

Quiz 10



Vocabulary

Choose the correct answers.

Grammar

Choose the correct answers.

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Mark: / 40

Progress Test 5



Reading

You are going to read an article about London's underground railway. For questions 1-6, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

In 2013, the London Underground celebrated its 150th anniversary. When 'the Tube', as it later became known, first opened in January 1863, it was the world's first underground passenger railway. Trains had run through tunnels before, but it was the first time a whole railway line had been built below the streets. Trains of any kind were still quite new, so to build a railway network underground was a very bold and daring idea; one which was carried out by brave men who were prepared to take a risk. In those early days the trains were powered by steam, but in 1890 the London Underground was also the first railway system in the world to introduce electric underground trains.

Underground rail travel was very different in the 1800s. The platforms were dirty and unhealthy due to the smoke from the steam trains. Tickets were sold at three different fares, so you could travel in first, second or third class depending on how rich you were. Although some people preferred to stay above ground, the London Underground was extremely popular. With 26,000 people using it every day in its first six months, it helped to solve the problem of streets that were crowded with people and horse-drawn vehicles.

The Tube continued to be popular into the 20th century and, during the First World War while so many men were away, it began to employ women for the first time. In the Second World War, Underground platforms were used by Londoners to escape from the bombs which were being dropped on the city at night. The trains continued to run, and in the evenings the platforms were a crowded mixture of people who were trying to travel across London and families who were trying to find somewhere safe. Up to 177,000 people spent their nights on underground platforms during the war.

The famous London Underground map, showing all the routes and stations, was designed in 1933 and has been used ever since. Its clear simple design has always been popular and in 2006 it came second in a competition to find the British public's favourite British design of the 20th century. At 249 miles long, the London Underground is the fourth longest metro system in the world, and every weekday over 3.5 million people use it to get around the city. Surprisingly though, a lot of it is actually above ground level and less than half is in tunnels.

So what do the locals think of their historic transport system? Jade Nicholson, 16, uses the Tube to get to school every day. 'Generally it's fine,' she says, 'and it does get me from A to B quickly. Some of my friends don't like travelling underground because it makes them a bit anxious, but I don't have a problem with that. I'll happily take the Underground as long as I don't have to travel during the rush hour, when it's really crowded. That's horrible. But at other times, I'll always choose the Tube. The service is much better and it's more fun to use than the buses. I like travelling on a system that's famous across the world!'



1 In 1863, the London Underground was the first railway in the world that
 A used steam trains.
 B had been built underground.
 C used electric trains.
 D ran trains through tunnels.

2 What does 'a very bold and daring idea' in the first paragraph mean?
 A an idea that was not new
 B an idea that would definitely be successful
 C an idea that was quite easy to do
 D an idea that needed a lot of courage

3 Journeys on the Underground in the 1800s were
 A unpleasant because of the smoke.
 B the same price for everyone.
 C frequently delayed due to crowded trains.
 D unpopular with the public.

4 What happened during the Second World War?
 A Women began to work on the Underground.
 B The Underground stopped working.
 C People slept on Underground platforms overnight.
 D People were living in the Underground stations.

5 Nowadays, the London Underground
 A has won a design competition.
 B is the longest underground rail network in the world.
 C transports over 3.5 million people on weekdays.
 D has very few overground sections.

6 What is Jade Nicholson's opinion of the Underground?
 A It takes too long to get where she wants to go.
 B She'll use it provided that she can avoid the busiest times.
 C She feels uncomfortable travelling underground.
 D She prefers to use other forms of transport when possible.

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a-z Vocabulary

1 Complete the text with these words.

annoyed boat catch download illogical interested laptop responsible unlucky wall

A long way home!

If you're ¹ _____ in funny films, you should watch one called *Trains, Planes and Automobiles*. The film is about two very ² _____ men who find themselves in the same ³ _____ – the plane they want to ⁴ _____ can't leave the airport because of bad weather. The rest of the story is about how they travel by train, bus and car to try and get to where they want to go.

What makes the film so funny is that the two main characters are so different. They end up driving each other up the ⁵ _____. Steve Martin, who plays a(n) ⁶ _____, successful businessman, is always ⁷ _____ about the rather crazy and ⁸ _____ things that John Candy, the unsuccessful travelling salesman, does.

The film is quite old – it was in cinemas in 1987 – but if you want to see it, go to almost any film site and ⁹ _____ it. Once you've done that, you can watch it on your ¹⁰ _____ or computer whenever you feel like it. I'm sure you'll enjoy it!

2 Circle the correct words.

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- 1 Can you put some paper in the **tower** / **printer**, please?
- 2 Please have your **boarding pass** / **bus fare** and passport ready.
- 3 The computer **webcam** / **screen** is very dirty; I can't see what I've written!
- 4 My uncle, who has got itchy **seats** / **feet**, is about to travel around the world.
- 5 If you want to go by sea, there are lots of **helicopters** / **ferries** to choose from.
- 6 I'm doing my maths homework; can I use your **CD player** / **calculator**, please?
- 7 If your sister is travelling to another country, she will need a **passport** / **timetable**.
- 8 My new **digital camera** / **mouse pad**, which I got for my birthday, takes great photos.
- 9 You would have to buy **speakers** / **keyboards** if you wanted to listen to music on your computer.
- 10 I wish I hadn't taken the **coach** / **lorry** home; the woman sitting beside me talked the whole way!

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Progress Test 5



3 Read the sentences and complete each gap with one word.

- 1 I think I'll ring _____ Beth and ask her to go to the park with me.
- 2 Mum, can you drop me _____ at school on your way to work?
- 3 My friend and I just got _____ from Scotland; we had an amazing time!
- 4 I called Maggie last night. When I told her that I couldn't go out, she hung _____!
- 5 Our plane takes _____ at nine o'clock, so we should be in Spain by twelve.
- 6 Switch _____ your computer if you want me to show you how the program works.
- 7 I'm sorry I'm late, but my car broke _____ while I was on my way here.
- 8 Oh no! I clicked _____ the wrong button and I've deleted all my work.

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Vocabulary: ___ / 28

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences using reported speech.

- 1 'I'm sorry I broke your camera,' Tim said.
Tim apologised _____.
- 2 'Is Julia here?' I asked.
I asked _____.
- 3 'Jim, can you download this song?' Pam asked.
Pam asked _____.
- 4 'Don't press these buttons!' she said to him.
She told _____.
- 5 'Please board the plane,' he said to them.
He asked _____.
- 6 Peter said, 'I can't find my passport.'
Peter complained _____.
- 7 'Please let me come with you,' she said to us.
She begged _____.
- 8 Kate said, 'I bought a new computer yesterday.'
Kate said _____.

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2 Complete the conditional sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 When she _____ (fly), she always feels excited.
- 2 If I were you, I _____ (not buy) that computer tower.
- 3 If Mum gives me money today, I _____ (take) the bus to the shopping centre.
- 4 We _____ (not take) a ferry if we had known the weather would be stormy.
- 5 If you put water in the fridge, it _____ (get) cold.
- 6 He'll miss the train unless he _____ (leave) right now.

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3 Complete the sentences with *who*, *whose*, *which*, *where*, *when* or *why*.

- 1 That's the woman _____ visa was stolen.
- 2 Mr Marks, _____ fixes computers, said mine wasn't repairable.
- 3 My visa, _____ I need to travel to South America, is in my bag.
- 4 That's the computer shop _____ my dad works.
- 5 Do you know the reason _____ it is illegal to download songs without paying?
- 6 Tuesday; that was the day _____ I arrived in China.

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4 Circle the correct words.

Can I use your phone?

'Watson, come here. I need you!' Do you know the name of the person ¹ **who** / **why** said that? If you answered, 'Alexander Graham Bell', then you ² **will** / **would** be correct! The day Bell ³ **ordered** / **denied** Watson to come into his workshop, was the day ⁴ **when** / **where** Bell finally knew that his new invention, the telephone, was actually going to be a success.

Things would have been very different if Bell ⁵ **hadn't** / **hasn't** invented the phone back in 1876. Nowadays, because of Bell and the invention ⁶ **for** / **on** which he is most famous, communicating with friends and family is no problem at all. If you ⁷ **wanted** / **want** to talk to someone, you just ring them up. It's that easy! It doesn't matter ⁸ **whose** / **where** you are in the world: as long as you have a mobile phone, you ⁹ **could** / **can** communicate with people anywhere.

However, believe it or not, Bell didn't really like the telephone. He ¹⁰ **promised** / **complained** that it stopped him from getting anything done and he refused to have one in his laboratory!

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Writing

You are going to write an essay about using public transport.

Modern World Newspaper

People now use their cars in an increasing number of situations, including getting to work or taking their children to school. Public transport workers say that, as a result, ticket sales on underground trains and buses are going down.

Write an essay expressing your opinion on the use of public transport for getting to work or school.

Explain the reasons why people prefer to use their cars to get to work or take their children to school.

Write your essay. (120-180 words)



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