



General Upper Intermediate

Homework - Unit 2: The ends of the Earth



1. Match the lines below to make sentences.

A		B
1. a	They've missed	you lots, so come home soon. the bus again.
b	They've been missing	
2. a	She's been talking	on the phone for ages. about this subject before.
b	She's talked	
3. a	The cat's been going	next door to have its dinner. upstairs.
b	The cat's gone	
4. a	He's had	a heart attack.
b	He's been having	second thoughts about the job.
5. a	I've been saving up	to go on holiday next month. £500.
b	I've saved up	
6. a	I've been swimming,	20 lengths today.
b	I've swum	which is why my hair is wet.
7. a	I've been finding	my phone at last.
b	I've found	it hard to concentrate recently.
8. a	He's written	three magazine articles so far. a travel blog since he left home.
b	He's been writing	
9. a	I've lost	weight recently.
b	I've been losing	my car keys.
10. a	Paula's been leaving	work early to go to the dentist.
b	Paula's left	work early all this week.

2. Put the verbs in brackets into the Present Perfect Simple or Continuous.

- I **have been playing** (play) football all morning, and now I'm completely exhausted.
- Please drive slowly to the store. It _____ (snow) and the pavements are slippery.
- How far _____ you _____ (walk) today?
- Liam and Sara _____ (live) in Manchester for the last five years. Recently, they _____ (try) to find a house by the coast, but they _____ (not manage) to sell their apartment yet.
- Mark and Lily _____ (argue) a lot these days because Mark's often away on business.
- I _____ (eat) too many cookies, and I feel awful!
- I _____ (sunbathe) for hours, and now I'm totally burned!
- Sophie _____ (cry) all afternoon because she didn't pass her test.
- The buses _____ (run) late all day.

3. Rewrite the sentences using the passive and omitting the subject.

1. The garbage collectors have already picked up the trash.

The trash _____.

2. Have the builders fixed the street yet?

_____?

3. The authorities have just introduced some new pollution regulations.

Some new pollution regulations _____.

4. The city council hasn't constructed any new apartments in over a decade.

No new apartments _____.

5. No one has tidied the apartment.

The apartment _____.

4. Rewrite the headlines using the Present Perfect passive.

CROWN JEWELS STOLEN!

1. The Crown Jewels have been stolen

Baby Rescued from House Fire

2. _____

Surfer Saved from Great White Shark

3. _____

Earthquake Kills over 400 in Afghanistan

4. _____

Thieves steal priceless Picasso painting

5. _____

Super-Earth Discovered 40 Light Years Away

6. _____

Missing Teenager Found Alive

7. _____

Council Shock – 464 Jobs Axed!

8. _____

5. Complete the sentences. Use each verb twice, once in a simple and once in a continuous tense, active or passive.

- Rain**
1. It was raining heavily when I left home this morning.
 2. It rained for three days and our road was flooded.
- Perform**
3. The French Ballet _____ at Covent Garden Opera House since November.
 4. Anna _____ so well in the school.
- Have**
5. I _____ dinner with friends tonight.
 6. They _____ two children, three boys and a girl.
- Think**
7. You look really concerned. What _____ about?
 8. I _____ it's about time you had a haircut.
- Bang**
9. I couldn't sleep because the garden gate _____ in the wind all night.
 10. Ouch! I _____ just _____ my head on the cupboard door.
- Expect**
11. Could you tidy the house? I _____ friends round for coffee.
 12. I _____ they will arrive at eight o'clock.
- Decorate**
13. Ellen's house _____ at the moment, so she's staying with her sister.
 14. Their house _____ in a minimalist style.
- Lose**
15. I think I must _____ my mind. I can't even remember what we did last weekend.
 16. Clara is going on her honeymoon next week and she _____

6. Read the article and underline the correct form of the verb.

Everyone knows that Mount Everest is the tallest mountain in the world. What fewer people know is that it is at risk of becoming the mountain with the greatest amount of trash on it. Nearly 5,000 individuals **1. have climbed / ~~have been~~** climbing the 8,848-metre peak since the New Zealander, Sir Edmund Hillary, and Tenzing Norgay first **2. scaled / ~~were scaling~~** its heights in 1953. But unlike Hillary and Tenzing, these thrill-seeking tourists **3. were dumping / ~~have been dumping~~** tons of discarded gear on Everest's slopes. Hidden under snow in the winter, this debris becomes visible to everyone in summer, when the snow **4. melts / ~~is melting~~**.

The issue **5. was made / ~~was being made~~** worse by the devastating earthquakes of 2015, which killed 9,000 people across Nepal and led many climbers to leave their camps on the mountain. Durga Dutta Dhakal, a Department of Tourism representative, **6. had looked / ~~had been looking~~** for a solution to encourage climbers to help keep Everest clean by removing the trash themselves.

Now climbers and Sherpas **7. are asked / ~~are being asked~~** to assist with the clean-up. Sherpas **8. are paid / ~~are being paid~~** \$2 for every kilo of garbage they collect, but the tourist climbers **9. have been asked / ~~have been asking~~** to help bring it down without payment. Over 16 tonnes of garbage **10. have been removed / ~~are being removed~~** from the slopes already. The most polluted spot is Camp Two – 6,400 metres above sea level – so helicopters **11. are used / ~~are being used~~** to carry it back. The waste **12. includes / ~~is including~~** things like ropes, tent poles, oxygen tanks, soda cans, and even parts of a helicopter.

Nepal must protect the gem in its crown, and to ensure it stays bright, everyone needs to contribute.

1. Look at the following sentence.

Durga **had the rubbish removed** by the mountaineers.
Who removed the rubbish?

2. Look at the difference in meaning between these sentences.

I've repaired my car. = I repaired it myself.

My car has been repaired. = Someone repaired it.

3. Rewrite the sentences using have sth done.

1. Julie's new bathroom is being fitted.

She's having her new bathroom installed.

2. My sister wants someone to pierce her ears.

_____.

3. My eyes are going to be tested.

_____.

4. Mr and Mrs Turner's car has been serviced.

_____.

5. Our dishwasher hasn't been repaired yet.

_____.

6. Hilary's Amazon parcel hasn't been delivered yet.

_____.

make or do

1. Complete the conversations with the correct form of *make* or *do*.

1. **A:** How many potatoes should I peel?
B: Mmm. There are six adults and three kids. Ten will **1.** _____.
2. **A:** Can't you **2.** _____ more of an effort with your schoolwork, Hugo?
B: Well, I'm **3.** _____ my best, Dad!
3. **A:** Why have you bought all that old furniture?
B: Because I'm going to **4.** _____ it up and sell it on Ebay. I think I'll **5.** _____ a nice profit on it.
4. **A:** I've **6.** _____ a big decision. I'm going to hand in my notice at the bank. My job is so boring.
B: Really? But, what are you going to **7.** _____ for a living now?
5. **A:** OK, young man, I want to **8.** _____ something clear. You are not going out until you've tidied your room.
B: But Mum! The party starts in 15 minutes.
6. **A:** Could you **9.** _____ me a favour and pass the salt?
B: Of course. Here you are.

2. Complete the sentences with these expressions in the correct form.

make up for sth
 make of sb
 could do with sth

make off with sth
 do without sb make
 sth in time

make it

1. You're such a big help to me. I couldn't _____.
2. **A:** What happened to my ham pie?
B: I'm afraid the dog _____. Sorry. Duke just loves ham pies.
3. A box of bombons? I know you're trying to _____ forgetting our wedding anniversary, but you'll have to try harder than that.
4. Wow! You've sold over a million books! You've really _____.
5. I'm really hungry. I _____ a huge steak and chips right now.
6. Mirtha behaves really strangely sometimes. I don't know what to _____.
7. I'm late! I'll never _____ the train _____!

Travel and transport

3. Tick (✓) the words which go with each form of transport.

	Car	Bus	Bike	Train	Plane	Ship
get into / out of						
get on / off						
take off						
land						
ride						
drive						
catch						
miss						
board						
park						

4. Complete the table below with the nouns in the box. Some can go into more than one column.

- aisle/window seat
carriage
cycle lane
harbour
life jacket
platform
seat belt
ticket inspector
traffic jam
trolley
- baggage rack
check-in desk
deck
helmet
one-way street
port
security check
timetable
traffic lights
tyres
- cabin
customs
hand luggage
horn
overhead locker
season ticket
service station
track
traffic warden

Car	Bus	Bike

Train	Plane	Ship/ferry

Prepositions of movement

5. Read about Joe's journey. Where's he going? Underline the correct preposition.

DANIEL’S JOURNEY ACROSS TOWN

Daniel's flight touched down **1. on / in** time **2. into / at** Heathrow Airport. He had just two hours to get **3. out of / over** the terminal and **4. into / at** the heart of London to catch his train **5. through / to** Liverpool. He rushed **6. across / through** Immigration and Security, and then dashed **7. past / towards** the taxi stand at the exit. Sadly, at that moment, the strap on his backpack snapped and it fell **8. off / against** his shoulder and **9. along / onto** the ground. Crumpled t-shirts, trousers, and socks scattered all **10. towards / over** the airport tiles. Daniel was mortified! He crammed everything **11. into / to** his bag and, forcing his way **12. through / into** the lines of people, eventually made it **13. at / to** the taxi stop. He leapt **14. towards / into** the nearest cab, yelling, "King's Cross Station, please!" The cab accelerated so quickly that Daniel was flung forward, banging his nose **15. over / against** the divider. The driver continued on and eventually entered **16. in / into** the downtown area and, predictably, the middle of gridlock! Walking might have been quicker. Daniel handed over the fare, jumped **17. across / out of** the vehicle and sprinted, **18. along / up** the walkway, **19. past / out of** the glowing store windows. Finally, he spotted the terminal entrance, but crossing **20. onto / across** the street was tricky due to the heavy traffic. He reached the platform just as his train was about to leave. He vaulted **21. against / over** the railing, charged **22. along / past** the tracks, and jumped **23. onto / at** the train with only seconds left. He exhaled in relief – he would make it home for the holidays.

Travel idioms

6. Match the idiom with its definition.

Idiom	Definition
1. sail through	a. begin to behave in an unacceptable way
2. be on the right track	b. be in a similar situation to someone
3. go off the rails	c. do something easily
4. rock the boat	d. put a plan into action
5. be in the same boat	e. be going in the right direction
6. get the show on the road	f. do something to upset the situation

7. Complete the sentences using an idiom from 6 in the correct form.

- 1. Emma sailed through her finals and got As in everything.
- 2. Tasha is always complaining she doesn't have any money, but we're all _____.
- 3. This business deal is progressing well. Make sure you don't do anything _____.
- 4. Come on! Let's _____ or we're going to be late!
- 5. Leo made the wrong friends in his first year at university and completely _____.
- 6. You've nearly worked out the answer; I think you’re definitely _____.

Word stress

1. Check the stress in these word pairs and transcribe them.

1.

/ɪk'splɔ:rə/

/eksplə'reɪʃn/
2.

/'pɒlətɪks/

/'pɒlətɪʃn/
3.

/'fəʊtəgrə:f/

/fə'tɒgrəfə/
4.

/'lɒkfəri/

/lɑ:g'zʊəriəs/
5.

/prə'dju:s/

/prə'dʌkʃn/
6.

/dʒə'pæn/

/dʒəpə'ni:z/

2. What is the stress pattern of the words in 1? Write them in the chart.

Japan	explorer	politics
Japanese	exploration	photographer

3. Write the words below in the correct place in the chart.

- transform

adoption

disappoint

embarrass

impression
- introduce

navigation

afternoon

scientists

emergency
- luxury

impress

European

discovery
- success

embarrassment

ancestor

compensation
