

Unit 7 Progress Test B

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences in reported speech.

- 1 'I'm really enjoying the weather here.'
She said that _____.
- 2 'I must phone my mum later.'
Holly says that she _____.
- 3 'I'll stay until the work is finished.'
Richard told me that _____.
- 4 'We drove all the way to the coast.'
They said that _____.
- 5 'James hasn't rung this evening.'
Claire told me that _____.
- 6 'I might go out later.'
Amy said that _____.

Mark: ____ / 6

2 Read the dialogue and write the sentences in reported speech.

- Ruth** Did you go to the match last weekend?
- Simon** Yes, I did. I enjoyed every minute of it.
- Ruth** How did you manage to get a ticket?
- Simon** My dad's a season ticket holder.
- Ruth** You're not going again next week, are you?
- Simon** No, I'm not. Would you like to come next time?

- 1 Ruth asked Simon _____.
- 2 Simon said he had. He said that _____.
- 3 Ruth asked _____.
- 4 Simon said that _____.
- 5 Ruth asked _____.
- 6 Simon said he wasn't. He _____.

Mark: ____ / 6

3 Write reported sentences using the prompts.

- 1 Polly / promised / not reveal our plans

- 2 I / apologise for / not write / sooner

- 3 The teacher / requested / everybody / bring their swimming costume

- 4 I / don't recommend / stay / at that hotel

- 5 They / accused / Peter / steal

- 6 The police / have warned / pedestrians / not use the footpath

- 7 Rachel / confessed / eat the biscuits

- 8 Nobody / has congratulated / us / raise all that money

Mark: ____ / 8

Vocabulary

4 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Although Mrs Jones tried to ____ the fact that she had been in the shop at the time of the robbery, the police soon realised that she was the thief.
a cheat b disguise c mislead
- 2 Tell me ____, doctor. How serious is this illness?
a straight b truthful c open
- 3 I think you're ____ lies. Nothing you've said is true.
a saying b telling c making
- 4 Henry managed to ____ the lawyers into thinking that he was the son of Lord Frobisher, and that he should inherit the fortune. In truth, he was just a servant.
a deceive b fabricate c exaggerate
- 5 Amy was caught ____ in an exam. She was expelled from school and didn't graduate.
a cheating b manipulating c fabricating
- 6 The way the newspapers reported the story was ____ . They clearly wanted to support the prime minister's view of events.
a original b biased c disguised
- 7 It is ____ of you to criticise governments for using too many fossil fuels when you own and drive three cars.
a fake b hypocritical c manipulative
- 8 None of the accused ____ to the crimes. They all pleaded not guilty.
a passed off b distorted c owned up
- 9 Let me read your diary. I promise not to ____ any of your secrets.
a pass b reveal c fib
- 10 I always try to be ____ when I can. I hate to be dishonest.
a original b unethical c truthful

Mark: ____ / 10

5 Complete the sentences with the missing preposition.

- 1 His taste _____ adventure led him to set out on a voyage across the Pacific.
- 2 Although we had some small differences _____ opinion at first, we were soon working well together.
- 3 My dad's taste _____ music is awful.
- 4 I have no objection _____ changing the dates of the demonstration. When do you think it should be held?
- 5 A child's dependence _____ its mother soon ends.

Mark: ____ / 5

6 Complete the sentences. Use phrasal verbs formed from a verb and a particle from below. There is one extra verb. Use the particles as many times as necessary.

hole let make set take zoom

in on out up

- 1 After _____ a website to promote his product, Ken started making more and more of the fizzy chocolate.
- 2 Teen magazines regularly _____ on issues which interest their readers and look at them in a lot of detail.
- 3 We were completely _____ by Sam's disguise. We didn't recognise him at all.
- 4 Clara didn't _____ that she had won the lottery until the day she went to London to collect the prize.
- 5 Andy bought trendy clothes and tried to _____ that he was really cool, but he didn't fool anybody.

Mark: ____ / 5

Use of English

7 Complete the text. Write one word in each gap.

Our addiction ¹ _____ social media has had a huge impact on the type of crime that the police have to deal with. Criminal gangs are using technology in increasingly innovative ways to take ² _____ their victims. The kind of ³ _____ I'm talking about is the use of online dating websites to scam people. What I mean ⁴ _____ that is the criminal (or sometimes it's a gang of criminals) pretends to show an interest ⁵ _____ the person who is looking for a relationship online. Eventually, in many cases, the victim develops an obsession ⁶ _____ their new online romantic partner. The criminal plays ⁷ _____ this obsession to demand large amounts of money from the victim. One ⁸ _____ of this would be when they tell the victim that they need money to help them with an urgent problem. They set ⁹ _____ a bank account and the person then sends thousands of euros, thinking they are helping them. The victim has normally paid the money to the criminal gang before they find out what has happened. The effect ¹⁰ _____ the victim can be devastating and it is nearly always impossible to get that money back.

Mark: / 10

Listening

8 🎧 7 Listen to four people talking about cheating in exams. Match the speakers (1–4) with the sentences (A–E). There is one extra sentence.

- A Speaker ____ criticises anybody who fails to report a cheat.
- B Speaker ____ suggests reporting a cheat, but not straightaway.
- C Speaker ____ advises confronting a cheat rather than reporting a cheat.
- D Speaker ____ claims to have prevented cheating in the past.
- E Speaker ____ points out how we all might suffer because of a cheat's actions.

Mark: / 5

Reading

Conspiracy theorists

Did Neil Armstrong really walk on the moon in 1969, or was the event filmed in a TV studio? Was the American president John F. Kennedy assassinated by a lone gunman in 1963, or was it all a complicated plot involving the Vice-President, Lyndon Johnson? When it comes to major events such as moon landings or assassinations, the deaths of celebrities, or deadly terrorist bombings, the only thing we can really count on is that thousands of people online will refuse to accept the obvious true story behind each event, and will look for stranger, more exciting explanations. These are the conspiracy theorists, and there are more of them than you'd think. In some polls, one fifth of the American population genuinely believe that nobody went to the moon in 1969, and that Kennedy died on the orders of his Vice-President.

For social scientists, the interesting question is why people are so quick to believe conspiracy theories. For many years, these scientists believed the phenomenon was a form of paranoia. People who accused the government of a cover-up, or blamed aliens for causing a disaster were described as part of a small minority of people with a form of mental illness. While this may actually be true for a few individuals, it clearly has its limitations as a theory, to my mind at least. It doesn't explain, for example, why so many people admit to searching for unusual reasons behind events. Millions of us do this! Since not everybody is mentally ill, social scientists are now looking for a better explanation for the public's love of a conspiracy theory.

Research has shown that people believe conspiracy theories for a variety of reasons. One is that they don't trust official explanations. We live in a world in which we are used to being misled. Advertising agencies are always telling us something is true, when it clearly isn't, companies we rely on, such as gas and electricity suppliers, are not always straight with us, and we know politicians regularly exaggerate the positive things they achieve. Against this background, it is not surprising that people don't accept what they are officially told. Moreover, people are also influenced by their own ideological beliefs to interpret events in particular ways. So, for example, people who strongly believe that bankers are untrustworthy may interpret a decline in the economy as a terrible plan by bankers to make themselves rich. A further explanation for believing in conspiracies is that most ordinary people feel powerless and insecure. We don't like to face the truth that terrible things do sometimes take place. Instead, we create a conspiracy theory as a way of explaining something so that it makes sense to us.

9 Read the text. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 In the opening paragraph, which of the following does the writer not provide?
 - A A description of what a conspiracy theorist is.
 - B Statistics showing the extent to which conspiracy theories are believed.
 - C Examples of historical events some believe to be hoaxes.
 - D An explanation of what happened during the day Kennedy was killed.
- 2 According to the writer, in paragraph 2, which of the following areas of study most interests social scientists?
 - A The background of people most likely to become conspiracy theorists.
 - B The reason behind some people's tendency to become conspiracy theorists.
 - C The symptoms of illness shown by conspiracy theorists.
 - D The types of strange things that conspiracy theorists believe.
- 3 Which of the following is expressed as an opinion rather than a fact by the writer in paragraph 2?
 - A Something many social scientists once believed to be true is not a very good explanation.
 - B A lot more people are interested in conspiracy theories now than in the past.
 - C We now know that mental illness can't be a reason why anyone becomes a conspiracy theorist.
 - D Social scientists don't seem able to change their view of conspiracy theorists.
- 4 In paragraph 3, the writer gives three reasons why people believe in conspiracy theories. Which reason below is not mentioned in the text?
 - A People in positions of power or authority are known to tell lies, so how can we believe what they say.
 - B We all have our own views of the world, and this affects the way we view what happens in the world.
 - C Life is full of uncertainty, so we interpret negative events in a way that helps us understand the world.
 - D People are naturally creative, so we use that creativity to make the world seem a better place.
- 5 According to the writer, how do people who become conspiracy theorists often feel?
 - A unable to trust their own views and feelings
 - B uncertain about ideologies that want to influence them
 - C unable to really influence events in the world
 - D unwilling to accept that their views may be wrong

Mark: / 5

Writing

10 Read the task below. Write a story.

Write a story about a time that someone you know told you a lie.

Mark: / 10

Total: ____ / 70