

END-OF-YEAR TEST 1 Units 1–16

GRAMMAR

1 Choose the correct options (a, b, c or d) to complete the text.

Juha Mieto

Imagine ¹ _____ out on victory by one hundredth of a second after ² _____ for fifteen kilometres in a cross country ski race. That's what happened to Juha Mieto of Finland at the Winter Olympics in 1980. He ³ _____ to win a medal in this event at his two previous Olympics, but, by 1980, he was considered ⁴ _____ a ⁵ _____ better skier than anyone else in the world and he hoped ⁶ _____ the gold medal. The Winter Olympics of 1980 ⁷ _____ his last Olympics, so, as he prepared for the event, Juha knew it was now or never for him. It was his last chance of ⁸ _____ his Olympic dream. In the race, Juha skied ⁹ _____, but his Swedish rival Thomas Wassberg stayed with him throughout the race. As they approached the finishing line, it looked ¹⁰ _____ both men had crossed at the same time. It was close but Wassberg ¹¹ _____ the winner – by one hundredth of a second. If Juha had just skied marginally faster, he ¹² _____ his goal.

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| 1 a miss | c missing |
| b to miss | d to missing |
| 2 a race | c racing |
| b to race | d to racing |
| 3 a was failing | c has failed |
| b had failed | d was failed |
| 4 a be | c to be |
| b being | d to being |
| 5 a much | c most |
| b many | d more |
| 6 a win | c winning |
| b to win | d to winning |
| 7 a was being | c would have been |
| b was going to be | d would be doing |
| 8 a achieve | c achieving |
| b to achieve | d to achieving |
| 9 a real good | c really well |
| b really good | d good really |
| 10 a as | c as if |
| b like that | d that |
| 11 a declared | c was being declared |
| b was declared | d was declaring |
| 12 a would achieve | c would be achieving |
| b would have achieved | d would to achieve |

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2 Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

- _____ you educated in this country or abroad?
a Did b Had c Were
- I suddenly realised that Ian _____, and I was alone in the restaurant.
a left b had left c was leaving
- Emily _____ be really good at the violin when she was a kid.
a would b used to c could
- We _____ ever go to the cinema these days.
a hardly b almost c quite
- You're _____ to hand it in on Monday, but, frankly, nobody else is going to do that.
a must b supposed c allowed
- She is not as interested in computers _____ Jason.
a as b than c that
- As soon as I _____ home, I'll call you.
a get b got c 'll get
- I spend my weekends _____.
a revise b to revise c revising

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3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- I'm sorry I'm late. How long _____ (you / wait)?
- Sometimes, even when she _____ (get) home really late, Paula has to do the cooking.
- We _____ (think) of going out later. Do you want to come?
- I think I _____ (break) my arm. Can you call an ambulance?
- It _____ (not surprise) me if you won.
- The bridge _____ (close) to traffic since Tuesday, and won't open until the weekend.
- I wish I _____ (lock) the door when I left home. Thieves broke in and took my computer.
- She asked if I _____ (know) Tom, and I don't.
- They were accused of _____ (lose) the game on purpose.
- Jo refused _____ (pay).

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VOCABULARY

4 Complete the sentences with one word.

- It's pouring _____ outside. Let's watch TV.
- We visited the theme _____ and went on lots of rides.
- Let's _____ for a run. The weather's nice and we'll get fit!
- This course is good _____ my CV. And that'll help me get a job.
- It costs an arm and a _____ to buy new kitchen units.
- Julie fell _____ with her best friend over something silly.
- I was angry at first, but after a while I calmed _____.
- My laptop has a built-_____ webcam.
- I fell _____ my bike and broke my ankle.
- A former dictator, who is responsible _____ genocide, has been arrested.

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5 Write the correct form of the word in brackets to complete the sentences.

- I was _____ (pleasant) surprised to find the film so enjoyable.
- It's always _____ (disappoint) when bad weather ruins a good day out.
- The song was so _____ (sentiment) that I started to cry.
- The government has recently changed _____ (employ) laws.
- He tried hard, but his efforts didn't meet her _____ (expect).
- The school's overall _____ (perform) was worse than that of others in the area.
- If it gets too hot, the heater goes off _____ (automatic).
- These pills are _____ (benefit) for your health.

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6 Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

- I'm really _____ with the results of the experiment. It went well.
a pleased b worried c down
- This type of music is _____ and boring. It's just so uninteresting.
a moving b bland c uplifting
- At the weekend, Jeff relaxes in his T-shirt and tracksuit _____ .
a bottoms b sandals c leggings
- Put the chicken in the oven and let it _____ for two hours.
a roast b fry c steam
- The restaurant is _____. Every table is taken. You'll have to wait.
a deserted b presented c packed
- We're worried about the rising crime _____ .
a rate b change c gap
- This part of the city is _____. It's pleasant but there's nothing to do.
a rough b dead c filthy
- The rat _____ across the kitchen really fast.
a raced b crawled c circled
- Jack is very _____. He will always support you and be a good friend.
a loyal b charming c intense
- We waited on the _____ for the train.
a deck b platform c harbour
- Select a function from the drop-down _____ on your computer.
a menu b mouse c plug
- I've got food _____. I must have eaten something bad.
a infection b poisoning c bruising

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LISTENING

7 Listen to the phone-in and choose the best answer. Only one answer is correct.

- How is Dr Clark feeling today?
a She has a bit of a cold right now.
b She has a very bad headache.
c Not at all bad but a little tired.
d She felt better earlier in the week.
- What problem does Ed describe?
a a terrible stomach ache
b a persistent earache
c a nasty rash on his forehead
d really bad headaches
- Which of the following solutions for Ed's complaint does Dr Clark NOT suggest?
a lying down
b taking pills
c eating well
d drinking water
- What does Ed do in his job?
a He books holidays for people.
b He answers the phone.
c He sells telephones.
d He works outdoors.
- What does the doctor advise Ed to do?
a talk to his own doctor
b change his job
c have more breaks while at work
d supervise his work

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SPEAKING

8 Talk about one of the following topics.

- what sort of things put you in a good mood
- the place you would most like to visit
- what you do on a typical day at work

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READING

The thatcher

On sunny days, as you sit in the office staring out of the window, ignoring the great pile of paperwork in front of you, do you sometimes wonder whether working with your hands in the great outdoors might suit you a little better? I know I do. That's why I left my London desk recently to meet up with twenty-five-year-old Andy Lyons, a fit, athletic, suntanned guy who works as a thatcher in the villages of southern England. Thatching is a traditional craft, which, after a century of decline, has seen a revival in recent years, and I wanted to find out what it was all about and what had attracted him, along with a growing number of young men and women, to the job.

If you've ever visited a small English village you can't have missed the ancient cottages with their beautiful old roofs, which make the places seem so historic and timeless. The roofs are made of thousands of dry strips of water reeds, all packed tightly together. As you can probably imagine, maintaining these roofs is an enormous challenge, and that's where Andy comes in. He spends his working life up a ladder in all weathers putting together thatched roofs.

I caught up with him in a little village in Sussex, a village sleepy enough and pretty enough to be pictured on the lid of a chocolate box. I asked him what he did in his job and what he loved about it. Unsurprisingly, what I discovered was that the job varied from season to season. 'During the summer, I'm up on the roofs most of the time,' said Andy. 'It's all change in the colder months. Then we have to cut the water reed, a thick type of grass which grows in rivers, and gather it together in bundles to dry it. That makes great thatch.' Andy went on to tell me that the thatch he used differed from that further inland, where different grasses were used, and that his personal area of expertise was in restoring older, more historic houses rather than in making new roofs. 'I rarely get to work on anything new,' said Andy. 'We do have some thatchers in our company whose expertise lies in making new roofs on houses that have just been built, which is really difficult to do. I enjoy learning new aspects of the craft every day – it's not easy, so there's always something new to learn – and of course, being in the open air in the summer is fantastic. If I were in a typical job, I'd have to work inside all day and I wouldn't be so fit or have such a good suntan!'

9 Read the text and decide if these sentences are true (T), false (F) or not given (NG).

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| 1 The writer probably works in an office. | T / F / NG |
| 2 There are more thatchers around now than there were a few years ago. | T / F / NG |
| 3 There are more men doing the job than women. | T / F / NG |
| 4 The writer admires the appearance of thatched roofs. | T / F / NG |
| 5 Thatchers work on the thatched roofs even when it rains. | T / F / NG |
| 6 Andy spends as much time thatching roofs in winter as he does in summer. | T / F / NG |
| 7 It takes all winter to dry the thatch. | T / F / NG |
| 8 Thatch is identical wherever you go in England. | T / F / NG |
| 9 Andy thinks it's harder to thatch a new building than an old one. | T / F / NG |
| 10 Andy would like to learn how to thatch different types of roofs. | T / F / NG |

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WRITING

10 Write one of the following.

- a description of the worst job you have ever had
- a blog entry on how you learned English
- an essay about the topic *Shopping online is better than shopping in the high street*. Give the arguments for both sides, and express your own opinion.

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