

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: He's the man who works in our local bank.
whose whom who

- Don't worry. You can sit _____ you want here.
whichever wherever whatever
- _____ much exercise I do, I never seem to lose weight.
Whichever Whatever However
- My best friend, _____ mother is a music teacher, plays the piano and the guitar.
whom whose who
- _____ I like best about Sarah is her generosity.
That Which What
- Andrew didn't pass any of his exams, _____ is a bit of a problem for him.
which what that
- My sister's the only person to _____ I can talk about my problems.
that who whom
- My grandparents, _____ live by the sea, often invite me to stay with them.
that who which
- He's the boy _____ owns the big dog.
which that whose

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Example: I wish my hair was (be) longer.

- I wish my bus _____ (come)! I'm going to be late for work again.
- I wish it _____ (stop) raining. I want to go out.
- I'm starving. I wish I _____ (eat) breakfast this morning.
- This book is so boring. I wish _____ (not start) reading it.
- John wishes he _____ (can) play football better.
- I wish I _____ (have) a better job. I don't enjoy this kind of work.

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3 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: Although / In spite of the exam was hard, I still passed.

- I lent Charlotte some money, even though / despite I didn't have much.
- We took a taxi so as not to / to not be late.
- In spite of / Although the heavy traffic, we got to the airport on time.
- I phoned my boss in order to / so that he would know I wasn't coming.
- I like physics, even though / despite I'm not very good at it.
- I went to the library to / for look for a book about art.

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Grammar total 20

VOCABULARY

4 Complete the words in the sentences.

Example: A chain is a group of shops, etc. owned by the same company.

- The lawyer told his c _____ that he couldn't work for him any longer.
- Our company does b _____ with other companies all over the world.
- My friend, who is an actor, starred in a TV c _____ for shampoo.
- The firm I work for is being taken o _____ by a multinational company.
- Their company e _____ up being very successful.
- A person who works for somebody else is called an e _____.
- Most people hate getting j _____ mail through their doors.
- My aunt sold her shop because she wasn't making a p _____.

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5 Write the words in brackets with the correct prefix.

Example: someone who can speak two languages
(lingual) = bilingual

- 1 somebody that doesn't smoke any more (smoker) = _____
- 2 to say a word or letter wrongly (pronounce) = _____
- 3 to sleep more than you should (sleep) = _____
- 4 food that is a bit raw (cook) = _____
- 5 not paid enough (paid) = _____
- 6 something that is tiny (scopic) = _____

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

Example: I get a bit depressed (depress) during the winter months.

- 1 What really _____ (frustrate) me about learning Polish is the difficult pronunciation.
- 2 It was such a _____ (thrill) film that I was sitting on the edge of my seat.
- 3 After six _____ (exhaust) days on the road, we finally reached the house we'd rented.
- 4 I was _____ (disappoint) when I got a bad mark in my physics exam.
- 5 It really _____ (annoy) me when people shout on mobile phones.
- 6 Ben is quite _____ (amuse) when he's in a good mood.

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Vocabulary total 20

PRONUNCIATION

7 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: expand

- 1 department
- 2 colleague
- 3 employer
- 4 manufacture
- 5 employee

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8 Match the words with the same sound.

branch manager expand ~~launch~~ staff slogan

Example: horse launch

- 1 cat _____, _____
- 2 car _____, _____
- 3 computer _____

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Pronunciation total 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50

READING

Read the article and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

Imagine being able to go back in time and have a little chat with the 17-year-old you. We asked two 30-somethings what advice they would give their younger selves.

Martha Lee

The problem with most 17-year-olds is not that they are wild or rebellious but that they're just so sensitive, and so self-obsessed that even an innocent comment might cause them much emotional pain. So, what I'd tell my younger self is to live a little, relax, and take no notice of what anyone else says. At parties, when I was 17, I'd sit in the corner trying to look grown up and sophisticated instead of enjoying myself. I'd soon put a stop to that if I could go back in time. I'd drag the silly girl up and show her just how much fun dancing in an embarrassing way can be! Mind you, I might have a word with her about how a little lipstick is more appealing than layers and layers, and why that lovely flowery dress didn't suit those awful high-heeled white sandals.

When I was 17, I was constantly worrying about boys. So, I'd tell her to lighten up, forget about them, and spend more time with the girls. I'd love her to know that not having a date on a Saturday night was not the end of the world, and didn't mean she was a loser. And I'd tell her that if a boy she liked didn't fancy her, he was allowed to have that opinion, and that following him around, changing hairstyles, or ringing him up and putting the phone down as soon as he answered wouldn't change anything.

The other thing I'd tell her is that her mother was not an ignorant, embarrassing but loveable idiot, who didn't know what she was talking about, but rather a witty and forgiving woman who was intelligent enough to be amused rather than annoyed at how arrogant and selfish teenagers can be.

Jim Stewart

To be honest with you, I don't think there would be much point in going back in time and talking to me as a 17-year-old, and not because I wouldn't listen. I was always being given advice, but, at that age, however hard I tried, I just couldn't take it in. My world was listening to rock music, cleaning my new motorbike and watching football. Everything else seemed irrelevant. I tried to have ambitions and be sensible, but I really couldn't see why.

But if I did have the chance to talk to tall, skinny, long-haired me, what would I say? Get your hair cut? No, I don't think so, although I would tell the younger me to try to eat more healthily. Not that I was overweight. On the contrary, when I look at old photos I always envy the fact that I managed to wear such tight jeans. Actually, what I'd really want to tell myself is to think bigger and to not limit my horizons. I don't think I was encouraged to take risks and to try to find out what I really wanted to do. Perhaps there was pressure on me to conform, to go to college, to get a good job, that sort of thing.

Oh, and the other thing I'd tell the 17-year-old me is to cut up all my credit cards. I wasn't very good with money and I just didn't realize how quickly you can get into debt. If it hadn't been for my dad, it would have taken years to pay off all the bills I ran up.

Example: The two people asked to give advice are _____.

- A in their teens ☐
 B aged between 20 and 30 ☐
 C aged between 30 and 40 ☒

1 Martha does not think 17-year-olds are _____.

- A self-confident ☐ B emotional ☐
 C easily upset ☐

2 Martha advises her younger self to _____.

- A be more sociable ☐ B grow up ☐
 C stop worrying about herself ☐

3 Martha criticizes her younger self for _____.

- A wearing clothes that don't look good together ☐
 B wearing make-up ☐
 C wearing flowery patterns ☐

4 Martha thinks her younger self _____.

- A didn't have enough girl friends ☐
 B went out too much on Saturdays ☐
 C spent too much time thinking about boys ☐

5 When Martha was younger and liked a boy, she would _____.

- A phone him and tell him ☐
 B do anything to get him to like her ☐
 C avoid him ☐

6 When young, Martha thought her mother was someone _____.

- A whose opinion she would listen to seriously ☐
 B who was easy to like ☐
 C who was humorous and intelligent ☐

7 In Jim's opinion, his younger self _____.

- A wouldn't welcome his advice ☐
 B wouldn't see the point of his advice ☐
 C wouldn't listen to a word of his advice ☐

8 Nowadays, Jim is _____.

- A slimmer ☐ B fatter ☐ C shorter-haired ☐

9 Jim thinks he should have _____.

- A worked harder and gone to college ☐
 B thought more ambitiously about his future ☐
 C done what he really wanted to do ☐

10 Jim says that his younger self _____.

- A was in debt for years ☐
 B wasn't careful with money ☐
 C got into debt too easily ☐

Reading total **10**

WRITING

Write a composition about the following topic.

‘What is the most best form of advertising?’

Write 140–180 words. Include the following information:

- decide which you think is the best form of advertising and say what its advantages are
- say what the disadvantages are
- say whether you think there are more advantages than disadvantages

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Reading and Writing total	20
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LISTENING

- 1 Listen to a radio interview in which a dictionary researcher talks about the expression 'The real McCoy'. Tick (✓) A, B, or C.
- What is Kathy's new book called?
A Words and Use ☐ B Words we Use ☐
C Words with you ☐
 - Where was Kathy when she decided to write the book?
A in the bath ☐ B at a dinner party ☐
C in her office ☐
 - Who was Bill McCoy?
A a smuggler ☐ B a boxer ☐
C an inventor ☐
 - When was Kid McCoy a boxing champion?
A the early nineteenth century ☐
B the mid-nineteenth century ☐
C the late nineteenth century ☐
 - What does Kathy think is the most likely origin of the expression?
A It's from an advertising slogan. ☐
B It's named after a boxer. ☐
C It's an Australian expression. ☐

- 2 Listen to Chris Wright talking about what he wishes he'd known when he was eighteen. Tick (✓) A, B, or C.

- About his childhood, Chris wishes _____.
A he hadn't been so poor ☐
B he hadn't been an only child ☐
C he hadn't been so unhappy ☐
- When he was 18, Chris wishes _____.
A he had listened to his parents ☐
B he hadn't gone to university straight after school ☐
C he had got a job ☐
- At university, Chris wishes _____.
A he'd been more mature ☐
B he'd had more responsibility ☐
C he'd shared a flat with friends ☐
- Chris's job _____.
A isn't what he originally wanted to do ☐
B is more interesting than he thought it would be ☐
C involves working in a large team ☐
- Nowadays, Chris _____.
A is happier making decisions ☐
B enjoys going to parties ☐
C is less worried about his own personality ☐

Listening total ☐ 10

SPEAKING

- 1 Answer your partner's questions.
Now make questions and ask your partner.
- What / you find frustrating about learning English?
 - What / you think shouldn't be advertised? Why?
 - What / your perfect job be and why?
 - you / influenced by advertising? In what ways?
 - What / the advantages of being your own boss?
- 2 Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.
'You should never regret what you have done – you should only regret what you didn't do.'
- 3 Listen to your partner talk about mobile phones. Do you agree with him / her?

Speaking total ☐ 20Listening and Speaking total ☐ 30