wide range of services, activities, and **3.** \_\_\_\_\_. They have regular weekly groups and clubs, catering for all ages and abilities, as well as a community cafe which is always busy. A manager said: 'We are in a great location for people to get to and we have been open for 63 years, coming out of the pandemic in a strong place and with a new community cafe to boast. We have definitely been getting busier and busier, especially the cafe, which is always busy **4.** \_\_\_\_\_ every day. There are a lot of lovely people who are coming to use the cafe or join one of our activities, which are £2 per family, but we also offer a loyalty card option of £8 per five sessions. We are looking to keep everything low-cost and can fully reassure those that use the service that nothing will be going up. We have been supported massively by other charities such as FareShare and I hope **5.** \_\_\_\_\_.'

My next stop was The Guide Post pub, which has been managed by Joanne Stones since February. She said: 'This is a lovely little village and I feel like I have really been welcomed by everyone here so I could not be happier at the moment. Things have been good, we have been busy and it picked up right after I came in; there is a huge amount **6.** \_\_\_\_\_. I love getting involved with the 1940s weekends here as everyone gets together and the immersion of it is incredible. Everyone gets so involved, **7.** \_\_\_\_\_, as well as bringing in so many more people to the village than on normal weekends. I really hope that we can be here as part of the future of the village as it is such a special place, in my opinion.'

Finally, I talked to Steve Ewart, a resident of Springwell Village who has lived in the area for 25 years. He has given his thoughts on the village and how he has seen things change in the time that he has been living there. He said: 'I believe that Springwell Village is a fantastic little place, and in a way it is losing its village status with opposition for new builds on the brown-belt land. The new housing does have its benefits **8.** \_\_\_\_\_ to the area which is always a positive. The community centre and the social club are both great places, and it is a very eye-catching place when it comes to people driving through it. I am really glad to be based here and I look forward to continue doing so.'

From what I could see, Springwell Village seems to be a place that is very well placed to be successful. Despite **9.** \_\_\_\_\_, there are a lot of nearby places that serve the residents very well. There seems to be a great community there and it was great to speak to some of the people who both contribute to and benefit from this. I will certainly be visiting Springwell Village again, particularly for one of its 1940s weekends that I have heard so much about.

**READING**  
*(continued)*

*A/ a meeting space for people of all ages*

*B/ a lack of business in the village itself*

*C/ with the cost-of-living crisis*

*D/ from its opening to its closing*

*E/ with three different North East boroughs*

*F/ that can be here for a long time to come*

*G/ the outskirts of the village*

*H/ of togetherness here with the staff, which is so helpful too*

*I/ dressing up, and it helps out all of the businesses*

*J/ however, as it brings in new people*

II. ***Now write the answer YES or NO to this statement at the end.***

10. \_\_\_\_\_ The Community Venue and The Guide Post in Springwell Village will be keeping their prices affordable for the people that meet there.

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

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

*Listen carefully and fill in the information needed below. Write one-word answers.*

1. This part of the Union Flag contains the \_\_\_\_\_ cross of St. \_\_\_\_\_, for England, on a white background.
2. This part of the Union Flag contains the \_\_\_\_\_ diagonal cross of St. \_\_\_\_\_, for Scotland, on a blue background.
3. This part of the Union Flag contains the \_\_\_\_\_ diagonal cross of St. \_\_\_\_\_, for Northern Ireland, on a white background.
4. A clover-like plant, the \_\_\_\_\_, is the national emblem for Irish people.
5. Is Wales represented in the Union Flag? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ / 5 points

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