

Unit test 1

1 Listen to Jacob talking about his family tree. Then decide which option (A or B) is correct.

Example: **A** His grandmother was from Ethiopia.

B *She's got long hair.*

- 1 **A** Jacob has Norwegian and Irish ancestry.
B Jacob has Irish and French ancestry.
- 2 **A** Forty-five per cent of his DNA is Norwegian.
B Forty-five per cent of his DNA is Irish.
- 3 **A** Family members can predict the future.
B Family members were adventurous.
- 4 **A** Ancestry can't tell you about diseases.
B Ancestry can tell you about diseases.
- 5 **A** Jacob's ancestors were healthy.
B Jacob's ancestors had heart problems.
- 6 **A** Jill found out about a family secret.
B Jill didn't find out about a family secret.
- 7 **A** It's helped Jacob understand his family.
B It's helped Jill understand Jacob.

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2 Read the article about loneliness. Then complete the sentences with one to three words.

Example: The way people form social circles has changed, causing more people to feel lonely.

- 1 People have an instinct to form _____.
- 2 _____ language is a part of face-to-face communication.
- 3 People moving between countries can lose the _____ of family and friends.
- 4 Culture shock can happen when _____ is unknown to you.
- 5 Even if you are with people, understanding, helpfulness, and _____ is necessary.
- 6 Loneliness and aloneness _____ the same.
- 7 The writer thinks people should _____ to lonely people.

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Loneliness

A recent study has shown that people are lonelier. One of the biggest reasons why more and more people are describing themselves as lonely is the fact that digital technology has changed the way people develop a social circle. We are social beings. Humans have a group instinct and most individuals are most comfortable when they are with other people. This means physical contact and face-to-face communication.

So many people, especially young people, spend a lot of time chatting online to virtual friends on social media, instead of making friends in the real world. Although it can be very satisfying to have hundreds of virtual friends all around the world, we need the 'human touch' to deal with the ups and downs of life; especially the downs. Sometimes, people just don't have someone to turn to when they need someone to hold or someone to talk to face to face. Real communication involves body language and you cannot get authentic body language online.

Migration of people has also resulted in loss of family and friends as a support network. Humans need to understand their habitat and this can be difficult in a strange culture. When everyone and everything is different to what you knew before, you can feel lonely. This is called 'culture shock' and is an important reason why people who are new to a country can feel lonely.

Being alone and loneliness are not the same thing. You can live alone and not be lonely if you have a social circle, and you can be lonely living with people if you don't communicate and try to understand and help each other. We must all reach out to people who seem lonely and try to make the world a better place.

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3 Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box.

aggressive caring cruel honest
loyal moody ~~sensible~~ sensitive

Example: She's a very sensible girl – always thinks things through carefully before acting.

- I never know how Frieda will be – she's _____.
- Only _____ people enjoy hurting others.
- People who look after others are _____.
- Pat was very _____ and true to his friends.
- Jed is so _____ to other people's feelings.
- You need to be _____ and tell the truth.
- If you scare my cat, Molly, she can be _____.

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4 Write sentences in the past simple or past continuous using the prompts provided.

Example: I / walk / when / see / my friend.

I was walking when I saw my friend.

- We / be / friends / while / travel / overseas.

- When / I / visit / Mark, / Sue / phone.

- It / happen / while / I / talk / to my uncle.

- When / Tom / arrive, / I / swim / in the pool.

- They / stop / talking / when / we / enter.

- The exam / finish / when / he / say / so.

- While / Mary / walk, / Tom / sing.

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5 Complete the sentences with the conjunctions in the box.

although because but ~~since~~
so until when while

Example: He hasn't stopped working since Jane got here.

- My friends stayed in the pool _____ it closed.
- Humans met Neanderthals _____ they entered Europe.
- It's important to have friends _____ humans are social beings.
- I like listening to music _____ I'm studying.
- I don't usually like biology _____ genetics is interesting.
- Carl was nice _____ we became friends.
- _____ Mia was tired, she went to the party.

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6 Write sentences in the present perfect using the prompts provided and the words in brackets.

Example: I / live / in Brazil / five years. (for)

I've lived in Brazil for five years.

- Martha / know / Jane / 2014. (since)

- Kevin / have / his lunch. (just)

- My parents / want / to travel. (never)

- Harry / be / to France? (ever)

- Jane / live / here? (how long)

- Paul / dislike / his cousin / childhood. (since)

- Heather / arrive? (just)

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7 Match 1–7 to a–g to complete the sentences.

Example: I don't _____ pizza tonight.

- 1 I'd like to _____ what he likes and why.
- 2 Sam isn't _____ playing tennis
- 3 We have _____.
- 4 They like to _____ a lot.
- 5 Jess wants to _____ with Jo. Do you know Jo's number?
- 6 I'm _____ Frank but only as a friend.
- 7 They _____ and now their friendship is over.

- a keen on
- b fond of
- c get to know
- d socialise
- e a lot in common
- f let each other down
- g fancy
- h get in touch with

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8 Complete the dialogue with the expressions in the box.

As far as I'm concerned... I see what you mean, but...
 I'm not sure... I feel we should...
 My view is that... That's a good point...
 That's exactly what I think... ~~What's your opinion of...~~

Frank What's your opinion of Tom? I'm thinking of inviting him to join us for the sports day.

Clare¹ _____ – I hardly know him.

Mike Me neither. ² _____ get to know him more before we decide.
 Mia, what's your opinion?

Mia ³ _____ we can only get to know him if we spend time with him.

Jack ⁴ _____ – spend time with him.

Clare⁵ _____, it's not a good idea for Tom to join us. He's not sporty

Jack ⁶ _____, Clare. He isn't in any sports teams.

Mike ⁷ _____ he seems fun and the sports day is also about socializing, not just sport.

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