

UNIT 2: LANGUAGE TEST A

GRAMMAR

Task 1

Choose the correct words to complete the text.

I grew up in a country that lots of people have heard of, but not many people know very well – Finland. I was born in a city on the coast, facing Sweden, as a result of **(1) whom / which** my first language is Finnish and my second language is Swedish. Like a lot of my friends, most of **(2) them / whom** grew up in my city speaking both Finnish and Swedish, I also speak a third language, English, which we learnt at school. **(3) Whenever / Whatever** I get the chance to practise speaking my ‘bonus’ extra language with anyone, I grab the opportunity! The best chance to really practise my English comes once a year when my home city hosts an international singing festival, during **(4) whenever / which**, the city fills with thousands of tourists, very few of **(5) whom / whomever** speak Swedish or Finnish. So pretty much **(6) wherever / where** I go during the festival, and **(7) whoever / whichever** I speak to, I get a chance to practise my English! I love it!

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Task 2

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between three and six words.

- 8** They had double booked the restaurant.
DONE
What they double book the restaurant.
- 9** I wasn't frightened at any point.
POINT
At frightened.
- 10** I couldn't find the information I needed anywhere.
ABLE
Nowhere find the information I needed.
- 11** He has never said that he wants to become an actor.
TIME
At that he wants to become an actor.

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VOCABULARY

Task 1

Complete the collocations with the correct words. The first letter of each word is given.

- 12** My first visit to a theatre when I was six made a l..... impression on me.
- 13** The premier of the new super-hero film in London had wide m..... coverage.
- 14** Scientists hope that the results of the survey will give v..... insight into animal behaviour.
- 15** When he heard that he'd won the prize he stared at me in u..... disbelief.
- 16** The m..... attraction at the music festival was an American rock group.
- 17** The l..... community will benefit greatly from the new health centre.
- 18** We don't have exactly the same opinions, but b..... speaking, we agree on most things.
- 19** Trying to look at life through a child's eyes gives us a very d..... perspective on a lot of important things.
- 20** She drives a very old and scratched car, which gives a f..... impression of how rich she really is!
- 21** The festival organisers had a c..... consultation with local people before the plans went ahead.

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Task 2

Complete the sentences with these words. There are two extra words which you do not need to use.

concept disclosure distraction illustration intrusion
perception sensation

- 22** Dogs and cats have a of the world that is different from ours.
- 23** After the accident he lost all in his right hand.
- 24** For many people in richer countries, the of not having clean water to drink is hard to imagine.
- 25** The book gives a good of what life as a chef is really like.
- 26** For me, loud music is a when I'm trying to work.

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USE OF ENGLISH

Task 1

Use the word given in capitals at the end of some lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

When I was a kid and I was naughty, my mum used to express her (27) with me	ANNOY
by using my full first name. Everyone calls me Steph. But whenever she used the name 'Stephanie',	
I was in trouble! And if I begged her for things like chocolate, her (28) would come with	REFUSE
the full, 'Stephanie! NO!' Of course, when I was really young, I had little (29) that my	AWARE
mum was using two names. All I knew was that there was a signal she gave that meant it was	
(30) continuing what I was doing and putting her under any more	POINT
(31) When I was a bit older, I realised that it was using my full first name that was the	PRESS
signal to stop. The name we like to be addressed by can change according to age or relationship.	
Being given a nickname at school is often a sign of (32) that you are part of a group.	APPROVE
I thought it was (33) when my classmates used to call me by my nickname. It gave	BRILLIANCE
me the (34) that I was appreciated. However, later in life, the	IMPRESS
(35) of our old nickname is not always something we want! Now, if anyone called	DISCLOSE
me by my childhood nickname, or even found out what it was, the only (36) I would	SENSE
have is one of embarrassment!	

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Task 2

Read the speech by a student and complete the gaps with one word only.

<p>Thank you so much for giving me this award today for Highest Achieving Student of the Year. When I started my degree course in linguistics, I really had very little concept (37) what language science was or what was involved in a course like this. But I guess it's pretty evident (38) today's prize that I soon found out! I'd like to thank my personal supervisor, without (39) support, I could never have made (40) good progress. I designed my main research study in consultation (41) her, and at no time (42) she tell me I should do this or that. What she stressed (43) that it was important to do the recommended reading, do the research and ask questions. (44) I hadn't realised was just how much fun there is to be had studying languages. If your perception (45) studying languages is that it's just studying grammar, you're wrong! There's so much more! So, if you're thinking of studying linguistics, then just go (46) and do it!</p>

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