

ADVANCED READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

PART 1



1

Music and the arts

1

Complete the sentences with the correct words from the box.

bill camera choir compilation exhibition orchestra skills stage

- The composer himself is conducting the They are also playing works from Broadway musicals.
- Unfortunately, the leading actor is ill, so he is not appearing on tonight.
- A of their greatest hits is being released later this month.
- The gallery is mounting a new of her lifelong works.
- I love singing, so I'm thinking of joining a as soon as I can.
- Top chefs and bakers are showing off their culinary and members of the public are invited to try the dishes.
- The legendary musician tops the at the festival and will not disappoint.
- The whole event is being captured on and will be made into a documentary.

2

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs (present simple or present continuous) from the box. Sometimes, both tenses may be possible.

be (x2) book give head hit kick make rest stay take

Indeed, these (1) busy times for us right now. We (2) three performances at the opera house this week, and they (3) all sold-out. As you know, we (4) at the Central Hotel again. Our agent always (5) our rooms here because they (6) such good care of us. Next week, we (7) for Paris, where our fans always (8) us feel so welcome. Our gigs at the French venue (9) off on Monday 28th at 9 p.m. After that, we (10) for three weeks before we (11) the road again.

Which items can you use the present simple for?

**Exam facts**

- In this part, you read a text with eight gaps.
- You have to choose the correct word (A, B, C or D) for each gap.

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 **Exam task**
3

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning. (0)

Example:

0 A time B season C series D episode

Example answer: B



Don't miss the event of the year!

Now in its seventh **(0)**, this year, the Rogers Estate Festival starts a day earlier: on Thursday, which means visitors have a whole extra day to enjoy it. This showcase of art and music takes place in a **(1)** like no other, with the castle ruins in the background. This year's line-up includes an array of talented actors alongside a very **(2)** selection of both local and international musicians and visual artists.

Visitors can take **(3)** an impressive range of exhibits and experience both the permanent and **(4)** collections through their five senses. In addition to large-audience sessions, there will be more intimate moments, including poetry recitals, **(5)** by soloists plus painters and sculptors at work. Last but not least, on Friday, we are in for a special **(6)** Belinda Wilde, our guest of honour this year, is **(7)** her debut at the festival, giving us a preview of a new **(8)** of her famous symphony. If you still haven't bought your pass to the festival, what are you waiting for?

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|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 A scenery | B set | C setting | D stage |
| 2 A supreme | B high | C luxury | D elite |
| 3 A off | B up | C in | D on |
| 4 A provisional | B temporary | C casual | D momentary |
| 5 A performances | B productions | C acts | D presentations |
| 6 A joy | B bliss | C treat | D treatment |
| 7 A giving | B making | C taking | D doing |
| 8 A constitution | B distribution | C organisation | D arrangement |

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Human behaviour
Exam task

1

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning. (0)

Example:

0 A fancy B inclined C tempting D dreamy

Example answer: B

**Hobbyists around the world unite**

No doubt you may be (0) to think that in this day and age, traditional pursuits are no longer 'in' and that we would have (1) away with old-fashioned hobbies that don't involve computers. Nothing of the (2) If anything, the internet has made it easier for people with specialist hobbies in different corners of the planet to (3) themselves to their passion and to support one another. With one quick press of a key, (4) car collectors are online, comparing notes and restoration (5) with enthusiasts in distant lands. If a part needs replacing, a vast electronic inventory is out there (6) and waiting. After a day in the field, birdwatchers can post sightings they consider worth sharing with likeminded enthusiasts who will immediately (7) to their passion.

Thankfully, face to face contact does still take place. Historic car rallies and races have a large following. Come Sunday morning, children and adults alike still meet to swap, or perhaps even (8) , the cards missing from their collections.

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|---|-----------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | A done | B taken | C put | D sent |
| 2 | A type | B sort | C variety | D brand |
| 3 | A focus | B present | C stick | D devote |
| 4 | A ancient | B historical | C classic | D epic |
| 5 | A means | B techniques | C crafts | D systems |
| 6 | A handy | B willing | C ready | D open |
| 7 | A relate | B share | C connect | D join |
| 8 | A bid | B purchase | C invest | D subscribe |

Exam tips

- Read through the whole text first for overall meaning.
- Read again and look at the words before and after the gaps in the text and check for clues like determiners (*that, this, etc.*), verb forms, pronouns and prepositions. These words may be the reason why one particular option is the correct word for the gap.

2

Complete the sentences with the correct form of a verb from the first box and an adjective from the second to form common expressions.

call consider find keep make

busy happy fortunate perfect tricky

- You might it to choose a flatmate. You can't always rely on first impressions.
- It would me so if you came to visit!
- He himself very to still have a job.
- She him all afternoon with a mountain of paperwork.
- It's okay, but I wouldn't it There are better films.

3

Complete the sentences with the correct adjective in each gap.

- last / latest / previous*

Her show of disrespect was to ignore me completely. time, she hung up the phone and on a occasion, she shut the door in my face.

- common / normal / regular*

Why don't you use your sense, on a basis, like a person?

- big / long / wide*

We still have a way to go! There's a difference between short-term and long-term success. At the moment, we don't have the experience of dealing with customers which we need.

- great / large / significant*

There was disagreement among a number of members who showed concern about the running of the club.

- distant / far / remote*

In the not too future, experts predict that it will be impossible to holiday from civilization, but for now, there are still some places on the planet that are virtually impossible to reach because they are so and inaccessible.

- different / unique / varied*

Many customers have submitted reviews praising the location of the restaurant and the menu.

4

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs from the box to form common expressions.

convince express introduce know learn talk treat

- Please among yourselves for a moment while I finish setting up.
- Living under the same roof, different generations can a lot from each other.
- He's trying to himself that he's capable of doing it.
- Work in groups. Please start by yourselves to one another.
- She finds it extremely hard to herself when she's nervous and often stutters.
- The two friends themselves to a spa day last week.
- Over lunch, participants had the chance to get to each other a little better.

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Current affairs

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Choose the correct preposition to complete the sentences.

- The campaign is not making an impact *in / on / to* voters.
- The government is unlikely to give in to the calls *for / of / on* a referendum.
- Thousands of workers took part in a protest *against / to / with* pay cuts.
- The press showed no regard *at / for / on* his privacy.
- The campaigners received little support *for / on / towards* their proposals.
- The company has reported a record-breaking increase *in / of / up* sales.
- Has the committee considered the consequences *for / of / on* the changes on members?
- Several players have expressed their desire *for / of / to* leave the club next season.

2

Complete the sentences with the correct words from the boxes.

cases examples incidents occasions

- The company was accused of unfair use of personal data on a number of
- Serious of passenger misbehaviour include refusing to fasten their seatbelts and trying to open the plane door mid-flight.
- As many as a hundred people are thought to have been injured, in some, seriously.
- Obvious of internet crimes are hacking, spreading viruses and piracy.

enquiry investigation research survey

- The cause of the fire is currently under
- University scientists are carrying out into the side-effects of these drugs.
- The authorities are conducting a of residents' thoughts on the proposed changes.
- The government has ordered a public to determine the reasons for the unrest.

attention attraction interest focus

- At the core of the city is its castle, which is the main tourist
- The press has now turned its to other matters.
- The media on politicians' private lives means that many of the real, important issues are not dealt with.
- Readers have lost in the story.