Grammar and vocabulary

1. Complete the sentences. Use will or won't.
   1. A: I don't think they ______ help us.
      B: They ______. They are very supportive.
   2. A: I'm sure there ______ be tickets left.
      B: Be positive! We ______ get two.
   3. I think the concert ______ start on time. They are always punctual.

2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb. Use will or going to.
   1. There is thunder in the sky. There ______ (be) a storm in a few minutes.
   2. A: What ______ (you / do) this evening?
      B: I don't know. Perhaps I ______ (go) to the cinema.
   3. Look! The baby ______ (drink) your wine!
   4. I hope I ______ (win) the lottery some day.

3. Rewrite the sentences. Use might or might not.
   1. It's possible that the police won't catch the thief.
   2. Perhaps Francis will get the job.
   3. I don't think Sandra will pass the exam.
   4. Perhaps the bus will leave before they arrive.
   5. It's possible that they won't miss it.

4. Ask questions for the underlined words.
   1. She's going to arrive at 10.00 am.
   2. They'll finish their work next month.
   3. He might help Andrew.
   4. We are going to travel to Canada.
   5. I'll start university after 2015.

5. Complete with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.
   1. If you ______ (study), you ______ (pass) your exam.
   2. She ______ (have) a pet if she ______ (live) alone.
   3. We ______ (travel) faster if we ______ (go) by car.
   4. If they ______ (not work) hard, they ______ (not finish) today.
   5. If he ______ (get) married, he ______ (not live) with his parents.

Reading

   1. Cats are friendly in superstitions
   2. Don't take superstitions seriously
   3. Serious facts about superstitions

Superstitions have been part of human life since time immemorial. They are transferred from generation to generation. They are part of our culture.

If we take superstitions as something funny, they are just a joke. But if we believe they are real facts, we might be paralysed when a cat crosses our path. In our culture, black cats are seen as the image of bad luck.

But not all cultures have the same perception of cats. They are a symbol of good luck in Yorkshire. People say that if a fisherman sees a black cat, he will come back home safely from the sea.

In parts of Europe, if a black cat walks into your house, you are blessed. In Egypt, black cats are a symbol of good luck. Moreover, they are sacred because people think they might carry the spirit of one of their gods.

If we understand that superstitions are just perceptions and not real facts, we might change that creepy feeling at the sight of a black cat into a smile.

7. Answer.
   1. Why might we be paralysed if a cat crosses our path?
   2. Where are black cats sacred?
   3. What will happen if a fisherman sees a black cat in Yorkshire?
Grammar and vocabulary

1. Complete the sentences. Use since or for.
   1. Shirley has been an actress _______ 2004.
   2. Mr Grundy has worked at the bank _______ 20 years.
   3. We have lived in this city _______ 3rd May.
   4. I haven’t seen him _______ 6 o’clock.
   5. Have you waited _______ a long time?

2. Ask questions. Use How long or When.
   1. A: you / study English?
      B: For 6 years.
   2. A: Brenda / live in France?
      B: In 2003.
   3. A: Vicky / work for LB & Co?
      B: Since 2003.
   4. A: we / start the charity?
      B: Four years ago.

3. Complete. Use the Present perfect or the Past simple.
   Harry 1. _______ (not like) helping people until 2006. Since then, he 2. _______ (not stop) working for elderly people.
   In 2006, Harry 3. _______ (meet) Freddi and they 4. _______ (start) visiting an institution for elderly people. What 5. _______ (they / do) since then? They 6. _______ (make) a lot of people happy.

4. Complete the sentences with comparative or superlative adverbs. Add any necessary words.
   1. You should prepare celebrations _______ (carefully) to support the organisation.
   2. Alfred has worked _______ (hard) of all the members to raise funds.
   3. The students are participating _______ (actively) each day.
   4. People in Meet New Friends have won a prize because they finished _______ (early).

Reading

5. True or false?
   A Foster Mother
   Adelma has been a substitute mother for over 10 years. She fosters orphaned or abandoned children in her house and looks after them as one of her children. When the children’s families are ready to receive them back, or when the children are legally adopted, Adelma says goodbye to them and waits for a new child to come.
   Adelma has looked after more than 40 children, from toddlers to 6-year-olds, since her youngest daughter was 5.
   Why does she do it? “If a child doesn’t have a family, he will be placed in an institution. If he grows up in an institution, he will suffer. But if the child is brought up in a family, he will have better opportunities. We should help children to be happy people in the future,” she says.

6. Answer.
   1. How long has Adelma been a substitute mother?
   2. When does Adelma greet the children goodbye?
   3. What will happen if children grow up in an institution?
   4. Why will children be happy people in the future?
> Grammar

1 Write predictions about what you think might happen in the next 10 years. Use will or won't.
   1 robots / replace teachers
   2 weekends / have 5 days
   3 cost of living / go up
   4 China / become world's richest nation
   5 legal age for driving / drop to sixteen

2 Rewrite the predictions in Exercise 1 using I think or I don't think.
   1
   2
   3
   4
   5

3 Complete the sentences with will, won't and the verbs in the box.
   pass have like be come
   1 Sorry I can't do it. I __________ enough time.
   2 You haven't worked hard enough. You __________ your exams.
   3 Your mum __________ happy if you wash all the dishes for her.
   4 The show is wonderful. Paul __________ it.
   5 He loves the theatre. He __________ with us tomorrow.

4 Circle the correct option.
   1 We might / might not have enough money to buy her a present. We only have $10.
   2 Sandra forgot her bag so we might / might not have enough money to buy the tickets.
   3 You might / might not forget your wallet – don't leave it on the table.
   4 We might / might not be able to go to Paris, we haven't got enough holidays.
   5 I might / might not win the lottery, because I am very lucky!

5 Complete the sentences. Use going to and the verbs in brackets.
   1 He is __________ (buy) some new books.
   2 She is __________ (not make) a cake. She will buy some sandwiches.
   3 Are you __________ (sing) in the concert tomorrow?
   4 He was just __________ (have) breakfast when we arrived.
   5 I'm sure it's __________ (rain). The sky is grey.

6 Write sentences using the first conditional.
   1 We / not take a map / get lost in the city
   2 She / win / the lottery / buy a house with a garden
   3 I / study hard / pass all my exams
   4 They / not have enough money / go to the theatre / have to stay at home
   5 He / move to the country / buy a new house
> Vocabulary

7 Fill in the blanks with words from the box.

be get have [x2] live numerologist

My friend Priscilla is a _________. She predicts the future reading numbers. She said that I will _________ a very happy life. She told me that I will _______ married to a very good man and that we will _______ three children. I asked her if I will _______ abroad, and she said that I might. I don’t mind if her predictions are true or not. I just want to _______ happy!

> Reading

9 Read the text. True or false?

Joan Marie grew up with her Italian grandmother, Antonella, who taught her that the universe is very mysterious and there are special secrets all around us, in nature, in the heavens and even in our own souls.

Her grandmother taught her a special language and told her that if she listened carefully to the flowers, to the rocks and stones, to the oceans as the tides come and go and to her dreams, she could find out wonderful secrets.

Each of the little secrets that Antonella taught her family seemed to have incredible power to attract wealth, health, and happiness. Today, Joan Marie uses the same secrets to help people as her grandmother did.

1 Joan Marie learnt about the universe from her grandfather.

2 Her grandmother taught her to listen to nature.

3 Joan Marie’s grandmother knows many secrets.

4 Joan Marie now helps people by using her grandmother’s secrets.

> Communication

8 Complete the dialogue using the words from the box.

fortune likely spend say unlikely

A: What does your _______ cookie say?

B: It says that I am going to marry a prince!

A: That’s _______.

B: Yes, you are right. What does yours _______?

A: Mine says that I will _______ a lot of money!

B: That’s very _______. You have a lot of bills to pay this month!

> Writing

10 Use these ideas to write about Alfredo’s future.

- This will happen: finish school, study architecture, have many friends
- This won’t happen: go to live in the country, have a pet
- This might happen: have a lot of work, buy a car
Grammar

1. Write sentences. Use the Present perfect and for or since.

1. Mary / not live / Madrid / 2005

2. He / be / a doctor / three years

3. She / not play / piano / two years

4. I / study / English / a long time

5. Joe / study / French / January

2. Write questions for the following answers. Use How long.

1. ______________?
   I've lived here for six years.

2. ______________?
   She's had this car since April.

3. ______________?
   I have known Peter since I was 12.

4. ______________?
   I've had this jacket for more than ten years.

5. ______________?
   He's been at this school since January last year.

3. Past simple or Present perfect? Write the time expressions under the correct column.

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4. Complete the sentences using the Present perfect or Past simple.

1. Nick _______ (buy) his bike in March.
   He _______ (have) it for six months.

2. We _______ (start) the project work three months ago. We _______ (work) on it for three months.

3. Jane _______ (meet) George two years ago. They _______ (know) each other for two years.

4. You _______ (lend) me your book last year. I _______ (have) it for ten months.

5. The students _______ (decide) to travel to Mendoza when they were in the first course. They _______ (plan) their graduation trip for five years.

5. Use comparative and superlative adverbs to complete the sentences about how to be a better tennis player.

1. You should train _______ (hard) because you must run _______ (fast) of all players.

2. You should eat _______ (carefully) to keep a balanced diet.

3. You can't go dancing every weekend. You should go to bed _______ (early) than your friends.

Vocabulary

6. Match.

1. The colour of your skin should not be important.  
   a. illiteracy  
   b. war  
   c. disease

2. Even children are trained as soldiers and carry guns.
   d. bullying

3. AIDS kills thousands of people every year.
   e. racism

4. Many adults cannot read or write.

5. The big boys always took the sandwiches from the little boys.
Fill in the blanks with words from the box.

collected do organise raise sponsor

A lot of people work to help others.
Women in my city 1     bingo to 2     money for the local hospital. At school we have 3     books, notebooks and pens for children in the Tobi project and we go to the children’s hospital to 4     voluntary work on Saturdays. And the factory where my father works will 5     a race of handicapped children. It feels good when we are useful.

Communication

Complete the conversation with expressions from the box.

Can you do for you help you lend me of course sorry that’s great

ADRIANA: Hi Daniel! 1     do me a favour?
DANIEL: Yes, 2     . What can I 3     ?
ADRIANA: Can you 4     your English dictionary?
DANIEL: 5     , I can’t. But I can 6     with your task.
ADRIANA: Oh, 7     ! Thank you.

Reading

Read the text and choose the correct answer.

The Talking Book Service is a foundation which provides audio books to blind or visually handicapped people for free. Volunteers record famous books and keep cassettes and CD copies for members to borrow. Although they started from scratch, they now have over 35,000 recordings. A small group of people began working in 1998 and have never stopped. Some publishing companies sponsor their work by giving them the books they will record. Lots of people can now enjoy literature “reading with their ears”.

1. The Talking Book Service is a foundation which ...
   a. reads for blind people
   b. lends audio books to blind people
   c. lends CDs to blind people

2. Volunteers ...
   a. have lent
   b. have recorded
   c. have bought

3. The Talking Book Service ...
   a. gets money from members
   b. receives support from the government
   c. receives support from private enterprises

Writing

Write a short paragraph about the Talking Book Service. Use the text below to help you.

I think the work of the Talking Book Service is ... It is important because ... We shouldn’t ... We should ....
PROBLEMS AT WORK
A. Reading
Ernesto works in a toy factory to support his wife and two children. He works the night shift from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. He usually arrives fifteen minutes early and hangs out with his co-workers Sam, Joaquin, Billy, and Antonio. The guys like to play around and have fun before their shift starts. They throw things at each other and take each other’s hats. Last Friday, their supervisor told them to stop playing around. He told them that someone might get hurt. Ernesto likes hanging out with his co-workers, but he doesn’t want to have problems at work.

B. True or False
1. ______ Ernesto works from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
2. ______ He arrives to work early.
3. ______ Sam, Joaquin, Billy, and Antonio like to take each other’s wallets.
4. ______ The factory makes toys.
5. ______ Ernesto is single.

C. Yes or No – Share Your Opinion
1. ______ Ernesto is a responsible person.
2. ______ Ernesto should relax and stop worrying so much.

D. Writing – What should Ernesto say to his co-workers?
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

RECYCLING FOR CASH
A. Reading
Oscar has a wife and four children, so he always needs a little extra money. One way he makes extra money is by recycling the family’s cans, bottles, and other containers. He earns about eighteen dollars a month by recycling. It isn’t much money, but he’s happy to have the cash. Sometimes he uses the money to buy pizza for dinner. His wife is happy because she doesn’t have to cook dinner. His children are happy because they like pizza. Oscar’s dad taught him to be careful with his money. His mom taught him to protect the environment by recycling.

B. True or False
1. ______ Oscar has five children.
2. ______ The recycling center pays cash.
3. ______ Oscar’s father taught him to be careful with money.
4. ______ Eighteen dollars is a lot of money.
5. ______ Recycling protects the environment.

C. Yes or No – Share Your Opinion
1. ______ Oscar’s parents gave him good advice.
2. ______ Recycling is a lot of work for a little money.

D. Writing – Would you go through a stranger’s trash can to get recyclables?
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