

B2 Unit test 1A**1 Choose the correct option a–d to complete the text**

The use of computers has meant students can study language courses at their own speed, when and for as long as they want. What's more, in the virtual classrooms of the future, students will ¹ _____ on their headset and be transported into an imaginary school, choose their class, take the books they need off the shelf and ² _____ conversations with other students in the virtual world.

Not prepared to stay in the classroom, they might choose to pay a visit to ³ _____ realistic settings as a bank or a restaurant ⁴ _____, for example. At the ⁵ _____ of a button, they would be transported directly to the setting where they can practise their language skills, perhaps getting a ⁶ _____ from a virtual English companion. And all of this from the comfort of their own home – no ⁷ _____ to catch the bus to college or a plane to England!

Exciting? It certainly is, and an interesting alternative to ⁸ _____ classroom lessons. But would it ever ⁹ _____ the classroom? Well, hopefully not.

Surely the pleasure of relating to real people talking about real issues and generally learning a little more about others will always lead language learners to ¹⁰ _____ at least a little of their time with real people.

- 1 a get
b put
c place
d set
- 2 a speak
b catch
c hold
d say
- 3 a like
b alike
c such
d so
- 4 a instead
b contrary
c although
d furthermore

- 5 a force
b touch
c hit
d pull
- 6 a hand
b help
c recommendation
d lift
- 7 a role
b duty
c obligation
d need
- 8 a old
b traditional
c fixed
d mature
- 9 a recover
b restore
c redesign
d replace
- 10 a make
b have
c spend
d do

1 point for each correct answer

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of a word/phrase from the box. There are two words/phrases that you don't need.

cc somebody	confidential	delete	
emoticon	handwriting	handwritten	inbox
in tray	postage stamp	punctuation	text
stationery			

- The only people my parents receive _____ letters from these days are other elderly relatives.
- You never know when you'll need to post something, so it's handy to keep some _____ in your wallet.
- If you're going to the _____ cupboard, could you pick up a few red pens for me, please?
- I'm sorry, but I can't reveal what Harry told me – it's _____.
- In today's English lesson, we revised the rules for using _____.
- When Katya got back to her desk after lunch, she had twenty emails from her boss in her _____.
- Sanjay tends to use loads of _____ in messages to his friends. The smiley face is my favourite!
- Your _____ isn't very clear, so I'm not sure if your shopping list said 'chips' or 'crisps'.
- Yiannis had far too many photos on his smartphone, so he had to _____ some of them.
- Our boss wasn't too happy about us sending _____ to family and friends during working hours.

1 point for each correct answer

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3 Choose the correct answer from the words in italics.

- I'm sorry I'm late. *Have you waited / Have you been waiting* long?
- Phone apps *have become / have been becoming* a popular way of organizing information.
- I've always been knowing / I've always known* that I'd never move away from my hometown.
- Kazumi *has done / has been doing* research for her project for many months now.
- We *have had / have been having* some concerns about our uncle's health for some time.
- Spellcheckers *have made / have been making* life easier, especially for people with poor spelling.
- Maria *has been eating / has eaten* healthily recently in an attempt to lose some weight.
- Scientists *have been discovering / have discovered* a cure for one of the world's most serious diseases.
- Hasn't Stefan been realizing / Hasn't Stefan realized* that it's too late to apply for the job now?
- I've been meaning / I've meant* to call you for ages, but I never seem to find time.

1 point for each correct answer

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4 A Read the sentences and choose the correct part of speech for each underlined word or part of a word.

- Students today seem to challenge rules more than I did at school.
verb noun
- If it hadn't been for the extra coaching, Tom wouldn't have passed his maths exam.
prefix noun
- Her personality rather than her skillset distinguishes her from other employees.
verb adverb
- The fitness programme was demanding, but somehow I got through it.
adjective noun
- She clicked her fingers impatiently at the waiter because she wanted to order her meal.
verb prefix

B Read the sentences again and decide what the underlined word or part of a word means.

*EXAMPLE: Ollie is multilingual. He speaks four European languages fluently.
a again b many ✓*

- something that's difficult to do
 - express disagreement with
- teaching
 - travelling
- to make someone different from another person
 - to be able to see, hear or understand something
- asking many questions
 - needing time and energy
- positive meaning
 - negative meaning

1 point for each correct answer

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5 Read the article about sign language. Match the underlined words with a definition from the box. There are three definitions that you don't need.

accurate information	at the same time
done using the hands	given
important or noticeable	incorrect belief
involving the mind rather than the body	
one after another	

Sign Language

A sign language is a language which uses manual communication to express meaning, as opposed to sound patterns that can be heard. This can involve simultaneously combining hand shapes, movement of the hands, arms or body, and various expressions on the face to communicate a speaker's thoughts. Although there are some noteworthy differences, sign languages share many similarities with spoken languages – sometimes called 'oral' languages' – which is why language experts consider both to be natural languages.

Sign language is used both by the deaf and people who can hear but cannot physically speak. Hundreds of sign languages are in use around the world and are at the cores of local deaf cultures. Some sign languages have been accorded a form of legal recognition, while others are unfortunately not recognised by governments.

A common misconception is that sign languages are the same worldwide or are international, but this is not the case. Each country generally has its own native sign language, and some have more than one, though sign languages from different countries may share similarities.

- manual: _____
- simultaneously: _____
- noteworthy: _____
- accorded: _____
- misconception: _____

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2 points for each correct answer

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B2 Unit test 1A**6 Choose the correct answer from the words in italics.**

- 1 **A** I'm not exactly comfortable at the thought of having another job interview next week.
B I'm sure you'll be fine. Just make sure you ask them some *appropriate* / *entertaining* / *awkward* questions.
- 2 **A** We've got a meeting with Magda later this morning, and I haven't prepared anything.
B Well, I wouldn't worry! I'm sure she'll *establish* / *offend* / *dominate* the conversation as usual!
- 3 **A** I really *made a good impression* / *put my foot in it* / *hit it off* with my mother-in-law yesterday.
B Again? You're always saying something stupid when she's around!
- 4 **A** How did you get on with your date last night?
B Not great! There were lots of *appropriate* / *entertaining* / *awkward* silences.
- 5 **A** I'm so disappointed in you! How could you take my car without checking with me first?
B I'm really sorry. But let's not *make small talk* / *have a row* / *have a misunderstanding* about it.

2 points for each correct answer

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7 Put the words into the correct order to make questions.

- 1 New York / you / how / for / have / lived / long / in ?
- 2 is / where / Lola / you / do / to / know / going ?
- 3 yesterday / talking / what / about / Ollie / was ?
- 4 know / you / the / did / Middle East / which / are / gestures / rude / in ?
- 5 that / who / in / London / said / was / and / John / brought up / born ?

2 points for each correct answer

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8 Complete the mini-dialogues with phrases from the box.

Could you call me back on my landline?
 I'd better get off the phone.
 I'm afraid you've caught me at a bad time.
 I'm losing you again
 Just bear with me a moment.

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Bank employee Hello, Mrs Wilson. Is it convenient to talk to you at the moment?

Woman ¹_____. I'm in a bit of a rush to catch a train, actually.

2

Man So in the end, it was really expensive and not worth it, in my opinion.

Woman ²_____. The coverage where you are can't be very good.

Man Yes, it's awful sometimes! I'll call you later.

3

Mum Hi, Julia, I'm phoning about Grandma's party.

Daughter Sorry, Mum ... my battery's about to die. I forgot to charge my phone.
³_____.

Mum Sure. Just give me a few minutes.

4

Mechanic So, according to our records, your car service was due just over seven months ago.

Customer No, I had it done recently.
⁴_____. Yes, I've got the invoice here. The service was carried out on 8 May.

Mechanic Oh, I see. I do apologize.

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Dad ... and that's what we did for our holiday.

Daughter Dad, I've got a lot of work to do ... my essay's due in on Friday.
⁵_____.

Dad No problem. I'll let you get on.

2 points for each correct answer

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B2 Unit test 1A**9 Read the article from a travel magazine in which five people talk about barriers to intercultural communication. Which person ...?**

- 1 says that in some cultures direct agreement or disagreement may be seen as rude _____
- 2 thinks that the impressions some people form about other cultures can be damaging _____
- 3 highlights how different behaviours can lead to a breakdown in communication _____
- 4 mentions problems to do with personal space _____
- 5 explains why people from some cultures may run behind schedule _____

A Katerina

People may be offended if they're not familiar with the differences in body language across cultures. I don't like to speak in such general terms, but people from some parts of the world do tend to stand closer to others than some people may feel at ease with. The same thing applies to making eye contact, and even smiling. Body language can be a major source of misunderstanding.

B Sanjeev

I think feelings and emotions play a big part in misunderstandings between cultures. For example, individuals from some countries, like the United Kingdom, typically like to keep their emotions under control. People in Mediterranean countries, however, are more enthusiastic about showing their feelings. Although seemingly unimportant, this difference can lead to anxiety and even fear among some people and, in some cases, people may completely stop attempting to communicate.

C Aoife

I'd say the level of context is pretty important. Most English-speaking cultures are low-context, which means that they express a message in a clear and open way. In these cultures, saying 'no' when that's what you really mean is considered appropriate. But some high-context Asian cultures expect the listener to understand the meaning from the situation. So, an Asian person might say 'yes' or 'maybe' when they actually mean 'no'. One reason for this is that it's considered bad manners to refuse outright.

D Dimitris

Well, time's a bit of a problem area, isn't it? I mean not all cultures think about it in the same way. In North America, for instance, being on time is considered to be very important indeed, whereas other cultures place more importance on people and relationships. What this translates to in real life is that a North American would cut a conversation short if they had to be somewhere else for an appointment, while a person from Latin America would finish their chat even if it meant they'd be running slightly late for their next meeting.

E Maya

As far as I'm concerned the biggest barrier to intercultural communication is the stereotypes we believe – the ideas people already have about other cultures. These can really cause communication problems, not to mention offence. The belief that your own culture is somehow better can lead you to look down on others and not treat them with respect. And you can just imagine the problems that could cause in all walks of life.

2 points for each correct answer

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B2 Unit test 1A**10 Complete the sentences with the correct form of a verb from A and a preposition from B.****A**

contribute	disapprove	hear	prevent
rely			

B

from	of (x2)	on	to
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- Many people _____ Cathy's decision to marry her boyfriend, as they'd only just met.
- No matter what I need, I know I can always _____ my sister for help.
- We were _____ travelling last weekend due to the severe weather conditions.
- I haven't _____ Ian Lewis. Is he the actor in that new drama on Channel 2?
- Factors such as staff shortages _____ the failure of the project last year.

2 points for each correct answer

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