

## REVISE YOUR ENGLISH – Summer activities for first-year students

### 1. CHOOSE THE RIGHT OPTION (only one answer is correct) :

- Emma ... languages at school. A. *study* B. *studied* C. *studies* D. *studying*
- Does Martin work in a school? - Yes, ... A. *he works* B. *Martin works* C. *he doesn't* D. *he does.*
- Brad ... late for school. A. *is never* B. *never is* C. *never does* D. *never has.*
- Have you got a DVD player? Yes, ... A. *I have.* B. *I got.* C. *I've got.* D. *I've.*
- Mrs Brown ... a teacher. A. *works* B. *does* C. *is* D. *makes*
- Peter ... 15 years old. A. *has* B. *is* C. *has got* D. *are*
- I need ... information about the course. A. *a* B. *an* C. *some* D. *these*
- Greta and Kurt are from Berlin. They are ... A. *Germany.* B. *from German.* C. *Germans*  
D. *German.*
- ... a red bike? A. *Has Jim got* B. *Have Jim* C. *Does Jim has* D. *Does Jim got*
- Is that... car? A. *the mother of Sue* B. *the Sue's mother* C. *the mother of Sue's* D. *Sue's mother's*
- I haven't got ... coffee. A. *any* B. *some* C. *a* D. *no*
- Is there a message for ... ? A. *X* B. *my* C. *me* D. *mine*
- Are Tom and ... friend coming to the party? A. *her* B. *his* C. *she* D. *he*
- ... money do you need? A. *How many* B. *How much* C. *How* D. *How often*
- Who are the ... over there? A. *mans* B. *man* C. *men* D. *mens*
- Are ... your clothes? A. *those* B. *that* C. *the* D. *this*
- Mary ... to school yesterday. A. *didn't* B. *didn't go* C. *isn't* D. *wasn't*
- ... house is in Paris. A. *Them* B. *They're* C. *Their* D. *They*
- My grandparents are ... Miami on holiday. A. *from* B. *at* C. *in* D. *to*
- ... book is that? It's Rick's. A. *When* B. *What* C. *How* D. *Whose*

**2 . COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH A, AN, THE OR NO ARTICLE (X).**

- • They live in (26) ... .. old house.
- • I bought (27) ... .. hat and (28) ... .. umbrella.
- • Egypt is not (29) ... .. European country.
- • I don't like (30) ... .. coffee.
- • In my room there are (31) ... .. table and (32) ... .. chair. (33) ... .. table is old, but (34)... .. chair is new.
- • Marie comes from (35) ... .. France.

**3. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE NEGATIVE FORM OF THE PRESENT SIMPLE. CHOOSE FROM THESE VERBS : *drink eat like play speak wash wear work***

- I ... .. my hair every morning.
- Tom ... .. the guitar.
- My friends ... .. classical music.
- John ... .. Chinese.
- Italian students ... .. a school uniform.
- You ... .. tea.
- Bob's a vegetarian, so he ... .. meat.

**4. PUT THE ADVERBS IN THE RIGHT PLACE.**

- I' m hungry in the morning. (**never**)
- John is in York for work. (**often**)
- Maggie has a party for her anniversary. (**always**)
- You play rugby after school. (**sometimes**)
- My brother does his homework in the afternoon. (**usually**)
- Tim goes for a walk. (**rarely**)
- We go to the park in the evening. (**never**)
- Are you late for the lesson? (**usually**)
- Do you go to school at the weekend? (**ever**).

5. **UNDERLINE THE CORRECT OPTION.**

- Alan's in his bedroom. He *'s sleeping/sleeps*.
- Ben's mother is a teacher. She *works/is working* at a primary school.
- What time *do you get up/are you getting up* in the morning?
- We *usually have/are usually having* lunch at 1.00 p.m.
- Listen! Mary *plays/is playing* the piano.
- Sometimes I *feel/am feeling* bad when I go out.

6. **COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE PRESENT SIMPLE OR THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS .**

- How ... .. you (go) to school?
- What's that noise? Brian (sing) ... .. in the shower.
- Is mum in the garden? – No she isn't. She (iron) ... .. in the kitchen.
- Jenny (like) ... .. going out with her friends.
- Robin and Clare often (visit) ... .. their granny. Today they (go) ... .. to see her by car.
- Rob (not work) ... .. on Sunday. He (stay) ... .. at home and (watch)... .. TV.
- Tom's in his room. He (listen) ... .. to music.
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7 . **COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH PERSONAL PRONOUNS AND POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES.**

- • Who is that woman? Why are you looking at (16) ... .. ?
- • «Do you know that man?» «Yes, I know (17) ... .. , but I can't remember (18) ... .. name.»
- • We are going to invite all (19) ... .. friends to the party.
- • Where are the tickets? I can't find (20)... .. .
- • Sally is married. (21) ... .. husband is a teacher.
- • I like that camera. I'm going to buy (22) ... ..
- • Mr. and Mrs. Baker live in London, but (23)... .. son lives in Australia.
- • We are going out. You can come with (24)... .. .
- • Put on (25) ... .. coat when you go out. It's very cold.

**8 . COMPLETE THE TEXT WITH THE PAST SIMPLE OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS.**

Mike ... .. (plan) his trip with his father. He ... .. (leave) Gibraltar on November 16th. He ... .. (have) problems with his satellite equipment on the boat. He ... .. (try) to fix the problem but ... .. (can-not) do it, so he ... .. (make) a repair stop in the Canary Islands. He ... .. (complete) the journey in four days. Mike ... .. (return) to London in January.

**9. SHORT ANSWERS.**

- Do you work in a school? .....
- Are you a boy? .....
- Have you got any brothers or sisters? .....
- Do you live in a flat? .....
- Are you at home now? .....
- Can you speak French? .....
- Does your mother speak English? .....
- Are you happy? .....
- Is your best friend with you now? .....
- Did you like your English teacher? .....

**10. PUT THE VERBS INTO THE CORRECT TENSE.**

- • She has a car but (1. she, not drive)... .. very often.
- • (2. We, go) ... .. to the cinema yesterday.
- • What time (3. you, usually, get up) ... .. I... .. n the morning?
- • «Where was Roy?» – «In the sitting room. (4. He, read). ... .. »
- • (5. You, sleep) ... .. well last night?
- • «Have a cigarette.» –... .. «No, thank you, (6. I, never, smoke) ... .. in my life.»
- • (7. Terry, work) ... .. in a bank from 1990 to 2010.
- • Bob likes animals. (8. He, have) ... .. three cats and two dogs.
- • You can turn off the radio. (9. I, not listen) ... .. to it at the moment.
- • Tina is a teacher. (10. She, teach) ... .. mathematics to young children.
- • (11. The new swimming pool, open) ... .. next month.
- • «What (12. he, do) ... .. ?» – «He’s a dentist.»

- • If he comes home, we (13. go) ... .. to the cinema
- • I saw John but (14. I, not see) ... .. Mary.
- • I didn't go to work last week because (15. I, have) ... .. a bad cold.

**11. COMPLETE THIS DIALOGUE.**

A. Good morning.

B. ....

A. What's your name?

B. ....

A. How old are you?

B. ....

A. When and where were you born?

B. ....

A. Ok. And you? ... .. ?

B. I live in Florence.

A. ....

B. I'm a teacher.

A. ....

B. Yes, I do. It's nice to be with students from all over the world.

A. ....

B. I like playing the piano and swimming.

A. ....

B. No, I'm single.

**12 . VOCABULARY . COMPLETE THE TEXT WITH A SUITABLE WORD. USE AN EXPRESSION OF QUANTITY (SOME, ANY, ...) WHEN NECESSARY. CHOOSE FROM THESE WORDS : *glasses bread luggage water information interesting news advice loaf***

- Have you got ..... ? -Yes, but only a small bag and this rucksack here.
- What would you like to drink? – Just ..... please.
- How much ..... shall I cut? – Perhaps ten or twelve pieces. We only have one ..... left, though.
- You know Scotland so well. Couldn't you give me ..... on where to go?
- I've just heard ..... on the radio.
- I need two ..... , one for the reading and one for watching TV.
- That really is ..... . Have you told anyone else?

**13. TRANSLATE THESE SENTENCES INTO ENGLISH.**

- Oggi non vado a scuola perchè non mi sento bene.
- Ieri ho incontrato un vecchio amico al supermercato.
- Quando arriverà il pacco?
- Sono sempre molto stanca nel weekend.
- James non frequentava l'università in quegli anni.
- Cosa stavi facendo quando ti ho telefonato?
- L'anno scorso non mi piaceva andare a scuola.
- Il mio giardino è più bello del tuo.
- Il giardino più bello di tutta la città si trova in Plymouth Road.
- Se verrai al cinema con noi ti divertirai moltissimo.

**14. WRITING :** parla dei tuoi hobbies e dei tuoi interessi. Scrivi un breve testo. Se vuoi, lo puoi strutturare come lettera ad un English-speaking friend.

**15. READING : READ THE TEXT AND DECIDE IF THE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE (T) FALSE (F) OR DOESN'T SAY (DS).**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

Besides being the official London residence of the Queen, Buckingham Palace is also the administrative headquarters of the monarchy and has an easily recognisable façade with its famous balcony.

The Palace is a working building and the centrepiece of Britain's constitutional monarchy. Inside it there are the offices of those who support the activities and duties of the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and their immediate family.

The Palace is also the venue for great Royal ceremonies, State visits and investitures, all of which are organised by the Royal Household. There are three wings around a central courtyard.

Although Buckingham Palace is furnished and decorated with priceless works of art that form part of the Royal collection, it is not an art gallery and nor is it a museum. Its State Rooms form the nucleus of the working Palace are used regularly by the Queen and the members of the Royal family for official and State entertaining.

More than 50,000 people visit the Palace each year as guests to banquets, lunches, dinners, receptions and the Royal Garden Parties. Visitors can join organised tours to some areas of the Palace.

During the summer, there is the Changing of the Guard at 11.30 a.m. at the front of the Palace; it lasts about 45 minutes. In the Queen's Guard there are Foot Guards in full-dress uniform of red tunics and bearskins.

		T	F	DS
1	Buckingham Palace is the official residence of the British monarch.			
2	It is the Queen's only official residence			
3	There are public administration offices.			
4	It is the setting for State occasions.			
5	The art gallery inside is open to the public.			
6	50,000 tourists a year visit the Palace.			
7	You can visit the Palace freely.			
8	You can see the Changing of the Guard in the morning at summer time.			
9	You have fifteen minutes to see the Changing of the Guard.			
10	The uniform of the Guards is red.			

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