

GRAMMAR

Read the text and write ONE word in the space provided for each question (1–15).

How Much Time Do You Need to Reach Fluency?

When you give yourself (0) a short deadline, rather (1) _____ thinking you have plenty of time, you tend to work (2) _____ efficiently as possible. Deadlines (3) _____ one, two, or six months are excellent for this reason. Even (4) _____ you are more interested in a year deadline, break that year (5) _____ smaller achievable chunks.

You (6) _____ have to pick three months for your major end goal; I've also had missions of "conversational in one or two months" and "get by (7) _____ a confident tourist in a few weeks", but my successes have (8) _____ often been with a three-month timeline.

(9) _____ three months feels right to you, focus on one project and have (10) _____ adventurous end goal. You don't have to pick fluency, (11) _____ look at that CEFR* table and see (12) _____ level would be enough (13) _____ a challenge to truly push you but still (14) _____ realistic, given (15) _____ time you can put in.

*CEFR – Common European Framework of Reference

0 _____ <i>a</i> _____	8 _____
1 _____	9 _____
2 _____	10 _____
3 _____	11 _____
4 _____	12 _____
5 _____	13 _____
6 _____	14 _____
7 _____	15 _____

Total _____/15pts

Fluent in Three Months, Benny Lewis, 2012, text adapted

VOCABULARY

Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits the space in the same line.

BURNOUT

For those of you taking on this project full-time, there's a 0/ _____ catch. **SNEAK**

If your 1/ _____ project is made up of brain-melting moments, you **ENTIRELY**

can burn out 2/ _____ quickly. **CREDIBLE**

3/ _____, burnout is one of the biggest reasons people give up on learning **FORTUNE**

a language entirely. At first, I thought three months of 4/ _____ learning **ATTENTION**

would be the 5/ _____ amount of time to reach my target, without any **IDEALITY**

breaks at all to speak English. What I 6/ _____ figured out, though, was **EVENT**

that I could only keep up this kind of active, 7/ _____ learning for about **INTENSITY**

three weeks. Then I couldn't retain anything else for about a week. I probably

reached the point of my personal 8/ _____. If you have greater **LIMITATIVE**

9/ _____ than little old me, then perhaps you can keep on going, but **ENDURE**

I think most people 10/ _____ reach a burnout point. **PRACTICE**

0. _____ *sneaky* _____

6. _____

1. _____

7. _____

2. _____

8. _____

3. _____

9. _____

4. _____

10. _____

5. _____

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the biography and complete the tasks below the text.

JIMMY WALES

A – Jimmy Wales is an American Internet entrepreneur. He is best known for founding and managing the website Wikipedia, a free online encyclopaedia. Describing Wikipedia in 2004, Wales said, “Imagine a world in which every single person on the planet is given free access to the sum of all human knowledge. That’s what we’re doing.”

B – Wales was born in 1966 in Alabama, USA. His father worked in a shop and his mother was a teacher. As a child, Wales enjoyed reading. When he was just three years old, his mother bought a *World Book Encyclopaedia* from a door-to-door salesman. When he was a school boy, he went to a tiny school near his home. Later on, he attended Randolph School which, unusually in those days, had a computer room for students to use. After leaving school, Wales studied finance at university.

C – Becoming an adult, Wales was sharply critical of the government’s treatment of the school, citing the “constant interference and bureaucracy and very sort-of snobby inspectors from the state” as a formative influence on his political philosophy. Having completed his education, Wales found a job in the finance sector. Between 1994 and 2000, he worked for Chicago Options Associates and made a great deal of money. During this time, he also created a new search engine.

D – In 2000, Wales left his job and started an online encyclopaedia called Nupedia. Shortly after that, it occurred to Wales and his colleague, Larry Sanger, that another form of online encyclopaedia was possible: one which allowed its users to write and edit the pages themselves. This new encyclopaedia became known as Wikipedia. It was a huge success, and now has about eight million articles in 253 different languages.

E – He taught at different universities during his postgraduate studies but did not write the doctoral dissertation required for a PhD, something he ascribed to boredom. Since founding Wikipedia, Wales has worked on various commercial projects. However, in 2003 he decided to make Wikipedia itself part of the nonprofit Wikimedia Foundation.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jimmy_Wales, text adapted

READING COMPREHENSION
(continued)

TASK I. Put these events in Jimmy's life into the order they are mentioned.

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| <i>a</i> He developed Wikipedia with a colleague. | _____ |
| <i>b</i> He made Wikipedia part of a non-profit foundation. | _____ |
| <i>c</i> As a child he went to a very small school. | <u> 1 </u> |
| <i>d</i> He showed disagreement with the educational system. | _____ |
| <i>e</i> He went to Randolph School. | _____ |
| <i>f</i> He left Chicago Options Associates. | _____ |
| <i>g</i> He founded Nupedia. | _____ |
| <i>h</i> He got a job in the finance sector. | _____ |
| <i>i</i> He developed a new search engine. | _____ |

Total _____/8 pts

TASK II. Match the paragraphs (A, B, C, D, or E) in the biography with five of these descriptions. The first has been done for you.

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 - Reputation and legacy | _____ |
| 2 - Main achievement | _____ |
| 3 - Birth and education | _____ |
| 4 - Introduction | <u> A </u> |
| 5 - Early experiences at work | _____ |
| 6 - Old age and death | _____ |
| 7 - Other work since main achievement | _____ |

Total _____/2 pts

LISTENING

You will hear five people talking about a problem they had when eating out. Match the speakers with the problems A – G. There are two letters you will not need.

Speaker 1 _____

Speaker 2 _____

Speaker 3 _____

Speaker 4 _____

Speaker 5 _____

A – ate in a different restaurant from the one they'd booked

B – had to wait a while for a table

C – had to wait a while for the food

D – booked a table but was not able to find the restaurant

E – ended up eating a takeaway

F – ended up having something at home

G – cancelled the table due to the weather

Total _____/5pts

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