

# TEST 1

**1 Complete the phrases with *a* or *an*. Then rewrite the phrase with the adjective.**

- |         |            |       |                        |
|---------|------------|-------|------------------------|
| 1 ..... | exam       | ..... | ( <i>hard</i> )        |
| 2 ..... | university | ..... | ( <i>old</i> )         |
| 3 ..... | idea       | ..... | ( <i>interesting</i> ) |
| 4 ..... | house      | ..... | ( <i>unusual</i> )     |
| 5 ..... | restaurant | ..... | ( <i>expensive</i> )   |
| 6 ..... | hour       | ..... | ( <i>extra</i> )       |
| 7 ..... | uncle      | ..... | ( <i>rich</i> )        |
| 8 ..... | lesson     | ..... | ( <i>easy</i> )        |

**2 Rewrite the letter using capital letters where necessary. There are sixteen errors.**

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february 10th 2005

dear mrs brown

please find enclosed a deposit for bed and breakfast accommodation for the weekend of march 15th. my husband and i look forward to seeing you then.

yours sincerely

barbara parker

**3 Complete the text with *am, is or are*.**

My name (1) ..... Julie Wise and I  
 (2) ..... 21 years old. I live in Spain, but I  
 (3) ..... British. My parents (4) .....  
 English teachers in Madrid. I work in an office and  
 my sister (5) ..... studying English at university.  
 Most of our friends (6) ..... Spanish, but my  
 best friend (7) ..... from Argentina. She (8)  
 ..... a secretary in an international bank.



**4 Write sentences using the notes. Use *is or are* and capital letters where necessary.**

- 1 THE NILE / THE LONGEST RIVER IN AFRICA  
 .....
- 2 CHINESE NEW YEAR / OFTEN IN JANUARY  
 .....
- 3 NICOLE KIDMAN / AN AUSTRALIAN ACTRESS  
 .....
- 4 JUVENTUS AND LAZIO / ITALIAN FOOTBALL TEAMS  
 .....
- 5 KING LEAR / PLAY ABOUT AN OLD ENGLISH KING AND HIS THREE DAUGHTERS  
 .....
- 6 THE HIMALAYAS / IN ASIA  
 .....
- 7 SHOPS IN BRITAIN / OFTEN OPEN ON SUNDAY  
 .....
- 8 LOS ANGELES / IN CALIFORNIA  
 .....

**5 Are the sentences right or wrong? Correct those which are wrong.**

- 1 How deep is the pacific ocean? .....
- 2 I'm meeting one friend of mine later. ....
- 3 They not sure about the answer .....
- 4 I've got some apples. Would you like one? .....
- 5 There is some people in the park. ....
- 6 I very tired today. ....
- 7 We're staying at the Ramsey Hotel. ....
- 8 See you in half a hour. ....

## 4 Singular or plural?

### 1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a I'm going to have the most wonderful holiday of my life here.  
b I'm going to have the most wonderful holidays of my life here.
- 2 a I don't wear old cloths for work.  
b I don't wear old clothes for work.

#### Curtain or curtains?

We use *curtains* unless we are referring to one curtain only:

*I'd like to buy some new **curtains** for my room. (but *The right **curtain** is longer than the left one.*)*

#### Holiday or holidays?

We say *a holiday / on holiday* when we talk about a trip or a day off work. We can say *school holidays / summer holidays* to describe a period of time:

*I hope you enjoy your **holiday** in Britain.*

#### Mountain or mountains?

We use *mountains* when we talk about an area:

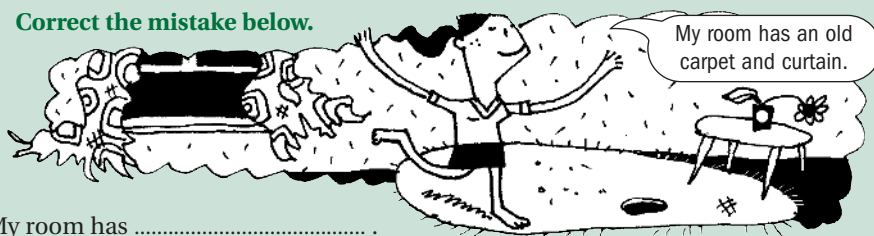
*My uncle's house is in the **mountains** near Turin.*

#### Cloth, cloths or clothes?

We use *clothes* to talk about things people wear. We say *an item* or *a piece of clothing* to describe one thing only. A *cloth* (plural *cloths*) is a piece of material for a particular purpose, e.g. *table cloth*, or for making clothes:

*I am going to buy some new **clothes** for the wedding.*

### 2 Correct the mistake below.



My room has .....

### 3 Complete the sentences with a singular or plural word from this page.

- 1 That ..... *curtain* ..... is torn, so I'm going to mend it.
- 2 During the summer ....., I worked in a shop.
- 3 I climbed the ..... behind the house one morning.
- 4 Where's the ..... for washing the dishes?
- 5 My bed cover is flowery, just like the ..... at the windows.
- 6 Come and visit me for your next .....
- 7 I wore my new ..... at the weekend.
- 8 I always take a map when I go to the .....

## 5 Plural or uncountable?

### 1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- My feet are too small for these shoes.
  - My foots are too small for these shoes.
- I think Italian food is the best in the world.
  - I think Italian food are the best in the world.

Most plural nouns end in -s. However, some plural nouns are irregular:

*My neighbour is a wonderful person. → Our neighbours are wonderful people.*

Other irregular plural nouns include: *man → men, woman → women, child → children, foot → feet, tooth → teeth, mouse → mice*

☆ *Police and staff* are also plural: *The police are hard-working.*

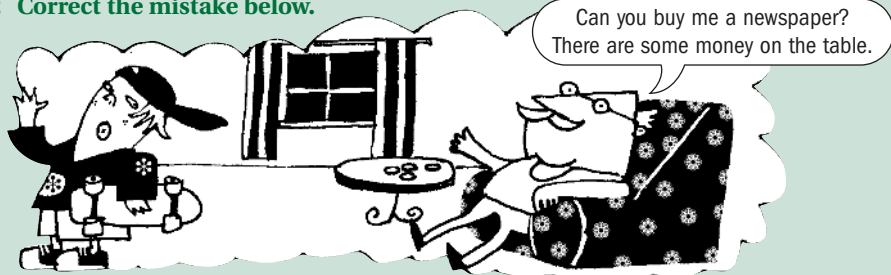
Some nouns have no plural form. We say that nouns such as *water* and *cheese* are 'uncountable' because we can't count them. We can only count *glasses / bottles of water* and *pieces / slices of cheese*. Compare:

*I'd like some water, please.* and *I'd like a glass of water, please.* (not ~~two waters~~)

Other common uncountable nouns include *food, furniture, hair, homework, information, money* and *work*. We use singular verbs with uncountable nouns: *The furniture in my bedroom looks good.*

*My hair is dark brown.* (but *I've got one grey hair behind my ear.*)

### 2 Correct the mistake below.



Can you buy me a newspaper? ..... on the table.

### 3 Underline the correct form.

- Here is / are some information about hotels in Paris.
- Some children is / are afraid of dogs.
- There was / were a bottle of water in the fridge.
- The staff is / are on a training course.
- The woman / women is reading the newspaper.
- Your hair looks / hairs look very nice.
- How many slices of bread / bread have you got?
- This homework was / were easy.

# 6 When do I use *of* and when do I use an apostrophe?

## 1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a We spent two days in my grandmother's house.
- b We spent two days in the house of my grandmother.
- 2 a Look at the top of the page.
- b Look at the page's top.

We use apostrophe + s ('s) to talk about things associated with one person:

*My friend's name is Natalia.*  
*These are my husband's things.*

We use s + apostrophe (s') to talk about things associated with more than one person:

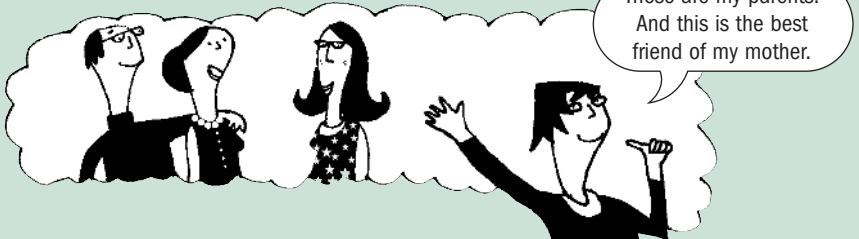
*Here is my friends' teacher.*  
*The students' records are in the cupboard.*

☆ Note that we use an apostrophe + s ('s) with irregular plural nouns:  
*The children's party is at the club.*

We also use apostrophe + s ('s) on its own:  
*My birthday is the same day as my mother's.*

We use *of* to talk about things associated with places and objects:  
*Rome is the capital of Italy. (not Italy's capital)*  
*The answers are at the back of the book.*

## 2 Correct the mistake below.



These are my parents. And this is .....

## 3 Write possessive sentences using the words in brackets.

- 1 I visited *my friend's school* (school / my friend).
- 2 We stayed in ..... (other house / her family).
- 3 'Garden Designs' is ..... (name / his company).
- 4 It's ..... (birthday / my little brother).
- 5 ..... (cousins / my father) live in Argentina.
- 6 They are ..... (brothers / my best friend).
- 7 ..... (phone numbers / my friends) are in this book.
- 8 I found ..... (glasses / man).

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## TEST 2

### 1 Insert an apostrophe where necessary.

- 1 The babys clothes are in the cupboard. ....
- 2 My English isn't as good as my wifes. ....
- 3 Do you know your neighbours very well? .....
- 4 My friends names are Roberto and Giorgio. ....
- 5 Have you got the address of the hotel? .....
- 6 My teachers family comes from Scotland. ....
- 7 Look at that boys shoes! .....
- 8 Have you got the childrens things? .....

### 2 Add the plural ending -s where necessary.

- 1 My parents didn't enjoy their holiday. ....
- 2 The staff were all very nice. ....
- 3 I like your new curtain. ....
- 4 Two police officer came to the door. ....
- 5 My front tooth hurts! .....
- 6 I like going to the Scottish mountain in winter. ....
- 7 When did you get your hair cut? .....
- 8 I'll wash those dirty dish cloth. ....

### 3 Rewrite these sentences in the plural form.

- 1 This is the man's book.  
 These .....
- 2 The furniture in the bedroom is quite old.  
 The .....
- 3 His book is on the desk.  
 Their .....
- 4 Do you know that woman over there?  
 Do ..... ?
- 5 Is that your friend's jacket?  
 Are ..... ?
- 6 The boy is doing his homework.  
 The .....
- 7 This new car is quite nice.  
 These .....
- 8 Which child wears glasses?  
 Which .....

**4 Write two sentences for each picture. Use *some* in the first sentence and one of the words in the box in the second.**

bar    bottle    cup    glass    jar    loaf    packet    piece

1 I'd like .....



2 Can I have .....



3 Would you like .....



4 Could I have .....



5 Do you want .....



6 Shall I get .....



7 Did you buy .....



8 I'm going to buy .....



**5 Are the sentences right or wrong? Correct those which are wrong.**

- 1 Which cloths are you wearing for the party? .....
- 2 Can I have some informations about this course? .....
- 3 My brother's girlfriend is from New Zealand. ....
- 4 There are some food in the fridge. ....
- 5 Where's your homework? .....
- 6 I eat a fruit every day. ....
- 7 Who sits at the class's front? .....
- 8 This is my grandparent's car. ....

# 7 What's the negative form of have?

## 1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a I don't have dinner with my parents very often.
- b I haven't dinner with my parents very often.
- 2 a We didn't have got enough money to buy a drink.
- b We didn't have enough money to buy a drink.

We use either *have* or *have got* when we talk about our possessions, families, personal characteristics and ailments. Remember that we use *has* or *has got* with *he*, *she* and *it*:  
*I have a lot of clothes. I've got a lot of clothes.*

*My mother has a cousin in Australia. My mother has got a cousin in Australia.*

The negative forms are *don't / doesn't have* and *haven't / hasn't got*:

*I don't have a camera. (not ~~I haven't a camera.~~)*

*My room hasn't got much furniture. (not ~~My room hasn't much furniture.~~)*

We use *have* (also *don't have / doesn't have*) for actions:

*I don't have breakfast in the morning. (not ~~I haven't breakfast~~)*

*He has a shower every morning. (not ~~He has got a shower~~)*

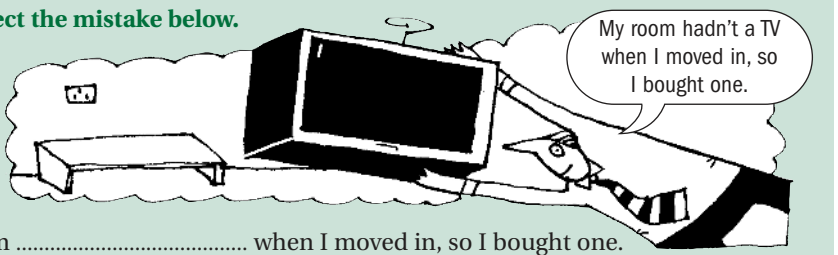
The past tense of *have* and *have got* is *had*. The negative is *didn't have*:

*I've got a terrible headache. I wasn't well yesterday, but I didn't have a headache. (not ~~I hadn't a headache, I hadn't got a headache or I didn't have got a headache~~)*

The future form is *will ('ll) have*. The negative form is *won't have*:

*If you take this tablet, you won't have a headache.*

## 2 Correct the mistake below.



## 3 Tick (✓) the sentences which are correct. In some pairs both sentences are correct.

- 1 a I don't have much money. ....✓.....
- b I haven't got much money. ....✓.....
- 2 a We didn't have got a good holiday. ....
- b We didn't have a good holiday. ....
- 3 a He didn't have fun at the party. ....
- b He hadn't got fun at the party. ....
- 4 a My parents don't have a car. ....
- b My parents haven't got a car. ....
- 5 a I didn't have a job last year. ....
- b I hadn't got a job last year. ....
- 6 a My sister doesn't have a boyfriend. ....
- b My sister hasn't got a boyfriend. ....
- 7 a I hadn't my glasses with me. ....
- b I didn't have my glasses with me. ....
- 8 a My brother doesn't have red hair. ....
- b My brother hasn't got red hair. ....



## 8 Present simple or present continuous?

### 1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- I'm going to the club every evening.
  - I go to the club every evening.
- My father's got a good job. He's working for an international bank.
  - My father's got a good job. He works for an international bank.

We use the present simple to talk about:

- permanent states: *I **don't live** near an underground station.*
- regular habits: *I **play** football most weekends.*
- general truths: *Garage mechanics **repair** cars.*

We use the present continuous to talk about current actions or events that are unfinished:

- to describe what is happening at the time of speaking:  
*Can you switch the TV off? I'm **not watching** it.*
- to describe temporary actions, often with *today, this week*, etc. to show the period of time:  
*I'm **walking** to school this month. It's good for me.*
- to describe ongoing actions which are happening around this time but not necessarily at the time of speaking:  
*I'm **learning** English because I want to work in a travel agent's.*

### 2 Correct the mistake below.



I'm on a diet. .... this week.

### 3 Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of *play, read, wear and work*.

- My sister ..... *works* ..... as an air stewardess for Alitalia.
- Children in Britain usually ..... school uniform.
- I ..... a book about the history of Rome. It's very interesting.
- Some of the best footballers in the world ..... for Real Madrid.
- I ..... my new shoes today.
- My father ..... travel books in his free time.
- Lucia's in her bedroom. She ..... a game on the computer.
- I ..... really hard this month.

## 9 Which verbs don't have a continuous form?

### 1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a I think this spaghetti is great.  
b I'm thinking this spaghetti is great.
- 2 a I don't know the answer to the question.  
b I'm not knowing the answer to the question.

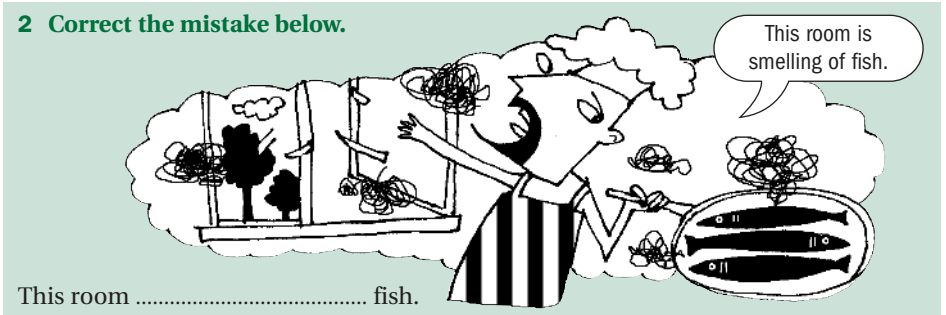
We do not use the continuous form with the following verbs which describe thoughts and feelings: *believe, depend, forget, hate, know, like, love, mean, need, prefer, remember, understand, want*

Some common verbs have more than one meaning. We do not use the continuous form when *think* means *believe* and when *have* refers to possession. Compare: *I think it's going to rain soon.* and *I'm thinking about becoming a teacher.* *My sister has a new car.* and *She isn't at home now. She's having a driving lesson.*

We do not usually use the continuous form with *hear, smell* and *taste*. We can use *seeing* when it refers to meeting someone in the future. We often use *can* with *hear, smell, taste* and *see* to describe what is happening now. Compare: *I (can) see two women in the picture.* and *I'm seeing my sister tomorrow evening.*

We use both the continuous and simple form of *look* and *feel* to talk about now: *You're looking tired. What's the matter?* and *You look tired. What's the matter?* *I'm feeling nervous about my exams.* and *I feel nervous about my exams.*

### 2 Correct the mistake below.



### 3 Tick (✓) the sentences which are correct. In some pairs both sentences are correct.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 a I'm liking to get up early. ....          | b I like to get up early. ✓.....         |
| 2 a What is this word meaning? .....          | b What does this word mean? .....        |
| 3 a How are you feeling? .....                | b How do you feel? .....                 |
| 4 a I'm not needing anything, thank you. .... | b I don't need anything, thank you. .... |
| 5 a I'm thinking about buying a car. ....     | b I think about buying a car. ....       |
| 6 a This soup is tasting really nice. ....    | b This soup tastes really nice. ....     |
| 7 a My mother is looking tired. ....          | b My mother looks tired. ....            |
| 8 a I'm not having blue eyes. ....            | b I don't have blue eyes. ....           |

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## TEST 3

### 1 Rewrite these sentences in the negative form.

- 1 My new coat has got a belt. ....
- 2 I've got three cousins. ....
- 3 We had dinner at home yesterday evening. ....
- 4 I'll have a cup of coffee. ....
- 5 My mum has got a sore throat. ....
- 6 I have a shower every morning. ....
- 7 My brother has a girlfriend in America. ....
- 8 I had flu last winter. ....

### 2 Choose the correct form.

- 1 I *'m trying* / *try* not to eat chocolate this week.
- 2 Can you answer the phone? I *'m making* / *make* the dinner.
- 3 John *'s going* / *goes* to the cinema two or three times a month.
- 4 This spaghetti *is tasting* / *tastes* delicious!
- 5 I *'m reading* / *read* a book about Picasso at the moment.
- 6 Children in some countries *aren't going* / *don't go* to school.
- 7 Please be careful! I *'m having* / *have* a broken arm.
- 8 My English *is improving* / *improves*.

### 3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb.

- 1 My dad ..... (*try*) to learn the guitar, but he ..... (*not want*) to have lessons.
- 2 Can you change the CD? I ..... (*not enjoy*) this music. I ..... (*want*) to listen to a different CD.
- 3 My sister ..... (*need*) a new bike. She ..... (*use*) mine at the moment.
- 4 My brothers ..... (*play*) football twice a week, but they ..... (*not like*) watching it on TV.
- 5 I ..... (*think*) about buying a digital camera. I ..... (*believe*) they're not too expensive.
- 6 Be quiet! I ..... (*watch*) this film. I ..... (*not make*) a noise during your favourite TV programmes.
- 7 That's a nice perfume you ..... (*wear*) today.  
It ..... (*smell*) very nice.
- 8 My mum isn't here at the moment. She ..... (*have*) lunch with a friend, I ..... (*think*).

**4 Complete the postcard. Use the present simple, present continuous or *can* + infinitive form of the verbs in the box.**

go	have	hear	know
see	sit	stay	work

Dear Lauren

I (1) ..... a great time in London. I (2) ..... with my aunt. She (3) ..... in London for a year and invited me to visit her. Her flat is on the tenth floor and I (4) ..... the Tower of London from my bedroom window. I (5) ..... somewhere interesting every day and I went to the Tower yesterday. It's one o'clock now and I (6) ..... in Green Park. I (7) ..... the sound of a fire engine. I (8) ..... I switched the kettle off this morning, so I don't think the fire's in my aunt's flat!

Love, Katy



**5 Are the sentences right or wrong? Correct those which are wrong.**

- 1 You look great in that jacket! .....
- 2 We always have got a party at the end of term. ....
- 3 You can borrow this pen. I'm not needing it. ....
- 4 Birds are making their nests in spring. ....
- 5 I hadn't got a cold last winter. ....
- 6 Do you prefer dark or milk chocolate? .....
- 7 I wear my new jeans today. ....
- 8 We're thinking the shops will close soon. ....