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General Upper Intermediate

Homework - Unit 8: Going to extremes



Olympics quiz

1. Test your Olympics general knowledge. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

1. The person who revived the Olympic Games in 1896 was ...

- a. ☐ Queen Victoria.
- b. ☐ Louis Napoleon Bonaparte.
- c. ☐ Baron Pierre de Coubertin.

2. The country which has won the most events at the winter Olympics is ...

- a. ☐ Norway.
- b. ☐ Sweden.
- c. ☐ the US.

3. The five Olympic rings, which are blue, yellow, black, green and red, represent ...

- a. ☐ the five original Olympic sports.
- b. ☐ the five continents of the world.
- c. ☐ the five members of the Olympic committee.

4. A sport which has recently been included in the Olympic games is ...

- a. ☐ BMX Freestyle.
- b. ☐ basketball.
- c. ☐ gymnastics.

5. The person who has won the most Olympic medals is ...

- a. ☐ the gymnast, Larisa Latynina.
- b. ☐ the swimmer, Michael Phelps.
- c. ☐ the sprinter and long jumper, Carl Lewis.

6. The highest number of spectators at an Olympic event was in Atlanta in the US in 1996, where more than half a million people turned out to watch ...

- a. ☐ Roger Black in the 200 and 400 meters.
- b. ☐ Michael Johnson in the 200 and 400 meters.
- c. ☐ Allen Johnson in the 110-metre hurdles.

7. Usain Bolt, whose full name is Usain St Leo Bolt, has won _ gold medals.

- a. ☐ eight
- b. ☐ five
- c. ☐ four

8. Spectators at Seonhak Stadium, which is in South Korea, ...

- a. ☐ witnessed the first unified North and South Korean ice-hockey team.
- b. ☐ witnessed the first mixed 100 meters race.
- c. ☐ experienced a 20-minute power cut during the men's ice-hockey final.

2. Underline the relative clause in each question.

Relative pronouns

3. Match each of the phrases in A with the most suitable one in B.

A	B
1. We were stuck in traffic for hours,	a. where my brother lives.
2. We're immigrating to Australia	b. which was a nightmare.
3. Have I told you recently	c. whatever you want.
4. I'll buy	d. what I believe to be right.
5. I passed all my exams	e. how much I love you?
6. Let me know	f. whose body was covered in tattoos.
7. I have to do	g. when you expect to arrive.
8. I met a girl	h. which came as a bit of a surprise.

Defining or non-defining relative clause?

4. Choose whether each sentence needs a defining (D) or non-defining (ND) relative clause. Write (D) or (ND).

1. I find people _____ difficult to get on with.
2. I'd love to meet someone _____.
3. I was studying in my bedroom _____.
4. I met a girl _____.
5. We went to see Romeo and Juliet _____.
6. Marilyn Monroe _____ died of a drug overdose.
7. My computer _____ is already out of date.
8. We're looking for a house _____.
9. Professor Cox _____ will give a talk next week.
10. Do you know a shop _____.

5. Invent a complete sentence that includes a relative clause using the information provided.

1. I bought it only last year.
2. It has four bedrooms.
3. They lose their temper easily.
4. You can buy second-hand furniture.
5. You went to school with her.
6. Her real name was Norma Jean Baker.
7. There was a power cut.
8. This person could teach me how to cook.
9. He's a well-known physicist and TV presenter.
10. We really enjoyed it.

Punctuation in relative clauses

6. Add commas to the following sentences if they have a non-defining relative clause. If possible, cross out the pronoun in the defining clauses.

1. Salt whose qualities have been known since prehistoric times is used to season and preserve food.
2. The town where I was born has changed dramatically since the financial crisis.
3. The man who you were talking to is a famous actor.
4. My two daughters who are 13 and 16 are both interested in dancing.
5. This is the story that amazed the world. (no commas)
6. I didn't like the clothes which were in the sale.
7. The Algarve where my mother's family comes from is famous for its beautiful beaches.
8. Salt that comes from the sea is considered to be the best for cooking.
9. Sheena, who I first got to know at university, was one of six children.
10. The thing that I most regret is not going to university.

7. Complete the sentences with a relative pronoun. If the pronoun can be omitted, add nothing.

1. I love the things _____ you say to me.
2. Anybody _____ wants to act in the school play must sign up before Tuesday.
3. The only colour _____ she doesn't like is yellow.
4. That's the man _____ wife left him because he kept his pet snake in the bedroom.
5. I go shopping at the new shopping centre, _____ there's free parking.
6. My daughter, _____ ambition is to emigrate to Canada, has finally got her visa.
7. Here are your glasses _____ you couldn't find earlier.
8. The town _____ I live in is the best in the world!
9. That was the worst football match _____ I have ever been to!
10. This is the smallest car _____ has ever been made.
11. A market researcher is someone _____ finds out what customers want.
12. I know a French restaurant _____ you can always get a table.
13. Market share is the percentage _____ belongs to a company.
14. This is the song _____ I was telling you about.
15. That boy is the entrepreneur _____ set up his own company when he was nine.

Prepositions in relative clauses

8. Combine the sentences, keeping the preposition after the verb in the relative clause.

1. I want you to meet the people. I work with them.
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2. She's a friend. I can always rely on her.

3. That's the man. The police were looking for him.

4. She recommended a book by Robert Palmer. I'd never heard of him.

5. You paid \$150 for a pair of trainers. They have now been reduced to \$80.

6. This is the book. I was telling you about it.

7. The Prime Minister gave a good speech. I agree with his views.

8. His talk was on the environment. I care deeply about this.

9. What's that music? He's dancing to it.

Participles as adjectives

9. Complete the adjective with -ed or -ing.

- a frighten _____ incident
- a disappoint _____ customer
- a promis _____ start
- an exhaust _____ runner
- a conceit _____ person
- an unexpect _____ visit
- a challeng _____ job
- a thrill _____ story
- an embarrass _____ situation
- an annoy _____ little brother
- a relax _____ holiday
- well-behav _____ children

Participle clauses

10. Rewrite the sentences with a present or past participle clause instead of a relative clause.

1. Can you see the woman who's dressed in blue over there?

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2. People who live in blocks of flats often complain of loneliness.

_____.

3. Letters that are posted before 6.00 p.m. should arrive the next day.

_____.

4. Firefighters have rescued passengers who were in the lift.

_____.

5. They live in a lovely house that overlooks the Nile.

_____.

6. The train that is standing on platform six is for London.

_____.

7. It took workmen days to clear up the litter that was dropped by the crowds.

_____.

11. Complete the sentences with a verb from the box below in either its present or past participle form.

steal explain study borrow ruin pass say feel

1. My dad was in a bad mood for the whole week, completely **ruining** our holiday.
2. Books _____ from the library must be returned in two weeks.
3. With both children _____ at university, the house seems really quiet.
4. The jewelry _____ in the robbery has never been recovered.
5. I had a long talk to Ruby, _____ why it was important to work hard.
6. I got a letter from the Tax Office _____ that I owe them £5,000.
7. After _____ all her exams, Maria went out to celebrate.
8. _____ hungry, I decided to make a sandwich.

12. Read about Hannah Roberts, Olympic athlete. In what way is she a pioneer?
Complete the article with the clauses below.

Relative clause	Past participle
• what no one has done before • that enables her to manage • who has taken the world • that made • which involves doing stunts • which can happen • whose mission in life • where they take place • who has pushed herself	• though terrified of doing • now recognized as
	Present participle • losing • learning • made of wood and plastic

BMX Freestyle makes it into Olympics

Hannah Roberts, **1.** _____ one of the most exciting BMX freestylers of our time, is the young girl from America **2.** _____ of BMX Freestyle Park to another level – Olympic level!

Roberts, **3.** _____ is to inspire a new generation of young BMX freestylers, had always dreamed of being part of the Olympic Games. It was the recent decision to include BMX Freestyle in the Olympic programme **4.** _____ her dream come true.

The ambitious teenager, **5.** _____ even more since the decision, can't wait to put the sport in the Olympic spotlight.

BMX Freestyle, **6.** _____ on a BMX, is an extreme sport descended from BMX racing. Its five disciplines, whose names describe **7.** _____, are street, park, vert (a ramp **8.** _____), trails, and flatland. Hannah trained hard, **9.** _____ six new stunts to impress the judges.

10. _____ some of her most challenging jumps, Hannah says the fear helps her to perform even better. **11.** _____ your nerve, **12.** _____ to the most fearless rider; is a common occurrence. To overcome this, Hannah practises over and over again in a foam pit. It is this level of commitment and practice **13.** _____ her fear on the real ramp. 'You have to believe that you're going to do it – if you have any doubt, then it's going to end up badly,' she says.

Hannah has done **14.** _____ in the world of BMX freestyle – she has taken her passion and had it recognized as a bona fide sport.

Hannah once said, 'It would be so cool to be a part of the Youth Olympic Games.' Well 'cool' has happened! We will now all be able to enjoy watching this dynamic and exciting new Olympic event, and a whole new generation of young people will be following in Hannah's pioneering footsteps.

People, places, and things

1. Complete the table with these descriptive adjectives. There are seven in each group.

- arrogant
remote
expensive
cracked
built-up
valuable
- conceited
waterproof
overcrowded
handmade
desolate
- devoted
automatic
stubborn
picturesque
humble
- loyal
considerate
breathtaking
~~unspoilt~~
priceless

People	Places	Things
	<i>unspoilt</i>	

2. Complete the sentences with an adjective from 1.

1. The view from the top of the mountain was absolutely _____.
2. He's always boasting about how _____ he is at everything.
3. He's so _____.
4. Our new car is _____. I don't change gears when I'm driving any more.
5. Ken is so kind and _____; he's always going out of his way to help people.
6. The countryside was completely _____ - rolling hills and green fields for miles around.
7. The Cotswolds is an area in England which is very _____. It has lots of pretty villages.
8. He's really _____. He won't agree to anything.
9. That bag you're looking at is _____ by local craftsmen. Look at the quality of the work.
10. The beach was seriously _____. There was no room to put our towels down.

Extreme adjectives

3. Write the adjectives under the adverbs they go with - very and absolutely. One adjective can be used with both adverbs.

- appalling

funny

terrifying

disgusting

priceless

valuable

full

starving
- clever

messy

useless

freezing

soaked

brilliant

hot

upset
- exhausted

scary

boring

hilarious

tired

dry

ridiculous

Very	absolutely

Noun in groups

Look at these examples of number+ noun+ noun.
a three-mile walk a 16-year-old girl a ten-hour flight

These are expressions of measurement before a noun. The number and the first noun are joined with a hyphen, and the first noun is usually in the singular.

4. Rewrite these phrases using an expression of measurement.

1. a meal that consists of three courses.
2. a delay at the airport that went on for four hours.
3. a new iPhone that is worth 1.4K euros.
4. a drive that takes seven hours.
5. a prison sentence of ten years.
6. a language course that lasts eight weeks.

Adjective + preposition

5. Complete these sentences with the correct preposition.

1. He wasn't too keen _____ Lena at first, but he quite likes her now.
2. Oscar is jealous _____ me because I have recently bought a new car.
3. I am most grateful _____ all your help.
4. I'm disappointed _____ you. I thought I could trust you.
5. I'm very proud _____ you, dear.
6. Barcelona is famous _____ its food.
7. It's typical _____ Leo to be late for appointments.
8. My daughter is crazy _____ a movie trilogy called star battles.
9. She was angry _____ me _____ not telling her the news.
10. Visitors to Japan aren't used _____ driving on the left.
11. Visitors to tropical countries need to be aware _____ the risk of malaria.
12. We need to clean a lot because we are allergic _____ dust.
13. What's wrong _____ you? You don't look well.
14. Who is responsible _____ this mess?
15. You should be ashamed _____ what you did.
16. You're very different _____ your sister.

English words often have silent consonants:

know ~~writer~~ walk climb

1. Complete the table with these words. Cross out the silent consonants.

industry	receipt	eccentric	exhausted
citizen	landscape	executive	distinctly
insect	whistle	fascinating	temperature
honest	rebuilt	lamp	straight
delighted	business	inhabitant	fasten
sumptuous	anonymous	documentary	debt

A All consonants pronounced	B Some consonants not pronounced
<i>industry</i>	<i>honest</i>