

Grammar

1 Correct the mistakes in the sentences. There are two mistakes in each sentence.

- 1 First time I met Sam he was reading the book about multiple intelligences.
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- 2 I enjoy documentaries about famous people more that documentaries about environment.
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- 3 The exam was such difficult that I will probably get the bad results.
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- 4 In general, training as the nurse is not more difficult as studying medicine.
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- 5 His performance wasn't enough good that day to win a final of the tennis tournament.
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Hi Tom,
How's it going? Are you happy in your new job? I'm sorry I haven't been in touch recently, but I've been really busy working on a marketing campaign at work. We have a great new line of products but the designer isn't very well-known, so we weren't selling (1) units. My new boss works (2) than just about anybody I know and I'm learning (3) much from her. Since she took over the campaign, sales have increased more (4) than anyone expected and the designer's career has really taken off. He's working on new designs all the time, but it takes longer than you might think to get them into the shop. The (5) we can hope to see his new range is next spring. But for now sales are good, so we're happy.
Hope to see you soon.
Carrie

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2 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

The most extraordinary person I've ever met, has to be my great-grandmother. She's called Ellie and she's 98 now, but she doesn't seem any older (1) my grandmother really! She's bright and intelligent and her brain still works very fast. She's always telling me about what she's seen on TV. She answers all the questions on quiz shows. She's as good (2) any of the contestants. The thing about Ellie is that she's always happy and she never complains. 'Life's (3) short to grumble,' she says. She loves hats and whenever she goes out in her wheelchair she wears (4) purple and red one. It's fantastic and suits her very well. She's given me lots of her old clothes, some dating back 50 years and they're in perfect condition. I think they must be worth a lot of money. It was Ellie who persuaded me to follow my dream of becoming an artist. I shall always be grateful to her for that. She's (5) an amazing lady!

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3 Complete the email with the correct form of these words. There are three extra words.

as • early • easy • enough • hard • quick
so • too

4 Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the text.

For many young travellers a road trip is an important rite of passage. The most challenging road trip of all must be (1) Pan American Highway which is, according to the Guinness Book of Records, 'the longest motorable road in the world'. For road trippers the journey begins in Alaska and ends in Argentina. (2) an average of eight hours a day, it would take three months to complete, but most travellers take much longer because there is (3) much to see. The route encompasses some of the world's most spectacular landscapes and connects more (4) 20 countries – apart from one 100 km section of impenetrable rainforest, which travellers have to complete by air or sea. Every so often the dream of finishing the highway is resurrected, but environmentalists believe that if that happens it (5) to the destruction of the rainforest. So for road trippers that's probably one detour worth making.

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| 1 | A – | B the | C a | D an |
| 2 | A To drive | B Having driven | C Drive | D Driving |
| 3 | A so | B enough | C such | D not |
| 4 | A that | B then | C than | D these |
| 5 | A is leading | B will lead | C has lead | D leads |

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Vocabulary

5 Complete the text with these adjectives. There are two extra options.

creative • easygoing • good-natured • insecure
mature • pushy • stubborn

We're having a big family party at the end of this month. It's really interesting when everyone gets together. My mum has got three brothers and although you can see the similarities they are quite different as well. My Uncle Tom is the oldest and he's the typical (1) parent. He's always trying to get my cousins to be more ambitious and he gets annoyed when they aren't chosen for a sports team or the school play. Then there's Uncle James. He's the complete opposite. He's an art teacher and he's really (2) He never tells his children off and he's always very relaxed. He wants everyone to discover their (3) side and do painting or sculpture or something. Uncle Paul is the one in the middle and he's very funny. He's always telling stories. But he can be a bit (4) and he won't do anything he doesn't want to do. Then there's my mum. She loves it when they're all together and if there are any arguments – which there always are – she's the peacemaker. She's very (5) Everyone says I'm like her. It makes me sorry that I'm an only child, but at least I'll have all my cousins around at the party. I can't wait!

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6 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the text.

Marie Curie was one of the most famous scientists of her time. She was born in Poland, but went to live in Paris to study mathematics and physics. There she met her husband, Pierre Curie, and together they conducted (1) investigations/creations into radioactivity. Their work was very dangerous, but eventually they discovered the chemical elements polonium and radium. They were awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1903. Marie's (2) education/happiness was cut short when Pierre was killed in a tragic accident. However, she was very (3) easygoing/determined and took over his teaching post, becoming the first woman to teach at the Sorbonne. She devoted herself to continuing their work and eventually won a second Nobel Prize, for Chemistry, in 1911. She was a (4) modest/frank woman and, despite her success, she continued to face opposition from male scientists. She said, 'Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are (5) outgoing/gifted for something and that this thing must be attained.'

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7 Complete the text with the correct noun form of these words.

act • direct • employ • music • perform

My cousin Emma has always wanted to be an (1) But she was also really good at music and her parents wanted her to go to university to become a classical (2) – so that's what she did. But she had the dream of going to drama school and as soon as she finished, she went for her first audition. Unfortunately, she was turned down at the school, but they told her that the more work she did, the better her (3) would be. So, even though she was in full-time (4) by then, she continued to practise. She went back a year later and this time she got in. Now she feels she is moving in the right (5) at last.

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8 Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the text.

It can be very difficult for students to choose a career path, but psychometric testing in career counselling can help to take the guesswork out of the process. What's more, many graduate (1) are now using such tests as they can give a more accurate indication of how a candidate will perform at work than a CV, (2) form or reference. Psychometric means 'mind measurement' and tests usually take one of two forms: personality assessments or aptitude tests. You can't really (3) for these tests and they can be useful in helping an individual to identify skills, interests and strengths. Furthermore, they sometimes reveal

hidden (4) and open up unexpected career possibilities. A psychometric test won't make a decision for you, but it can give you the (5) to talk about your strengths during interviews and help you find the right job.

- 1 A companies B employers C businesses D facilities
- 2 A qualification B contract C presentation D application
- 3 A revise B cheat C resit D manage
- 4 A creations B activities C abilities D performances
- 5 A confidence B enjoyment C relevance D happiness

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Reading

9 Read the article about the human brain. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A–G the one which fits each gap. There is one extra sentence.

The amazing human brain

The brain is an amazing organ and the complexities of the way it works may never be fully understood, but scientists have made a lot of progress in explaining how and why different parts of our brains are used. (1) These people are sometimes called 'autistic savants' and their mental abilities are brilliant and inexplicable. Some are able to do amazing mathematical calculations at high speed. Others can perform music without ever having had a music lesson in their lives. One American savant, Kim Peek, the person who inspired the famous film *Rain Man*, could read two pages at the same time, one with each eye and was said to have total recall of more than 12,000 books he had read. A British savant, Stephen Wiltshire, can draw incredibly detailed drawings of places after seeing them only once.

It is believed that savants may have these exceptional abilities because of some form of damage to the brain which allows an unusual form of communication between the different sides of the brain. (2) The problem in understanding a savant's abilities has been that most are unable to explain how they do these extraordinary things – either because their language skills are less advanced or because they themselves do not know how; the abilities simply 'come' to them.

(3) This man's name is Daniel Tammet. Scientists believe that what Daniel can tell them may help unlock some important secrets of the brain. Daniel is capable of doing extremely complicated mathematical calculations in his head in a matter of seconds. He is obsessed with numbers and counting. (4) While they were playing in the playground, he was standing there counting the number of leaves on the trees! For him, counting is an absolute joy. It makes him happy and content. (5) He gets uncomfortable when there is too much disorder. For example, going to a supermarket is not an enjoyable experience for him as he is distracted by counting the tins and calculating anything and everything that he sees there. Likewise, working nine to five in a typical office environment would be difficult. (6) He can also speak seven languages and has been writing his own language, called Manti, since he was a child.

According to Daniel, he sees numbers as different colours, textures and images, and when he calculates complex numbers, the images change and form new images which give him the answers. If Daniel's explanations can help scientists discover more about the way the brain works, then perhaps we can all learn to develop our own potential to a greater level.

- A He therefore works from home helping clients with literacy and numeracy skills.
- B However, Daniel needs to be in control of what is happening around him.
- C Some scientists believe that we all have the potential to use this ability, but we do not know how.
- D However, scientists have found one savant who has excellent linguistic ability and is able to describe his thought processes clearly.

- E Apparently, there are very few people who can match this in the world.
- F He says he has been like this for as long as he can remember and it set him apart from other children at school.
- G There are, however, a certain number of people whose brains seem to work in a completely different way to the rest of us.

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10 Read the article again and choose the best answers, A, B, C or D.

- 1 The mental abilities of 'autistic savants'
 - A only apply to science subjects.
 - B will never be understood.
 - C are similar to those of other brilliant people.
 - D cannot be easily explained.
- 2 When he read books, Kim Peek
 - A was able to picture them as films.
 - B could remember everything in them.
 - C had to read everything twice.
 - D preferred to look at the drawings.
- 3 'Autistic savants' may have unusual abilities because of
 - A damage to one side of the brain.
 - B a need to communicate with other people.
 - C uncommon connections within the brain.
 - D their advanced language skills.
- 4 The autistic savant Daniel Tammet is unusual because
 - A he can explain how he thinks.
 - B he can speak more than one language.
 - C he is a scientist.
 - D he has no mathematical ability.
- 5 Daniel Tammet dislikes some environments because
 - A they are outside his control.
 - B there are too many people.
 - C they remind him of the school playground.
 - D he doesn't know how to express himself.
- 6 What does the word 'potential' in the last line refer to?
 - A Our ability to do complex mathematics.
 - B Our ability to see numbers as colours, textures and images.
 - C Our ability to improve and succeed.
 - D The possibility of understanding how the brain works.

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11 Find words in the text which mean the same as these phrases.

- 1 **Paragraph 1:** To provide the idea for a book, film, play, etc.
- 2 **Paragraph 1:** The action or faculty of remembering something.
- 3 **Paragraph 3:** Pleased with your situation and not hoping for change or improvement.
- 4 **Paragraph 4:** To make someone stop giving their attention to something.

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Use of English

12 Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words.

1 If I sleep for a long time, I feel more tired.

LONGER

The more tired I feel.

2 Jack doesn't have the ambition to apply for that job.

ENOUGH

Jack is to apply for that job.

3 Susie plays the piano so well even though she is only 14.

SUCH

Susie is even though she is only 14.

4 Sandy is better at languages than Tom.

AS

Tom Sandy at languages.

5 I rushed my homework.

SPEND

I time on my homework.

6 The exam wasn't as easy as I thought it would be.

MORE

The exam I thought it would be.

7 Marcus isn't creative enough to write a play.

HAVE

Marcus to write a play.

8 The journey to the concert was too long for us to be able to go.

SO

The journey to the concert that we couldn't go.

9 Katy thinks reading is more enjoyable than going to the cinema.

NOT

Katy thinks going to the cinema reading.

10 Anita doesn't understand how important her coursework is.

OF

Anita doesn't understand her coursework.

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Listening

13 Listen to four speakers talking about extraordinary people. Match the speakers (1–4) with the statements (A–F). There are two extra statements.

Speaker 1

Speaker 2

Speaker 3

Speaker 4

A He/she talks about someone we may know from the television.

B He/she talks about someone who has had a successful career at a young age.

C He/she talks about someone whose work inspired those who came after him/her.

D He/she talks about someone who has refused to change a situation.

E He/she talks about someone who has overcome a big problem.

F He/she talks about someone who was given a second chance to achieve his/her goals.

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14 Listen again and complete the sentences with two or three words in each gap.

1 According to Speaker 1, Steve Jussup used to be an person before his accident.

2 Steve Jussup is very determined and never

3 Speaker 2 describes a young woman who found out that she had persuasion.

4 Agatha Christie was the subject of a mystery herself when she for a short period of time.

5 People know about Sister Wendy because of her

6 Sister Wendy has a special talent as

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Writing

15 Read the notice and write your article.

Articles wanted!

Which person has had the most influence on you in your life? Describe that person and what they do. It could be a relative, a famous person or someone you know. Tell us how and why they have influenced you. Send us your articles now!

Write 190–220 words.

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Speaking

16 You are going to give a presentation about someone you think has made an important contribution to society. He or she can be a famous person, dead or alive, or someone you know personally. You should say what he/she has done and why you admire him/her.

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