

Exercise 1 (Units 1-5)

Part A

Sofia is reading a story. Complete the story by underlining the correct form of the verbs in the brackets.

I was having my lunch when a man in black (1) (comes / came) into the restaurant. He looked agitated and walked towards me. 'Hello! I got something for you,' he said to me. 'Excuse me? I (2) (don't know / didn't know) you,' I replied. The man ignored my response and continued talking to me, 'Look! This is something important. You (3) (pass / are going to pass) this box to two ladies in red. They (4) (waited / are waiting) for you at Times Square. Hide it and not a word to anyone!' He (5) (put / puts) the box on my table and (6) (hurried / hurried) away.

'This guy must be crazy,' I thought to myself. 'Why would he give orders to a stranger? I (7) ('m not going to do / don't do) what he told me to.' I wanted to leave the box there, but I changed my mind on second thoughts. I (8) (slided / slid) it quickly into my pocket, (9) (payed / paid) the bill and (10) (were / was) about to leave the restaurant. But when I was stepping out of the door, a group of men rushed to me. 'There you are,' they shouted. 'Freeze or we will shoot!' I (11) (hadn't / didn't have) any other choice but to run away immediately.

Ten minutes later, I arrived at Times Square. There (12) (was / were) indeed two ladies in red. I (13) (was giving / gave) the box to one of them. 'Good job, Agent X. You've passed the test,' the other lady said, 'we (14) (met / will meet) again next week at our base for training.' 'I'm not—' I tried to deny. She interrupted, 'Hush now. We (15) (explain / 'll explain) everything to you soon.'

Part B

Florence is writing a diary entry. Complete the diary entry by using the correct form of the verbs in the brackets.

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Sunny

Today, I went on a hike for the first time in my life!

In the morning, I (1) _____ (met) up with David, Albert and Molly at the bus stop in Tung Chung. The sky was clear and blue. We (2) _____ (be) all in a good mood. 'I'm sure we (3) _____ (have) a relaxing walk,' David said. We (4) _____ (get) off at Ngong Ping Village at eleven and followed the signs to Wisdom Path. Then, we (5) _____ (find) the entrance to a country trail and have walked leisurely for about an hour.

Suddenly, Molly screamed, 'A snake! It (6) _____ (wind) its way towards me! What should I do?' Her scream (7) _____ (make) my hair stand on end. 'I (8) _____ (not have) a clue,' I said. Albert has joined the Scouts before and he told us to stay calm. 'Freeze!' he said and looked across Molly. 'It's not poisonous. Don't startle it and it (9) _____ (move) away soon. I'm sure that it (10) _____ (not attack) you.' A while later, the snake was gone. We (11) _____ (feel) a huge sense of relief.

Our hike finished about an hour later. 'Well, with the snake, our journey was no longer relaxing. I was so scared just now!' Molly joked. We all (12) _____ (laugh), thinking back to what David said at the beginning.

Although I (13) _____ (be) exhausted now, I am happy that I have found a new hobby. I (14) _____ (go) hiking more often.

Part C

Eric is writing a letter to Aura. Complete the letter by circling the best answers.

Dear Aura,

It has been long since we last (1). How is your university life? (2) you like what you study? Have you met new people? I hope all is well with you.

My family and I are travelling in Hokkaido of Japan. It (3) here, but the wonderful scenery (4) this trip worthwhile! We are staying in a lovely guest house. The owners, an old Japanese couple, (5) meals for us now. I can't wait for the delicious food!

We (6) a ski resort yesterday. My parents (7) experienced skiers, but my sister and I have never skied before. We (8) a ski lesson. The coach (9) us patiently, but it is really difficult to learn to ski. I felt exhausted at the end of the day. Every muscle of mine is still aching now!

We (10) to Hong Kong tomorrow. I (11) buy some souvenirs at the airport for my friends.

Mum just called me. It (12) that the dinner is ready. I got to go. Please write back when you get this. I'd love to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,

Eric

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C. meeting | 2. A. Do
B. Did
C. Have | 3. A. freezes
B. froze
C. froze | 4. A. make
B. is making
C. makes |
| 5. A. is preparing
B. are preparing
C. will prepare | 6. A. visited
B. will visit
C. visit | 7. A. were
B. was
C. are | 8. A. take
B. took
C. will take |
| 9. A. teaches
B. taught
C. is teaching | 10. A. return
B. are going to return
C. returned | 11. A. buy
B. bought
C. will buy | 12. A. seems
B. seem
C. is seeming |