



## Allgemeinsprachen

### English Placement Test

The English Placement Test consists of three parts: Grammar, Written Expression and Oral Communication. Written Expression will be scored separately, and Oral Communication will be tested separately from the Grammar portion of the test.

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#### Exercise A

Choose the answer that best completes each sentence. Please **do not** write on this question sheet. Use the supplied answer sheet (page 3) and indicate the answer with a circle.

- Nowadays more and more people \_\_\_\_\_ back to school to obtain new skills in different areas than ever before.  
a) are going  
b) go  
c) have gone  
d) went
- Stacy: "How long have you known Bob?"  
Joan: "I have known him \_\_\_\_\_ about 10 years. We went to school together."  
a) since  
b) by  
c) for  
d) per
- Even today, there are still people who \_\_\_\_\_ that climate change is caused by humans, despite existing scientific evidence.  
a) are believing  
b) are not believing  
c) do not believe  
d) not believe
- I am so glad you wear the \_\_\_\_\_ size shoes \_\_\_\_\_ me because I've forgot mine, and I need to borrow yours, if it's not too much trouble.  
a) similar; as  
b) same; as  
c) similar; like  
d) same; like
- Toni Morrison \_\_\_\_\_ several books before she wrote her award-winning book, *Beloved*.  
a) has already written  
b) had already written  
c) was already writing  
d) was writing
- My professor said that we must hand in our papers \_\_\_\_\_ March 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest.  
a) in  
b) on  
c) for  
d) by
- Last year, Michael \_\_\_\_\_ to Italy and \_\_\_\_\_ many ancient Roman ruins.  
a) has gone; has seen  
b) has gone; was seeing  
c) went; saw  
d) was going; was seeing
- There were very \_\_\_\_\_ people who came to the exhibition, but even \_\_\_\_\_ stayed until the end.  
a) little; less  
b) a few; littler  
c) few; fewer  
d) few; less
- People who believe in \_\_\_\_\_ fate often cite this as the reason for meeting their spouse.  
a) the  
b) a  
c) an  
d) (no article)





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Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. a b c d

11. a b c d

2. a b c d

12. a b c d

3. a b c d

13. a b c d

4. a b c d

14. a b c d

5. a b c d

15. a b c d

6. a b c d

16. a b c d

7. a b c d

17. a b c d

8. a b c d

18. a b c d

9. a b c d

19. a b c d

10. a b c d

20. a b c d

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### Exercise B

Read the text and choose which words or phrases would best fit in each of the numbered gaps. Please do not write on this question sheet. Use the supplied answer sheet (page 5) and indicate the answer with a circle.

Dear Harry,

Happy belated birthday, mate!

I'm sorry that I haven't sent you a birthday card, but I have been very busy \_\_\_1\_\_\_ with the new baby my wife and I have just had. For whatever reason, I had been thinking that your birthday \_\_\_2\_\_\_ this week. That is how sleep-deprived I have been! I can't even keep dates straight! It wasn't until today that I realised my \_\_\_3\_\_\_ so I wrote you straight away, as I know you are still sleeping on that side of the world.

How are you doing? I hope all is well there, as \_\_\_4\_\_\_, and that there haven't been any unpleasant surprises with your job since we last spoke. It would be great if you can write or phone to \_\_\_5\_\_\_ me about how you are doing.

By the way, you still haven't told me how your bar exam was. I'm sure you \_\_\_6\_\_\_ them so now you are officially a barrister. Congratulations! I was actually also thinking about \_\_\_7\_\_\_ up a new course of study so perhaps you can give me some advice, based on your experience.

It has been far too long since last we saw one another. We should \_\_\_8\_\_\_ together soon to catch up. How about \_\_\_9\_\_\_ down here for an extended holiday this winter. You could stay here for \_\_\_10\_\_\_ days - or even a week - if your schedule allows, and you can meet the little one.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Best,  
David

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|---|--|
| 1. A) late<br>B) latter<br>C) lately    | 6. A) passed<br>B) succeeded<br>C) wrote     |
| 2. A) would be<br>B) is<br>C) was       | 7. A) passing<br>B) taking<br>C) holding     |
| 3. A) mistake<br>B) failure<br>C) wrong | 8. A) get<br>B) come<br>C) go                |
| 4. A) usually<br>B) normal<br>C) usual  | 9. A) come<br>B) to come<br>C) coming        |
| 5. A) explain<br>B) tell<br>C) say      | 10. A) a coupling<br>B) a few<br>C) a little |



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### English Placement Test: **Exercise B**

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. a b c

2. a b c

3. a b c

4. a b c

5. a b c

6. a b c

7. a b c

8. a b c

9. a b c

10. a b c

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### Exercise C

In the following sentences, chose the correct verb in **BOLD** to complete the phrasal verb in italics. The meaning of each phrasal verb is given in brackets at the end of each sentence.

Please use the answer sheet under the text and indicate the answer with a circle.

1. The president decided to **shout / cry / call off** his visit to Europe. (*to not go ahead with a plan*)
2. It is only at election time that senators **add / count / read on** support from their constituents. (*to rely/ depend on other people*)
3. Before you write an essay, you **should search / hunt / look into** the party's history. (*to research*)
4. If they examined the issues more closely, they would **search / look / find out** the reasons. (*to discover*)
5. The meeting will be cancelled if not enough people **arrive / move / turn up**. (*to come somewhere often unexpectedly*)

### English Placement Test: **Exercise C**

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **shout / cry / call off**
2. **add / count / read on**
3. **should search / hunt / look into**
4. **search / look / find out**
5. **arrive / move / turn up**

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### Exercise D

**Written Expression** - Please use the last page!

*If you have had **fewer than 5 years of English** in school and/or university, please complete the writing task in Exercise I below.*

### Exercise I

You want to send a postcard to an English-speaking friend about your last holiday. Write something about at least 3 of these 6 topics.

- Describe where you went.
- Tell your friend about what you did there.
- Ask your friend about his/her last holiday.
- Plan a future trip with your friend to a similar location.
- Give some information about the history of your last holiday location.
- Talk about your experiences with the culture and/or the language at this location (e.g., misunderstandings, interesting interactions with the locals).

**If you have had five or more years of English in school, please complete one of the writing assignment detailed in Exercise II below. Respond to the following prompt using an academic style of writing. (150-250 words)**

### Exercise II

- Describe an experience that has forever changed your life and your outlook on life.
- Describe a topic, idea or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
- Choose an invention that you think has had the most negative impact on our world and explain why you chose that invention.
- What do you consider to be the best advice you have ever received? Who gave you that advice and did you follow that advice or not?



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First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check and complete the writing task of the appropriate exercise.

- fewer than 5 years of English
- five or more years of English