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Intermediate English

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Vocabulary

Collocations with make

1 Choose the correct options to complete the text.



A terrible DATE!

I split up with my ex, Jack, three months ago, but last week I decided it was time to date again. I was offered a month's free membership on a dating site, so I decided to ¹make an effort / make use of it. I started messaging this guy called Ian. We liked a lot of the same things, and we had fun chatting online, so it ²made sure / made sense to arrange a date so we could finally meet face-to-face.

I really wanted to ³make a good impression / make use on him, so I ⁴made an effort / made me to look really good. I bought a new dress and styled my hair carefully. We agreed to meet for a coffee in town. I ⁵made sense / made sure I was on time. He didn't. He finally arrived half an hour late and the date began. The problem was that he just kept talking about himself – he ⁶made sure / made no effort to ask me anything. He told me he liked women who listened to him, because his ex never did. It was such a boring date and it ⁷made an effort / made me realise that you can't really know if you will get on with someone until you meet them in real life.

- Where does he come from? *Spain*
- How old he? *38*
- How tall he? *1m 80cm*
- Where he? *London*
- What he? *He's a doctor.*
- What he doing in his free time? *Playing golf and painting*
- What TV programme he? *Game of Thrones*
- Who his favourite books? *Lee Child*
- What he interested? *Travelling*
- What he excited? *The next George R.R. Martin book*
- Where he recently? *The Sky garden restaurant*

2 Use the prompts to complete the questions.

- A: you / here / for a date? Are you here for a date?
B: Yes, I am. You must be Rafael. I'm Anna.
- A: What / you / do?
B: I'm a journalist. What about you?
- A: I'm a doctor. So, / you / go / to university?
B: Yes, I did.
- A: Where / you / go?
B: I went to UCL – in London.
- A: What / you / study?
B: Economics.
- A: Which / subject / inspire / you the most?
B: International Finance.
- A: So, which / newspaper / you work for?
B: I work for my local newspaper.

Grammar

Question forms

1 Read Rafael's online dating profile. Complete the questions.

Rafael Morena

Nationality: Spanish

Age: 38

Height: 1m 80cm

Lives in: London

Job: Doctor

Hobbies: golf, painting

Likes: *Game of Thrones*, books by Lee Child

Interested in: travelling

Excited about: the next George R. R. Martin book

Recent check-ins: Sky Garden restaurant, London



3 Correct the questions. Add one word.

- Which football team ^{do} you support?
- Who your father work for?
- What you talk about when you spoke to your granny?
- How much did your new car?
- Who the music for *Game of Thrones*?
- You interested in online dating?
- Why you decide to move to London?
- How long you been dating Rebecca?

Vocabulary

Extreme adjectives

- 1 Complete the texts with the correct adjectives from the box.

bossy noisy furious perfect crazy
disgusting moody sensible messy

THE WORST EVER HOUSEMATE

NICK: It was the guy I lived with in London, when I was working for a design company. He worked in IT and was older than the rest of us. He never came out and he always went to bed early – he was so ¹..... *sensible*..... His bedroom was absolutely ²..... – everything was where it should be. And he was always vacuuming the floors! It sounds great, but unfortunately he was also very ³..... – he was always telling the rest of us to tidy up. We could never relax, so gradually we all moved out!



LILA: The girl I lived with in my second year at university. She was such a slob! She loved cooking, but after she had been in the kitchen it was always absolutely ⁴..... She left food and sauces all over the kitchen work surfaces! Her bedroom was also very ⁵....., but I tried not to go in there very often. She was very ⁶..... too – she listened to a lot of Dance music, often until 4am! And she had a really loud voice!



JESS: It's actually a family member ... my little brother! When I was 21 and he was 19 we decided to go travelling together in Australia for three months. It was his first time away from home. His personality seemed to change and he went absolutely ⁷.....! He started partying all night long. Then, the next day he was always so ⁸..... – when I asked him to come sightseeing with me, he would shout at me. Then a few hours later he would hug me and want to go out for dinner with me! I decided to leave him in Sydney and go to the north coast on my own. When I told him, he was absolutely ⁹..... He threw his backpack at me! In the end, we both had a good time on our own ... and we still laugh about it today!



Grammar

Present Simple or Present Continuous

- 1 Match each question with an answer.

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 What do you do? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 What are you doing? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Do you speak Spanish? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Are you speaking Spanish? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Why do you run? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Why are you running? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Where are you putting your dirty clothes? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Where do you put your dirty clothes? | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- a I love being outdoors and it keeps me fit.
b In my wardrobe – sorry ... I'll put them in the washing machine.
c I'm making a cake.
d No, it's Portuguese.
e Always in the washing basket.
f I'm late for work.
g I'm a teacher.
h No, I don't.

- 2 Choose the correct options to complete the text.



I hated my job, so I decided to quit and moved to Lisbon to write a book. I ¹live / *'m living* in a hotel at the moment, but I ²'m looking / look for my own flat in the oldest part of the city – Alfama. I ³love / 'm loving the old buildings there, and the narrow streets with all the washing hanging out on the balconies – it's so charming. The lovely old yellow trams ⁴are going / go through Alfama every day, so I can easily travel around the city. Some of my friends ⁵think / are thinking I'm crazy to move to another country, especially because I ⁶'m not speaking / don't speak much Portuguese. But I have Portuguese lessons twice a week, so I ⁷know / 'm knowing I'll improve. My best mate is always ⁸ask / asking if I have found a flat – he really wants to visit. I'm sure he'll love Lisbon as much as I do!

Listening



1 **▶ 008** Listen to a talk on birth rates in the EU. Tick the topics the speaker mentions.

- 1 age of first-time mums
- 2 religion
- 3 childcare
- 4 grandparents
- 5 work
- 6 robots

2 **▶ 008** Listen again. Choose the correct option, a, b, or c.

- 1 What is the birth rate in Sweden?
 - a 1.34 births per woman
 - b 1.88 births per woman
 - c 1.92 births per woman
- 2 What is the average age of a first-time mum in Italy?
 - a 35.8 b 25.8 c 30.3
- 3 Why is the speaker surprised by the birth rate in Bulgaria?
 - a Because Bulgarian women have lots of children.
 - b Because Bulgaria has the oldest first-time mums in the EU.
 - c Because Bulgaria has the youngest first-time mums in the EU.
- 4 How have governments made it easier for families in France and Sweden?
 - a By offering free holidays to families with children.
 - b By providing cheap and high quality childcare.
 - c By finishing the school day at lunchtime.
- 5 What is the average birth rate across the EU?
 - a 1.6 b 2.01 c 2.1

Vocabulary

Verb + preposition

1 Correct the underlined prepositions.



Back to the old house

Yesterday, my son took me back to the village where I grew up. We found the cottage where I lived with my family. I had seven brothers and sisters, so there was always someone around to play ¹on with..... I was the oldest child, so I spent most of my time ²by my brother, Eddie, because he was only 2 years younger than me. We often had to queue ³with the toilet, because there was only one for 10 people! I was really good at maths at school, but one of my sisters was really clever so I had to compete ⁴at her all the time. It was hard because she would laugh ⁵with me if my grades were worse than hers. My father worked for a nearby farm and I learnt a lot ⁶at him about growing crops – I still grow vegetables in my garden today! And my mother was lovely – she had so many kids to deal ⁷by, but she always made time for each one of us ... and she baked the most amazing cakes!

Speaking

1 Complete the dialogues with the correct option.

A

Ella: Well, as far as I'm ¹*understand / concerned* governments should introduce more policies to help families with children.

Sid: I'm not so ²*believe / sure* about that, Ella. That doesn't seem fair for people who don't have kids.

Ella: But you know how expensive it is to have kids these days. I really ³*believe / guess* that more help should be given, otherwise people just won't have kids any more.

Sid: I ⁴*understand / guess* so, but is that really a bad thing? There are too many people in the world anyway.



B

Jose: From my ⁵*point / way* of view, online dating is a really bad idea.

Ana: In what ⁶*way / concerned*?

Jose: It's unnatural.

Ana: I'm not sure I ⁷*guess / understand* what you're saying.

Jose: It's just not right to meet and choose someone through a computer.

Ana: Well, I know lots of people who have found someone really nice through online dating, so let's agree to ⁸*guess / disagree*.



C

Luis: I think that no one should be allowed to live alone in their own flat or house – it's bad for the environment.

Katie: I see what you ⁹*say / mean*, but living with other people can be stressful.

Luis: You're ¹⁰*wrong / right* – it can be annoying, but that's a small problem compared with energy usage.

Katie: I know ¹¹*what / how* you mean, but sometimes it's more practical to live on your own. People should be allowed to choose.

Luis: I totally ¹²*disagree / don't*. We're in a climate emergency – people need to take some responsibility!



Writing

1 Correct the sentences. Then note down the type of mistake which was made.

word order spelling tense punctuation
preposition wrong word grammar
missing word

There

- ~~Their~~ are so many things to do in Rome.*wrong word*....
- If I see him, smiles and waves he.
- I live at a town called Banbury.
- When are you going on holiday!
- My parents speaks Russian.
- I work for this company since 2012.
- What you do in your free time?
- Have you recieved your prize?

2 Complete Jo's email with the correct option.

Dear Claire

¹.....? I'm on holiday on my own! ²....., but I'm staying in a meditation centre for a week. I know I used to make fun of you when you meditated but you were right – it's such a good thing to do!

So the meditation centre is in the middle of nowhere, and ³..... about it is that we sleep in these gorgeous bell tents in the woods every night. It's so peaceful.

In the day, ⁴..... the guided meditation – I love that, and I'm really improving. And I guess that ⁵..... the silent time – we're not allowed to speak to each other for five hours per day – it's a bit weird, but it's supposed to be good for you.

⁶..... definitely the singing sessions. We have to sing together for an hour every morning – and you know how terrible my voice is! You'd love it, though. ⁷..... definitely come with me next time. ⁸..... go together next summer?

⁹..... meet up for a drink when I get back, and I can show you more photos and the brochure?



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| 1 a | What's amazing | b | Guess what |
| 2 a | You'll never believe it | b | The worst thing is |
| 3 a | guess what | b | what's amazing |
| 4 a | the best part is | b | the worst thing is |
| 5 a | the strangest bit is | b | the best part is |
| 6 a | The best part is | b | The worst thing is |
| 7 a | Why don't we | b | You should |
| 8 a | Should you | b | Why don't we |
| 9 a | How about us | b | How about we |