

G R A M M A R

Complete the second sentence in each pair below (1-4) so it means exactly the same as the sentence above it.

1. I have an old bicycle that I don't want.

I wishan old bicycle.

2. I didn't have breakfast and now I am starving.

If only I wouldn't be starving now.

3. Mary is cooking lunch for Ben.

Ben is having

4. Somebody has eaten all the cakes.

All the cakes

...../ 4 pts

Complete the story below by filling in each gap with either the most appropriate word, or the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Last week my brother and I (5) (decide) to paint our bedroom (6) our parents were out for the day. Our parents usually have the painting done (7)..... a local firm, but we (8)..... (think) we could save some money if we did it ourselves. We (9)..... (watch) the painters the last time the house (10)(paint), so we thought we (11)(can) to do the job.

'First all the surfaces have to be washed,' my brother said.

'That can't be very difficult,' I replied. We'd better put some newspapers on the carpet. If we make a mess, we(12)(get) into trouble.'

After that (13) (do), we looked (14) some paint in the garden shed.

'We could use this red paint,' I suggested. My brother said that he (15) (prefer) green paint.

Just as we were going to start, our parents arrived home. 'You should have asked first,' my mother said to us.

'You can paint the rest of the house too!'

...../ 11pts

Total points:/ 15 points

V O C A B U L A R Y

Choose the best word from the ones given brackets to complete each phrase. Write the correct word in the space provided.

1.the potatoes (*whip / mince / peel*)
2.the cheese (*strain / beat / grate*)
3.the poppy seed (*sift / roll out / grind*)
4.the flour (*crush / sift / strain*)
5.the eggs (*press / beat / crush*)

...../5pts

Complete the second sentence using the correct form of the word in **bold** from the first sentence.

6. You can't **rely** on Kate. She is very
7. Peter is lacking on **honesty**. He is
8. Linda doesn't have much **experience** of this work. She is
9. The official did not **help** us very much. She was
10. Mary has very little **patience**. She is

...../2.5pts (0.5 pt each)

Complete each sentence with the correct preposition to complete each phrasal verb.

11. The car brokein the mountains and we couldn't find a garage.
12. Jane runof money after a week.
13. We were headingPrague, but we were not in a hurry to get there.
14. James has to setat dawn to catch the early train.
15. John's bike passed me and I had to ride fast to catchwith her.

...../2.5pts (0.5pt each)

Total points: / 10points

R E A D I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N

Read the text carefully. There are two tasks to do on the next page.

Shopping in America.

Supermarkets in the US are beginning to resemble warehouses, they are so enormous. That's good news for variety, (1)..... .

It isn't easy. Don't get distracted. Older people probably get their weekly exercise during one shopping excursion. That could explain why Americans on average shop only once a week. American shoppers will spend half an hour (2)..... . They will probably walk over one mile during their shopping visit, but they are reluctant about walking extra ten steps across the parking lot.

Even if it's July and 39°C outside, it is always freezing cold in American supermarkets. Of course there are things like fish, meat, vegetables and eggs that can decay if not kept in cool places, but when your glasses fog up and your hands are freezing, you wish they could turn up the heat.

There must be at least 100 shopping trolleys to pick from at the supermarket. So why do you always get the one with a wobbly wheel? Strange but true in all US supermarkets and in Europe too. Is this a conspiracy so the workers can laugh at customers?

Why is that most American women love to get into heavy conversations right in the middle of the grocery aisle and block others from getting by? This drives silent shoppers crazy. Isn't that why they invented the cell phone? When males are shopping they are like men on a mission. Out of my way! But maybe men don't chat because (3)..... .

In the US, because the check-out lines get long at most supermarkets, especially on Saturday mornings, they came up with a great solution: the express lane. In truth it's the exasperation lane. It seems they always put a slow new cashier in this lane. Moreover, shoppers always think they can outsmart the cashier by bringing more than the maximum items. So don't use the express lane: (4)..... .

Too much information can be troublesome. This is especially true in American supermarkets. Use-by dates, nutritional information, calorie content, fat content and so on. Shoppers can spend ages wondering what items to buy. In the old days, you bought a packet of sweet cereal and candy and didn't care how many grams of fat and sugar it contained – even if half your teeth fell out. Americans aren't going to stop buying those things now just because a label tells them what they already know. Paper or plastic? American supermarkets are becoming more and more aware of environmental issues, yet the old brown paper bag, as seen in most US movies when the hero returns home with the shopping, is being replaced by plastic bag. Also they are obliged to ask you which you want your goods packed in - (5)..... .

READING COMPREHENSION (continued)

Every weekend newspapers add money-saving coupons to cut out and use at the supermarket. Never stand behind a shopper who is using coupons. While they save money, they also slow everything down.

Despite what you have read here, shopping is an enjoyable experience in American supermarkets. They really offer good value, high quality selections – and a lot of laughs, too.

Adapted from 'Shop till you drop' by B. Piszek, the World of English 5, 2000

There are 5 phrases missing from the article. Decide which phrase below goes where in the text. Put the letter of the phrase into the correct gap (1, 2, 3, 4 or 5) in the article. There is one extra.

- A- just to get a parking space close to the front door of a supermarket.
- B -there are so few of them doing the family tasks, of course!
- C -but just try to spend less than one hour doing your shopping.
- D - you will never come to the shop again.
- E - even if there are no paper bags left.
- F - it'll get you to nowhere-fast!

...../5pts

Based on what you read, choose and circle the best answer (a, b, or c) to complete the statement.

6. Americans do the shopping once a week because...
 - a. supermarkets are too large.
 - b. they get distracted while shopping.
 - c. it takes too much time.
7. The writer believes ...
 - a. female customers like to spend long hours shopping.
 - b. male customers take their time when at the supermarket.
 - c. going to the supermarket together is good for relationships.
8. American customers get stressed while reading the labels ...
 - a. because they know what they're going to buy.
 - b. they are not used to the information provided on the labels.
 - c. have problems understanding the information.
9. The express lane ...
 - a. helps do your shopping fast.
 - b. is, in fact, very slow.
 - c. works on Sunday mornings.
10. The writer suggests that ...
 - a. customers should ignore coupons.
 - b. dealing with coupons is time consuming.
 - c. cutting coupons is waste of time.

...../5pts

Total points: / 10points

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Listen carefully and decide which of the statements (1 - 5) is true (T) or false (F).
Circle the letter of your answer.

1. Figure skating is considered an extreme sports. T / F

2. If you want to ride BMX, you need a muddy surface. T / F

3. Extreme sports are represented by a distinctive urban fashion. T / F

4. Manufacturers try to associate their products with X-sport and increase their production. T / F

5. X-sport will be banned in the future because many people have been seriously injured. T / F

Total points:/ 5 points

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