

1 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation **A**

GRAMMAR

1 Underline the correct words.

Example: You have an interesting name. Mine / My is boring.

- 1 She sent we / us an email this morning, and we replied immediately.
- 2 That's a good phone. Can you show it to me / it for me?
- 3 His name is Alessandro and her / hers is Maria.
- 4 John wanted some theatre tickets, so we bought them for him / them him.
- 5 We asked for some names of hotels and them / they found some good ones.
- 6 Are these yours / your books here? They aren't mine.
- 7 Look at this picture. My daughter drew me for it / it for me.
- 8 His / He's new password is more secure than the last one.
- 9 She wanted to buy my camera, so I sold it to she / her.
- 10 **A** What are his parents' names?
B I have no idea. He didn't tell my / me.

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2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use two words.

Example: My colleagues are slightly younger than me.
I'm a bit older than my colleagues.

- 1 Green tea is better for you than black tea.
Black tea isn't _____ for you as green tea.
- 2 My brother's children aren't very helpful. My children are very helpful.
My children are _____ than my brother's.
- 3 There isn't a more popular colour in the world than blue.
Blue is _____ popular colour in the world.
- 4 This house is large. The other two we saw were smaller.
This is _____ of the three houses we saw.
- 5 Driving a car is much safer than riding a bicycle.
Riding a bicycle is much _____ than driving a car.
- 6 The film was more exciting than the book.
The book was _____ than the film.

- 7 There isn't an easier question in the exercise.
This is _____ question in the exercise.
- 8 Are you clever like your sister?
Are you as _____ your sister?
- 9 Today is wet but yesterday was extremely wet.
It was _____ yesterday.
- 10 Houses were much more affordable last year.
Houses are _____ affordable this year.

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VOCABULARY

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

Example: You're too bossy. Stop telling me what to do.
(boss)

- 1 Which is the most _____ part of your city to live in? (desire)
- 2 Have you seen Dave's new car? It's really _____ inside. (space)
- 3 Young children can be very _____ about their toys. (possess)
- 4 What would be a _____ present for someone's 90th birthday? (suit)
- 5 When I was a teenager, I was quite _____. (rebel)
- 6 I don't have a _____ diet. I only eat fruit once a week. (health)
- 7 My brother only thinks about himself. He's incredibly _____. (self)
- 8 We paid a lot, but it was worth it. The hotel was _____.! (luxury)
- 9 Alicia can be very _____. She gets easily offended. (sense)
- 10 Jon's the new director and has become very _____. (power)
- 11 Don't be so _____. I think you should apologize. (child)
- 12 You made too many _____ mistakes in your homework. (care)

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4 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: This question is too difficult. It's **beyond** me.

- Excuse me. Could I ask you to complete this s_____?
- What's the a_____ age of people where you work?
- O**_____, people with healthy lifestyles seem to live longer.
- We were asked to **r**_____ the list of names in order of popularity.
- On a **sc**_____ from one to ten, what do you think of the name Oswald?
- He didn't believe it until he saw the **e**_____.
- Do you think men called Art are more **l**_____ to become artists?
- I hate **r**_____ asking me questions in the street.

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Vocabulary total 20

PRONUNCIATION

5 Match the words with the same sound.

name greenish berry
~~personality~~ useless your

Example: active *personality*

- colour _____
- generally _____
- horse _____
- bizarre _____
- creative _____

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6 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: sty|lish

- en|vi|ous
- re|li|able
- suc|cess|ful
- gla|mo|rous
- ex|pen|sive

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Pronunciation total 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50

1 Reading and Writing **A**

READING

Read the article about names. Five sentences have been removed. Choose from the sentences A–G the one which fits each gap (1–5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

What's in a name?

The arrival of a baby in the family causes plenty of excitement for all new parents. They have to get a room ready for the little one, buy new clothes, and choose a name.

0 **G** Many also go on to pick something a little bit different from their own or those of their family members.

But, according to new research, parents should really go for traditional names such as Michael, John, Ian, or Andrew if they want their sons to be successful in life. **1** There are also more lawyers and politicians with these four names than any other names. And it doesn't stop there – they are well represented across the country's police forces too, with eight of the chief constables in the country's 52 forces named either Michael or Ian.

2 However, at present there is not a single person with this name in a senior position in government or the police force. Many top managers are selected through an interview process, and research seems to support the theory that people with straightforward names are the ones who are contacted and invited to come and meet the panel.

Andrew Watson, an author and parenting expert, said the survey highlighted the importance of traditional names over more unusual, trendy ones. He warned parents that the

effects of their choice of name for their child will last a lifetime. **3** And this is not only important in childhood, but also in youth and adulthood. Mr Watson also warned parents to consider the spelling of the name. No child wants to go through life explaining an unusual name over and over again, or repeating it on the phone. The fact is that giving a child a fairly ordinary name can help them do well in life. Mr Watson reminded parents that unusual names come in and out of fashion quite quickly. Names which were trendy 30 years ago are almost unheard of today.

4 According to the most up-to-date data from the Office of National Statistics, Michael, Andrew, and Ian are not even among the 50 most popular names of the last few years. Instead, more unusual ones such as Ethan, Noah, Oscar, and Jayden were all preferred by new parents.

While Jack, Harry, Alfie, and Thomas were the four most popular boys' names with new parents last year, it is unclear whether they will make a success of their lives when they get older. **5** Earlier this year, it was identified as the most popular name in the record books. In total, more than two million boys have been given this name since records began in Britain in 1837.

- A** In the 1970s, one of the most popular boy's names was Jason.
- B** But despite the apparent advantages of solid traditional names, they are currently out of fashion.
- C** Most people like it and it has been popular for many years now.
- D** Only John, it seems, has managed to stand the test of time.
- E** Their name is part of how others see them and feel about them.
- F** These 'power names' are the most common among the top British businessmen.
- G** They spend hours looking through thousands of names in baby books before deciding what to call their child.

Reading total **15**

WRITING

Write a description of two people you know – one you get on well with and one you don't get on with (140–180 words). Include the following information:

- say how you know these people
- describe the people
- explain why you get on with / don't get on with these people

Writing total **10**

Reading and Writing total **25**

1 Listening and Speaking **A**

LISTENING

- 1 Listen to an expert on colour talking about the importance of colour in business. Choose the correct answer.
- Marian says that business owners need to know which colours make customers ____
A feel relaxed.
B want to buy something.
C develop an interest in a product.
 - According to Marian, ____ can change the way you view a colour.
A where you come from
B your education
C your family
 - The colour blue makes customers feel ____
A peaceful.
B energized.
C safe.
 - A business might use the colour ____ to let people know that it's successful.
A red
B orange
C green
 - Black is used to show the customer that they are getting something ____
A of high value.
B that not many other people have.
C at a reasonable cost.

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- 2 Listen to five people talking about the colours they like. What reason does each person give for liking the colour?
- It makes them feel better about things.
 - It's easy to find colours that go well with it.
 - It's linked to a sport they like.
 - It looks good on them.
 - It makes them think of a time of year.
 - It reminds them of the environment.

- Speaker 1
- Speaker 2
- Speaker 3
- Speaker 4
- Speaker 5

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Listening total	10
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SPEAKING

- 1 Make questions and ask your partner.
- / you happy / your name? Why / Why not?
 - What / you think / celebrities / give their children unusual names?
 - Which colour / you like / paint your room? Why?
 - What / your favourite room / your house? Why?
 - / you have / colour / you dislike? Why / Why not?
- Now answer your partner's questions.
- 2 Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.
 'Everyone has a colour that they look good in.'
- 3 Listen to your partner talking about colour. Do you agree with him / her?

Speaking total	15
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