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READING EXAM *Style*

The *Twilight* movies have been a huge success in movie theaters worldwide. They center on a love story between a human, Bella Swan, and a vampire, Edward Cullen. The two find themselves strongly attracted to each other, and face challenges in both the real and supernatural world – from Bella's concerns over aging to fierce werewolves and powerful vampires. *Twilight's* success has even led to plans for another remake of the first classic vampire story, *Dracula*. So, what is it that people find so appealing about these kinds of movies?

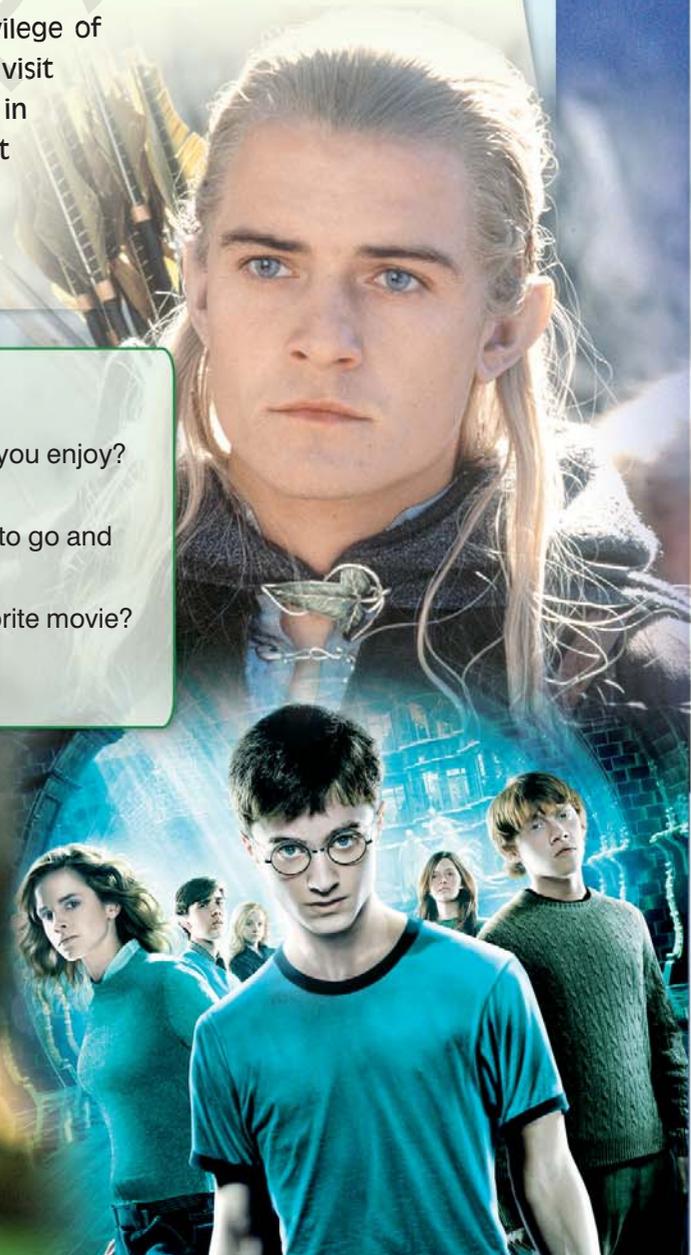
One factor has to be the quality of the numerous special effects. Viewers feel like they are actually watching people turn into werewolves, or seeing vampires flying through the sky because the effects are so cleverly done. In other words, reality and fiction become one.

This, of course, is true of many of the movies that are made nowadays. In the past, it was difficult to recreate an imaginary world on screen in a believable way. Anyone who had had the magical experience of reading books such as C.S. Lewis' *The Chronicles of Narnia* or Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* often felt disappointed by the screen version. Even as special effects were being developed, few directors took on the challenge of such huge projects.

All that has now changed, and so we have the privilege of being able to enter the magical world of *Harry Potter*, visit an alien planet in *Avatar* or witness the world ending in *2012*. With such amazing experiences on offer, it is not surprising that going to the movies has once again become a popular pastime.

DISCUSSION

- What kind of movies do you enjoy? Why?
- Which would you prefer to go and see – a movie or a play?
 - What is your favorite movie? What is it about?



Use the text to answer the questions.

- 1 The *Twilight* movies ...
 - a focus on a love story between two vampires.
 - b feature humans and supernatural characters.
 - c are about fighting between vampires and humans.
 - d do not use special effects.
- 2 Vampire movies ...
 - a have been popular before.
 - b are always about Dracula.
 - c have not been successful.
 - d are usually love stories.
- 3 In the past, special effects ...
 - a were always used realistically.
 - b were never used for big movies.
 - c did not always create a realistic scene.
 - d were used only for movies based on books.
- 4 What is attracting people to movie theaters nowadays?
 - a the chance to learn about modern technology
 - b the ability of movies to frighten people
 - c the simpler plots of modern movies
 - d the opportunity to be part of something imaginary
- 5 What does the writer use the movies mentioned in the last paragraph as examples of?
 - a movies that use impressive special effects
 - b movies that took a long time to make
 - c movies that aren't very realistic
 - d movies where special effects weren't really necessary



VOCABULARY CHECK

1 Find words in the text which mean:

- 1 wild and dangerous (para. 1)
- 2 very strong (para. 1)
- 3 many (para. 2)
- 4 unreal (para. 3)

2 Match the words with their meanings.

- | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | factor | ..... | a | reason |
| 2 | challenge | ..... | b | advantage |
| 3 | project | ..... | c | difficult task |
| 4 | privilege | ..... | d | planned piece of work |

WORD FORMATION

a Complete the table.

	VERB	ADJECTIVE(S) (+ opposite if exists)	NOUN
1	attract	.....	.....
2	.....	disappointed disappointing	.....
3	.....	(un)imaginative (un)imaginable imaginary	.....
4	-	..... .....	reality

b Complete the sentence using a word from the table.

- 1 Tim's exam results were as everyone had expected him to do well.
- 2 You need to have a good to write children's books.
- 3 Louise's new haircut made her look more
- 4 The actor's performance was so that the children were quite scared.

RELATED VOCABULARY

1 Fill in the correct noun: **subtitles, cast, producer, location.**

- 1 The desert scenes will be filmed on in Tunisia.
- 2 They will need a huge for the battle scenes.
- 3 We saw a German film with English
- 4 The had used more than half of his budget on costumes.

3 Fill in the correct noun: **offers, occasions, needs, agents.**

- 1 New drama schools are to be built that only students with **special** will attend.
- 2 My wife and I like to go out for dinner on **special** like birthdays or anniversaries.
- 3 At this time of year, there are many **special** on at the theater, especially for families.
- 4 **Special** searched the museum, believing there to be stolen goods inside.

2 Fill in the correct verb in the appropriate form: **show, set, star, play.**

- 1 The story is during the Second World War.
- 2 The director hadn't decided who would the role of the king.
- 3 It was Julia Roberts who in the movie *Pretty Woman*.
- 4 The Odeon is *Gone with The Wind* again.

4 WORDS EASILY CONFUSED

a Study the difference.

imaginary:

not real, only existing in the mind
imaginary fears

imaginative:

- 1) having or showing imagination
an imaginative child
- 2) produced by an imaginative person;
creative
an imaginative idea / design

imaginable:

that can be imagined / is possible to imagine
He did it for no imaginable reason.

b Fill in: **imaginary, imaginative or imaginable.**

- 1 She turned up in the prettiest dress
- 2 She's one of the most students in the school.
- 3 Many children develop fears of dangers.
- 4 That was a very essay you wrote.

PHRASAL VERBS

Study the **phrasal verbs** and then fill in the correct preposition / particle to complete the short review.

break down = stop working

break into = enter a place using force

break out = 1 begin suddenly
2 escape from a place

bring about = cause

Jimmy Doe's latest movie, *Run For It!*, is about two prisoners who try to [1] of jail. They get an opportunity to escape when a riot [2] This allows the two prisoners to [3] the main control room and damage the equipment. The main computer system then [4] , unlocking all the doors.

What [5] the riot? Had it been planned? Will the two prisoners be successful in their attempt to escape? Watch the movie to find out!

GRAMMAR

[See the Grammar Reference section at the back of the book.]

1 Fill in the **present progressive, simple present or present perfect (simple / progressive)**.

- 1 "How long it (rain)?" "About six hours."
- 2 They constantly (argue) about money.
- 3 PLANE (CRASH) INTO TRUCK ON HIGHWAY!
- 4 Julia (drive) me to work every day this week.
- 5 They (think) about moving house soon.
- 6 This is the first time I (eat) lobster.
- 7 you (be) in this city long?
- 8 I (know) Carl for ten years and we're still really good friends.



2 Fill in the **simple past, past progressive or past perfect (simple / progressive)**.

- 1 She (make) dinner when the doorbell rang.
- 2 It was the second time Martha (visit) Los Angeles.
- 3 Steven (go) swimming every day in August.
- 4 We (not drive) for more than an hour when we ran out of gas.
- 5 When I saw her, her eyes were red. I'm sure she (cry).

ORAL PRACTICE

Look at the advertisement and answer the questions.

- Which movie looks the most interesting to you? Why?
- What do you think the plot of each movie is? Discuss your ideas.

COMING SOON TO A MOVIE THEATER NEAR YOU!!!

THE WALL STREET KILLER II

Sequel to the first thrilling murder mystery!

THE WIZARD'S CAVE

Wonderful family fantasy!

WORD DISTRACTORS

Choose the correct answer.

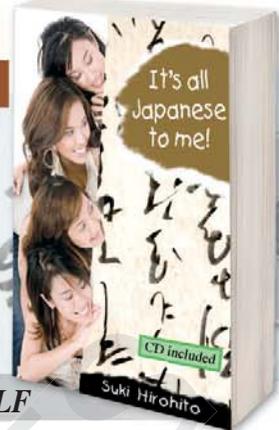
- 1 Mr Brown is away business.
 - a at
 - b on
 - c for
 - d to
- 2 I only know him by
 - a sight
 - b heart
 - c face
 - d look
- 3 They were identical twins and I couldn't one from the other.
 - a mark
 - b say
 - c tell
 - d notice
- 4 Oh, no! I've my purse at home.
 - a forgotten
 - b missed
 - c let
 - d left
- 5 I'm sorry, but your husband has been in an accident at work.
 - a wounded
 - b pained
 - c injured
 - d damaged
- 6 It was really difficult finding a parking near the office.
 - a ground
 - b lot
 - c place
 - d garage
- 7 I I hadn't trusted him.
 - a wish
 - b hope
 - c rather
 - d prefer
- 8 we leave now, we won't catch the bus.
 - a If
 - b Except
 - c Although
 - d Unless
- 9 I don't know why you are worried about Henry; he's fine.
 - a such
 - b enough
 - c so
 - d too
- 10 She me to take the next left if I wanted to avoid the traffic.
 - a advised
 - b pointed
 - c suggested
 - d said

READING EXAM *Style* 

1 IT'S ALL JAPANESE TO ME!

Suki Hirohito

This mini-book is designed to help learners of Japanese recognize Japanese characters more easily and make better sense of them. The meanings of many of the more commonly used ones are given and their cultural meanings analyzed.



2 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, THE MAN HIMSELF

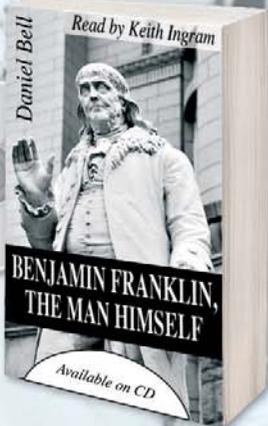
Daniel Bell

Read by Keith Ingram

The latest in a long line of biographies by famous historian Daniel Bell gives us Benjamin Franklin, perhaps the most symbolic yet enigmatic of our nation's forefathers.

Written in Bell's own personal style, the book introduces us to sides of this great leader that we probably never knew existed.

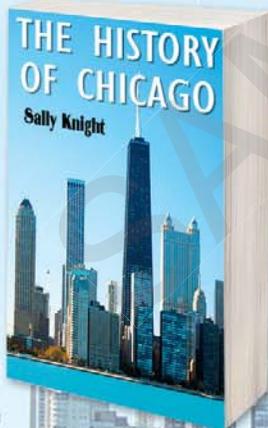
Sit back and relax as Keith Ingram narrates the story of how Franklin's sharp mind and excellent writing skills helped him become such a popular statesman.



3 A STRANGE TALE

By Carl Reeves

Cover-to-cover action-packed crime fiction with private eye Nick Goldberg, his trusted partner Tim Carter, and Laura Spelling his efficient secretary. Goldberg and his team are called in to investigate the mysterious disappearance of a young actress. The plot becomes interesting when in his search for Hayley Bridges, Goldberg comes across her body and ends up becoming the number one suspect for her murder!



4 THE HISTORY OF CHICAGO

By Sally Knight

This book takes you back to Chicago at the beginning of the twentieth century. Combining more than 100 black and white images and including the unique true-life experiences of over 150 local people, this history book has a really personal touch. Recollections of Chicago daily life, the war years, as well as sports and recreation keep you turning the pages.

5 THE LONG ROAD

By Kirsty Jordan

Ellie Donovan is a happy teenager growing up in a country town – that is, until she and her family are forced to leave for New York in search of a better future. Ellie's parents both take on jobs in a factory, leaving them exhausted every evening. Seeing this, young Ellie decides not to confide in them when she becomes a victim of bullying at school and ends up suffering from an eating disorder. The road to recovery is long and hard.



DISCUSSION

- Which of these books appeals most to you? Why?
- What kind of books do you prefer to read? Why?

COMPREHENSION CHECK *EXAM Style*

You are interested in buying some books as Christmas presents. Read the book covers to find the answers to these questions.

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <p>1 Which book tells the story of a famous person's life?
a 1 b 2
c 3 d 4</p> | <p>3 Which books are educational?
a 1, 2 and 3
b 1, 2 and 4
c 1, 2 and 5
d 2, 3 and 4</p> | <p>5 Which book includes real-life accounts?
a 1 b 3
c 4 d 5</p> |
| <p>2 Which book would make a good present for somebody who enjoys detective stories?
a 1 b 2
c 3 d 4</p> | <p>4 Which book tells you how somebody got over a serious illness?
a 2 b 3
c 4 d 5</p> | <p>6 Which books could you listen to?
a 1 and 2
b 1 and 5
c 2 and 4
d 3 and 5</p> |

VOCABULARY CHECK

1 Match the words with their meanings.

- | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------|
| 1 | sharp | ..... |
| 2 | efficient | ..... |
| 3 | mysterious | ..... |
| 4 | unique | ..... |

- | | |
|---|---|
| a | doing sth well |
| b | belonging to / connected with one particular person, place or thing |
| c | difficult to understand or explain |
| d | quick to understand or notice things |

2 Find words in the text that mean:

- | | | |
|---|--|-------|
| 1 | tells (book 2) | ..... |
| 2 | carefully examine (book 3) | ..... |
| 3 | memories (book 4) | ..... |
| 4 | act of returning to good health (book 5) | ..... |

WORD FORMATION

a Complete the table.

	VERB	ADJECTIVE(S) <i>(+ opposite if exists)</i>	NOUN(S)
1	.....	exhausted exhausting	.....
2	introduce	.....	.....
3	.....	(un)recognizable	.....
4	suspect	.....	.....

b Complete the sentence using a word from the table.

- Everyone agreed that the to the book was very good.
- The man was behaving in a very way, so she called the police.
- Both tennis players were by the end of the match.
- Carl had changed so much that he was almost

RELATED VOCABULARY

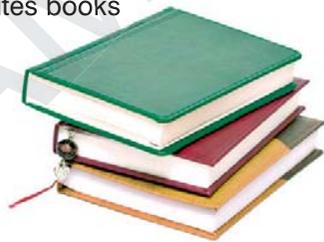
1 Match the idioms in color with their meanings.

- 1 The company **does everything by the book** to avoid problems with the tax office.
- 2 You should **not judge a book by its cover**; Ben may dress strangely, but he's a lovely person.
- 3 I know Tom so well I can **read him like a book** – he's definitely angry.

- a understand exactly what someone is thinking or feeling
- b do something according to the rules or laws
- c not form an opinion of someone from their appearance or manner only

2 Fill in the correct word: **novelist, editor, journalist, publisher, biographer.**

- 1 A(n) is someone who writes the story of another person's life.
- 2 A(n) is the person in charge of a magazine or newspaper and who decides what should be included in it.
- 3 A(n) is a writer or reporter of news stories.
- 4 A(n) prepares and prints magazines or books for the public.
- 5 A(n) writes books based on imaginary people, places, etc.



3 Match the words with their meanings.

- 1 **paperback**
- 2 **literature**
- 3 **edition**
- 4 **fiction**

- a a particular version of a book
- b writing based on imaginary people and events
- c books, plays and poems
- d book with a soft cover

PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES

Fill in the correct **prepositional phrase** to complete the dialog.

at the latest at length at first
at last at the age of at least

CELEBRITY: I knew [1] seven that I wanted to be an actress, in fact I never had any doubt.

INTERVIEWER: Really! Was it your father who influenced your decision? After all, I know your mother wasn't happy about it, and your father is a very famous and successful actor.

CELEBRITY: Well, no. You see, [2], my father agreed with my mother, and it wasn't until he saw my first movie that he admitted [3] that I had made the right career choice.

INTERVIEWER: And I'm sure your fans would agree. You've received great reviews for [4] half of the movies you've been in. What's next?

CELEBRITY: I'm not really allowed to discuss [5] the movie I'm now working on, but I can tell you that it will be out by June [6], and it is very different from anything I've done so far.



1 Tick if the sentence is correct or correct the error.

- 1 Sit down. We are about to have dinner.
- 2 She has to speak to James since last month.
- 3 How long have the girls been knowing each other?
- 4 I haven't been feeling well lately.
- 5 Have some cake while you will be waiting.
- 6 Will you have finished your homework until ten o'clock?
- 7 It is raining heavily for four hours now.
- 8 That's a pretty dress. Who has made it?

2 Fill in the correct *future tense* of the verbs given.

- | | | |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1 <i>take</i> | 3 <i>work</i> | 5 <i>take over</i> |
| 2 <i>find</i> | 4 <i>run</i> | 6 <i>gain</i> |

Wendy Knowels is a college student. This time next month, she (1) her final exams. Wendy wants to do well on her exams and hopes that by this summer she (2) a good job. If she can't find one on her own, she (3) for her father for a while, although she doesn't want to do that yet. Wendy's father is a businessman and by this time next year he (4) his own company for twenty years. Wendy (5) the family business eventually. She hopes that by the time her father is ready to retire, she (6) enough experience to do so.



ORAL PRACTICE

Look at the leaflet and answer the questions.

County Book Fair

10th year of our annual literature event!

Stands:
 Local writers Classics
 Best-sellers Foreign language works

Also:
 Get a successful author's opinion on your work!
 Enjoy sunset poetry readings!

10th-17th August. All the family welcome.

Exchange old books at our second-hand stand

- What type of books can you find at the book fair?
- What can you enjoy in the evenings?
- What can you trade?

WORD DISTRACTORS

Choose the correct answer.

- 1 There was such thick fog that they couldn't anything.
 a make out b see through
 c show up d look into
- 2 I'll do it, you never ask me again.
 a as long b only
 c provided d so long
- 3 She was with robbery.
 a accused b sentenced
 c arrested d charged
- 4 He to listen to a word she was saying.
 a denied b permitted
 c accepted d refused
- 5 a broken leg, he went on the excursion.
 a In spite of b On account
 c Although d Due to
- 6 my mother, I never get up late.
 a Except b Unlike
 c Besides d Against
- 7 Aren't you to be at work by now?
 a supposed b hoped
 c thought d supposing
- 8 She was shown jewels that were Nobody could afford to buy them.
 a priceless b invaluable
 c worthless d worthy
- 9 People usually decide to get in just before the beginning of summer.
 a shape b form
 c fitness d body
- 10 I've weight. I must change my lifestyle.
 a received b taken
 c put on d taken on

PINE CITY ARTS FESTIVAL

PINE CITY ARTS COUNCIL is an organization that supports and sponsors local artists in both the performing and visual arts. A series of arts events are put on throughout the year, ending with the annual four-day Arts Festival held in various locations throughout the city. You and your family are invited to attend.

WHAT TO EXPECT THERE ...

Over 100 talented visual artists will be displaying and selling their works of art. Have your portrait sketched by a professional artist for \$8. For the younger generation, face painting will be available along with mini-performances by various artists in the square opposite Marshall's Shopping Mall.

True to tradition, the public will be able to view the works of some of the more famous American artists.

The Museum of Contemporary Art has once again decided not to ask its usual \$10 admission fee. (No cameras allowed.)

Meet the artists in person on the second day of the festival.

Lea Goldman:

- still lifes and human figures

Douglas Schneider:

- realistic food

Kate Jackson:

- breathtaking landscapes

On outdoor stages there will be theater and dance performances in the mornings, and music in the evenings. The schedule is as follows:

	MORNING ENTERTAINMENT	EVENING ENTERTAINMENT
Thursday June 26th:	THE PEACE CENTER Plays by Neil Simon	IRWIN PARK Native American groups
Friday June 27th:	THE PEACE CENTER Traditional country and western dances	IRWIN PARK Selection of local bands
Saturday June 28th:	TRINITY SQUARE Ballroom dancing marathon. Entrants pay \$10 each to participate. Prize: \$1,000.	FRANKLIN SQUARE Selection of local bands acting as support groups to Seeking Irony.
Sunday June 29th:	THE PEACE CENTER INTERNATIONAL DAY The Black Theater, Prague puts on another one of its thrilling performances.	IRWIN PARK Selection of local bands. Following this, local restaurants will serve delicious International-style cuisine.

As always, the selection of arts events are wide and interesting. Where else could you and your family enjoy a whole day of entertainment free of charge? Donations are welcome.

COMPREHENSION CHECK EXAM *Style* 

You are shopping in Pine City when you are handed this leaflet about the Arts Festival. Look at the leaflet to find the information you need to answer the questions.

- 1 What is **not** true about the festival?
 - a It lasts for four days.
 - b You have to buy tickets for all the events.
 - c It is held throughout the city.
 - d It is held every year.
- 2 You would like to see a display of traditional dances. Where should you go?
 - a The Peace Center
 - b Irwin Park
 - c Trinity Square
 - d Franklin Square
- 3 You would like to eat something after an event. Which day should you go on?
 - a Thursday
 - b Friday
 - c Saturday
 - d Sunday
- 4 On which day will you be able to chat to famous American painters?
 - a Friday
 - b Saturday
 - c Sunday
 - d every day
- 5 What would you expect to pay \$10 for?
 - a entry to the Museum of Contemporary Art
 - b your portrait
 - c taking part in a competition
 - d a donation



VOCABULARY CHECK

1 Replace the word(s) in **bold** with words from the text.

- 1 These **paintings** were created by local schoolchildren.
- 2 The **choosing** of finalists will take place on Saturday.
- 3 Mediterranean **food** is well known for its health benefits.
- 4 The company gave the school a generous **gift of money** to help with the cost of the new computers.

2 Match the words with their **opposites**.

a	1 attend	a be absent from
	2 display	b not take part
	3 participate	c hide

b	1 professional	a old-fashioned
	2 contemporary	b unimpressive
	3 breathtaking	c amateur

RELATED VOCABULARY

1 Put the words in the correct place:
ballet, opera, sculpture, portrait,
concert, drama, landscape, exhibition.



2 Tick the words which can go with the words in bold.

display	exhibit	show	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	something to somebody
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	items in a store window
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a movie
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	something in a gallery / museum

PREPOSITIONS

1 Choose the correct preposition.

Pete: According [1] **with / to** this article, that new artist has been **accused** [2] **to / of** some terrible behavior at parties. It also suggests that he's **addicted** [3] **to / with** drugs!

Jill: I bet this will come as a shock to him; he's not **accustomed** [4] **of / to** bad publicity. It may even affect his reputation in the art world.

Pete: I suppose you're right. The way the media **takes advantage** [5] **to / of** famous people when they do something wrong is really awful.

2 Fill in the correct preposition to complete the text.



about for to of on

As a young student, she couldn't believe her luck when she came face to face with such a famous artist, but she was too scared to ask him for **advice** [1] her own work or about which art course to **apply** [2] Instead, despite being somewhat **afraid** [3] interrupting him, she sat close by and started to draw him. When he passed her and looked at the drawing, she was extremely **anxious** [4] what he was going to say. However, just as she was thinking about **apologizing** [5] him for not having asked his permission, he gave a smile and put a big tick next to her portrait.

GRAMMAR [See the Grammar Reference section at the back of the book.]

1 Fill in the **simple present**, **present progressive** or **present perfect** (simple / progressive).

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1 This is the second time he (fall off) his horse. | 5 Grandad always (tell) me exciting stories. |
| 2 How much this jacket (cost)? | 6 Your perfume (smell) wonderful. |
| 3 My daughters always (bring) home stray dogs and cats. | 7 We (know) Greg since he was three. |
| 4 You (play) in the snow for hours. You must be freezing. | 8 you (enjoy) the movie? |

2 Correct the **six errors** in tense.

- "It's been a long time since we haven't heard from Jenny."
"You're right. I ought to call her when I will get back from work tonight."
- "Where are you going with that paint?"
"I will be going to paint the fence."
- "Who do you wait for, Brian?"
"Elizabeth. Oh, here she is coming!"
- "Last week, I went to the beach every morning."
"I see. So while I was working at the office, you had been surfing."
"Yes. I hope you aren't too jealous."



Situation

You and your family are going to a local cultural festival. The group includes young children and adults. Choose which form of entertainment you will go to.

Your Task

Look at the pictures below and ask:

- Where do the performances take place?
- How do the people perform?
- Who do the performances appeal to?

When you have all the information you need, explain which form of entertainment you think would be the most appropriate and why. Be ready to explain why you did not choose the other option.



magician



guitarist / singer

Remember

Use the information you learn from asking the questions to explain your final choice.

WORD DISTRACTORS

Choose the correct answer.

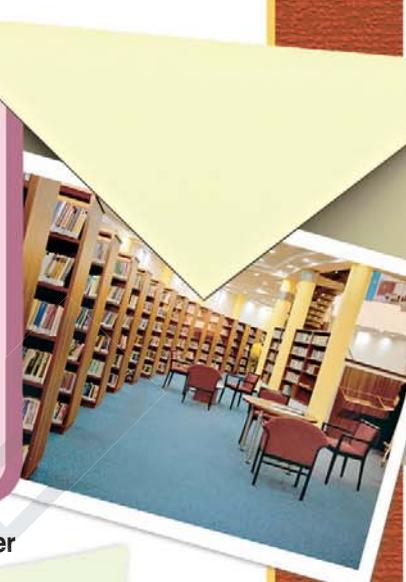
- 1 He had to pay a fine for speeding.
 - a strong b heavy
 - c hard d high
- 2 They broke because they didn't love each other anymore.
 - a up b down
 - c out d in
- 3 Medicine must be kept out reach of children.
 - a of b from
 - c off d than
- 4 He was with envy when he saw her expensive new car.
 - a yellow b white
 - c green d red
- 5 We hadn't seen each other for ages, so we had a lot to up on.
 - a catch b talk
 - c bring d speak
- 6 Be careful not to break my
 - a coffee of cup b cup of coffee
 - c cup coffee d coffee cup
- 7 Oh, she's a(n) person. Just like the rest of us.
 - a typical b ordinary
 - c routine d everyday
- 8 What can we do to him to stay?
 - a persuade b make
 - c suggest d insist
- 9 He great pride in his child's progress.
 - a has b give
 - c pays d takes
- 10 Pollution the environment.
 - a wounds b hurts
 - c harms d injures

WRITING

Here is an article that was recently published in the Kansas City News.

KANSAS CITY COUNCIL

is pleased to announce that a large sum of money has been generously donated by one of the city's most successful businessmen, Mr Thomas Fitzgerald. Mr Fitzgerald stated clearly that the money should be used either to fund a new cultural center for the city's youth, or, alternatively, to buy more books, CDs and equipment for the city's libraries. After much discussion, council members decided that the money is to go toward updating the city's library facilities since the council feels that no one would be interested in the cultural center, especially young people.



Penny Adams read this article and decided to write a letter to the newspaper expressing her opinion on Kansas City Council's decision. This is what she wrote.

Dear Editor,

As a senior high school student here in Kansas City, I felt I just had to write in and share my views on the decision made by the City Council concerning Mr Thomas Fitzgerald's kind donation. While I appreciate the difficulty the council faced in reaching their decision, I have to say that I strongly disagree with the idea of putting Mr Fitzgerald's money toward buying new equipment for our local libraries. In my opinion, the council members do not have a true picture as to the interests of young people these days. As a bookworm myself, I must admit that I was in favor of improving the library facilities. However, having thought about it more carefully, I am now certain that it would be a mistake.

Without doubt, what this city would benefit from most is a cultural center where young people can develop their artistic talents. You see, even though we are encouraged to participate in activities such as drama and art throughout our school life, not everyone has the time during the school day to do this. I also firmly believe that a center such as this would provide the opportunity for young people to channel their energy into something positive, as opposed to hanging out at the local mall and getting into trouble.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I hope somebody from the council reads this letter and that it persuades them to reconsider their decision.

Sincerely,
Penny Adams



COMPREHENSION CHECK

Write **T** for True or **F** for False.

- 1 Penny is writing to thank Mr Fitzgerald for his donation.
- 2 Penny thinks that the money should go toward some new pictures for the library.
- 3 Penny says that there are facilities for art and drama in schools.
- 4 In Penny's opinion, many young people may choose to go to the cultural center as opposed to the mall.
- 5 Penny says that she hopes that no one from the council reads her letter.

VOCABULARY CHECK

Tick only the correct sentences.

- 1 When you **announce** something, you sell it.
- 2 When somebody **funds something**, they provide money for it.
- 3 When you **update** something, you make it more old-fashioned.
- 4 If you **are in favor** of something, you support it.

WRITING SKILLS

1 Tick the sentences that **express opinion**.

- 1 There seems to be no reason why you should not ask them.
- 2 Personally, I consider it to be a waste of time.
- 3 As far as I am concerned, his behavior was unacceptable.
- 4 It's not that I am not interested in your offer, but that I have no money at the moment.
- 5 As I see it, it would be in your best interests to go.

2 Choose the correct answer to complete the following letter extracts.

a Dear Editor,
I am a fifteen-year-old high school student and am a [1] reader of your newspaper. I saw the article on Kansas City Council's decision and would like to say that I [2] the opinion that they are in the wrong.

- | | |
|-------------|-----------|
| 1 a routine | b regular |
| 2 a hold | b keep |

b [1], it may be true that some young people would not be that enthusiastic about the idea at first. [2], it is my belief that they would come around to the idea [3] time.

- | | |
|----------------|-----------|
| 1 a All in all | b In all |
| 2 a However | b Despite |
| 3 a on | b in |

3 Put the following in the correct boxes:

**In addition, To sum up, Furthermore, In my view, Moreover,
To my mind, To conclude, I am of the opinion that, In conclusion**

giving your opinion

.....
.....
.....

adding ideas

.....
.....
.....

summing up

.....
.....
.....

WRITING HELPLINE - VOCABULARY

1 Fill in **make** or **do**.

- 1 Arrangements should be for the forthcoming music festival.
- 2 The Arts Festival would a lot of good for the area.
- 3 Something must be to change their minds.
- 4 I'm convinced that this would a difference.
- 5 Not many people would use of these facilities.

2 Choose the correct **preposition**.

- 1 I feel that the money should definitely be **spent in / on** something more worthwhile.
- 2 Everyone in the local area would **benefit of / from** such a scheme.
- 3 I have to say that I feel the idea will **be for / of** little **interest** to anyone.
- 4 Is anyone **interested in / on** visiting the art gallery?

PRE-WRITING DISCUSSION

Do you agree with these statements or not? Discuss the three statements below, giving your opinion on each of them.

Young people have little interest in the arts.

Arts festivals are enjoyable for the whole community.

People benefit very little from visiting art galleries.

Useful Language

Personally speaking, ...
The way I look at it is this ...
As I see it, ...
I firmly believe that ...
I think ...
I strongly disagree with ...

WRITING TASK EXAM Style

Read the item below from a local newspaper about an arts festival, and then complete the task.

Arts & Entertainment

Following a recent decision taken by The City of Newport Arts Council, the planned Newport Arts Festival will not be taking place this year. Since the Arts Council feels that not many people would have attended the event, it has decided to use the money to buy some new paintings for the Newport Art Gallery instead. Mr Rick Harefield, Council Director, stated that since the majority of young people in Newport are not interested in the arts generally, the Arts Festival would have been put on for nothing. The Council would like to apologize for any inconvenience that this cancelation has caused.

Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper expressing your opinion on the Arts Council's decision. Say what you think young people's reactions toward the arts festival would be and what you think should be done. Explain your views. Illustrate your viewpoint with examples. You should write about one page. Use the **Writing Task Sheets** at the back of the Workbook.

PRE-LISTENING

Match the questions with suitable responses.

1 What's the best way to get to the stadium?

2 Why are you late?

3 Which one is your friend?

4 Can you tell me where the doctor's is?

5 Was the dress expensive?

a It's that big building next to the school.

b I didn't wake up early enough.

c You should take the train.

d They gave me a 20% discount.

e She's the one with short, wavy hair.

Choose the correct answer.



A



B



C



A



B



C



A



B



C



A



B



C



A



B



C



A



B



C



A



B



C



A



B



C



A



B



C



A



B



C



Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Why is David worried? It's obvious that there's nothing his wife.
 - a that matters
 - b the matter about
 - c the matter with
 - d matter with
- 2 Mrs Hooper told us her dog after 8 p.m.
 - a that we not feed
 - b not to feed
 - c not feeding
 - d don't feed
- 3 "Are you going to buy the car?"
"I It's too expensive."
 - a doubt
 - b doubt so
 - c doubt this
 - d doubt it
- 4 Rarely her grandparents during the week.
 - a does she visit
 - b she is visiting
 - c she visits
 - d is she visiting
- 5 The Mafia leader living in Brazil.
 - a believed to be
 - b is believed to be
 - c is believed that he is
 - d is to be believed
- 6 The last time I saw her she was walking the direction of the bank.
 - a in
 - b at
 - c on
 - d to
- 7 "Did you enjoy the musical?"
"No, and is more, the tickets were \$100 apiece!"
 - a it
 - b this
 - c that
 - d what
- 8 The plate set consists sixty-four pieces.
 - a for
 - b from
 - c of
 - d in
- 9 Everyone believed that her chocolate cake first prize.
 - a was worthy of
 - b was worth for
 - c was worth of
 - d worthy of
- 10 Your daughter is very
 - a creating
 - b creative
 - c created
 - d creation
- 11 Look, Evelyn seems for someone.
 - a wait
 - b to wait
 - c waiting
 - d to be waiting
- 12 "Have they had any visitors lately?"
"Not"
 - a that I know of
 - b that I know about
 - c for that I know
 - d from that I know
- 13 Brenda was the last person the computer.
 - a used
 - b who has used
 - c to use
 - d which used
- 14 That cup you are holding
 - a need to wash
 - b needs washing
 - c needs to wash
 - d need be washed
- 15 My father drives a(n) Mercedes.
 - a brown, beautiful, old
 - b old, brown, beautiful
 - c old, beautiful, brown
 - d beautiful, old, brown
- 16 Since the taxi is here, let's
 - a get to going
 - b get going
 - c get to go
 - d to get going

- 17 "What does his new couch look like?"
"Well, it his old one."
a is like
b is the same with
c is alike
d is similar
- 18 I to meet with the president of the company at three o'clock tomorrow.
a must
b will
c should
d am
- 19 Success can only through patience and hard work.
a to achieved
b have achieved
c be achieved
d achieve
- 20 The items are in the garage.
a to be given away
b giving away
c of giving away
d for given away
- 21 The rainforest has rare flowers which can't in any other part of the world.
a find them
b be found
c find
d found them
- 22 "Are you sure Darren saw the bank robbery?"
"Yes, he had to it because he was standing right outside the bank."
a see
b be seeing
c have had seen
d have seen
- 23 Mark's the dinner check really surprised us all.
a to pay
b paying
c pay
d paid
- 24 Lesley is used to up early.
a wake
b be waking
c be woken
d being woken
- 25 Some candles are not for burning; they are collector's items and just at.
a to look
b looking
c for look
d to have looked
- 26 "Was Mary's apartment broken into?"
"I don't think so, or called the police when she got home."
a she would
b she had
c she'd have
d she'd had
- 27 Some say there is nothing on that island dirt and rocks.
a than
b other than
c else than
d except than
- 28 "I can't cook dinner tonight; I'm too exhausted."
"What do you think of dinner for you?"
a that I cook
b my to cook
c me cook
d my cooking
- 29 "Is Jenny angry with me?"
"Yes, and she wishes you more polite to her friends in the future."
a were
b would be
c are
d will be
- 30 The ski slope was steeper than I had expected.
a too
b enough
c much
d very
- 31 I had to punish the boys because I caught them
a stealing
b stole
c to steal
d steal
- 32 "Why did you close the door?"
"..... she wouldn't hear us."
a For that
b So that
c So as
d In order

- 33 the children in my class, Danny's the most talented.
- From all
 - In all
 - Of all
 - For all
- 34 What we need most medicine for the children.
- are
 - be
 - is
 - have
- 35 "Do you know who Tim Riley is?"
"No. does he look like?"
- What
 - How
 - Which
 - Like what
- 36 Which these shirts would you choose to go with this suit?
- from
 - among
 - between
 - of
- 37 The doctor advised me to cut my sugar intake half.
- in
 - with
 - by
 - for
- 38 "How did you get to the nightclub?"
"..... Jason's car."
- In
 - By
 - By the
 - Into
- 39 An agreement was finally signed the three countries which ended the war.
- in between
 - between
 - through
 - beneath
- 40 She has told us nothing about what happened that night.
- nearly
 - barely
 - hardly
 - almost
- 41 Would you be so kind to pass the salt, please?
- as
 - that
 - in order that
 - so
- 42 "I can't believe how cold it is."
"I know. It's snow tonight."
- may
 - ought to
 - bound to
 - can
- 43 what they produce is sold at the market.
- A lot
 - Many of
 - Much of
 - A great deal
- 44 Twenty percent of the people in this district a Jeep.
- own
 - is owning
 - owns
 - has owned
- 45 As a model, she has always prided herself her appearance.
- with
 - on
 - by
 - of
- 46 you have found a house you like, we can look into getting you a bank loan.
- While
 - Whereas
 - As
 - Once
- 47 "Did you ever expect Mr Brown to buy a puppy?"
"..... he hasn't given it back yet surprises me."
- Because
 - As fact
 - That
 - Since
- 48 "Wow! She has changed all recognition."
"Yes. It's amazing what a hair cut and a bit of make-up can do."
- past
 - beyond
 - far from
 - from

- 49 "Are you coming to the theater with us tonight?"
"I suppose"
- a so
 - b that
 - c yes
 - d to
- 50 "How long do you think they'll stay in Italy?"
"....., three weeks."
- a The most
 - b Most
 - c Mostly
 - d At the most
- 51 The amount of food you'll have to make depends on how many people
- a do you invite
 - b you invite
 - c are you inviting
 - d you inviting
- 52 I don't blame you for leaving. In your position, I probably the same.
- a must have done
 - b have done
 - c would have done
 - d did
- 53 If you go to the market after one o'clock, the fruit costs half what in the morning.
- a it has cost
 - b it cost
 - c it was costing
 - d it had cost
- 54 I will let you know as soon as the task
- a finished
 - b be finished
 - c is finishing
 - d is finished
- 55 "Have they finished building their house yet?"
"No. They were it by now, but the weather's been really bad."
- a finishing
 - b to have finished
 - c be finishing
 - d finished
- 56 The children across the street usually basketball on our driveway.
- a play
 - b are playing
 - c have played
 - d plays
- 57 "Does Jane want this black sweater?"
"I don't think so, or packed it with her other clothes."
- a she had
 - b she'd had
 - c she would
 - d she'd have
- 58 Four o'clock is a good time to meet because I time to finish the report by then.
- a have had
 - b will have had
 - c had
 - d will be having
- 59 "Did he win the race?"
"No, unfortunately he didn't, but made us really proud."
- a for he's actually competing
 - b he to compete
 - c that he actually competed
 - d he competed
- 60 it rains tomorrow, I promise I'll take you to the circus.
- a Despite
 - b In spite
 - c Even if
 - d However

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