

ANSWER KEY

Grammar

- 1
1 have been using
2 have learned
3 is set
4 has been awarded
5 seeing/that you see

- 2
1 was 6 to
2 the 7 be
3 by 8 to
4 an 9 was
5 wanting/deciding/curious/ 10 been
keen/eager/determined

- 3
1 imagine 6 were put
2 to think 7 were able
3 to eat 8 a
4 to snack 9 to become
5 use 10 could

Vocabulary

- 4
1 conclusion 4 Consequently
2 Obviously 5 mean
3 performers

- 5
1 B 6 A
2 A 7 C
3 A 8 B
4 C 9 A
5 C 10 C

- 6
1 fearlessly 6 ignorance
2 successfully 7 equipment
3 stressful 8 awareness
4 impression 9 environmental
5 carefully 10 underestimate

Reading

- 7
1 D 4 A
2 C 5 B
3 B 6 D

- 8
1 F 4 NM
2 F 5 NM
3 F 6 T

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- 1 Eating some cake.
2 Sight, smell and hearing.
3 Because the smell will make them feel good.
4 Through an accident (in which the olfactory bulb is damaged).

Use of English

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- 1 not forget to pick
2 was about to leave
3 had eaten all the food by
4 there was no point
5 didn't have to
6 might have forgotten
7 work nearly as well as
8 have come up
9 must not be ridden
10 if he had remembered what

Listening

11

- 1 E 6 C
2 B 7 F
3 F 8 B
4 C 9 D
5 G 10 A

Writing

12

Sample answer

Brilliant Buda and Perfect Pest

When I went to Budapest with my parents two years ago, I didn't realise it was actually two cities: Buda and Pest.

Pest is busy, modern, and full of shops and nightlife. Buda is on a giant hill, where you find the castle, the cobblestone streets, and the incredible Fisherman's bastion with its seven Disney-like towers which represent the seven Magyar tribes. I learned that from the guide who gave us a walking tour. The most incredible sight was of the river Danube, which divides Buda and Pest, and the Hungarian Parliament building. The river is pretty by day but is absolutely stunning by night.

Apart from climbing up to Buda castle with its amazing views, the other highlight were the baths. Budapest is a city famous for its thermal baths. We went to the Szechenyi Baths, which consisted of two outdoor swimming pools, one with very hot water and one a bit cooler. Although the weather wasn't hot, we had great fun in the water and the buildings were hundreds of years old. Inside there were smaller pools and steam rooms. My mum was obsessed with the steam rooms but they were a

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bit hot for me, I preferred it outside. We heard that they have parties on Saturday nights. Maybe next time. I would recommend Budapest because it's got something for everyone. It's very picturesque and there are lots of things to take photos of, like the Chain bridge or the Parliament. Also, it's not too expensive and you can even go up and down the Danube using your daily travel card. The food was good too. The speciality is Goulash, which is like a meat stew, but to be honest we liked everything even if we couldn't pronounce it!
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Marking criteria

Use the marking criteria below to give a score out of 12.

- 11–12** Complete and coherent, accurate, appropriate and structured without prompting.
- 9–10** Complete, mainly accurate and appropriate without prompting.
- 7–8** Complete, minor inaccuracies, sometimes inappropriate without prompting.
- 5–6** Minor omissions and/or irrelevances, minor inaccuracies, sometimes inappropriate without prompting.
- 3–4** Major omissions, some irrelevances, noticeable inaccuracies, often inappropriate without prompting.
- 1–2** Major omissions and irrelevances, mainly inaccurate, mostly inappropriate without prompting.
- 0** Content irrelevant. Too short or too incomprehensible to mark.

Speaking

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Sample answer

- A:** So, would you like to start?
- B:** Okay, well first of all, I think going on a tourist bus is a great way to get an overall perspective of a city. You can see all the major sights and if you really want to explore something in more detail, you can get off. Sometimes they have an audio guide which gives you basic information about the city. What do you think?
- A:** I agree, although I would say that they are quite expensive and if you know already where you want to go, they might not be necessary. For example, if you have read Internet reviews before you travel, you can get a pretty good idea of the best places. There are loads of good websites which give you guides based on what you like and of course tell you what sights are essential to visit. So, to sum up I wouldn't say that the tourist bus was the best. What do you think about the idea of renting bicycles?
- B:** Well, I'm not so keen, as it's quite a lot of effort cycling, don't you think? But I suppose you could get to some places away from the crowds and of course it would be cheaper than the bus.

A: Yeah. I've never done it but I suppose it could be good exercise too. I'm not that confident on a bike so, personally, I would worry about the traffic and being in an unfamiliar place. I've seen bike tours, where you have someone leading you, and I think these are better because you basically follow the guide.

B: True, but I don't think you really enjoy the sights if you are cycling because you might have an accident. Also, you can't stop when you want if you are in a group. Anyway, shall we talk about using a guidebook? Personally, I think now that we have the Internet, guidebooks are a bit old-fashioned.

A: Yeah, and the information gets out of date really quickly. And you have to carry them! I think using the mobile phone app is much better.

B: I completely agree. Let's finish with going on a walking tour with a guide. I think this is a great idea because these days they are really cheap and often they are funny. I went on one in Berlin and they took us to all the best places. The only disadvantage was the language. Our guide didn't speak great English and kept telling us that everything was 'curious', but it was funny and we learned a lot. What do you think?

A: It sounds like a good idea. We have to decide on the best. I would say the walking tour as you get up-to-date information and you can ask questions, maybe the tourist bus second, or first if you don't like walking.

B: I agree.

Marking criteria

Use the marking criteria below to give a score out of 12.

- 11–12** Full and expanded contribution without prompting. Wide range of structures, accurate and well-organised. Pronunciation clear and precise.
- 9–10** Full contribution without prompting. Basic and some complex structures, accurate and well-organised. Pronunciation clear and mostly precise.
- 7–8** Full contribution without prompting. Adequate contribution. Basic and some complex structures, generally accurate and well-organised. Pronunciation mostly clear and precise.
- 5–6** Adequate contribution without prompting. Basic structures, generally accurate and some organisation. Pronunciation mostly clear. Some imprecisions.
- 3–4** Adequate contribution with some prompting. Basic structures, generally accurate and some organisation. Pronunciation mostly clear. Noticeable imprecisions.
- 1–2** Limited contribution even with prompting. Basic structures, often inaccurate but some organisation. Pronunciation not always clear. Many imprecisions.
- 0** Very limited contribution even with prompting. Basic structures, mostly inaccurate and little organisation. Pronunciation not clear or precise.