LESSON A

Isn’t it amazing how actors are made to look so perfect ..........

Filming ............ location in the jungle can be a challenging experience.

............ the past, people used to watch black and white movies that had no sound.

With so many DVDs ............ offer, we couldn’t decide which one to buy.

If you only know someone by sight, you ...

If something is described as fiction, it is based on ...

If you have the privilege of doing something, you ...

If something is huge, it is ...

If something is appealing, it is ...

IMPRESS
His acting didn’t make much of an ............................... on me.

ACT
I thought that the young ............................... played her part extremely well.

ATTRACT
A movie about a giant gorilla holds no ............................... for me whatsoever!

DISAPPOINT
Despite the amount of money spent on making the movie, it still turned out to be a huge ............................... .

REAL
This particular children’s book takes its young readers on a journey through both ............................... and fiction.
1 Fill in the simple present, present progressive or present perfect (simple / progressive).

1 Beckham ................................. (kick) the ball into the back of the net and the crowd cheers.
2 This is the second time I ................................. (buy) this product.
3 We ................................. (have) this car for a long time.
4 My little brother ................ always .................... (lose) his toys.
5 I need a rest because I .................................. (dig) in the garden for three hours now.

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

1 It was the first time I .................................. (drive) a sports car.
2 I ............................................. (wait) at the bus stop for an hour when the bus came.
3 The children ................................. (make) a lot of noise while I ................................. (do) my work, so it was impossible to concentrate.
4 John .................................. (see) the movie before, so he knew what would happen.
5 He ............. always ................. (get) into trouble at school.
6 The children .................................. (play) in the garden whenever the weather was nice.

3 Choose the correct answer.

1 How often ..... you ..... your grandparents?
 a do ... visit
 b are ... visiting

2 It ..... since last night.
 a has been snowing
 b has snowed

3 She was tired because she ..... for a long time.
 a has been swimming
 b had been swimming

4 Jane couldn’t answer the phone when it rang as she ..... a shower at the time.
 a was having
 b had been having

5 Why ..... the dentist later? Is your tooth hurting you again?
 a you see
 b are you seeing

6 Hurry up or we’ll miss the train. Oh no! There ..... !
 a it is going
 b it goes

7 Your eyes were very red yesterday. ...... you .... ?
 a Have ... been crying
 b Had ... been crying

8 Why ..... you ..... that milk? Has it gone bad?
 a are ... smelling
 b do ... smell

9 My sister ..... my things!
 a borrowed forever
 b was forever borrowing

10 Sam ...... , brushed his teeth and ate his breakfast.
 a had woken up
 b woke up
1 a Match the columns to form collocations.

1 sharp ..........   a eye
2 eating ..........   b mind
3 private ..........   c disorder
4 personal ..........   d touch

b Now fill in the correct collocation from a.

1 A(n) ......................... is an illness which affects many teenage girls.
2 If someone gives a story a(n) ......................... , they include some of their own experiences.
3 If you have a ......................... , you are quick to understand or notice things.
4 ......................... is another name for a detective.

2 Fill in up, in or on to complete the phrasal verbs.


LIZ: I know, Pete. I can’t wait for my son to grow [3] .......... so that he can help me run the business.

PETER: That’s a long way off, Liz. Your son’s only fourteen. I suggest you call [4] .......... some professional help for a while.

LIZ: I might just do that.

3 Tick (✓) the true sentences.

1 If you design something, you say what it means.
2 Your forefathers are the people who are born after you.
3 If you recollect something, you are able to remember it.
4 If you confide in someone, you tell them your problems.

4 Fill in the correct form of the word given.

1 INTRODUCE
   a You’ll find the information on the ......................... page of the book.
   b The ......................... made the book sound very exciting.

2 RECOGNIZE
   a The director received little ......................... for his work.
   b Even with a hat and dark glasses, you’re still ......................... because of your red hair.

3 SUSPECT
   a Why do you have such a ......................... mind?
   b This young man is under ......................... for the murder of Katie Roberts.

4 EXHAUST
   a Walking up that rocky path was ......................... .
   b The doctor said Mrs. Williams was suffering from ......................... and should get plenty of rest.

5 Fill in the correct adjective.

   cultural • trusted • efficient • mysterious • unique

1 Sally is an extremely ......................... worker and always manages to finish her work on time.
2 How about going to the ......................... festival to try some European cuisine this weekend?
3 My most ......................... friend is Bob Green. I tell him all my secrets.
4 That really is a(n) ......................... piece of work. I’ve never seen anything like that before!
5 I think it is quite ......................... how your diary should go missing like that.
1 Choose the correct answer.

1. There ..... the bus! Now what do we do?
   a. is going
   b. will go
   c. goes
   d. has gone

2. Jack often ..... me when I was in the hospital.
   a. visited
   b. was visiting
   c. had been visiting
   d. visits

3. “Mom, I’m going out.”
   “Absolutely not! ..... here and finish your homework.”
   a. You staying
   b. You do stay
   c. Stay you
   d. You stay

4. James ..... all weekend, so he won’t be able to go out with us.
   a. studies
   b. will be studying
   c. will have studied
   d. studying

5. Why are you so tired? ..... up late again?
   a. Are you staying
   b. Have you stayed
   c. Have you been staying
   d. Do you stay

6. William can go with you in case you ..... help.
   a. need
   b. will need
   c. will be needing
   d. are needing

7. Daniel ..... home by five o’clock, so we’ll call him then.
   a. has arrived
   b. is arriving
   c. will have been arriving
   d. will have arrived

8. “I’m telling you the truth.” “I ..... you.”
   a. am not believing
   b. don’t believe
   c. not believe
   d. hadn’t believed

2 Choose the correct answer.

1. The Parsons ..... buy the house next to ours, but they changed their minds.
   a. were to
   b. are to

2. They’re going to arrest him the minute he ..... through the door.
   a. will walk
   b. walks

3. I saw a bank robbery while I ..... to work this morning.
   a. walked
   b. was walking

4. What ..... about buying Mom for Christmas?
   a. do you think
   b. are you thinking

5. Shakespeare ..... this play.
   a. wrote
   b. has written

6. My aunt ..... with us until she gets better.
   a. stays
   b. will be staying

7. By seven o’clock, the meat ..... for three hours.
   a. had been roasting
   b. had roasted

8. Everybody ..... down, please!
   a. sits
   b. sit

9. I have always ..... Woody Allen films.
   a. liked
   b. been liking

10. We’ve ..... to the theater twice this month.
    a. gone
    b. been
LESSON C

VOCABULARY

1 The following words are both verbs and nouns. Fill in the correct word to complete each pair of sentences.

- sketch • support • sponsor

1 a I’m pleased to say that there was strong public ................ for the project.
   b We are hoping to set up an organization which will .................. young artists.

2 a The tournament planners are hoping to attract more ................ ...
   b Will you .................. me for a charity event that I’ll be taking part in?

3 a The artist .................. the children as they played.
   b She made a .................. of her new house so that I could see what it was like.

2 Match the words with their meanings.

1 still life  .........
2 admission fee  .........
3 landscape  .........
4 schedule  .........
5 entrant  .........

a program of events
b amount of money you pay to go into a building
c painting of an arrangement of objects
d sb taking part in an event
e painting of a view of the countryside

3 Fill in the correct adjective.

realistic • contemporary • annual • visual • breathtaking

1 If something happens every year, it is a(n) .................. event.
2 A beautiful view can be described as .................. .
3 If something is .................. , it is true to life.
4 Another word for modern is .................. .
5 If we talk about the .................. effect something has, it means the way people see it.

4 Fill in the preposition / particle that correctly completes the two sentences.

with • of • on • in

1 a Our drama teacher has decided to put ........... a Christmas play this year.
   b I found your advice .......... music really useful.

2 a Copies of the leaflet are available free ........... charge.
   b Many young bands these days are taken advantage ........... by their managers.

3 a She was thrilled to be given the opportunity to meet her favorite singer ........... person.
   b What kind of entertainment is there ........... the evenings?

4 a The festival ended ........... an impressive firework display.
   b Along ........... free food, there is also live entertainment.
Complete each sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

1. Is Martha meeting us at the restaurant?
   Is Martha going ........................................ us at the restaurant?

2. Emily will sweep the floor and Jason will wash the dishes.
   Emily will be sweeping the floor while ............................................ the dishes.

3. It’s been months since they last cleaned the carpets.
   They ............................................ the carpets for months.

4. Next September, it will be eight years since we got married.
   By next September, we will ........................................... eight years.

5. I will finish my coffee first and then I will have a shower.
   I will have a shower as soon as ........................................... my coffee.

6. Yesterday, I ate sushi for the very first time.
   I had never ................................................................ yesterday.

Choose the correct answer.


1 a had written
   b wrote
   c has written

2 a had been
   b will be
   c was going to be

3 a had been living
   b is living
   c lived

4 a had worked
   b worked
   c was working

5 a was always
   b always was
   c is always

6 a had been coming
   b came
   c had come

7 a had been making
   b had made
   c has made

8 a had been writing
   b wrote
   c has been writing
**VOCABULARY**

1. Fill in the correct verb.
   - put • persuade • face • channel • provide • reach

   1. What was the money .................. toward?
   2. The new arts center will .................. young people with the opportunity to express themselves.
   3. How long did it take them to .................. a decision?
   4. It won’t be easy to .................. them to change their minds.
   5. Belonging to a local environmental group means that I am able to .................. my energy into something positive.
   6. Your ideas sound good but there are still a lot of difficulties to .................. if we want to finish the work on time.

2. Choose the correct answer.

   1. If you **donate** something to somebody, you
      a. sell it to them.
      b. give it to them for free.
   2. If you **have a true picture** of something, you
      a. have little understanding of it.
      b. understand it really well.
   3. A **bookworm** is somebody who
      a. reads a lot of books.
      b. rarely reads books.
   4. If you **hang out** in a particular place, you
      a. spend a lot of time there.
      b. try to avoid it.

**WRITING SKILLS**

1. Choose the correct answer.

   1. As / Like a member of the local community, I would like to voice my opinion on / about the matter.
   2. Why don’t we purchase some musical instruments as opposed to / for new computers?
   3. I hope that someone from the organization to read / reads my letter.
   4. We were pleased / pleasing to learn that our proposal was being considered.
   5. This would be very / much more useful.
   6. The council needs to reconsider its decision so that / in order to it avoids making a mistake.

2. Fill in the correct adverb.

   generously • strongly • firmly • carefully • clearly

   1. Since several members .................. disagreed with our views, no final decision was made.
   2. After .................. looking through the list of names, she realized that she knew some of them.
   3. It was stated .................. in the letter that the new facilities will be available only to club members.
   4. I .................. believe that we should set up a new cultural center.
   5. The local community was surprised to learn that the money had been .................. donated by old Mrs. Markham.
Choose the correct answer.

1. If you don’t want to come, ....... so.
   a. tell to me
   b. say to me
   c. tell
   d. say

2. We can meet you at three as we ....... time to do all our shopping by then.
   a. had
   b. will be having
   c. will have had
   d. have had

3. I find small cars economical. They’re easy ....... too.
   a. to be parked
   b. to park
   c. parking
   d. park

4. He ....... the country before, so this is a new experience for him.
   a. never leaves
   b. is never leaving
   c. left
   d. has never left

5. ....... you have a valid driver’s license, you can rent a car.
   a. However
   b. Although
   c. Provided
   d. Suppose

6. John and I aren’t close friends because we ....... each other very long.
   a. haven’t known
   b. haven’t been knowing
   c. aren’t knowing
   d. didn’t know

7. It may take her a little longer, but at least you know that she will do the best job ....... .
   a. possible
   b. possibly
   c. likely
   d. probably

8. I wrote everything down as I didn’t want ....... a misunderstanding.
   a. to be
   b. there to be
   c. there is
   d. there be

9. They divided the reward ....... the three of them.
   a. around
   b. by
   c. in between
   d. between

10. With this terrible weather, it’s unlikely that we ....... at work on time.
    a. are arriving
    b. to arrive
    c. arrive
    d. will arrive

11. The train will be ....... in ten minutes, so we must hurry.
    a. departed
    b. departing
    c. depart
    d. departure

12. “Do you think he’ll win the gold medal?”
    “Yes, everyone ....... .”
    a. expects him
    b. expects him to
    c. expects
    d. expects he to

13. ....... the work has been completed, you can all leave early today.
    a. As long as
    b. As soon
    c. In order that
    d. As far as

14. ....... , we decided to go on a picnic.
    a. The weather was being nice
    b. Being nice the weather
    c. Because the nice weather
    d. The weather being nice

15. He studied all weekend. ....... , he failed the exam.
    a. For
    b. Already
    c. Still
    d. As

16. My uncle is a carpenter ....... trade.
    a. by
    b. in
    c. at
    d. for
17. It ........ like rain, so I’m not going to hang the clothes out to dry.
   a. shows
   b. seems
   c. appears
   d. looks

18. My brother ........ driving lessons when he was seventeen.
   a. took
   b. taken
   c. was taking
   d. was used to taking

19. There are many advantages ........ living in the country.
   a. about
   b. to
   c. for
   d. in

20. “Was she upset about us making the decision without her?”
   “ ........ from being upset, she was quite pleased.”
   a. Far
   b. Sooner
   c. Rather
   d. Better

21. Helen and Bill have left the children ........ us for the weekend so that they can have some time to themselves.
   a. for
   b. at
   c. with
   d. to

22. Once she ........ to do something, you can’t get her to change her mind.
   a. will decide
   b. decides
   c. may decide
   d. decided

23. The President ........ a speech tomorrow night.
   a. is to give
   b. is about to give
   c. will have been giving
   d. gave

24. Mr. Withers takes great pride ........ his roses.
   a. at
   b. of
   c. on
   d. in

25. “Do you think she’ll lend us the money?”
   “Why ........ her?”
   a. don’t you ask
   b. aren’t you asking
   c. won’t you ask
   d. haven’t you been asking

26. He sings well, but nothing ........ his father.
   a. alike
   b. like
   c. so
   d. as

27. I wish I ........ to Paris with you tomorrow, but unfortunately I have to work.
   a. had gone
   b. was going
   c. went
   d. would be going

28. “You were supposed to be here hours ago. What happened?”
   “If it ........ for the traffic, we would have been on time.”
   a. wouldn’t have been
   b. isn’t
   c. not be
   d. hadn’t been

29. I couldn’t find any fresh vegetables, so I bought some ........ ones.
   a. froze
   b. freezes
   c. frozen
   d. freezing

30. We arrived just ........ to catch the beginning of the movie.
   a. in time
   b. on time
   c. at the time
   d. about time
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