

## GRAMMAR

1 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: A lot of / Many of people cheered when they heard the news.

- I was going to have a biscuit, but there aren't **any** / **none**.
- There are **very few** / **very little** modern buildings in this town.
- They haven't got **plenty of** / **much** money, but they're still very generous.
- I don't like living in the city – there's too **much** / **many** traffic.
- There are **not** / **no** enough seats for everyone.
- Very **little** / **few** money is being invested in the public health system.

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3 Complete the sentences with the *-ing* form or the infinitive (with or without *to*) of the verb in brackets.

Example: She left without saying (say) goodbye.

- I love \_\_\_\_\_ (not / have) to get up at 5.30 a.m. any more.
- Ian doesn't seem \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) his job very much.
- I've given up \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to learn how to dance salsa – I'm hopeless!
- Natalie said I should \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) to do yoga to relieve stress.
- Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) your music down? I can't concentrate.
- Kate's just gone to the shop \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a newspaper.

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Grammar total 20

2 Complete the email with an article: *a, an, the*, or – (no article).

Dear all,

We're having a fantastic time in Paris. We arrived yesterday afternoon so we had time to find <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ nice little hotel and relax after our journey.

We woke up early this morning because <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ sun was shining in through the window. We had a delicious breakfast and then went out to explore <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ city.

Later, we're meeting Kathy's friend Peter, who's <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ artist studying at university here. He's going to take us to <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ best café in town, (at least he says it is!) just beside the River Seine. After that we're going to go up <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Eiffel Tower and then do some more sightseeing.

<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ French cities are wonderful!

We'll be back <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ next Saturday. See you soon!

Love,  
Stacy

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## VOCABULARY

## 4 Write the verb or noun.

Example: discuss *discussion*

- | verb       | noun       |
|------------|------------|
| 1 propose  | _____      |
| 2 organize | _____      |
| 3 _____    | relaxation |
| 4 survive  | _____      |
| 5 _____    | reaction   |
| 6 move     | _____      |
| 7 _____    | decision   |

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## 5 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

Example: Are you listening to me?

- I'm sorry. I just don't agree \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- I borrowed this book \_\_\_\_\_ the library.
- He's really good \_\_\_\_\_ telling jokes.
- We talked for hours \_\_\_\_\_ food and dieting.
- I'm interested \_\_\_\_\_ starting my own company.
- Susie's really afraid \_\_\_\_\_ heights.
- How long have you been working \_\_\_\_\_ the television company?

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## 6 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

Example: My current job is temporary. It's a one-year contract.

permanent full-time temporary

- I love being \_\_\_\_\_ – I don't have a boss to tell me what to do.  
part-time temporary self-employed
- She doesn't have \_\_\_\_\_ hours. She often works at night.  
regular full-time working
- Jason's \_\_\_\_\_ for the finance department.  
in charge responsible accountant
- You need at least two years of work \_\_\_\_\_ to work in this company.  
contract qualifications experience
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a person who repairs things such as toilets, water pipes, etc.  
A plumber A lawyer An accountant
- Some people choose to \_\_\_\_\_ when they're sixty-two.  
resign be sacked retire

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 Vocabulary total  20

## PRONUNCIATION

## 7 Match the words with the same sound.

laugh borrow think that caught ~~worry~~

Example: up worry

- horse \_\_\_\_\_
- phone \_\_\_\_\_
- mother \_\_\_\_\_
- car \_\_\_\_\_
- thumb \_\_\_\_\_

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## 8 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: accountant

- housework
- unemployed
- discussion
- daughter
- interview

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 Pronunciation total  10

 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total  50

## READING

Read the article and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

### How I got my dream job

Are you still looking for your dream job? Don't give up. Here's how three people achieved their goals.

#### Mario Mendes, 29

I'm doing something I really enjoy. I'm part of a team that develops new technologies. I work with intelligent, interesting people and occasionally get to travel abroad. I won't pretend it was easy getting my dream job, but it was worth the effort. My advice? Decide exactly what your dream job is and what it involves. Learn about the job. Make contact with companies that could offer your chosen career. Make sure they know your strengths. You may just get that dream job.

#### Andy Collins, 46

As a student, I earned \$295 a week in cash working in a beach café. At the time, it was my dream job! Later I became a chef. It was hard work, I was often in a hot kitchen for twelve hours a day, six days a week. But you have to know the meaning of hard work if you want to achieve your goals. I now own five restaurants around the U.S. My best advice is to find out what your skills and talents are. Talent is something you're born with. Skills are something you've learned to do. People like doing things that come naturally to them, so work and enjoy!

#### Sarah Cooper, 38

I'd been working as a secretary for three years when I decided to change my career. My work was often boring and always busy. I started studying to become a teacher. It certainly wasn't easy; I continued working full-time to pay for my training at night school. I was exhausted most of the time, but after two years, I finally got my qualifications and resigned. I'm now a primary school teacher and it's as good as I imagined. So don't wait! Write a list of the things that are stopping you from getting your dream job. Make a plan to deal with each thing. There's always an answer.

Example: Mario is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A very interesting  B self-employed   
C very happy with his job

- 1 Mario sometimes \_\_\_\_\_.  
A enjoys his job  B travels abroad   
C works in a team
- 2 Mario thinks he got his dream job because \_\_\_\_\_.  
A he's intelligent  B it was easy   
C he did a lot of preparation

- 3 When Andy was young, his dream job was to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A become a chef  B have his own restaurant   
C work in a café by the beach
- 4 When he was a chef, Andy \_\_\_\_\_.  
A earned \$295 a week  B didn't enjoy his job   
C didn't get much time off
- 5 Andy says it's important to know \_\_\_\_\_.  
A your goals  B what you're good at   
C what you enjoy doing
- 6 It took Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ years to train to be a teacher.  
A five  B three  C two
- 7 Sarah's job as a secretary wasn't very \_\_\_\_\_.  
A hard  B exciting  C easy
- 8 Sarah studied \_\_\_\_\_.  
A full-time  B at evening classes   
C during the day
- 9 Sarah advises people to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A plan how they can achieve their goals   
B become primary school teachers   
C continue working while they train
- 10 Who has become a successful businessman / woman?  
A Andy  B Mario  C Sarah

Reading total  10

## WRITING

Are you creative? Good at making quick decisions?  
Do you enjoy working as part of a team?

All New Media Promotions is looking for enthusiastic, ambitious people to work in their busy marketing department. There are vacancies in the following areas:

- Administration
- Promotions
- Sales
- Website Design

All applicants must have the appropriate qualifications and a good level of English is essential.

Send your CV and a covering letter to:  
Human Resources, All New Media Promotions, Edinburgh,  
PO Box 1084

Read the advertisement. Write a covering letter to apply for a job at All New Media Promotions. (140–180 words)

Writing total  10

Reading and Writing total  20

## LISTENING

- 1 Listen to Zoe describe her lifestyle. Underline the correct answer.
- Zoe used to spend **thirty minutes** / **one hour** / **hours** travelling to work.
  - Zoe **rarely** / **often** / **never** saw her friends during the week.
  - In the evening, Zoe **cooked junk food** / **bought takeaways** / **ate at her gym**.
  - During the week, Zoe was too **busy** / **lazy** / **tired** to go to the gym.
  - Nowadays, Zoe **travels less** / **works harder** / **earns more** than she did in London.
- 2 Listen to two people talking about a work questionnaire. Match each conversation (1–5) to the statement (A–E) they are discussing.
- Conversation 1    —
- Conversation 2    —
- Conversation 3    —
- Conversation 4    —
- Conversation 5    —
- A I enjoy telling other people what to do.  
 B I prefer having an office to myself.  
 C I find it easy to do more than one thing at a time.  
 D It's important for me to have a high salary.  
 E I'm good at working with other people.

Listening total **10**

## SPEAKING

- 1 Make questions and ask your partner.
- think / work–life balance / equal? Why (not)?
  - How much time / spend / family and friends? What / do together?
  - think / modern life / more stressful than in past?
  - like / live / slow city? Why (not)?
  - If / have more time, what / do?
- Now answer your partner's questions.
- 2 Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.  
 'A good work–life balance is very important.'
- 3 Listen to your partner talking about men and women. Do you agree with him / her?

Speaking total **20**Listening and Speaking total **30**