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ПРОГРАММА ОБУЧЕНИЯ

АНГЛИЙСКИЙ ЯЗЫК ОБЩИЙ КУРС (Взрослые)
Уровень ниже среднего (pre-intermediate)

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Пояснительная записка

Данный курс рассчитан на 104 академических часов и предназначен для слушателей, имеющих достаточную подготовку в рамках программы элементарного уровня и желающих повысить свой уровень знаний до начального среднего.

Цели курса:

Обучающие:

- *формировать умения общаться на английском языке с учетом речевых возможностей и потребностей слушателей; совершенствование коммуникативных умений в говорении, аудировании, чтении, письме;*
- *обеспечивать коммуникативно-психологическую адаптацию слушателей к иному языковому миру для использования английского языка как средства общения;*
- *продолжить освоение элементарных лингвистических единиц, доступных слушателям и необходимых для овладения устной и письменной речью на английском языке;*

Развивающая:

- *развивать иноязычную коммуникативную компетенцию в совокупности ее составляющих – речевой, языковой, социокультурной, компенсаторной, учебно-познавательной:*

речевая компетенция – развитие коммуникативных умений в четырех основных видах речевой деятельности (говорении, аудировании, чтении, письме);

языковая компетенция – овладение новыми языковыми средствами (фонетическими, орфографическими, лексическими, грамматическими) в соответствии с темами, сферами и ситуациями общения; освоение знаний о языковых явлениях изучаемого языка, разных способах выражения мысли в родном и изучаемом языках;

социокультурная компетенция – приобщение учащихся к культуре, традициям и реалиям стран/ страны изучаемого иностранного языка в рамках тем, сфер и ситуаций общения, отвечающих опыту, интересам;

компенсаторная компетенция – развитие умений выходить из положения в условиях дефицита языковых средств при получении и передаче информации;

учебно – познавательная компетенция – дальнейшее развитие общих и специальных учебных умений.

Требования к уровню подготовки учащихся, успешно освоивших программу:

В результате обучения в течение 104 академических часов слушатели должны знать/ понимать, а также уметь говорить, писать, читать, воспринимать на слух следующий материал:

- Фразы и конструкции, позволяющие объяснить или расспросить дорогу у прохожих на улице или в общественных местах;
- Построение кратких высказываний и рассуждений о своих предпочтениях; выражение согласия или несогласия;
- Покупки на рынках и в магазинах, обращение к персоналу магазина за помощью, построение диалога с продавцом;
- Речевые ситуации в ресторане, постановка вопросов относительно содержания меню;
- Ответы на телефонные звонки, просьба пригласить человека к телефону, передача сообщений и т.д.;
- Организация визита к врачу, построение диалогов на тему «медицина», «описание болезней», «просьба о помощи»;
- Чтение и толкование расписания движения поездов, метро, автобусов;
- Приобретение билетов на самолет, поезд, метро, автобус;

- Описание своего рабочего дня и повседневных занятий;
- А также вести беседу на такие темы как: каникулы и свободное время, образование, мир животных, здоровье и спорт и т.д.

Оценочные материалы:

Контроль знаний слушателей проводится посредством письменного тестирования и дополнительного устного собеседования с преподавателем. Тесты оценивают владение грамматическим материалом, освоение минимального лексического объема по темам курса, способность понимать печатные и аудиоматериалы на английском языке. Письменные работы студентов дают представление о навыках письма на изучаемом языке. Устное собеседование оценивает развитие навыков восприятия иностранного языка на слух и говорение на английском языке.

Промежуточное контрольное тестирование проводится приблизительно через каждые 34-35 академических часов (Образец теста – Приложение №1). Итоговое контрольное тестирование проводится по завершении курса (Образец теста – Приложение №2). В рамках итогового и промежуточного контрольных тестов оцениваются следующие навыки: восприятие английской речи на слух, письмо, чтение, разговорная речь. Тесты предназначены для того, чтобы определить, насколько хорошо студент усваивает изученный материал данного курса, выявить его основные проблемы и ошибки и уделить им дополнительное внимание в дальнейшем.

Результаты письменного тестирования выражаются в процентах (количество правильно выполненных заданий по отношению к 100%). Тестирование считается пройденным, если студент набрал 70 и более процентов. В случае если в тесте студент дал менее 70 процентов правильных ответов, тест считается не пройденным. В таком случае студенту предлагается самостоятельная дополнительная подготовка или дополнительные индивидуальные занятия с преподавателем. После этого студенту предоставляется возможность пройти аналогичный тест повторно.

Оценка за устное тестирование не предусмотрена ввиду того, что собеседование является не основным, а дополнительным инструментом оценки навыков студентов.

Основное содержание:

ПРЕДСРЕДНИЙ УРОВЕНЬ (PRE - INTERMEDIATE)	Общее количество часов	Количество часов	
		Теоретические знания	Практические знания
Блок А:	34	-	34
<i>Грамматический аспект</i>			
1.Present Perfect – настоящее перфектное	1,5	-	1,5
2.Passive – Пассивный залог	1	-	1
3.Relative clauses	1	-	1
4.Неопределенные и определенные артикли a/ an, the	1	-	1
5.Irregular verb – Неправильные глаголы	1	-	1
<i>Словарь</i>			
1.Языки и страны	6,5	-	6,5
2.Город. Дом. Квартира	5	-	5
3.Каникулы. Отдых	5	-	5
4.Городской транспорт	5	-	5
5.Погода и природные явления	5	-	5
<i>Промежуточное контрольное тестирование – письменное, устное (см. Приложение 1)</i>	2		

Блок В:	35	-	35
Грамматический аспект			
1.Глагол+предлог - Verb+ preposition	1,5	-	1,5
2. Confusing verbs – Глаголы с одинаковым значением	1	-	1
3. Prepositions of place - Предлоги места	1	-	1
4. Second conditional – 2-у условное предложение	1	-	1
5. Сравнительная и превосходная степени прилагательных (Comparative and Superlative)	1	-	1
Словарь			
1. В гостях	6,5	-	6,5
2. Животные	5	-	5
3. Образование: школа	5	-	5
4. Музыка	5	-	5
5. Праздники	6	-	6
Промежуточное контрольное тестирование – письменное, устное (см. Приложение 1)	2		
Блок С:	35	-	35
Грамматический аспект			
1. Отработка произношения	1,5	-	1,5
2. Something; Anything; Nothing	1	-	1
3. Past passive – Пассивный залог в прошедшем времени	1	-	1
4. Gerund - Герундий	1	-	1
5. Regular verbs- Правильные глаголы	1	-	1
Словарь			
1. Старые друзья	5,5	-	5,5
2. Одинаковые языки, разные люди	5,5	-	5,5
3. Одежда и мода	5	-	5
4. Любовные истории	5,5	-	5,5
5. Командировка	4	-	4
Итоговое контрольное тестирование – письменное, устное (см. Приложение 2)	4		
Общее количество академических часов уровня	104		

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Пример промежуточного контрольного тестирования (письменный тест)

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GRAMMAR

- 1 Complete the sentences. Put the verb in brackets in the past simple or the past continuous.

Example: We drove (drive) to Manchester last week.

- 1 It _____ (not snow) when I went to bed.
- 2 When _____ she _____ (pass) her driving test?
- 3 Donna _____ (not come) to the theatre with us last night.
- 4 What _____ you _____ (do) at six o'clock last night?
- 5 I _____ (not study) when you rang.
- 6 Last year they _____ (buy) a new house.
- 7 We _____ (see) Rachel at the restaurant yesterday.
- 8 _____ Dan _____ (wear) his suit when you saw him?

8

- 2 Put the words in the correct order.

Example: is Lily now what doing ?

What is Lily doing now?

- 1 read every do a day newspaper you ?
- 1 wearing are they why tracksuits ?
- 2 cups many drink how of did tea you ?
- 4 musical can any instruments Tony play ?
- 5 to Sasha which does school go ?
- 6 are what studying you university at ?

6

- 3 Complete the dialogue. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Lucy Did you enjoy (you enjoy) your trip to Italy?

Jean I had a great time!

Lucy That's good. Where ¹ _____ (you stay)?

Jean In a really nice hotel in Sorrento.

Lucy Who ² _____ (you go) with?

Jean Sandy and Mel. We had a few problems while we were there.

Lucy What ³ problems _____ (you have)?

Jean Mel lost her passport and her purse.

Lucy Really? What ⁴ _____ (she do)?

Jean We went to the police station.

Lucy What ⁵ _____ (they say)?

Jean Well – Mel's things were there!

Lucy That was lucky! Who ⁶ _____ (find) them?

Jean Two children – at the beach.

Lucy That was very lucky!

6

- 4 Complete Paloma's email. Use the verb in brackets in the present simple or present continuous.

Hi Mandy

My name's Paloma and I live (live) in Madrid. I go to the cinema sometimes, but I

¹ _____ (love) the theatre. What about you? ² _____ you

³ _____ (prefer) the cinema or the theatre?

I'm a student, but it's the winter holidays, so now I ⁴ _____ (not study) –

I ⁵ _____ (work) in a shop. I

⁶ _____ (want) some extra money because I'm going to visit Russia next year! I

⁷ _____ (not speak) Russian very well, so I ⁸ _____ (have) some lessons.

⁹ _____ you _____ (learn) any languages at the moment?

Write soon

Paloma

8

- 5 Complete the sentences with *so*, *because*, *but*, or *although*.

Example: Although it was late, we weren't tired.

1 Amal doesn't eat meat _____ he's a vegetarian.

2 _____ the restaurant was expensive, the food was awful.

3 Tomas doesn't like his job, _____ he's looking for another one.

4 It was a nice day, _____ we went to the beach.

- 5 They're learning Spanish _____ they want to visit Argentina.
- 6 I invited Ian to the party, _____ he didn't want to come.

6

6 **Underline the correct word or phrase.**

Example: Martin goes / go / is go to the cinema every week.

- All of my friends has / have / are have good jobs.
- We don't know / doesn't know / not know Kerry very well.
- What time finishes Dave / Dave finishes / does Dave finish work?
- Listen! Someone playing / is playing / he's playing the violin.
- Tom and Kate not working / aren't working / no are working today.
- Why you're using / you using / are you using my computer?

6

Grammar total 40

VOCABULARY

7 **Underline the correct verb.**

Example: take / be / have someone to a restaurant

- meet / run / have across the road
- have / leave / wait a good time
- invite / give / drive somebody to dinner
- wait / meet / drive along the road
- run / be / play in a hurry
- wait / run / invite for a friend
- take / play / give a song

7

8 **Match the words in the box with the definitions. There are five words you don't need.**

A tracksuit a coat a bracelet sandals
a cap gloves tights a ring a scarf a
suit boots a t-shirt

Example: You wear them on your feet in summer.
sandals

- Jewellery you wear on your finger.
- A jacket and a pair of trousers or a skirt.
- A top you wear in summer.
- You wear them on your hands when it's cold.
- Winter footwear.
- You wear it over your clothes when you go out.

9 **Underline the correct preposition.**

Example: Who do you sit next to / under / on at work?

- There's a big tree behind / in front / in the middle of our house.
- My son has posters in / between / on the walls of his bedroom.
- My desk is the one between / on the left / near the window.
- This is a photo of my family. That's me in / on / to the middle.
- Who's the man standing behind / on the right / under you in this photo?
- There's a table on / in front / between my desk and the window.

6

10 **Complete the sentences with the correct word.**

Example: She didn't take many photos when she went to Italy.
do have take

- You need a passport if you want to go _____ by plane on holiday abroad
- The food at the restaurant was _____ comfortable delicious crowded
- The weather was lovely. It was _____ every day.
foggy cloudy sunny
- Julie and Andy _____ their flights online.
booked hired rented
- I _____ most of my time at the beach when I'm on holiday.
buy go spend
- Did you _____ any souvenirs when you were in Brazil?
buy take have
- We went _____ for a few days over Christmas.
by car away out

7

11 **Complete the sentences with the correct word.**

Example: You were very quiet. Why didn't you say anything?

- He's _____ height and a little bit overweight.
short medium tall
- Mary never does any work! She's very _____.

- generous hard-working lazy
- 3 Tamsin's very _____. She loves meeting new people.
extrovert hard-working clever
- 4 Antonio is _____ because he doesn't do any exercise.
thin overweight slim
- 5 My teacher's really _____. She's nice to everybody.
funny mean friendly
- 6 Jamie doesn't have any hair. He's _____.
fair bald blond
- 7 Olga has _____ curly hair.
big straight long
- 8 David makes me laugh. He's really _____.
funny quiet serious

8

12 Complete the sentences with *at*, *in*, or *on*.

Example: We got married on 7th May.

- 1 What did you do _____ the weekend?
- 2 There was nowhere to sit _____ the train.
- 3 They played basketball _____ the morning.
- 4 Stefano was born _____ Rome.
- 5 They sat _____ the balcony.
- 6 We arrived _____ the bus stop just before the bus left.

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Vocabulary total	40
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PRONUNCIATION

13 MATCH THE PAST FORMS WITH THE SAME SOUND.

asked	argued	bought	understood
started	read		

Example: saw bought

- 1 rented _____
- 2 said _____
- 3 dog _____
- 4 could _____
- 5 tie _____

5

14 Match the words with the same sound.

address	belt	hard-working	laughs	mean
wears				

Example: people mean

- 1 friend _____
- 2 university _____
- 3 actor _____
- 4 trousers _____

5 boots _____

5

15 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: friend|ly

- 1 com|for|ta|ble
- 2 in|vite
- 3 a|part|ment
- 4 sight|see|ing
- 5 a|broad
- 6 ge|ne|rous
- 7 un|kind
- 8 o|ver|weight
- 9 a|cce|sso|ry
- 10 car|di|gan

10

Pronunciation total	20
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G, V and P total	100
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READING

- 1 Read the profile on a dating website and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

College Connection

College Connection is a dating website for college and university students. Read Sophie's profile on the website.

My name's Sophie and I'm 26 years old. I'm from London and I'm single. I'm studying Film Studies at York University – it's really interesting. My dad is an actor and my mum is a film director so I grew up watching movies. I want to work in cinema when I leave university – as a film director, too.

I have a nice group of friends at university. My best friend Anna is studying here too. We all get on well. We go out to the cinema together every Friday night and on Saturdays we like going out to restaurants or music bars. I also love cooking for my friends. Most of my friends love shopping for clothes and jewellery, but I prefer making my own. It's cheaper and more fun.

I don't like playing sports very much, but I like watching football on TV. My favourite team is Chelsea. I'm into yoga at the moment and I try to eat lots of healthy food.

I'm quite a sociable person. My friends say I'm very talkative! I've got long dark hair and green eyes, and I'm quite tall. I'm looking for a partner who is fun, sociable, and kind. I'd like to meet

someone who has a good sense of humour and who is tall, too!
Would you like to go on a date with me? If so, I'm waiting for your reply!

Example: Sophie is _____.

A married ☐ B divorced ☐ C single ☒

- 1 At university, Sophie is studying _____.
A Acting ☐ B Film studies ☒ C Yoga ☐
- 2 Sophie's friend Anna studies _____.
A cooking ☐ B in London ☐ C in York ☒
- 3 They _____ every Friday night.
A watch a film ☐ B go to a bar ☐ C stay at home ☒
- 4 Sophie's _____ love buying clothes and jewellery.
A sisters ☐ B friends ☒ C parents ☐
- 5 Sophie enjoys _____.
A watching football on TV ☐ B playing football ☒ C all sports ☐
- 6 Sophie is _____.
A quite short ☐ B quite tall ☐ C medium height ☒
- 7 Sophie wants to meet someone who has _____.
A dark hair ☐ B blue eyes ☐ C a good sense of humour ☒

7

8 Read the profile again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

Example: *College Connection* is a dating website for students. T

- 1 Sophie thinks her university course is boring.
- 2 Sophie's dad is an actor.
- 3 Sophie wants to work as a film director.
- 4 Sophie and her friends like going to music bars.
- 5 Sophie hates cooking for her friends.
- 6 Sophie enjoys making her own jewellery.
- 7 Sophie's friends think she is quiet.
- 8 Sophie's looking for a partner who is kind.

8

Reading total 15

WRITING

Write your profile for the *College Connection* website. Write about these things. (100–150 words)

- your personal details
- your job / studies

- your interests

Writing total 10

Reading and Writing total 25

LISTENING

1 Listen to Annette describing a holiday. Tick (✓) A, B, or C to complete the sentences.

- 1 Annette went on holiday with her _____.
A old friend c B boyfriend c C best friend c
- 2 On the first night, they went to _____.
A a dance c B a restaurant c C a beach party c
- 3 They saw the girl again when they got on the _____.
A bus c B plane c C train c
- 4 On safari, they _____ together every night.
A had a party c B danced c C ate c
- 5 After the holiday, Annette's boyfriend moved to Manchester with his _____.
A best friend c B new girlfriend c C old friend c

5

2 Listen to Nicole describing her photos. Match 1–5 with A–E.

- 1 At 14 ...
- 2 At 15 ...
- 3 At 24 ...
- 4 At 25 ...
- 5 At 28 ...
- A she went to Italy with her class at school.
- B she stayed at a luxurious hotel in Paris.
- C she spent her free time on the beach in Australia.
- D she had a fantastic holiday in Spain with her family.
- E she was unhappy because her brother was leaving.

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Listening total 10

Complete test total 135

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Пример итогового контрольного тестирования (письменный тест)

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GRAMMAR

1. Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Example: I usually get up (get up) at seven o'clock.

1. Tod _____ (watch) TV at the moment.
2. The sports hall _____ (not clean) on Wednesdays.
3. Ella _____ (have) blonde hair, but now she's quite dark.
4. He _____ (look for) a job next month.
5. What _____ he _____ (find) when he opened the door?
6. She _____ (not go) out last night; she went home after work.
7. I _____ (go) to the USA five times. How about you?
8. When we arrived, they _____ already _____ (leave) – the house was empty.
9. They _____ (not listen) to the teacher at the moment.
10. _____ you ever _____ (see) a giraffe?
11. She _____ (meet) her new boss last week.
12. Happy anniversary! How long _____ you _____ (be) married?
13. I don't think it _____ (snow) this week. It's too warm.
14. He _____ (cook) lunch when we arrived, so we offered to help.
15. We left the cinema because we _____ (see) the film before.
16. Pizza _____ (make) with flour, oil, tomatoes and cheese.

2. Complete the sentences with one word.

Example: Where do you live?

1. How _____ bread do you eat?

2. I _____ do the washing up now. I'll do it later.
3. A chemist's is a place _____ you buy medicines.
4. A I don't like Chinese food.
B _____ do I.
5. Put _____ some shoes. We're going outside.
6. We walked _____ of the shop, because the music was too loud.
7. _____ it was a warm day, she wore a big winter coat.
8. I went to Rome _____ learn Italian.
9. What _____ you do if it rains this afternoon?
10. A Have you heard the news?
B No, not _____.

3. Underline the correct word(s) in each sentence.

Example: Have you finished that book yet / just?

1. You must / mustn't listen to your teacher. She's trying to help you.
2. This is the best / better museum I've ever visited.
3. This bike's most / more expensive than mine.
4. He's eaten too many / too much cakes, and now he feels ill!
5. You mustn't / don't have to wear a uniform at work if you don't want to.
6. You don't do enough / too housework. I have to do it all!
7. We had a boring weekend. We didn't have anything / nothing to do.
8. You don't have to / should try on this shirt. I think it'll look great on you.
9. They might / must go to the beach tomorrow – if the weather's hot.
10. Wait! You walk more quickly / quicker than me.
11. Who did paint / paints this picture? It's great!

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- 12 She said / told us she was busy this weekend.
 13 Walking / Walk in the country makes me feel great.
 14 If I didn't have to, I won't / wouldn't go to that conference.

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Grammar total 40

VOCABULARY

4. Underline the odd word out.

Example: funny friendly kind safe

- 1 fly mosquito dolphin bee
 2 palace statue receipt castle
 3 talkative polluted crowded dangerous
 4 sightseeing ironing camping sunbathing
 5 jeans leggings tights gloves

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5. Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: My mum's sisters are my aunts.
 aunts cousins uncles

- 1 David _____ me he wanted to get a burger.
 told said replied
 2 We _____ a really good time at the festival.
 spent had did
 3 My brother is my aunt's _____.
 niece grandson nephew
 4 Put your lights on. We're going to drive _____ a tunnel!
 through under across
 5 The opposite of crowded is _____.
 clean safe empty
 6 Kate's really _____. She always gives me presents.
 mean lazy generous
 7 Can you turn _____ the TV? I want to watch the news.
 on in off
 8 Is he looking _____ to the party?
 after for forward
 9 Those jeans look nice. Would you like to _____ them on?
 take try wear
 10 Enter our competition now! You could _____ a great prize.
 win earn make

- 11 Our new school year starts _____ 5th September.
 in on at

- 12 We haven't got much money _____.
 we aren't going to buy the flat.
 because so although

- 13 He _____ on really well with his sister.
 does gets makes

- 14 I'm not _____ good at languages. I find them difficult.
 bit quite very

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6. Write the opposite.

Example: fail pass

- 1 borrow _____
 2 generous _____
 3 interesting _____
 4 remember _____
 5 find _____
 6 dangerous _____

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7. Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

Example: What music do you listen to?

- 1 Be careful when you jump _____ the swimming pool.
 2 I'm not sure if I can come camping. It depends _____ my work.
 3 Did you wait long _____ your train?
 4 Harry's worried _____ his driving test tomorrow.
 5 Leo fell in love _____ his girlfriend soon after they met.
 6 Can you pay _____ the tickets today?
 7 Please write _____ me soon, and tell me all your news.
 8 What time did you arrive _____ school? Were you late?

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8. Complete the sentences with one word.

Example: Write down the words.

- 1 Can you _____ the dog for a walk?
 2 I'm taking this watch _____ to the shop. It doesn't work.
 3 Work _____ pairs to do this next exercise.
 4 Don't run _____ the road! It's dangerous.

- 5 Let's _____ Fred to the party on Saturday.
- 6 Shall we _____ surfing tomorrow?
- 7 Don't _____ so much noise! I'm trying to study.

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Vocabulary total	40
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PRONUNCIATION

9. Match the words with the same sound. day
 church museum ideas gym hear father
 arms job learn take used

- 1 here ideas _____
- 2 train day _____
- 3 car _____
- 4 bird _____
- 5 jazz _____
- 6 you _____

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10. Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: e|mail

- 1 no|thing
- 2 af|ter|noon
- 3 un|com|for|ta|ble
- 4 pre|fer
- 5 buil|der
- 6 u|ni|ver|si|ty
- 7 de|li|cious
- 8 jou|rney
- 9 pro|mise
- 10 bu|t|ter|fly

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Pronunciation total	20
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G, V, and P total	100
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READING

1. Read the article and circle A, B, or C.

The woman who can remember every day of her life

As part of our series on extraordinary people, this week we find out about Rita Howard, a woman with a very unusual talent.

What was the weather like yesterday?
 What were you thinking about when you

woke up this morning? If someone asked you these questions, you probably wouldn't find it too hard to answer. But how about remembering the same information for this date last year, or even ten years ago? Most of us find it easy to remember what happened on the most important days of our lives, but soon forget the little details of the other days, weeks, months and years. We often imagine that, without this regular 'forgetting', our brains would be too crowded with memories and thoughts. For Rita Howard, however, it's as easy to remember a day thirty years ago as it is to tell us about yesterday.

Rita can choose any date from her 68 years and say where she was, what she was doing, and what day of the week it was. For years, she had no idea that this amazing memory was anything special. She was a hard-working student who always did well at school. Then later she became a historian, a job where she had many opportunities to use her ability to memorize all the facts she'd ever learned. Even so, it was only six years ago, when she was in a research project, that scientists actually told Rita she had hyperthymesia – an unusually good memory of her own experiences. Only around 20 people worldwide have the condition.

'People began to imagine that I knew everything,' says Rita. 'Whereas, of course, I only know everything about my own life!' Another common idea is that Rita has far more memories than everyone else. 'In fact, we all have a similar number,' she comments. 'I'm just far better at finding and using mine than other people.'

As Rita reached retirement age, she wondered if her memory would get worse. Three years later, however, it's just as good as ever. 'Will that always be the case?' she asks. 'Who knows? I know all about the past, not the future!'

Example: This is the first article in the series.

A True ☒ B False C Doesn't say

1. Most people don't find it difficult to remember recent events.

A True B False C Doesn't say

2. People find it easier to remember their own lives than world events.

A True B False C Doesn't say

3. We generally think that it's useful to forget small things.

A True B False C Doesn't say

4. Rita Howard is best at remembering things which happened a long time ago.

A True B False C Doesn't say

5. When she was young, Rita thought everyone had an excellent memory.

A True B False C Doesn't say

6. People noticed her ability to memorize information when she was at school.

A True B False C Doesn't say

7. People expect Rita to know about things that she hasn't experienced.

A True B False C Doesn't say

8. Everyone's brain has as many memories as Rita's.

A True B False C Doesn't say

9. Rita is working as a historian.

A True B False C Doesn't say

10. Age hasn't changed Rita's abilities.

A True B False C Doesn't say

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2. Read the text again and answer the questions.

1. Which two details does the writer give as examples of things that are easy to remember?

2. What kind of information do most people forget quite quickly?

3. How old is Rita Howard?

4. What kind of student was she?

5. What did she expect to happen after she finished working?

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Reading total		15

WRITING

Write a short tourist guide for your favourite town (100–150 words). Write about these things.

- The location
- The town's history
- The things the town is famous for
- Activities and sights for tourists
- The best places to eat and stay
- Advice for a successful visit

Writing total		10
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Reading and Writing total		25
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LISTENING

1. Listen to the conversation. circle A or B.

1. The book group is on at the wrong time for Tom.

A True B False

2. Tom has just bought a new camera.

A True B False

3. Tom's course is all done on a computer.

A True B False

4. The college is near a cinema.

A True B False

5. Sally wants to study on the same evening as Tom.

A True B False

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2. Listen to five conversations about travel. Match them with sentences A–E.

Conversation 1

Conversation 2

Conversation 3

Conversation 4

Conversation 5

A. There were too many people.

B. The staff weren't polite.

C. The city wasn't very clean.

D. A friend has some advice.

E. The hotel is too expensive.

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Listening total		10
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Full test total		10
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