


Placement Test – Reading & Grammar (15 mins)


Andreo is a student at International House. He meets a friend, Greta, in the school garden. Read their conversation. Some words have letters missing. Fill in each gap with the missing letters to make one word.


1 Andreo i__ twenty years old. He lives in Switzerland. He is learning English.


2  Hi, Greta, are you a student here?


 No, I'm visiting m_____ sister.

3  D_____ she work here?

 No, she's studying English here at International House.

4  Oh, really. Is she enjoying the lessons?

 Yes, but she _____n't like the homework. She says it's boring.

5  Yes, but too much work is better t_____ too little!

Fill in each gap with ONE suitable word on your separate Answer Sheet.

Flora is a student who is having a holiday in Hungary. She is writing a letter to her friend Stefano.



Hi Stefano,

We arrived here in Budapest two days __ (6) . We __ (7) already visited many places. Yesterday we __ (8) to Szentendre by train. We couldn't see everything in the town __ (9) we didn't have enough time.

Anyway, I will phone you when I get back _10_ week.

Question type 3 – multiple choice

Example: One, __, three, four, five,

A one B two C three D four (Answer: B)

11 Flora is __ holiday.

11	A	on	B	to	C	in	D	with
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12 On her first visit she didn't see the __ town.

12	A	every	B	whole	C	total	D	all
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Fill in each gap with **ONE** suitable word on your separate Answer Sheet.

The following text is about American pioneers.

During the 19th century, European settlers, 'pioneers,' travelled across America. They wanted __ (13) find land to farm. Most of them travelled in long wagon trains stretching as far __ (14) the eye could see.

The wagons were packed with food and tools. __ (15) was only space for small children, the sick and some women. Everyone else walked alongside.

In heat, dust and snow, the pioneers crossed prairies.. They often went short of food and water. The pioneers also faced attacks from Native Americans __ (16) didn't want the Europeans to take their land from them.

Fill in the gaps about the American pioneers.

Put a tick (✓) on the appropriate letter on your Answer Sheet.

17 The pioneers __ to travel to America by ship.

17	A	had	B	must	C	have	D	did
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18 The journey in the wagons __ uncomfortable.

18	A	were	B	made	C	was	D	could
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19 The pioneers __ themselves against the Native Americans.

19	A	attacked	B	defended	C	saved	D	fought
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Fill in each gap with **ONE** suitable word on your separate answer sheet.

BILINGUALISM

Surveys show that in the USA one in seven people speaks a foreign language other than English at home. In the past, second generation children were usually encouraged to adopt the customs, culture and language of whatever was identified as the majority culture. Today, people are much more likely to promote bilingualism.

There are different theories on the best way to teach a child to use two languages. Most researchers agree that a child who is exposed to two languages __ **(20)** an early age will naturally learn to use __ **(21)**. Children may be expected to go __ **(22)** some periods of mixing the two languages, sometimes even within the same sentence.

A separation of the two languages will occur gradually. Children may also experiment with the two languages to create special effects or to express themselves in specific settings. For example, one language may be considered less formal and used for information about events related to home and family, while the __ **(23)** is considered more formal and used in activities outside the home.

Put a tick (4) on the appropriate letter on your Answer Sheet.

24 In the __ stages, children may mix the languages.

24	A	subsequent	B	initial	C	consequent	D	final
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25 Children may __ one language as a home language only.

25	A	dismiss	B	regard	C	realise	D	suppose
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