

ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST

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Look at these examples. The correct answers are underlined.

- a) In warm climates people like / likes / are liking sitting outside in the sun.
b) If it is very hot, they sit at / in / under the shade.

Now the test will begin. Underline the correct answer. (For each correct answer 1 point)

- 1) Water **is to boil** / **is boiling** / **boils** at a temperature of 100°C. 1 _____
- 2) In some countries **there is** / **is** / **it is** very hot all the time. 2 _____
- 3) In cold countries people wear thick clothes **for keeping** / **to keep** / **for to keep** warm. 3 _____
- 4) In England people are always talking about **a weather** / **the weather** / **weather**. 4 _____
- 5) In some places **it rains** / **there rains** / **it raining** almost every day. 5 _____
- 6) In deserts there isn't **the** / **some** / **any** grass. 6 _____
- 7) Places near the Equator have **a warm** / **the warm** / **warm** weather even in the cold season. 7 _____
- 8) In England **coldest** / **the coldest** / **colder** time of year is usually from December to February. 8 _____
- 9) **The most** / **Most of** / **Most** people don't know what it's like in other countries. 9 _____
- 10) Very **less** / **little** / **few** people can travel abroad. 10 _____
- 11) Mohammed Ali **has won** / **won** / **is winning** his first world title fight in 1960. 11 _____
- 12) After he **had won** / **have won** / **was winning** an Olympic gold medal he became a professional boxer. 12 _____
- 13) His religious beliefs **have made him** / **made him to** / **made him** change his name when he became champion. 13 _____
- 14) If he **has** / **would have** / **had** lost his first fight with Sonny Liston, no one would have been surprised. 14 _____
- 15) He has travelled a lot **both** / **and** / **or** as a boxer and as a world-famous personality. 15 _____
- 16) He is very well known **all in** / **all over** / **in all** the world. 16 _____
- 17) Many people **is believing** / **are believing** / **believe** he was the greatest boxer of all time. 17 _____
- 18) To be the best **from** / **in** / **of** the world is not easy. 18 _____
- 19) Like any top sportsman Ali **had to** / **must** / **should** train very hard. 19 _____
- 20) Even tough he has now lost his title, people **would** / **will** / **did** always remember him as a champion. 20 _____

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| 21) The history of aeroplane / the aeroplane / an aeroplane is | 21 |
| 22) quite a / a quite / quite short one. For many centuries men | 22 |
| 23) are trying / try / had tried to fly, but with | 23 |
| 24) little / few / a little success. In the 19 th century a few people | 24 |
| 25) succeeded to fly / in flying / into flying in balloons. But it wasn't until | 25 |
| 26) the beginning of this / next / that century that anybody | 26 |
| 27) were / is / was able to fly in a machine | 27 |
| 28) who / which / what was heavier than air, in other words, in | 28 |
| 29) who / which / what we now call a 'plane'. The first people to achieve | 29 |
| 30) 'powered flight' were the Wright brothers. His / Their / Theirs was the machine which was the | 30 |
| 31) forerunner of the Jumbo jets and supersonic airliners that are such / such a / so common | 31 |
| 32) sight today. They could / should / couldn't hardly have imagined that in 1969 | 32 |
| 33) not much / not many / no much more than half a century later, | 33 |
| 34) a man will be / had been / would be landed on the moon. | 34 |
| 35) Already a man / man / the man is taking the first steps towards the stars. | 35 |
| 36) Although space satellites have existed since / during / for less | 36 |
| 37) than forty years, we are now dependent from / of / on them for all | 37 |
| 38) kinds of informations / information / an information . Not only | 38 |
| 39) are they / they are / there are being used for scientific research in | 39 |
| 40) space, but also to see what kind of weather is coming / comes / coming . | 40 |
| 41) By 1998 there would / must / will have been satellites in space for forty | 41 |
| 42) years and the 'space superpowers' are planning to have / make / let | 42 |
| 43) massive space stations built. When these will be / are / will have been | 43 |
| 44) completed it will be the first time when / where / that astronauts will be | 44 |
| 45) able to work in space in large numbers. Apart / For / Except all that, | 45 |
| 46) in many ways the most remarkable flight of / above / at all was | 46 |
| 47) it / that / that one of the flying bicycle, which the world saw on television, | 47 |
| 48) flying / to fly / fly across the Channel from England to France, with nothing | 48 |
| 49) apart / but / than a man to power it. As the bicycle-flyer said, | 49 |
| 50) "It's the first time I realize / I've realized / I am realizing what hard work it is to be a bird!" | 50 |

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| 51) Many teachers say to / say / tell their students should learn a foreign language. | 51 |
| 52) Learning a second language is not the same as / like / than learning a first language. | 52 |
| 53) It takes long time / long / a long time to learn any language. | 53 |
| 54) It is said that Chinese is the world's harder / hardest / more hard language to master. | 54 |
| 55) English is quite difficult because of all the exceptions who / which / what have to be learnt. | 55 |
| 56) You can learn the basic structures of a language quite quickly, but only if you are wanting / will to / are willing to make an effort. | 56 |
| 57) A lot of people aren't used to the study / to study / to studying grammar in their own language. | 57 |
| 58) Many adult students wish they would start / would have started / had started their language studies earlier. | 58 |
| 59) In some countries students have to spend a lot of time working on / by / in their own. | 59 |
| 60) There aren't no / any / some easy ways of learning a foreign language in your own country. | 60 |
| 61) Some people try to improve their English by hearing / listening / listening to the BBC World Service. | 61 |
| 62) Live / Life / Living with a foreign family can be a good way to learn a language. | 62 |
| 63) It's no use to try / trying / in trying to learn a language just by studying a dictionary. | 63 |
| 64) Many students would rather not / would rather prefer not / would rather not to take tests. | 64 |
| 65) Some people think it's time we all learn / should learn / learnt a single international language. | 65 |
| 66) Charles Walker is a teacher at a school in Norwich. He has joined / joined / joins | 66 |
| 67) the staff of the school in 1988 and has been working / worked / works there ever since. | 67 |
| 68) Before move / to move / moving to Norwich, he taught in Italy and in Wales, and before that | 68 |
| 69) he has been / was / was being a student at Cambridge University. | 69 |
| 70) So far he isn't / wasn't / hasn't been in Norwich for as long as he was in Wales, | 70 |
| 71) but he likes the city a lot and should / would / could like to stay there for at least | 71 |
| 72) another two years, or, how / which / as he puts it, until his two children | 72 |
| 73) have / will have / will be grown up a bit. He met his wife, Kate, in 1982 | 73 |
| 74) while he was to live / was living / had been living abroad for a while, and they got married | 74 |
| 75) in 1986. Their two children, Mark and Susan, are / were / have been both born in Norwich. | 75 |
| 76) Mark, who / which / he is four, has just started | 76 |
| 77) at nursery school, but his / their / her sister | 77 |
| 78) shall stay / stays / will be staying at home for another couple of years, | 78 |
| 79) because she is nearly two years younger / more young / the younger than him. | 79 |
| 80) Charles and Kate are used / use / used to live in the country, | 80 |

- 81) but now they have children, they **have moved** / **move** / **moved** into the city. 81 _____
- 82) Charles wanted a house **next** / **near** / **close** the school 82 _____
- 83) **in order** / **for** / **to** get to work easily. Unfortunately 83 _____
- 84) **the** / **a** / **that** one the two of them really wanted was too expensive, 84 _____
- 85) so they **must** / **should** / **had to** buy one a bit further away. By the time the children 85 _____
- 86) **go** / **will go** / **wil have gone** to secondary school, 86 _____
- 87) **that** / **which** / **what** Charles and Kate hope will be in Norwich, 87 _____
- 88) the Walkers **will have been** / **have been** / **will be** living there for a least fifteen years. 88 _____
- 89) They can't be sure if they **stay** / **do stay** / **will stay**, but if they 89 _____
- 90) **don't** / **didn't** / **won't**, their friends won't be too surprised. 90 _____

Look at the following examples of question tags in English.
The correct form of the tag is underlined.

- a) He's getting the 9.15 train, isn't he / hasn't he / wasn't he ?
- b) She works in a library, isn't she / doesn't she / doesn't he ?
- c) Tom didn't tell you, hasn't he / didn't he / did he ?
- d) Someone's forgotten to switch off the gas, didn't one / didn't they / haven't they ?

Now underline the correct question tags in the following 10 items. (For each correct answer 1 point)

- 91) John's coming to see you, hasn't he / wasn't he / isn't he ? 91 _____
- 92) It's been a long time since you've seen him, hasn't it / isn't it / haven't you ? 92 _____
- 93) He's due to arrive tomorrow, won't he / isn't he / will he ? 93 _____
- 94) He won't be getting in till about 10.30, isn't he / is he / will he ? 94 _____
- 95) You met him while you were on holiday, didn't you / weren't you / haven't you ? 95 _____
- 96) I think I'm expected to pick him up, aren't I / don't I / are you ? 96 _____
- 97) No doubt you'd rather he stayed in England now, didn't you / wouldn't you / shouldn't you ? 97 _____
- 98) Nobody else has been told he's coming, is he / has he / have they ? 98 _____
- 99) We'd better not stay up too late tonight, didn't we / have we / had we ? 99 _____
- 100) I suppose it's time we called it a day, didn't we / isn't it / don't I ? 100 _____

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Grammar Test - solutions

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| 1 boils | 34 would be | 67 has been working |
| 2 it is | 35 man | 68 moving |
| 3 to keep | 36 for | 69 was |
| 4 the weather | 37 on | 70 hasn't been |
| 5 it rains | 38 information | 71 would |
| 6 any | 39 are they | 72 as |
| 7 warm | 40 is coming | 73 have |
| 8 the coldest | 41 will | 74 was living |
| 9 Moat | 42 have | 75 were |
| 10 few | 43 are | 76 who |
| 11 won | 44 that | 77 his |
| 12 had won | 45 For | 78 will be staying |
| 13 made him | 46 of | 79 younger |
| 14 had | 47 that | 80 used |
| 15 both | 48 flying | 81 have moved |
| 16 all over | 49 but | 82 near |
| 17 believe | 50 I've realized | 83 to |
| 18 in | 51 say | 84 the |
| 19 had to | 52 as | 85 had to |
| 20 will | 53 a long time | 86 go |
| 21 the aeroplane | 54 hardest | 87 which |
| 22 quite a | 55 which | 88 will have been |
| 23 had tried | 56 are willing to | 89 will stay |
| 24 little | 57 to studying | 90 don't |
| 25 in flying | 58 had started | 91 isn't he |
| 26 this | 59 on | 92 hasn't it |
| 27 was | 60 any | 93 isn't he |
| 28 which | 61 listening to | 94 will he |
| 29 what | 62 Living | 95 didn't you |
| 30 Theirs | 63 trying | 96 aren't I |
| 31 such a | 64 would rather not | 97 wouldn't you |
| 32 could | 65 learnt | 98 have they |
| 33 not much | 66 joined | 99 had we |
| | | 100 isn't it |