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# INTRODUCTORY TEST

## 1. Put each verb in brackets into a suitable tense.

Dear Tony,  
Do you remember me?

We 1. (meet) last year when you were on holiday in the Lake District. I'm sorry I 2. (not write) to you since then. I 3. (work) abroad and I just 4. (come) back home. Next week I 5. (plan) to be in Manchester and I was thinking that we could meet. Do you remember Sarah? I 6. (meet) her before that wonderful holiday and we 7. (get) married next month. It 8. (be) great to see you again. You 9. (study) still or you 10. (find) a job?

You 11. (not recognise) me when you 12. (see) me! As Sarah 13. (not like) men with long hair I 14. (have) my hair cut last week and now I 15. (look) completely different.

Best wishes,  
Paul Radulescu



*The Lake District – Lake Windermere*

## 2. Use the word at the end of each sentence to form a word that fits suitably in the blank space.

Example: During that terrible time there was a great SHORTAGE of food. SHORT

1. When our company advertised for a new accountant, they received over twenty . . . . . for the job. APPLY  
2. She's so nice. It's a . . . . . talking to her.

3. His . . . . . in "Hamlet" was absolutely remarkable. PLEASE  
PERFORM

4. I found it . . . . . to solve such a difficult problem. POSSIBLE  
5. What time do you . . . . . go to bed? USE  
6. I think you must talk to Mr Smith. All matters concerning finance are his . . . . . RESPONSIBLE  
7. I'd love to come to your birthday party but, . . . . ., I have to study for my exam. FORTUNE  
8. What . . . . . do you need to become a doctor? QUALIFY  
9. What's the matter with her? Her . . . . . is getting worse and worse. BEHAVE  
10. She finds it difficult to concentrate and she is more and more . . . . . FORGET  
11. He lost all . . . . . to find a job in his native town. CONFIDE  
12. The teacher believes she is making very . . . . . progress in this direction. SATISFY  
13. I tried hard to hide my . . . . . DISAPPOINT when I heard the bad news.  
14. Mary had always lived with the . . . . . that Carl admired her efficiency as a secretary. KNOW  
15. The . . . . . that he might like her never occurred to her. THINK

## 3. There is a grammar or spelling mistake in each line. Identify the mistake and correct it.

### Bear Facts

- 0 No one is sure, but scientists believe *they* are from **there**  
00 20 000 *too* 40 000 polar bears in the northern Arctic, **to**  
1. so they aren't the endangered species. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Although known with the nickname 'great white' \_\_\_\_\_  
3. little, if any polar bears are pure white. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Most appear off-white, or slight yellow. Some even \_\_\_\_\_  
5. look light brown. These may be because they are \_\_\_\_\_  
6. related with brown bears. \_\_\_\_\_  
7. Scientists believe that 100 000 to 200 00 years \_\_\_\_\_  
8. before, brown bears may have taken to the ice in \_\_\_\_\_



# INTRODUCTORY TEST

9. search for food. Over time, they developed lighter \_\_\_\_\_
10. coloured coats that let them blend in with there \_\_\_\_\_
11. surroundings. Being white made it easier for bears to \_\_\_\_\_
12. sneak up on seals and another Arctic animals \_\_\_\_\_
13. Scientists are very interesting in the eating habits \_\_\_\_\_
14. of polar bears. They can go for nearly an half year without \_\_\_\_\_
15. eating. 'I'm amazing to hear this', says M Ramsay, a researcher \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Read the text and answer the questions.

### Holidays in space

VIRGIN announced the first passenger flights in space. The company hopes to offer flights on the Virgin Galactic spaceship in 2006. Each two-hour flight will cost £110,000 and will take passengers more than 70 miles above the earth.

Flights will include up to five minutes of weightlessness and Virgin promises astronauts will have all the comforts of home. Drinks will be served on board and each passenger will have their own window. It's going to be an incredible experience and lots of people will describe themselves as astronauts.

Virgin Galactic has been set up to run the space tourism business and will begin building five spaceships based on the American SpaceShipOne design, investing £100 million. The first craft, VSS Enterprise, could be making its first flights within 15 months.

Passengers will first have to complete a week-long training camp, which will include several weightless flights in a normal plane and exercises designed to replicate the G-force of a space flight.

Because the spaceships will have a pressurised cabin, passengers will not need to wear a spacesuit or take their own oxygen supply.

To return to earth, the ships simply rotate the rocket fins which will be turned into wings allowing the craft to glide back to the airport they took off from.

The company believes that in spite of the price they will be able to take several thousand people into orbit in the first few years. However, they warn the passengers that they would be taking a risk as this flight is not going to be as safe as going on a 787 – these are the pioneer days for the space industry.

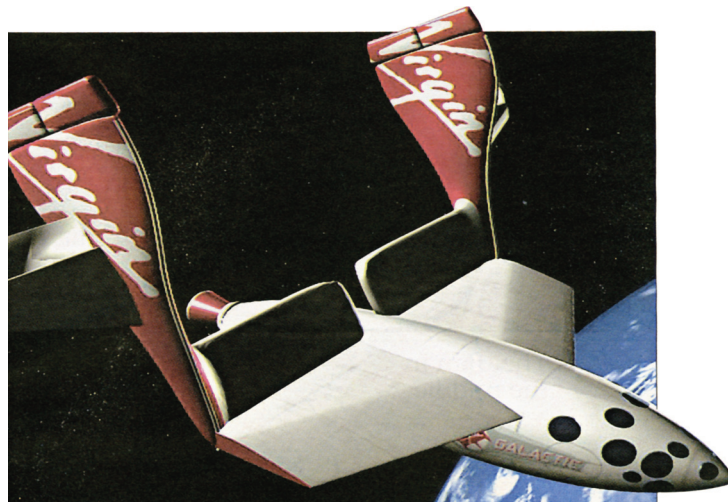
1. What does VIRGIN deal with?
2. How long will a flight into space be?
3. What is the most exciting promise related to the flight?
4. What is VSS Enterprise?
5. What must amateur astronauts do before the flight?
6. Will the passengers have to wear spacesuits and oxygen masks during the flight?
7. What are some of the most important obstacles to flight into space?
8. Would **you** be interested to taste the experience? Why/Why not?

## 5. Use compound adjectives to describe the following:

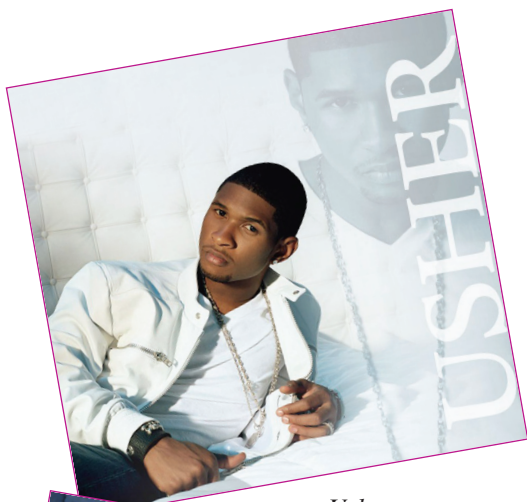
- a. a flight which will last two hours.
- b. a training which will take a week.
- c. a break which is only five minutes long.

## 6. Identify two passive constructions in the text.

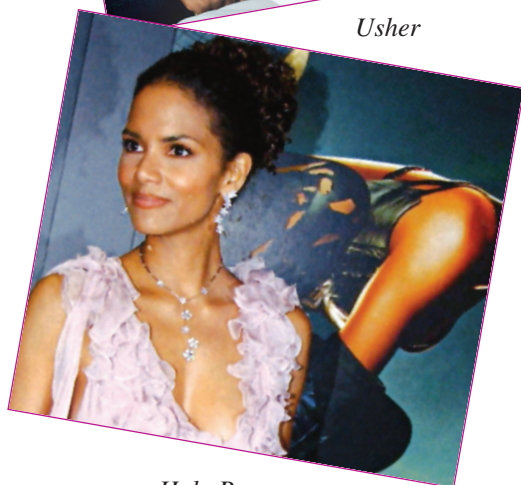
E.g.: Drinks will be served.



## Teenage icons



Usher



Halle Berry



Kylie Minogue

## ● Points of view

## 1. Let's talk!

● What are the people in the pictures famous for? What do you know about them? Do you happen to know which of them received the most awards in 2004?

## ● Tape activities

2. You are going to listen to a radio programme about Usher, the 25-year-old performer from Atlanta who rocked the music industry in 2004. Write 1, 2, 3, and 4, according to the correct order in which you hear the following.

1	
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a) Usher – the actor

2	
---	--

b) Lots of awards for the best

3	
---	--

c) The beginning of his career

4	
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d) His first Grammy in 2001

3. Listen again and complete the sentences with one, two or three words.

a) At the age of 13, Usher was performing at a local “Star Search” ....

b) Usher cherished singing so much that he decided to turn his hobby ....

c) The project not only earned him his first Grammy award, ..... helped to strengthen his role as one of the world’s most versatile ambassadors of groove.

d) The Atlanta-bred singer, songwriter... has acquired a multitude of awards over the span of his career.

e) In addition, Usher is a blossoming actor who ..... in many films and television shows.

## ● Reading

4. Read quickly this text and say which teenage icon is presented here. Ignore the gaps for the time being.

A 21-year-old Houston native, Beyoncé Knowles is a founding (1) ... and chief songwriter of Destiny’s Child, one of (2) ... biggest selling female acts of all time. With many of the group’s hit songs co-written and co-produced by Beyoncé, Destiny’s Child has sold more than 33 million (3) ... worldwide. When Beyonce won the 2001 ASCAP Pop Songwriter of the Year Award, (4) ... became the first African-American woman – and the second woman ever – to receive that honour.



Beyoncé

Musically challenging and lyrically honest, *Dangerously In Love* is more (5) ... just a solo CD from a superstar. It is everything you'd expect from Beyoncé and more than you could have hoped (6) ... . "The experience was very liberating and therapeutic. I felt free, because I could go into the studio and talk about whatever I wanted, but in many ways (7) ... was actually harder to be on my own creatively", confesses Beyoncé.

But the artist is so much more than just a songwriter and performer. She is also an (8) ... . In 2001 she starred in MTV's "Carmen." In 2002 she appeared as Foxy Cleopatra in "Austin Powers Goldmember." This year she will co-star with Cuba Gooding Jr. in "The Fighting Temptations." She (9) ... two more features currently in production and can (10) ... be seen on the small screen in a series of Spike Lee-directed commercials for Pepsi-Cola. She is also the spokesperson for L'Oreal.

**5. Read the text again and decide for each gap what part of speech you need. Choose from the three suggested options, then fill in the gaps with the right word.**

- 1) noun/ verb/ adjective      *member*
- 2) noun/ article/ preposition
- 3) preposition/ adjective/ noun
- 4) adjective/ pronoun/ noun
- 5) conjunction/ preposition/ adverb
- 6) preposition/ adverb/ conjunction
- 7) adverb/ pronoun/ verb
- 8) preposition/ conjunction/ noun
- 9) verb/ adverb/ adjective
- 10) conjunction/ adverb/ preposition

**6. Now listen to check your answers.**

**7. Work in pairs. Discuss the following.**

- Being in their early twenties, how do you think the two artists (Usher and Beyoncé) take the pressures of being famous?
- They live a life most of us can only dream of. Would you like to be in their shoes? Why (not)?
- If you were in Usher's/Beyoncé's place for only a day, what would you do?

**OVER TO YOU!**

**8. Write a page presenting your favourite celebrity (actor, singer, dancer etc.). You may use the internet, teen magazines, TV documentaries, etc. to gather information. Make sure you include in your writing: who he/she is, how he/she started his/her career, what he/she is famous for, why you like him/her.**



## Smells like teen spirit

## Expressing personal opinion

- To my mind,
- I think ...
- In my opinion ...
- As far as I'm concerned,
- I feel ...
- Personally,
- I tend to believe ...

## ● Points of view

1. "Being a teenager is all about attitude." Work in pairs and discuss this statement. Say if you agree or not with it. You may refer to clothes, hobbies, music you listen to, etc. Make sure you use appropriate phrases to express opinion (see the box on the left).

2. Match the expressions on the left with their definitions on the right. Then, use them to fill in the gaps in the following sentences.

- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| 1. get one's skates on     | a) to be taking a risk                    |
| 2. be skating on thin ice  | b) to do something quickly and easily     |
| 3. skate round something   | c) to be quick, to hurry                  |
| 4. skate through something | d) to avoid dealing with or talking about |

- (1) I ... homework and it was finished by 10 o'clock.  
 (2) We can ignore him and go direct to the chairman, but we'd ...  
 (3) Come on ... or we'll miss the bus.  
 (4) She ... the likely cost of the plan.

## ● Reading

3. Read the following text about skateboarding and decide which the best heading for each paragraph is, choosing from:

- a) Half-pipes  
 b) Mid-air manoeuvre  
 c) Skateboarding – a challenging sport  
 d) Jumping the ollie

(1) ....

With nothing more than a two-by-four board on roller-skate wheels, the sidewalk surfers of the 30s, 40s, and 50s had a straightforward mission: start at the top of the hill and ride down staying on and avoiding collisions. Now, skateboarders have a higher calling. For on-lookers and beginners, it can be hard to follow the action. While it may seem that modern skateboarders are defying the laws of physics, the truth is they're using them to their advantage.

(2) ...

Invented in the late 1970's by Alan "Ollie" Gelfand, the ollie has become the basis for many other more complicated tricks. The ollie is a jumping technique that allows skaters to hop over obstacles. In order to get the skateboard jump up, the skater pushes down on the board. What's so amazing about the ollie is the way the skateboard seems to





Here's a short list of skateboarding tricks:

- 1) aerial: riding with all four wheels off ground
- 2) backside: when a trick is executed with the skater's back facing the ramp
- 3) carve: to skate in a long, curving arc
- 4) Caballerial: a 360-degree turn performed on a ramp while riding
- 5) frontside: when a trick is executed with the front of the skater's body facing the ramp
- 6) goofyfoot: riding with the right foot forward
- 7) McTwist: a 540-degree turn performed on a ramp
- 8) noseslide: sliding the underside of the nose end of a board on a ledge

**OVER TO YOU!**

**6. Imagine you are a skateboarder and you have just won a skateboarding competition. Write a diary entry (10-12 lines) describing your experience. Include**

- details from your performance (refer to the list of tricks above)
- your feelings before and after the competition
- your friends' reaction.

stick to the skater's feet in midair. Seeing pictures of skaters performing soaring 4-foot ollies, many people assume that the board is somehow attached to the skater's feet. It's not. The secret to this paradoxical manoeuvre is rotation around multiple axes.

(3) ...

In order to perform this trick, a skateboarder launches straight into the air from the top of the ramp. Seeming to hang in place for just a moment, he turns in midair and directs himself back down the ramp. Skaters call this manoeuvre a frontside 180. Physicists call it impossible. Not really impossible, but very sneaky.

(4) ...

Skateboarders in half-pipes have a need for speed. The faster they go, the higher they can rise out of the pipe. To get the swing to go higher, you lift your legs as you pass through the bottom of the swing's arc, then drop them at the top of the arc. Each time you do this, you gain a little energy and swing a little higher.

**4. Read the text again and find:**

- (1) a noun meaning "a person who watches something happening without getting involved" (para 1)
- (2) a verb meaning "to refuse to obey or show respect for sb or sth" (para1)
- (3) an antonym for "bottom" (para 3)
- (4) an antonym for "lose" (para 4)
- (5) a modal verb expressing ability (para 4)

**5. There are four types of skateboarding: street skating, vert skating, half-pipe and vert ramp. Match each of these types to its definition below.**

- (1) ...: a half-pipe, usually at least 8 feet tall, with steep sides that are perfectly vertical near the top.
- (2) ...: skating on streets, curbs, benches, or other elements of urban and suburban landscapes.
- (3) ...: skating on ramps or other vertical structures specifically designed for skating.
- (4) ...: a U shaped ramp of any size usually with a flat section in the middle.