

## Vocabulary Test

- **Gap-fill**  
Choose the most appropriate word to fill in each blank.
- **Multiple choice (synonym)**  
Read the conversations and choose the word that **cannot** be filled in the blank.

## Reading Test

- **Key idea/Main idea/Title (of the passage/article) Skimming**  
What is the passage about?  
What is the best title (topic) of the passage?  
What is the main idea of the passage?  
Which of the following best states the main idea (central idea) of the passage?  
The gist of the passage is\_\_\_\_\_  
The most appropriate title (topic) for the passage is\_\_\_\_\_.
- **Supporting details (of the passage/article) Scanning**  
Which of the following is True or False?  
Which of the following statements is NOT made in the article? (*Not mentioned/False*)  
According to the article/passage, “\_\_\_\_\_” is\_\_\_\_\_  
Which is mentioned/NOT mentioned in the article?
- **References**  
In the passage/article, the *word/phrase* refers to\_\_\_\_\_.
- **Vocabulary**  
What is another word which means the same as\_\_\_\_\_  
Find the word which has the same meaning as\_\_\_\_\_  
Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word.  
What is the synonym (similar)/antonym (dissimilar) of the word, “\_\_\_\_\_” ?  
What word is the opposite of\_\_\_\_\_  
Which of the following word means\_\_\_\_\_  
➤ For more information, please visit  
<https://leverageedu.com/blog/homonyms/>  
<https://leverageedu.com/blog/common-proverbs/>  
<https://leverageedu.com/blog/idioms-with-examples/>
- **Inference (infer)**  
➤ Understanding a meaning of a text  
➤ Information not directly given in a text  
What can be inferred from the passage?  
What is the inference of this passage?  
What inference can be made about\_\_\_\_\_?

Which of the following inferences can be made based on the passage?

According to the passage, we can conclude that\_\_\_\_\_.

All of the following (statements) are/is true about\_\_\_\_\_, except\_\_\_\_\_.

● **Purpose**

- A message that a writer wants to pass to a reader
- Examples of the purposes are to *persuade, entertain, inform, explain, or describe* (narrate, criticize etc.).

What is the purpose of this passage?

● **Audience**

Who is the target audience of this passage?

Who is the intended audience for this passage?

● **Tone**

- A writer' s attitude or feeling about the point/content/idea/concept etc. in the passage he/she is presenting to a reader.
- Examples of the tones are narrative, descriptive, humorous (jocular), jovial, sarcastic (ironic), angry, critical etc.
- For more information, please visit

<https://www.palmbeachstate.edu/slc/Documents/tone.pdf>

<https://catking.in/tones-of-reading-comprehension-cat-gre-gmat/>

What is the tone of this passage?

**Vocabulary Exercises (A1 Test—Contextual clues)**

I usually 1) \_\_\_\_\_ English at a language school in the summer. I often cannot enjoy the summer because I am so busy. So next summer, I am not planning to work at the school. I am going to buy a camper van and 2) \_\_\_\_\_ around Ireland. I am going to visit lots of beautiful 3) \_\_\_\_\_ and learn to surf!

1. a. study                      b. speak                      c. listen                      d. teach
2. a. ride                          b. drive                          c. fly                          e. sail
3. a. hills                          b. mountains c. beaches                      d. parks

Last year, I did a surfing instructor course, and I 1) \_\_\_\_\_ the summer teaching people to surf. It was great! I was in the 2) \_\_\_\_\_ and sun all day, and every evening, my friends and I had a barbecue on the beach. The surf school 3) \_\_\_\_\_ me to return this summer, but I am not going to do that. Last autumn, I learned to scuba dive, and I am going to do a diving instructor course soon. Then, I plan to teach diving all summer to 4) \_\_\_\_\_ some money. I do not want to stay in the UK. It is too cold here! I want to 5) \_\_\_\_\_ to Greece or Egypt.

asked                      earn                      fly                      sea                      spent

Well, last month, my friend Alfie and I had a crazy idea. We decided to 1) \_\_\_\_\_ from the south of England to the north of Scotland. It is an 874-mile 2) \_\_\_\_\_! It takes ten to fourteen days. But I am not a fast cyclist, and I want to enjoy visiting different places, so we 3) \_\_\_\_\_ to ride four weeks. We will visit historic cities like Bath and Edinburgh. Alfie wanted to camp, but I would like a 4) \_\_\_\_\_ bed at the end of each day, so we are going to stay in guest houses. I hope it doesn't rain a lot, but I hope it is not too 5) \_\_\_\_\_ either!

**comfortable          cycle          hot          plan          trip**

Adapted from <https://test-english.com/>

Email to a friend: I'm confined at home

Subject: Hi

Hi Dom,

How are you? I'm fine. I am at home, of course, because of lockdown. I 1) \_\_\_\_\_ my engineering course at Manchester University last year, but I am not there now. I went to Manchester in October and I stayed in the student accommodation 2) \_\_\_\_\_. We had 3) \_\_\_\_\_ in the rooms for three weeks, but after that, we had to stay in our room because of Covid-19. I studied by computer. I wanted to go out to bars and 4) \_\_\_\_\_ a basketball team, but I could not. 5) \_\_\_\_\_, I made some good friends and we had cool parties at my place.

**accommodation          join          Luckily          lectures          started**

But now I am at home. I am still studying by computer. I have four 1) \_\_\_\_\_ of lectures every day and then I work on projects. Actually, it is quite good. We can do a lot of things by computer. I use different software 2) \_\_\_\_\_, read articles, and have 3) \_\_\_\_\_ with the other students. I enjoy them because I am alone most of the time. Dad and mum are both at work all day. I cannot 4) \_\_\_\_\_ my town or visit friends, so I work! I work much 5) \_\_\_\_\_ than I did at school!

**discussions          harder          hours          leave          programs**

I miss playing basketball, but I am keeping 1) \_\_\_\_\_. I go jogging once a day. But I am 2) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of videos too. I am not going to Manchester 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Easter, but I hope to go there after Easter. In the Easter Holidays, I am going to 4) \_\_\_\_\_ on a friend's farm in Wales. I do not know anything about farming, but it will be great to be somewhere 5) \_\_\_\_\_!

Hope you are well,

from James.

**active          before          different          watching          work**

Adapted from <https://test-english.com/>

Complete *each blank with the most appropriate word.*

A: My mom and I bought house plants for our new house.

B: Really? Do you have a lot of sunlight in your house?

A: I am not sure, so I \_\_\_\_\_ plants that don't need a lot of light.

- a) contacted                      b) lowered                      c) increased                      d) purchased

A: Can you take me to the airport?

B: Sure. We will have to \_\_\_\_\_ the house at 5 am.

- a) Arrange/organize    b) classify                      c) leave                      d) prove

A: How many people were at your wedding?

B: Oh, there were over a hundred. The hall was nearly full of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) brides                      b) guests                      c) organizers                      d) tourists

Adapted from <https://english.best/tests/assessment/comprehension/test/conversations-and-comprehension-test>

*Which word cannot be filled in the blank?*

A: I feel like I'm going to throw up all the time.

B: Oh dear! I hope it's nothing \_\_\_\_\_ happening to you.

- a) awful                      b) cheerful                      c) serious                      d) terrible

A: Good morning sir, can I help you?

B: Yes. I have \_\_\_\_\_ a room for 3 nights?

- a) booked                      b) confirmed                      c) received                      d) reserved

A: What seemed to be the problem?

B: Well, I have a sore throat and a headache.

A: Take paracetamol and drink a lot of water. \_\_\_\_\_ me next week if you are still sick.

- a) contact                      b) phone                      c) prove                      d) ring

## Passage 1 An email from a friend

Hi Samia,

Just a quick email to say that sounds like a great idea. Saturday is better for me because I'm meeting my parents on Sunday. So, if that's still good for you, why don't you come here? Then you can see the new flat and all the work we've done on the kitchen since we moved in. We can eat at home and then go for a walk in the afternoon. It's going to be so good to catch up finally. I want to hear all about your new job!

Our address is 52 Charles Road, but it's a bit difficult to find because the house numbers are really strange here. If you turn left at the post office and keep going past the big white house on Charles Road, there's a small side street behind it with the houses 50 – 56 in. Don't ask me why the side street doesn't have a different name! But call me if you get lost and I'll come and get you.

Let me know if there's anything you do/don't like to eat. Really looking forward to seeing you!

See you soon!

Gregor

**Instructions:** Choose TRUE if the statement agrees with the information FALSE if the statement contradicts the information.

- |  |      |       |
|--|------|-------|
| 1. Samia and Gregor are going to meet on Sunday.                   | True | False |
| 2. They're going to have lunch at Gregor's flat.                   | True | False |
| 3. They haven't seen each other for a long time.                   | True | False |
| 4. Samia's life hasn't changed since they last met.                | True | False |
| 5. The house is easy to find.                                      | True | False |
| 6. Gregor doesn't know the name of the side street his flat is on. | True | False |

Source: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/skills/reading/a2-reading/email-friend>

## Passage 2 An invitation to a job interview

To: Grace Yang

Date: 6 September

Subject: Invitation to job interview

Dear Grace,

Thank you for your application for the position of sales manager.

We would like to invite you for an interview at 10 a.m. on Monday 21 September at our offices at The Shard, 32 London Bridge Street, London.

You will meet with our head of sales, Susan Park, and the interview will last for about 45 minutes. During this time, you will have the opportunity to find out more about the position and learn more about our company.

Please bring your CV and references to the interview. You will also need to show a form of ID at reception to receive a visitor's pass. Please ask for me as soon as you arrive.

If you have any questions or if you wish to reschedule, please call me on 555-1234 or email me by 12 September.

I look forward to meeting you.

Best regards,

Anna Green

Human Resources Assistant

**Instructions:** Choose the best answer.

1. What job did Grace apply for?

a. Head of sales

b. Sales manager

c. Sales assistant

d. Human resource assistant

2. When is the job interview?

a. 6 September

b. 12 September

c. 21 September

d. 22 September

3. How long will the interview take?

a. Under an hour

b. Just over an hour

c. Over two hours

d. A day

4. What does Grace need to bring to the interview?

a. Her CV

b. Her references

c. Her ID

d. All of the above

5. Who should Grace ask for at the reception?

a. The reception manager

b. Susan Park

c. Anna Green

d. Grace Yang

6. What can Grace do if she wants to change the interview date?

a. Go to the reception on 12 September

b. Call Anna Green on 10 September

c. Email Anna Green on 15 September

d. Meet Susan Park for a coffee on 21 September

Source: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/skills/reading/a2-reading/invitation-job-interview>

### Passage 3 Choosing a conference venue

#### The International Centre

Whether you are looking for a conference venue or a place to have your meetings and your training days, the International Centre is the perfect modern space for your event.

Offering free Wi-Fi, secure parking and all-day refreshments, the International Centre has 120 meeting rooms and a theatre for up to 1,000 people.

Conveniently located in the city centre, the International Centre is close to the shops and only a ten-minute walk to the train station.

#### The Grand West

The Grand West is a country house surrounded by rolling hills and beautiful scenery, only a 30-minute drive from the airport.

With 76 hotel rooms, 12 meeting rooms and a conference room that takes up to 200 people, the Grand West offers free Wi-Fi and a whiteboard in every room. You can also make use of the gardens of the Grand West for team-building events and outdoor activities. Our indoor swimming pool, gym and 18-hole golf course will ensure that your event is relaxing and enjoyable for everyone.

**Instructions:** Choose TRUE if the statement agrees with the information FALSE if the statement contradicts the information.

1. If you need a large conference venue for about 600 people, you should book the International Centre. True    False
2. If you want to go shopping after your meetings, you should book the Grand West. True    False
3. Only the International Centre offers free Wi-Fi. True    False
4. If you go to a conference at the International Centre, you can have food and drink any time during the day. True    False
5. You can have fun playing golf if you go to an event at the Grand West. True    False
6. You have to walk for 30 minutes if you want to go from the Grand West to the airport. True    False

Source: <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/skills/reading/a2-reading/choosing-conference-venue>

**Instructions:** Read the passage and find key ideas.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ In the UK, people celebrate Pancake Day. This festival takes place in February, on Shrove Tuesday. This is the day before Lent. During Lent, people traditionally stop eating delicious food, like cakes and chocolate. So they make pancakes, and they often eat them with lemon and sugar.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I remember my first day at school very well. I knew the school quite well because my older sister, Sandy, went there and every day, dad and I met her at the school gate after school. Every day, she ran out of the school with her friends. She often carried a painting. I felt jealous. I wanted to paint too!
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The 1920s was an exciting time for inventions. Some of the things invented around that time changed the lives of millions of people, and some of those inventions are still widely used today.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ What do you think of when you read the word 'robot' ? Many people think about big machines in car factories or futuristic monsters in films. Few of us think about the past. But people were building incredible machines with human abilities hundreds of years ago!
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Writing text messages and walking is dangerous. It is more dangerous than driving and texting. More people get injured while walking than driving. Walking in a straight line is not easy. We can forget how to walk properly. Dangerous things can happen. We run into people or cars. We fall over things in the street.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Nepal has made important progress over the past few years to promote equality, but the country still has one of the highest rates of child marriage in the world. 41% of Nepalese girls are married before the age of 18.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Organized by the scientific humor magazine Annals of Improbable Research (AIR), the Ig Nobel Prizes are presented by a group that includes genuine Nobel Laureates at a ceremony at Harvard University' s Sanders Theater.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ We have all felt it: that uncomfortable feeling when you scroll through your social media feed and see photos of friends having a better time than you, or that sensation when you read about a friend' s amazing job that you chose the wrong life path. This feeling is called FOMO, or fear of missing out.
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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A) Festival in UK          | B) Ig Nobel Prizes                  |
| C) Robots in the past      | D) Fear of missing out              |
| E) My first day at school  | F) Inventions in the 1920s          |
| G) Child marriage in Nepal | H) Dangers of sending text messages |

*Read the email and choose "True" or "False" .*

Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to apply for the job of tour leader for your Overland Africa tours. I have had lots of useful experience for this role.

I have spent five months backpacking around Africa. In 2018, I visited Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania. I used local transport and organised my own accommodation, food and visas. I enjoyed meeting local people, learning about local traditions and visiting natural parks. I read and learned a lot about the culture and wildlife, and I even learned some Swahili and Afrikaans.

I have also worked as a leader at a children' s summer camp in the south of England. I worked there in 2017. I led activities for children aged 9-12, including football, climbing and campfire songs and games. During this time, I developed many useful skills. For example, I had to ensure the children were always safe and happy. I learned how to be helpful and positive, and I also learned ways to entertain people and help them make friends.

Finally, I have completed the Active Youth Challenge in 2016. To complete this challenge, I firstly helped at a social club for the elderly. The experience taught me to be patient and friendly. Secondly, I learned car mechanics. This taught me some useful, practical skills. Thirdly, I organised a four-day camping and hiking trip in the Scottish mountains with other students from my school. This experience taught me about camping equipment and how to deal with problems like bad weather and getting lost.





**P3** The first popular electronic wearable technology was Fitness trackers, like ‘Fitbits’ , which became popular in the 2010s. They monitor your heart and movement and help you keep fit. Now, wearable technology helps people stay healthy in new ways. For example, the ‘iTBra’ is a patch. Women wear it inside their bras, and it checks for breast cancer. ‘Heartguide’ looks like a smartwatch, but it can measure blood pressure. It can also track information about a person’ s lifestyle, for example, how much they exercise. Then it shares this information with a doctor so that the doctor can give better advice. ‘SmartSleep’ is a soft headband. It helps people to sleep better. It collects information about people’ s sleep patterns, gives advice and makes sounds to help people fall asleep.

**P4** However, not all wearables are about health. Some are used for protection or to find the place you want to go, and some are just for fun. For example, you can hug someone from miles away with a smart jacket! You can also buy smart jewellery. These rings and necklaces can change colour to match clothes or make-up, or they can send the police an alert if you are in danger. And with a smart hat, you can listen to music and answer calls without using headphones!

1. Which **CANNOT** be the title of the article?
  - a. devices
  - b. Wearables
  - c. Hands-free gadgets
  - d. Wearable technology
2. What is the purpose of this article?
  - a. convince
  - b. entertain
  - c. inform
  - d. persuade
3. Which of the following is **FALSE**?
  - a. Fitbits has been popular since the 2010s.
  - b. A pocket watch is one of the first wearables.
  - c. A wearable device is connected to the internet.
  - d. A watch can give more helpful information than a wristwatch.
4. According to the article, iTBra is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. used to find out breast cancer
  - b. a patch for curing breast cancer
  - c. a bra wearing to check breast cancer
  - d. for tracking breast cancer developed from wearing bras
5. Which is **NOT** mentioned in the article?
  - a. internet systems
  - b. modern devices
  - c. popular trackers
  - d. wearable accessories
6. Which of the following is NOT the benefit of Heartguide, according to the article?
  - a. giving advice

- b. tracking exercise
  - c. taking blood pressure
  - d. sharing information
7. The word “It” (paragraph 3) refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Fitbits
  - b. iTBra
  - c. Heartguide
  - d. SmartSleep
8. What is another word which means the same as “collects” (paragraph 3)?
- a. divides
  - b. gathers
  - c. mixes
  - d. separates
9. Who may **NOT** be the audience for this article?
- a. a woman aged 30-40 years old
  - b. a man who doesn't sleep well.
  - c. an athletic person who exercises daily
  - d. an adult who is not fond of technology
10. What is the tone of this passage?
- a. critical
  - b. sarcastic
  - c. humorous
  - d. descriptive

Adapted from <https://test-english.com/>

### PASSAGE 5 (Optional)

P1 Generation Alpha is currently the best label to describe the youth of today. Many members of this generation are the children of Millennials (the oldest of whom are now 40). Generation Alpha is just starting to enter middle school, and we can already see their impact on culture. From their birth years to their unique characteristics, here's what you need to know about Gen Alpha.

P2 If your head is stuck in the 2010s, you may still use *Millennials* as shorthand for "young people." But Millennials were born between 1981 and 1996, making them 25 to 40 years old today. People in their teens and early twenties belong to Generation Z, which was born between 1997 and 2012. Most sources place Generation Alpha's birth years from 2010 to 2025. That means the oldest members of Gen Alpha are 11 years old, and the youngest haven't been born yet.

P3 Though many Millennials and Zoomers (members of Generation Z) grew up with computers, cell phones, and social media in some form, smart devices weren't widespread during their childhoods. Generation Alpha started in 2010—the year the first iPad was released. If you've ever used the phrase *iPad babies* to describe

children who are given tablets instead of pacifiers, you were talking about Gen Alpha. That's how they earned the nickname Generation Glass.

P4 In addition to being raised on touch screens, members of Generation Alpha are also being raised in families that look different from previous generations. Today's kids are more likely to be only children, to have older parents, and to grow up in homes that don't include both biological parents. COVID-19 is another huge factor shaping the next generation. Children born at the start of the pandemic will be turning 2 in 2022. While Generation Z came of age in the 2010s, a large portion of Gen Alpha will have no memories of life or education before COVID.

P5 It's still too early to say how these conditions will influence Generation Alpha. Some experts **speculate** that growing up during the age of social distancing could affect their social development, and using smart devices from a young age could make them impatient. **Others** predict they will be more resilient and more educated than the generations that came before them. No matter how Generation Alpha turns out, you can count on older generations finding something about them to complain about.

Source: <https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/652245/generation-alpha-facts>

1. What is the article mainly about?
  - a. The difference of Generation Alpha and Millennials
  - b. Information and characteristics of Generation Alpha
  - c. Characteristics of different generations
  - d. Generation Alpha and their parents
2. Millennials are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. parents of Generation Alpha
  - b. unfamiliar with social media
  - c. over 40 years old now
  - d. younger than 25 years old
3. Generation Alpha \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. are older than Millennials
  - b. are older than 11 years old
  - c. were born before 2010
  - d. are the youngest generation
4. Which of the following statement is NOT made in the article?
  - a. Generation Z was born with iPad.
  - b. Millennials grew up with cell phones.
  - c. Generation Alpha can give impact on culture.
  - d. Millennials and Generation Z grew up with social media.
5. How did Generation Alpha get the nickname Generation Glass?
  - a. They spend time on social media.
  - b. They use a lot of cell phones.
  - c. They like pacifiers.
  - d. They are given tablets.

6. What can be inferred from the article?
  - a. Children today live far away from their parents.
  - b. Children today are unlikely to have siblings.
  - c. Parents of today' s kids don' t look old.
  - d. Parents of today' s kids live together.
7. According to the article, the pandemic can \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. delete the memories of Generation Alpha
  - b. educate Generation Alpha about life
  - c. shape Generation Alpha
  - d. turn Generation Alpha in 2022
8. Which word in the article has the same meaning as speculate?
  - a. influence
  - b. predict
  - c. affect
  - d. complain
9. What do 'Others' in P5 refer to?
  - a. Conditions
  - b. Experts
  - c. Smart devices
  - d. Generations
10. According to the last sentence, what can be inferred about the writer?
  - a. He believes that Generation Alpha will make some trouble.
  - b. He wants the older generations to understand Generation Alpha.
  - c. He is sure that Generation Alpha will turn out to be a good generation.
  - d. He thinks that older generations like to blame previous generations.

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