

PERFECTLY ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST

Student Name.....

GRAMMAR TEST - PART ONE

Look at these examples. The incorrect answers are crossed out.

- Last summer we / *travelled* / ~~*are travelling*~~ / ~~*travel*~~ / to France.
- We went / ~~*with*~~ / *by* / ~~*at*~~ / train to London.

Highlight the correct answers in red. Please complete the test independently without help from other people, a dictionary or a grammar book.

This test covers all levels, so don't worry if you cannot do all of it.

1. Every day Mary / *is to walk* / *walks* / *is walking* / to town.
2. In some parts of the world / *is* / *there is* / *it is* / little water.
3. Our friends work hard / *for to earn* / *for earning* / *to earn* / more money.
4. In England people often talk about / *a weather* / *the weather* / *weather* /.
5. In some places / *there snows* / *it snowing* / *it snows* / every winter.
6. There isn't / *any* / *some* / *the* / coffee at home.
7. Places near the Equator have / *a warm* / *the warm* / *warm* / weather all year.
8. In England / *the hottest* / *hotter* / *hottest* / time of year is between June and September.
9. The most / *most of* / *most* / houses in England have a TV
10. Very / *few* / *less* / *little* / houses in England have swimming pools.
11. The first men / *are landing* / *landed* / *have landed* / on the Moon in 1969.
12. After we / *have eaten* / *were eating* / *had eaten* / lunch, we went out.
13. His wish to keep fit / *have made him* / *made him* / *made him to* / visit the gym every day.

14. If we / *had* / *have* / *would have* / studied harder we would have passed the exam.
15. She has worked / *and* / *both* / *or* / as a nurse and a teacher.
16. Traffic is a problem / *all in* / *in all* / *all over* / the world.
17. Many people / *is thinking* / *think* / *are thinking* / that pollution is the world's greatest challenge.
18. The worst problems / *in* / *from* / *on* / the world are not easy to solve.
19. Yesterday we / *should* / *had to* / *must* / leave the house at 9:00 am
20. Tomorrow the plane / *did* / *will* / *would* / leave on time.
21. The history of Colchester is / *quite* / *quite a* / *a quite* / long one.
22. People have lived on this site / *since* / *for* / *during* / prehistoric times,
23. but it / *were* / *is* / *was* / the Romans
24. / *which* / *who* / *what* / first left some important landmarks.
25. The Roman Wall / *which* / *what* / *who* / was built many centuries ago
26. / *still* / *is existing* / *existing* / *exists* / today.
27. They / *could* / *should* / *couldn't* / hardly have imagined
28. there / *will be* / *would be* / *had been* / people looking at it two thousand years later.
29. All kinds of / *an information* / *informations* / *information* / about Colchester's past
30. can be found in / *the castle museum* / *a castle museum* / *castle museum* /.
31. Here not only / *they are* / *are they* / *are there* / many interesting Roman artefacts
32. but / *evidences* / *evidence* / *an evidence* / of the other people
33. who succeeded / *in settling* / *into settling* / *to settle* / here in the centuries afterwards.
34. / *Few* / *a little* / *little* / buildings survive from before the tenth century, but The Normans
35. made a huge impact. / *Theirs* / *his* / *their* / is the massive castle
36. *which is* / *such* / *such a* / *so* / landmark in Colchester today.

37. *Many / much / more /* centuries later, The Victorians
38. built one of the most famous buildings */ of / above / at /* all in Colchester,
39. Jumbo, the water tower, which in 2013 */ would / must / will /*
40. have been */ in existence / exists / existing /* for 130 years.
41. For many years people */ had tried / try / are trying /*
42. to develop a new arts centre */ at / by / in /* Colchester
43. but it wasn't until the beginning of the */ this / next / present /* century
44. that work started. When this */ is / will have been / will be /* completed
45. it will be */ the first / first / a first /* of its kind in the region.
46. */ Apart / for / except /* all these modern developments,
47. Colchester, in many ways, is still dependent */ from / of / on /* its rich architectural past
48. In the future we will be */ having / letting / making /* new and exciting buildings constructed,
49. but perhaps the most remarkable of all will still be */ those / that / they /* of the past
50. which were constructed with nothing */ apart / but / than /* human ingenuity and simple tools.

GRAMMAR TEST PART 2

1. Many health experts */ tell / say / say to /* us that we should exercise more and eat healthily.
2. However a gentle stroll is not the same */ as / like / than /* a strenuous session in the gym.
3. It can take */ long time / long / a long time /* and much effort to get fit.
4. For some people losing weight is perhaps the */ hardest / harder / more hard /* thing.
5. They find it difficult because of all the tempting food */ who / which / what /* has to be avoided.
6. You can get fit and healthy, if you */ are wanting / will to / want to /* make the effort, but it can still be challenging.

7. A lot of people aren't used / *to the exercise / to exercise / to exercising /* independently and regularly and
8. many adults wish they / *would start / had started / would have started /* when they were younger.
9. In addition, exercising / *on/ by / in /* your own can be boring,
10. and in some areas there aren't / *any / no / some /* facilities for sport and fitness.
11. However, even / *choose / choice / choosing /* the stairs instead of the lift can make a difference
12. and some people improve their fitness by / *walking / moving / walking to /* their work.
13. On the other hand, it's no use / *trying / to try / in trying /* to take exercise without eating healthily.
14. Many people / *would rather not to / would rather prefer not / would rather not /* go on a strict diet
15. and many health experts think we all / *learn / should learn / learnt /* to eat sensibly.
16. Anne Taylor is a doctor at our local hospital. She / *has come / comes / came /*
17. here last year and / *has been living / lives / lived /* locally since then.
18. Before / *working / to work / work /* here, she studied medicine in London
19. and / *was being / has been / was /* a junior doctor in a London hospital.
20. So far she / *isn't / wasn't / hasn't /* been able to find a suitable house to buy around here
21. but she / *would / could / should /* like to find
22. one / *close / next / near /* her work
23. / *in order / for / to /* get to the hospital on foot.
24. / *As / which / how /* she says, she cannot have a car
25. Until she / *has / will have / will be /* passed her driving test.
26. Anne tried to obtain her driving licence while she / *was to study / had been studying / was studying, /* but she didn't have the time.
27. Originally Anne came from Scotland and / *is / was / has been /* born in Edinburgh.

28. / *Her / his / their /* boyfriend, Richard,
29. / *who / which / he /* is an engineer, is also Scottish.
30. He is four years / *the older / more old / older /* than Anne.
31. Anne and Richard both / *are used / used / use /* to live in Edinburgh as children,
32. but they / *moved / move / have moved /* from there many years ago.
33. Richard has a job in Leeds, but he / *will be joining / joins / shall join /* Anne
34. as soon as he can find / *work / the work / works /*
35. This year Anne and Richard / *go / will go / will have gone /* on holiday to Spain.
36. They wanted to go to an hotel on the coast but / *the / a / that /* one they wanted was fully booked,
37. so they / *must / should / had to /* choose another one.
38. By the time they go on holiday they / *have been / will have been / will be /* working without a break for 9 months.
39. They can't be sure the sun / *shines / do shine / will shine /* all the time on their holiday,
40. but even if it / *didn't / don't / doesn't /* they won't mind!

Look at the following examples of question tags in English. The incorrect forms of the tag have been crossed out.

- He's getting the 9.15 train, / isn't he / ~~hasn't he~~ / ~~wasn't he~~ /?
- She works in a library, / ~~isn't she~~ / ~~doesn't he~~ / doesn't she /?

Now highlight in red the correct tag in the following 10 items

1. The dinner's nearly ready, / *isn't it / wasn't it / hasn't it* /?
2. It's been in the oven for an hour, / *isn't it / hasn't it / wasn't it* /?
3. We're due to eat at 7.00, / *won't we / aren't we / will we* /?
4. We won't be finished until 8.00, / *will we / are we / aren't we* /?
5. You made the same meal last week / *haven't you / didn't you / weren't you* /?

6. I think I'm expected to do the washing up, / *aren't I* / *didn't I* / *are you* /?
7. No doubt you would rather I cooked tomorrow, / *shouldn't you* / *wouldn't you* / *didn't you* /?
8. Nobody else will be here to help me, / *will they* / *will I* / *have they* /?
9. We'd better start eating now, / *hadn't we* / *had we* / *didn't we* /?
10. I suppose it's time we laid the table, / *don't* / *didn't we* / *isn't it* /?