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General Intermediate

Homework - Unit 1: Tell me your story



1. Read and answer these questions (1-12) about yourself.

1. Who do you live with?
2. How many houses have you lived in?
3. How much time do you spend writing every day?
4. What are you like in the morning?
5. Whose writing has influenced you the most?
6. How long did it take you to read your first novel?
7. Which university did you go to?
8. How often do you travel abroad?
9. What kind of holiday do you like?
10. What objects do you travel abroad with?
11. Who are you like in your family?
12. What are you afraid of?

2. Find questions in exercise 1 with:

a. **how + adjective / adverb**

_____ 6. *how long ...?* _____

b. **what + noun**

c. **which + noun**

d. **whose + noun**

e. **how much**

f. **how many**

g. **a preposition at the end**

h. **like as an adverb**

i. **like as a verb**

3. Write a question with *what / which / whose* + noun

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10. Is this my dictionary or your dictionary?
_____?
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_____?

4. Write a question with how.

1. '**How wide** is the English Channel?'
'About twenty-five miles from Dover to Calais.'
2. '_____ is it from your house to school?'
'About five kilometers.'
3. '_____ can your car go?'
'The top speed is 240 kph.'
4. '_____ time do you spend on social media?'
'I guess about three hours a day.'
5. '_____ do you go to the dentist?'
'Three or four times a year.'
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'We were at school together, so all my life.'
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Questions with like

5. Match a question in A with an answer in B.

A	B
1. ☐ What would you like to drink?	a. It's lovely and sunny.
2. ☐ Do you like cooking?	b. Either. I don't mind. Whatever you're having.
3. ☐ Who do you look like in your family?	c. I'll have a Coke, please.
4. ☐ What's the weather like today?	d. She's OK. We get on most of the time.
5. ☐ Would you like to go for a walk?	e. Yeah, he's all right but he's not really my type.
6. ☐ Do you like Mike?	f. No, thanks. I'm too tired.
7. ☐ Would you like tea or coffee?	g. No, I hate it. I can't even boil an egg.
8. ☐ What's your sister like?	h. Everyone says I look like my mother.

Questions with a preposition

6. Complete the questions. Each ends with a preposition.

1. A: I think Jamie's in love?
B: Oh, really? Who / he / in love ... ? Who's he in love with?
A: Beth, of course. He's crazy about her.
2. A: Dad, can I have the car tonight?
B: What / you / want it ... ? _____?
A: I'm going out with a couple of friends. Is that OK?

3. A: Someone's left their phone on the table.
B: Who / it / belong ... ? _____?
A: It's mine. Thanks.
4. A: Jack's grandad died last week.
B: What / die? _____?
A: A heart attack.
5. A: I am REALLY angry.
B: What / you / so angry ... ? _____?
A: My bank charged me £20 for being 50p overdrawn.
6. A: Pierre's the director of a European company.
B: Really? Who / he / work ... ? _____?
A: Allgemeine Union.
7. A: We can't go yet! Not everyone's here.
B: Who / we / waiting ... ? _____?
A: Anna. She's getting ready.
8. A: Do you like my new dress?
B: Mmm! Where / you / get it ... ? _____?
A: I got it online.
9. A: Mary got married last weekend.
B: Really! Who / she / get married ... ? _____?
A: A guy she met in Spain.
10. A: I had a great chat with Rob the other day.
B: Oh, yes? What / you / talk ... ? _____?
A: His relationship with his mother. Very interesting.

7. Read Tina's profile on her website. Complete the questions about her.

Hometown: Braemar, Scotland

Occupation: drama student

Where: Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU)

Travel: by bike

Lives with: her twin sister

Relationship: single

Interests: yoga, theatre, cycling

Hair: blonde and short

Eyes: dark brown

Height: 1 m 60

Clothes: casual and brightly colored

Character: passionate, outgoing, ambitious



Tina Summers - Personal Profile

1. Where **does** she **come from**?

1. Where _____ she _____?

2. _____ university does she study _____?

3. _____ does she get _____ her course?

4. _____ does she live _____?

5. Has she _____ a boyfriend?

6. _____ doing in her free time?

7. What is her hair _____?

8. _____ colour _____ her eyes?

9. _____ is she?

10. What _____ of clothes does she _____?

11. What is she _____ as a person?

-ed / -ing adjectives

1. Complete the story about Happy Holly. Use the words in brackets. Add *-ed* or *-ing*. Check the spelling!

Happy Tina!

Tina Summers is very happy with her life. She thinks her drama course is really **1. *interesting*** (interest), but it isn't easy, and she has a lot to learn, so she finds it very **2. _____** (challenge) as well. Her teachers have told her that they are more than **3. _____** (satisfy) with her acting ability and Holly is obviously **4. _____** (delight) to hear that. She has always wanted to act, and has an **5. _____** (overwhelm) passion for the theatre.

Tina shares a flat with her sister, who's a nurse. It's a tiny flat but it's on the fourth floor and has **6. _____** (stun) views over the city. The sisters find it very **7. _____** (excite) to be living in a big, cosmopolitan city like Manchester, but they are too **8. _____** (exhaust) at the end of each day to have much of a social life.



2. Complete the story about Miserable Roger. Use the words from the box below. Add *-ed* or *-ing*. Sometimes the spelling changes.

disappoint - bore - depress - exhaust - upset - embarrass - confuse - impress

Miserable Roger!

Roger isn't happy at all. He has just started a new job and he is both **1.** disappointed and **2. _____** because his salary is much less than he was promised.

This is really **3. _____** for Max because he was out of work for a long time, and has a lot of debts. Also, his new boss doesn't seem **4. _____** with his work so far. She doesn't explain clearly what she wants him to do, which is very **5. _____** for him, and he is too **6. _____** to ask her many questions. All these problems mean that Roger isn't sleeping well, so he always arrives at work feeling **7. _____** and he sometimes falls asleep at his desk. And his work colleagues don't help - they're no fun at all, they're all really **8. _____**. Poor, miserable Roger.



Antonyms

3. Match an adjective in A with its opposite in B.

A	B
1. hard-working	a. part-time
2. old-fashioned	b. stressful
3. casual	c. lazy
4. good-looking	d. smart
5. full-time	e. rude
6. polite	f. modern
7. relaxing	g. unattractive
8. quiet	h. light
9. easy-going	i. tiny
10.shy	j. moody
11.enormous	k. boring
12.second-hand	l. noisy
13.heavy	m. sociable
14.thrilling	n. brand-new

4. Complete the conversations with a word from exercise 3.

1. "He isn't very polite, is he?"
"No. In fact, he's incredibly *rude*."
2. "They really need to modernize the way they work."
"True. Some of their business practices are very ____."
3. "Camping is not a relaxing holiday, is it?"
"I know, it can be a very ____ way of spending a holiday."
4. "Jane's such a lazy person."
"Strange. Her brother is very ____."
5. "You can't wear jeans to an interview! You've got to look ____!"
- 6."Can I help you with that bag? It looks very ____."
"Thank you! That's really kind of you."
7. "My sister's really difficult – one minute she's kind, the next she's horrible."
"She sounds like a typical ____ teenager to me."
8. "Look at the size of that sunflower!"
"Wow, it's absolutely ____! It's even taller than Ben!"
9. "I don't really want to go to Kim's party."
"Oh, come on! You really have to try to be more ____."

Antonyms and synonyms

5. Write the opposite.

1. a rich person – **a poor person**

a rich cake – **a plain cake**

2. an old car – _____

an old man – _____

3. a single person – _____

a single ticket – _____

4. a light suitcase – _____

a light color – _____

5. a hard exam – _____

a hard pillow – _____

6. a hot drink – _____

a hot curry – _____

6. Write an adjective of similar meaning.

1. a rich woman _____

2. a handsome man _____

3. a funny story _____

4. an untidy room _____

5. a badly-behaved child _____

6. a brilliant idea _____

7. tasty food _____

8. a lovely view _____

Phrasal verbs in situations (1)

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JOURNEYS



set off ~~pick up~~ hang on get in

A: You're arriving in London next Monday, right?

B: Yes, that's right.

A: I'll **1. pick** you **up** if you like. (collect)

B: That would be lovely.

A: What time does your train **2.** _____? (arrive)

B: **3.** _____ (Wait). I'll just check on the ticket. Er ... 17.45.

A: OK. The traffic's bad at that time, but if I **4.** _____ (leave the house) at about 5.00, I'll be there in plenty of time.

RELATIONSHIPS



put up with split up
get over go out

A: Did you hear that Sam and Dee have **5.** _____? (ended a relationship)

B: Really? They've been **6.** _____ together for years! (be boyfriend and girlfriend) What went wrong?

A: Have you found out why?

B: Sam said all they did was argue, and he couldn't **7.** _____ it anymore. (tolerate) Dee is very upset, apparently.

A: I'm sure she is, but she'll **8.** _____ it. (begin to feel better) He wasn't that great!

STARTING A BUSINESS



set up work out
cut back come up with

A: Jim and I are going to **9.** _____ our own business. (start)

B: Wow! What are you thinking of doing?

A: Well, I've always liked cooking, and Jim **10.** _____ the idea of opening a restaurant. (thought of)

B: Have you found a place yet?

A: We're looking. We've **11.** _____ (calculated) that we can afford about £25,000 a year rent. We're saving like crazy. We've **12.** _____ (reduced) our spending on going out and clothes and stuff like that.

B: Well, good luck. I'll be your first customer.

MOVING HOUSE



get down to bring up
work out settle in

A: I hear you've just moved house. How are you **13.** _____? (adapting to new surroundings)

B: Not bad. It's all a bit chaotic, so it's hard to **14.** _____ any work. (finally start doing)

A: And the kids?

B: Well, we moved to the country because we didn't want to **15.** _____ them _____ in a town. (educate and care for)

They're finding it a bit difficult at the moment. They've left their friends behind.

A: I'm sure it'll all **16.** _____. (get better) Give it time.

1. Complete the questions and the adjectives in the conversations.

1. **A:** So, you've met the 'love of your life'! Tell me about her. What's she like?

B: Fabulous! She's really good-looking, and she's always smiling and cheer_____.

You'll like her.

A: I'm sure I will.

2. **A:** Wow! Is that your car? It looks _____ new!

B: It's new all right, but it's not mine.

A: _____ is it then?

B: My dad's.

A: That's a shame.

3. **A:** I'm so w _____ about my son. He's always looking at a screen.

B: I know - it's a common problem these days. _____ else does he like doing?

A: Not a lot! He needs some digital detox!

B: That's a great idea! _____ don't you take the family on a digital-free holiday?

4. **A:** They say I'm the image of my mum. _____ do you look _____ in your family?

B: I'm a mixture - I've got my mum's very _____ red hair. I spend hours each day trying to straighten it. But I'm also tall like her.

A: Lucky you! I hate being so short.

2. Write a response to the lines below using the expressions in italics from the conversations in exercise.

1. 'I've won £1,000 on the lottery!'

'Wow! Lucky you!'

2. 'I know you'll really enjoy the film'

3. 'Why don't we take a picnic to the beach?'

4. 'Sports day was cancelled because of the weather.'

5. 'Have you heard? Max and Fiona are getting divorced.'

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Q2: _____'s your kitchen like? It's not very big for a farmhouse kitchen, but it's big enough for me. And it's quite **2. _____** because there's only one small window. But it's my special part of the house.

Q3: _____ big is it exactly? Just 12m². My daughter has just moved to a **3. _____** apartment in the city centre and her kitchen's much bigger than mine. It's beautiful, but I prefer mine.

Q4: _____ time do you spend in your kitchen? About four hours a day. But I go in and out to my kitchen garden - it's just outside - picking herbs and getting **4. _____** fruit and vegetables for my cooking.

Q5: _____ often do you eat together as a family? At least twice a day - with my husband and two sons. They all work on the farm so they're always hungry. They have **5. _____** appetites! Eating together is very important to me. My family is everything - I want grandchildren now!

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2. Complete the gaps 1-10 in Rosa's answers with the correct adjective from 1-10 below.

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| 1. modern | old-fashioned | up-to-date |
| 2. light | dark | useless |
| 3. brand-new | fresh | tiny |
| 4. new | mature | fresh |
| 5. delicious | huge | tiny |
| 6. second-hand | homesick | home-made |
| 7. delicious | charming | stunning |
| 8. hard-working | busy | overwhelmed |
| 9. disappointed | satisfied | thrilled |
| 10. exhausting | relaxed | exhausted |