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Read the text below and fill in each gap with a proper verb tense or verb form. Write your answers in the spaces below the article. Spelling counts! There is an example at the beginning (0).

David Beckham is set to earn \$400 million over 20 years in a huge new deal, the *Mirror* can reveal.

The star -0- ... (ink) a new perfume contract which insiders say is worth \$20 million a year – totalling £292 million.

Insiders say the extraordinary amount of money -01- ... (show) that Brand Beckham is unaffected by the fallout over his son Brooklyn's statement. One said: "Brand Beckham is well and truly booming." David -02- ... (turn) over more than \$1 billion in sales with his fragrance over the last 20 years. He has entered into an exclusive license agreement with Interparfums, Inc., to create new perfumes under his brand. The deal -03- ... (strike) by Authentic Brands Group, the U.S.-based intellectual property giant which manages his name worldwide. David is a shareholder in the company. Insiders say that despite the huge sadness over events of the last week, they -04- ... (rally) behind one another.

A source said: "They've just kept their heads down and it's been very much business as usual. As well as David's deal, Cruz's tour with his band -05- ... (sell out) at the moment, Victoria's single has got to number one, and she is also enjoying a strong sales month for her fashion and beauty."

Speaking this week about his perfume deal, Becks said: "I'm delighted to announce my partnership with Interparfums to evolve my fragrances for the long-term. Together with their world-leading team, we -06- ... (create) products that are distinctive and timeless." The company hopes to make \$50 million in the first year alone.

The family has kept a dignified silence since Brooklyn's explosive social media post. But they have been buoyed by the supportive comments. The source added: "It means a lot to them how the public is behind them." News of the deal comes as they -07- ... (make) their first joint public appearance earlier this week. On Monday, David and Victoria -08- ... (join) by three of their four children – Romeo, Cruz, and Harper – during an appearance at Haute Couture Fashion Week in Paris.

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GRAMMAR – continued

Continue reading the text and fill in the gaps with ONE word. Use only function words. Write your answers in the space provided below the text. Spelling counts! There is an example at the beginning (00.)

The appearance came as Victoria received -00- ... new accolade by becoming a Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters. Posting -09- ... her Instagram after receiving her award, she said: “I’m so honoured to be named a *Chevalière de l’Ordre des Arts et des Lettres* -10- ... the French Ministry of Culture. I have always deeply admired -11- ... French aesthetic and the seriousness with which it treats fashion: as a form -12- ... art. So to be recognised here and embraced -13- ... this way is a profound privilege – one that reflects decades of commitment and dedication. My sincere thanks -14- ... the French Minister of Culture, Rachida Dati, -15- ... this honour.

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*Adapted from: (BRYANT, T. 2026. Exclusive: Brand Beckham has last laugh after Brooklyn row - as David earns huge win. In: The Mirror [online]. 2026. [cit. 2026-1-30].)
Available from: <https://www.mirror.co.uk/3am/celebrity-news/brand-beckham-last-laugh-after-36646082>*

Total points: _____ / 15 pts

VOCABULARY

Read the text below about the rise of Jessie Buckley. Use the word given in brackets and form a word that fits in the space. Write your answers in the spaces provided. There is an example at the beginning (00).

Hamnet, Chloé Zhao's film **-00- adaptation** (adapt) of Maggie O'Farrell's bestselling novel about William Shakespeare and his wife, Agnes (or Anne) Hathaway, is a tender **-01- _____** (**meditate**) on love and grief. Charting the couple's anguish over the **-02- _____** (**dead**) of their 11-year-old son – said to have inspired the play *Hamlet* – it has moved audiences to tears and united critics in their praise.

The film's **-03- _____** (**emotion**) force is carried by the Irish actor and singer Jessie Buckley, who portrays Hathaway with a **-04- _____** (**raw**) and intimacy that has already earned her a Critics' Circle award for best actress, and marked her out as a leading **-05- _____** (**contend**) for the Golden Globes, Baftas, and Oscars. The *Guardian* film critic Peter Bradshaw called her "unselfconsciously beguiling", while *Rolling Stone* predicted audiences "will be talking about Jessie Buckley's **-06- _____** (**perform**) for years".

"[Agnes] was the full story of what I understand a woman to be," Buckley said **-07- _____** (**recent**), "and their capacity as women, and as mothers, and as lovers, and as people who have a language unto their own beside gigantic men of literature like Shakespeare."

That sense of Agnes as an uncontainable being finds its most **-08- _____** (**devastation**) expression in one of the film's key scenes.

Buckley's ability to **-09- _____** (**inhabitation**) an extremity of emotions has been honed over years – on stage and screen. She attended an all-girls convent school before studying at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (Rada) in London.

Her career began in 2008 as a **-10- _____** (**contest**) on the BBC talent show *I'd Do Anything*, where she competed to play Nancy in a West End adaptation of *Oliver!* After graduating from Rada in 2013, Buckley's stage career took off, including landing starring roles in *The Tempest* at Shakespeare's Globe and opposite Jude Law in a West End **-11- _____** (**produce**) of *Henry V*. Her early onscreen appearances were in BBC television series such as *War & Peace*, *Taboo*, and *The Woman in White*.

Her film debut came in the **-12- _____** (**psychologist**) thriller *Beast*, playing the lead role of Moll, a troubled young woman who falls for a poacher suspected of murders. The film's director, Michael Pearce, told the *Guardian* Buckley gave "every ounce of herself" to the role.

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“Because of that -13- (commit) you end up with so many incredible surprises in the performance.

“My initial version of Moll was -14- (slight) colder and more restrained, and Jessie -15- (instinct) pushed the character somewhere far more alive, like she was a raw nerve who felt everything intensely and was constantly trying to keep that -16- (intensify) under control.” Pearce’s editor was also moved by her. “The first thing she said was: ‘Where did you find this incredible actor? She’s so emotionally -17- (life) on screen.’”

Buckley’s career progressed with starring roles in the TV series *Chernobyl* and *Fargo*, and in films including *Wild Rose*, *The Courier* and *I’m Thinking of Ending Things*. She starred as a younger version of Olivia Colman’s character in Maggie Gyllenhaal’s feature -18- (director) debut *The Lost Daughter* in 2021, a critically -19- (acclamation) performance for which she received her first Oscar -20- (nominate).

Adapted from: (KHOMAMI, N. 2026. “She will go down as one of the best”: the rise of Jessie Buckley. In: The Guardian [online]. 2026. [cit. 2026-1-9].)
Available from: <https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2026/jan/09/she-will-go-down-as-one-one-of-the-best-the-rise-of-jessie-buckley>

Total points: _____ / 10 pts

Participant Number: _____

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VOCABULARY: PROGRESSIVE TEST

List as many phrasal verbs that include “bring” as possible and provide their definition. You will score 1 point for every 3 correctly spelled answers.

For example: bring something about – to cause something to happen

Total points: _____ pts

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following article about how kayak surfing works. For questions 01-10, decide which of the sentences (A-M) below the article best fits into each of the numbered gaps in the article. There are three extra sentences.

If you're looking to expand your water-sport repertoire, kayak surfing could be just the right thing. This quickly growing sport is basically like traditional board surfing, -01- on a board, you manoeuvre through the surf with a kayak.

Kayak surfing is a relatively recent sporting invention. Although as a sporting activity, kayak surfing dates back to the 1920s, -02- in Great Britain. During the 1980s, the sport began to pick up in Great Britain and the United States. Kayak surfing is similar to whitewater kayaking, so it uses vessels that are very similar to small whitewater kayaks. But surf kayaks are often made of fibreglass instead of plastic, and -03- and flat at the back. The surf kayak's design allows it to reach high speeds, but you don't need big, fast waves to take up the sport. Even smaller surf, such as that found on the eastern coast of the United States, -04-.

Kayak surfers have two choices for kayak type: sit-on-top kayaks, which are often used in warmer water, and sit-in kayaks. In both types, the kayaker needs to be attached to the boat. The paddler in the sit-in style is attached by the spray skirt, and the paddler in the sit-on-top style -05- that allow the paddler to control the boat. For safety reasons, you generally shouldn't use regular recreational kayaks to kayak surf. Instead, you should use only sit-on-top kayaks designed for the ocean or certain whitewater kayaks with special spray skirts. In addition, you'll -06- to steer yourself through the waves.

Although kayak surfing doesn't yet have the universal popularity of regular outdoor activities such as kayaking or surfing, it is a quickly growing water sport. One reason that it may not be as popular as other water sports is that surfers sometimes -07-, and they can sometimes view kayakers as invading their territory. Also, many people regard the sport as dangerous. When you're surfing, you can bail from your board pretty easily, -08- can be more difficult. We'll look at safety measures later on to determine what the dangers are and how to prevent them.

We'll also examine some kayak surfing techniques, tips, and safety precautions. But before we get into the practice of kayak surfing, we'll first -09- behind it. In order to understand how to best manoeuvre your vessel while kayak surfing, it's helpful to know a little about the basic physics of the sport. The same principles that underlie surfing also apply to kayak surfing. The following concepts of physics all come into play when kayak surfing: Newton's laws of motion explain how matter moves, and they can help you understand -10-.

READING COMPREHENSION – continued

- A** the first competitions occurred in the 1960s
B they tend to be curved at the nose
C also need double-sided kayak paddles
D take a look at the principles
E is suitable for kayak surfing
F must strap him- or herself with high braces
G but ditching a kayak while strapped to it
H guard their turf pretty intensely
I buoyancy keeps the kayak afloat on waves
J except instead of riding the waves
K share coastal zones peacefully
L waves provide the forward propulsion needed
M how to manoeuvre your kayak and stay afloat

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Adapted from: (WINKLER, S. 2025. How kayak surfing works. In: MapQuest travel [online]. 2026. [cit. 2026-1-31].)

Available from: <https://www.mapquest.com/travel/outdoor-activities/water-sports/surfing.htm>

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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

You will hear a recording in which an expert discusses effective strategies for personal growth and mastery. For statements A to H, indicate the order in which you hear the information by writing the numbers 1–5 next to the statements in the spaces provided. Three statements do not directly match the texts – put X instead of a number for these. You will hear the recording only once.

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| A. Take time alone to reflect and let new ideas arise naturally. | _____ |
| B. Write down your key aspirations in a journal and review them regularly. | _____ |
| C. Surround yourself with people who discourage new ideas. | _____ |
| D. Appreciate every experience, whether good or bad. | _____ |
| E. Consistently show up and put in effort to improve your skills. | _____ |
| F. Rely solely on your instincts and avoid criticism. | _____ |
| G. Spend more time networking than practicing skills. | _____ |
| H. Surround yourself with people who support and motivate you. | _____ |

Adapted from: (ORLA, K. 2025. 25 Pieces of Practical Advice you should take to master anything. In: LifeHack [online]. 2025. [cit. 2025-11-2].)

Available from: <https://www.lifehack.org/articles/productivity/25-pieces-practical-advice-you-should-take-master-anything.html>

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