

GRAMMAR

- 1 Complete the email with an article: *a, an, the*, or – (no article).

Dear all,

We're having a fantastic time in Paris. We arrived yesterday afternoon so we had time to find ¹ _____ nice little hotel and relax after our journey.

We woke up early this morning because ² _____ sun was shining in through the window. We had a delicious breakfast and then went out to explore ³ _____ city.

Later, we're meeting Kathy's friend Peter, who's ⁴ _____ artist studying at university here. He's going to take us to ⁵ _____ best café in town, (at least he says it is!) just beside the River Seine. After that we're going to go up ⁶ _____ Eiffel Tower and then do some more sightseeing.

⁷ _____ French cities are wonderful!

We'll be back ⁸ _____ next Saturday. See you soon!

Love,
Eleanora

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- 2 Complete the sentences with the *-ing* form or the infinitive (with or without *to*) of the verb in brackets.

Example: She left without saying (say) goodbye.

- Would you mind _____ (turn) your music down? I can't concentrate.
- Holly said I should _____ (learn) to do tai-chi to relieve stress.
- Kamran's just gone to the shop _____ (get) a newspaper.
- I've given up _____ (try) to learn how to dance salsa – I'm hopeless!
- Janice doesn't seem _____ (enjoy) her job very much.
- I love _____ (not / have) to get up at 5.30 a.m. any more.

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- 3 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: A lot of / Many of people cheered when they heard the news.

- There are **not** / **no** enough seats for everyone.
- Very **little** / **few** money is being invested in the public health system.
- We don't like living in the city – there's too **much** / **many** traffic.
- They haven't got **plenty of** / **much** money, but they're still very generous.
- There are **very few** / **very little** modern buildings in this town.
- I was going to have a biscuit, but there aren't **any** / **none**.

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Grammar total 20

VOCABULARY

- 4 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

Example: My current job is temporary. It's a one-year contract.

permanent full-time temporary

- _____ is a person who repairs things such as toilets, water pipes, etc.
A lawyer An accountant A plumber
- Some people choose to _____ when they're sixty-two.
retire resign be sacked
- You need at least two years of work _____ to work in this company.
experience contract qualifications
- Roger's _____ for the finance department.
responsible accountant in charge
- She doesn't have _____ hours. She often works at night.
working regular full-time
- I love being _____ – I don't have a boss to tell me what to do.
self-employed part-time temporary

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5 Write the verb or noun.

Example: discuss discussion

- | verb | noun |
|------------|------------|
| 1 _____ | reaction |
| 2 survive | _____ |
| 3 _____ | decision |
| 4 move | _____ |
| 5 _____ | relaxation |
| 6 organize | _____ |
| 7 propose | _____ |

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

Example: Are you listening to me?

- Louise's really afraid _____ heights.
- I'm interested _____ starting my own company.
- How long have you been working _____ the video company?
- Matt's really good _____ telling jokes.
- I borrowed this book _____ the library.
- I'm sorry. I just don't agree _____ you.
- We talked for hours _____ food and dieting.

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Vocabulary total 20

PRONUNCIATION

7 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: accountant

- interview
- daughter
- housework
- discussion
- unemployed

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8 Match the words with the same sound.

that laugh caught borrow think ~~worry~~Example: up worry

- phone _____
- horse _____
- thumb _____
- mother _____
- car _____

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Pronunciation total 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50

READING

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

How I got my dream job

Are you still looking for your dream job? Don't give up. Here's how three people achieved their goals.

Mario Mendes, 29

I'm doing something I really enjoy. I'm part of a team that develops new technologies. I work with intelligent, interesting people and occasionally get to travel abroad. I won't pretend it was easy getting my dream job, but it was worth the effort. My advice? Decide exactly what your dream job is and what it involves. Learn about the job. Make contact with companies that could offer your chosen career. Make sure they know your strengths. You may just get that dream job.

Andy Collins, 46

As a student, I earned \$295 a week in cash working in a beach café. At the time, it was my dream job! Later I became a chef. It was hard work, I was often in a hot kitchen for twelve hours a day, six days a week. But you have to know the meaning of hard work if you want to achieve your goals. I now own five restaurants around the U.S. My best advice is to find out what your skills and talents are. Talent is something you're born with. Skills are something you've learned to do. People like doing things that come naturally to them, so work and enjoy!

Sarah Cooper, 38

I'd been working as a secretary for three years when I decided to change my career. My work was often boring and always busy. I started studying to become a teacher. It certainly wasn't easy; I continued working full-time to pay for my training at night school. I was exhausted most of the time, but after two years, I finally got my qualifications and resigned. I'm now a primary school teacher and it's as good as I imagined. So don't wait! Write a list of the things that are stopping you from getting your dream job. Make a plan to deal with each thing. There's always an answer.

Example: Mario is ____.

- A very interesting ☐ B self-employed ☐
C very happy with his job ☒

- 1 Mario really enjoys ____.
A travelling abroad ☐ B being part of a team ☐
C his job ☐
- 2 Mario thinks he got his dream job because ____.
A he's interested in modern technology ☐
B he had done a lot of preparation ☐
C it was easy ☐

- 3 Andy says his dream job used to be ____.
A owning a restaurant ☐
B working in a beach café ☐ C being a chef ☐
- 4 Andy says it's important to experience ____ if you want to achieve your goals.
A working in a kitchen ☐ B difficult conditions ☐
C working overtime ☐
- 5 Andy's most important advice is to find out what ____.
A you do well ☐ B you want to do ☐
C your goals are ☐
- 6 Sarah decided to change her profession after ____.
A two years ☐ B three years ☐ C five years ☐
- 7 Sarah says her job was ____.
A not easy ☐ B quite tiring ☐
C not very interesting ☐
- 8 Sarah felt exhausted ____.
A when she was at work ☐ B very often ☐
C when she was at night school ☐
- 9 Sarah says that people should ____.
A stop trying to get their dream job ☐
B put their family first ☐
C plan how they can achieve their goals ☐
- 10 Who did a job that they didn't enjoy?
A Sarah ☐ B Sarah and Andy ☐ C Mario ☐

Reading total **10**

WRITING

Are you creative? Good at making quick decisions?
Do you enjoy working as part of a team?

All New Media Promotions is looking for enthusiastic, ambitious people to work in their busy marketing department. There are vacancies in the following areas:

- Administration
- Promotions
- Sales
- Website Design

All applicants must have the appropriate qualifications and a good level of English is essential.

Send your CV and a covering letter to:
Human Resources, *All New Media Promotions*, Edinburgh,
PO Box 1084

Read the advertisement. Write a covering letter to apply for a job at *All New Media Promotions*. (140–180 words)

Writing total **10**

Reading and Writing total **20**

LISTENING

- 1 Listen to Zoe describe her lifestyle. Underline the correct answer.
- Zoe used to work in **finance** / **advertising** / **travel**.
 - During the week, Zoe had **no time** / **lots of time** / **very little time** to see her friends.
 - At lunchtime on a work day, Zoe usually **went out to a takeaway** / **stayed in her office** / **ate in the canteen**.
 - At weekends, Zoe was too **busy** / **lazy** / **tired** to go to the gym.
 - Now that Zoe works from home she enjoys life **more** / **less** / **as much as before**.

- 2 Listen to two people talking about a work questionnaire. Match each conversation (1–5) to the question (A–E) they are answering.

Conversation 1 —

Conversation 2 —

Conversation 3 —

Conversation 4 —

Conversation 5 —

- A Do you enjoy managing other people at work?
 B Are you good at working with colleagues?
 C Is your salary important to you?
 D Do you like having your own office?
 E Are you happy to have lots of different things to do at work?

Listening total 10

SPEAKING

- 1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now make questions and ask your partner.

- happy / your work–life balance? Why (not)?
- How much time / spend / relaxing on a weekday? What / do?
- think / clock rules our lives? How?
- If / change something about lifestyle, what / change?
- How / make / city a 'slow city'?

- 2 Listen to your partner talking about work. Do you agree with him / her?

- 3 Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

'Men and women have very different interests.'

Speaking total 20

Listening and Speaking total 30