

Progress test 12 – People and places

GRAMMAR

① Infinitives and gerunds

Circle the correct option to complete the sentences. (10 marks)

Example: What are you thinking of to get / getting Simona for her birthday?

- 1 My sister hopes to go / going to law school when she finishes university.
- 2 I'm just going to the shops to get / getting some milk.
- 3 Where do you suggest to go / going for dinner tonight?
- 4 It's impossible to say / saying what will happen to the economy next year.
- 5 Gareth's much better at to play / playing the guitar than his brother is.
- 6 I really can't stand to sit / sitting around with nothing to do.
- 7 Celine needs to work / working harder on her writing if she wants to pass her exam.
- 8 Is Philip excited about to be / being in the school football team?
- 9 The reason a lot of young people move to cities is to find / finding a good job.
- 10 How long did it take you to learn to speak / speaking Arabic?

VOCABULARY

② Location

Write the correct words from the brackets to complete the sentences. (8 marks)

Example: My cousin lives in (in / at) a small town in Russia, to (on / to) the south of Moscow.

- 1 I live in a small village _____ (at / in) the south of Portugal, _____ (in / on) the Atlantic coast.
- 2 Peggy spent eight years _____ (at / in) the Maldives, a group of islands _____ (in / to) the Indian Ocean.
- 3 My aunt has a house _____ (on / in) the island of Tenerife, _____ (into / between) Lanzarote and Gran Canaria.
- 4 Gareth's first teaching job was in Tumbes, a city which is _____ (on / in) the north-west of Peru and _____ (borders / the border with) Ecuador.

③ Life and achievements

Read the text about a sumo wrestler. Choose one phrase from Box A and then one phrase from Box B to complete the sentences. Write the correct letter, a to l, in each space. (10 marks)

Example: Saleva'a Atisano'e _____ in 1963.

Answer: f, j

A

- a) flew
- b) wanted
- c) became interested
- d) was nearly the first foreigner to
- e) won
- f) was born

B

- g) a music scholarship
- h) to Japan
- i) become *ayokozuna*
- j) in Hawaii
- k) to become a lawyer
- l) in sumo

Saleva'a Atisano'e f j in 1963, and
1 _____ as a teenager. Although
he 2 _____ and also 3 _____
_____ to Syracuse University, he decided to try
a career in sumo and 4 _____ in
1982 to join the Takasago stable, changing his name
to Konishiki Yasokichi. He was very successful, and
5 _____, or 'grand champion'.

KEYWORD *to*

④ Uses of *to*

Rewrite the sentences, adding *to* in the correct place. (6 marks)

Example: OK, sir. Are you ready order now?

Answer: OK, sir. Are you ready to order now?

1 For me, the way I relax is by listening classical music or jazz.

2 Thanks for the email, Huw. It was great hear from you after so long!

3 If you get lost the best thing do is give me a ring so I can give you directions.

4 Gabriela always wants me to read a story her before she goes to bed at night.

5 I've nearly finished – I just need to send this email Marie.

6 You should definitely go to the concert – it might be your only chance see them play live.

EXPLORE SPEAKING

⑤ Vague language

Put the words in brackets in order to complete the sentences. (6 marks)

Example: My car has broken down again – I think it's

_____ .
(with the brakes / like that / a problem / or something)

Answer: a problem with the brakes or something like that

1 I've got a sore throat. Have you got _____

_____ ?

(or lemon juice / or / honey / something / any)

2 Why don't you come round for dinner tonight? Just bring _____

_____ .

(or some / whatever / a bottle of wine / or / chocolates)

3 My grandmother has a friend who helps her with basic chores, _____

_____ .

(like / like washing, / that / and / ironing / stuff)

4 That new bar is great. It's _____

_____ .

(Mediterranean atmosphere / and relaxed / a kind of / really friendly / and it has)

5 Clyde loves fixing old computers. His flat _____

_____ .

(and / television monitors / things / is / and keyboards / full of)

6 I had a tooth taken out at the dentist's today. It

_____ .

_____ .

(uncomfortable / didn't hurt, / it was / but / sort of)