

A2 Progress test 3 A (Units 7–9)

1 ▷ Listen to the lecture. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Date trees can live for over 100 years. _____
- 2 In the past, people built their homes from date palm trees. _____
- 3 Dates are only popular in Middle Eastern and North African cooking. _____
- 4 There are chemicals in dates that help to keep people healthy. _____
- 5 Most of the world's dates grow in North Africa. _____

2 points for each correct answer

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2 ▷ Listen again. Complete the sentences with one word or number from the lecture.

- 1 Date palm trees grow to around _____ metres high.
- 2 There are _____ of dates on each tree.
- 3 Dates are popular around the world because of their _____ taste.
- 4 People eat _____ and dried dates.
- 5 There are many different _____ of dates.

2 points for each correct answer

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3 Choose the correct answer from the words in *italics* to complete the article.

Different holidays

In the past, people usually spent their holidays by the beach. Then new types of holidays started, like winter sports holidays. They became very popular with young people. They ¹*wanted / didn't want* to lie on a beach for a week – they wanted to ²*take / go* skiing or walking in the mountains instead. But now there's a completely new type of holiday – cooking holidays – and they are becoming really popular. As TV cooking programmes became popular in the 1990s, holiday companies ³*decided / didn't decide* to start to sell cooking holidays. Nowadays, you ⁴*can / can't* choose from thousands of cooking holidays on the internet.

These courses will teach you things like how to bake cakes, or how to ⁵*mix / roast* beef in the French style. You generally don't need to buy ⁶*any / much* ingredients and you ⁷*don't have to / should* bring your own equipment – the companies usually give you everything you need. And you ⁸*should / shouldn't* wear old clothes because you might get dirty in the kitchen. Also, ⁹*take / leave* a notebook and pen so that you can take notes because there is ¹⁰*a lot of / any* information to remember.

2 points for each correct answer

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4 Read the article. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

Stopping traffic problems

Many large cities have traffic problems, but it's difficult to stop people using their cars. We know we shouldn't drive everywhere and should take public transport, but we don't do it. People love their cars and public transport in many places is not very good. A GPS company studied why there are lots of traffic problems in cities. What did they find? They found that a third of cars on the roads are drivers looking for a parking place. These drivers are driving around and around the city when they don't need to. Now there is technology that can tell drivers where there are empty parking spaces, but the problems continue. The most important reason for traffic problems is people. Did you know that most people drive too fast or too slow? Angry drivers do things too quickly and nervous drivers are too slow. Both of these actions make traffic problems.

In the past, we didn't know what to do about this problem, but now there are lots of answers. For example, there's technology for cars to 'talk' to each other and tell each other about the traffic situation. A company tested the technology and it stopped many traffic problems. The cars sent messages to each other about the area and the drivers could plan their journeys better. Some cities want to make public transport better. For example, ten years ago, Istanbul and Sydney didn't have good public transport. But they increased the number of boats for public transport and now the service is much better. Not all cities can do this, but it is great for cities beside rivers or next to the sea. In the future, there could be more ideas such as bicycle-only roads or buses with robot drivers. At the moment, people choose their cars because they are comfortable and they can listen to music or the radio. The public transport of the future needs to be better.

- 1 About 33% of drivers are trying to find somewhere to park. _____
- 2 The way people drive their cars is the main reason for traffic problems. _____
- 3 Slow drivers don't make any traffic problems. _____
- 4 Technology for cars to tell each other about the traffic situation didn't help traffic problems. _____
- 5 Public transport in Sydney and Istanbul is better now than ten years ago. _____

2 points for each correct answer

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5 Read the article again. Complete the sentences with one or two words from the article.

- 1 People know that they should take _____, but they choose to drive.
- 2 Drivers can use _____ to find out where there are empty parking spaces.
- 3 Technology can also help drivers _____ their journeys around cities better.
- 4 Other ideas for the future include buses without drivers and roads only for people on a _____.
- 5 People prefer their cars because they are _____.

2 points for each correct answer

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6 Write a description of your diet. Write 60–70 words.

In your description, you should:

- say what food you usually eat for each meal, why you like it and how you cook it
- say if you think your diet is healthy or unhealthy and why

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Milestones in English

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SPEAKING

Student A

7 Work with a partner. Ask for and give opinions. You start.

- Ask your partner for his/her opinions about children playing video games.
- Agree or disagree with your partner and say why.
- Give your opinions about children playing video games.

Progress test 3 total

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