

English practice test

20 questions with explained answers

Choose one answer, A, B, or C, for each question. Allow about 20 to 25 minutes, work without a dictionary, and mark any guesses. Keep pages 4 and 5 out of view until you finish.

This mixed-difficulty worksheet supports revision. It has not been calibrated to assign a CEFR level and does not provide a certificate. The optional writing task is not scored.

Part 1 / Grammar

1. Maya _____ in a pharmacy.

A. work B. works C. working

2. We _____ at home last night.

A. were B. was C. are

3. How _____ water do you need?

A. many B. few C. much

4. Look! The dog _____ your sandwich.

A. takes B. is taking C. take

5. I have lived here _____ 2021.

A. for B. since C. during

6. If it rains tomorrow, we _____ inside.

A. will stay B. stayed C. would stay

7. You _____ wear a helmet on this building site. It is compulsory.

A. might B. don't have to C. must

8. These emails _____ yesterday.

A. are sent B. were sent C. have sent

9. By the time the train arrived, we _____ for forty minutes.

A. had waited B. have waited C. will wait

10. If I _____ more free time, I would join the club.

A. have B. will have C. had

Part 2 / Vocabulary

Choose the word or meaning that fits the whole context.

11. May I _____ your pen? I'll give it back after the lesson.
A. lend B. borrow C. owe
12. The notice says the train departs at nine. Departs means:
A. leaves B. arrives C. waits
13. The meeting was brought forward from Tuesday to Monday. It will happen:
A. later B. earlier C. at the same time
14. Despite the delay, the team _____ the deadline.
A. took B. did C. met
15. A reliable supplier consistently delivers the correct goods on time. Reliable means:
A. able to be trusted B. always the cheapest C. located nearby

Record all 20 answers

Complete questions 16 to 20 on the next page before checking the answer key.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Optional writing task / 80 to 100 words

Write to the workshop organiser in the reading passage. Explain that you cannot attend, give a brief reason, and ask whether another workshop is planned. Use a suitable greeting and closing. Write your draft below or on a separate sheet.

Part 3 / Reading

Read the fictional message, then choose one answer for each question. Use only the information in the text.

A message about a repair workshop

Thank you for booking a place at Saturday's repair workshop. We originally planned to meet at the library at 10 a.m. However, more people registered than expected, so the workshop will now take place in Riverside Hall, which has a larger working area. Please arrive at 10:30 a.m. The session will finish at 1 p.m.

Bring one small item of clothing that needs repairing, such as a shirt with a missing button. We will provide needles, thread, and other basic tools. You do not need previous sewing experience. Two volunteers will welcome you at the entrance. They will show you where to sit and help you choose a suitable repair.

The workshop is free, but places are limited. If you can no longer attend, please email us by 4 p.m. on Monday so we can offer your place to someone on the waiting list. Tea and water will be available, but lunch is not included.

16. What has changed about the workshop schedule?

- A. The day of the week B. The starting time C. The finishing time

17. What should participants bring?

- A. Their own needles B. A sewing machine C. An item of clothing to repair

18. Why was Riverside Hall chosen?

- A. It has more working space B. The library is closed C. It offers free parking

19. Why should someone email if they can no longer attend?

- A. To request a refund B. To receive tools by post C. To let another person take their place

20. In the second paragraph, who does 'They' refer to?

- A. The people on the waiting list B. The two volunteers C. The workshop participants

Answers and explanations

Grammar / Questions 1 to 10

Award one point per correct answer. Review guessed answers even when your chosen letter was correct.

1. **B - works.** Use works with the singular subject Maya in the present simple. Working would need an auxiliary verb, such as is.
2. **A - were.** Last night refers to the past. The past form of be with we is were.
3. **C - much.** Water is uncountable in this question, so use how much. How many goes with plural countable nouns.
4. **B - is taking.** Look! draws attention to an action happening now. The correct present continuous form is 'is taking'.
5. **B - since.** Since introduces the starting point of a situation continuing to the present. Use for with a duration, such as for five years.
6. **A - will stay.** For this possible future situation, use if + present simple and will + base verb in the main clause.
7. **C - must.** Must expresses the stated obligation. Might expresses possibility; don't have to means there is no obligation.
8. **B - were sent.** The emails receive the action, so a passive form is needed. Yesterday places the event in the past: were sent.
9. **A - had waited.** The waiting happened before the past event described by 'arrived'. The past perfect 'had waited' expresses that earlier period; 'had been waiting' would also fit, but is not an option.
10. **C - had.** This sentence imagines a different present situation. Use if + past simple with would + base verb.

Make the rule your own

Choose two uncertain grammar items and write new sentences using the same patterns. For question 5, compare a starting point with a duration: since March / for six months.

Answers and next steps

Vocabulary and reading / Questions 11 to 20

- 11. B - borrow.** Borrow means receive something temporarily. Lend describes giving something to another person temporarily.
- 12. A - leaves.** Departs means leaves. The notice gives the departure time, not the arrival time.
- 13. B - earlier.** To bring an event forward is to move it to an earlier time or date. Monday is earlier than Tuesday here.
- 14. C - met.** Meet a deadline is the usual combination for completing something by the required time.
- 15. A - able to be trusted.** Reliable describes someone or something you can depend on. It does not tell you the price or location.
- 16. B - The starting time.** The message changes the starting time from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. It does not announce a change to the day or finishing time.
- 17. C - An item of clothing to repair.** The second paragraph asks participants to bring one small item of clothing that needs repairing. Basic tools are provided.
- 18. A - It has more working space.** More people registered than expected, and the hall has a larger working area. The other reasons are not given.
- 19. C - To let another person take their place.** The organisers want to offer unused places to people on the waiting list. The workshop is free, so no refund is discussed.
- 20. B - The two volunteers.** The pronoun 'They' refers back to the two volunteers, who will welcome participants and show them where to sit.

Record your result

Grammar: ____ / 10 Vocabulary: ____ / 5 Reading: ____ / 5

Total: ____ / 20 **Date:** _____

Your total describes performance on this worksheet. It does not convert to an A1 to C2 level. Choose two or three errors, explain each one in your own words, and practise new examples before trying unfamiliar questions.

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