

# PIONEER INTERMEDIATE B1 CONTENTS

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|---|---|---|---|
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| Three     newspaper     clippings     describing     survival stories     A magazine     article: The     Dakar Rally   | A radio interview<br>about a survival story     A live radio report of<br>a cycling endurance<br>race | Class discussion about survival stories Class discussion about the weather Pair work: Role play: Simulating a conversation between a reporter and an eyewitness to an accident Pair work: Narrating a bad experience and responding by showing concern  Using stress to emphasise important facts | A story with a given sentence      Developing skills:     Focusing on the features of a story (tenses, tips to make it more exciting, etc.)     Using time linkers to indicate t sequence of events     Brainstorming and organising ideas with the help of an outline. |
| An article:     The history of round-the-world trips     Short descriptions of apps      People talking in different situations     A conversation about travelling apps    |   | Class discussion about travelling Group work: Comparing three different types of holidays Class discussion about apps Pair work: Discussing and making a decision: Choosing between two tours   | An article describing a place     Developing skills:     Focusing on the features of an article     Using different ways to attract the reader's attention (e.g. descriptive language)     Brainstorming and organising ideas with the help of an outline               |
| • A volunteer<br>teacher's blog<br>• A quiz: Find the<br>perfect job for<br>you   | People talking in<br>different situations Four people talking<br>about advice they<br>were given      | Class discussion about volunteer work Group work: Role play situations related to employment Group work: Discussing different professions Pair work: Speculating about a picture Intonation of modal verbs in sentences   | A semi-formal email asking for and giving information  Developing skills: Focusing on content and stylis features of a semi-formal letter email   |
| A magazine article: Whistled Languages Three warning signs  | A conversation about<br>a social media site     People talking in<br>different situations             | Group work: Talking about communication     Pair work: Talking about the meaning of different signs     Pair work: Role play asking for and giving directions     Intonation of non-defining relative clauses   | An informal email (II)  Developing skills:     Focusing on language and content   |
| A magazine<br>article: Winners /<br>Losers<br>An article:<br>Fearless Felix   | A talk about     The Marshmallow     Experiment     A radio quiz about     world records              | Class discussion about dreams, goals and ambitions Pair work: Discussing the advantages and disadvantages of two options and making a decision Intonation of conditional sentences  | An essay (discussing advantagend disadvantages)  Developing skills:     Focusing on layout, language and content     Using linking words/phrases to list/add points, to express contrast and to sum up  |

|                   |                  | Vocabulary   | Grammar   | Functions   |
|-------------------|------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>7</b> p. 67    | H <sub>2</sub> O | Geographical features     Animals     Verbs + prepositions   | Past Perfect Simple - Past<br>Perfect Progressive     Articles  | Sequencing past actions and events Narrating Discussing facts Guessing the meaning of unknown words/phrases Expressing doubt and confidence Commenting on something someone has said Paraphrasing what someone has said   |
| <b>8</b> p. 77    | Green living     | Words/Phrases related to<br>the environment     Verbs easily confused     Phrasal verbs     Lexical set: food and food<br>substances                           | Passive Voice I     Passive Voice II  | Talking about environmental issues Emphasising an action rather than the doer of the action Guessing the meaning of unknown words/phrases Stating accepted facts Talking about healthy eating habits Expressing and supporting an opinion Comparing two pictures  |
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| 10                |                  | Idiomatic expressions  | Reported Speech:  | Talking about various forms of entertainment and  |
| p. 97             | Let's go         | Words related to sports and fitness     Prepositional phrases with in and out of     Collocations with lose and miss   | Statements, Questions,<br>Commands, Requests  | spare-time activities  • Guessing the meaning of unknown phrases  • Talking about staying in shape  • Reporting  • Describing events  |
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| Reading   | Listening   | Speaking (Pronunciation/Intonation*)  | Writing  |
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| • An extract from a novel: Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea • A Q&A column of a magazine: H <sub>2</sub> O | A TV documentary<br>about marine animals     A radio interview<br>about World Water<br>Day                                | Pair work: Recounting a story Class discussion: Predicting the continuation of a story Pair work: Discussing facts Group work: Speculating and making up a story using prompts  Pronunciation of the  | A story with a given sentence and prompts      Developing skills:     Using 'strong' adjectives     Using adverb and adjective collocations                                  |
| A feature     article: The     Green Wall of     China     A magazine     article: To Meat     or Not To Meat   | A radio interview about wind turbines     People talking in different situations  | Class discussion about the problems created by pollution Group work: Discussing headlines and proposing solutions to problems Class discussion about healthy eating habits Comparing two photographs of places to eat   | An essay expressing an opinion     Developing skills:     Using topic sentences  |
| A magazine article: Decisions, Decisions      Four online product reviews                                       | People talking in<br>different situations     A conversation<br>between a man and<br>a customer service<br>representative | Class discussion about decision making Class discussion about shopping habits Pair work: Talking about what to buy and reaching a decision based on specific criteria Class discussion about products and services Class discussion about book preferences Pair work: Choosing which books to read Stress and meaning | A book review  Developing skills:     Focusing on language and content     Brainstorming and organising ideas with the help of an outline                                    |
| A magazine article: Xpogo! A walkthrough: Tales of Simiaz II  | People talking in<br>different situations     An interview with a<br>video game designer                                  | Class discussion about extreme sports Pair work: Role play situations Class discussion about video games Pair work: Talking about events and coming to a decision Class discussion about events you like to attend  | An article describing an event      Developing skills:     Focusing on text cohesion and paragraphing     Brainstorming and organising ideas with the help of an outline     |
| A problem page: Solving your sleep problems     An article: Northern lights, a spectacular display              | Four people describing dreams     A scientist talking at a planetarium  | Class discussion about sleeping problems Pair work: Discussing dreams Class discussion about natural phenomena Group work: Analysing city problems and expressing reason and result Group work: Proposing solutions Silent letters  | A letter (to the editor) expressing an opinion     Developing skills:     Focusing on language an content     Brainstorming and organising ideas with the help of a mind map |
| • A magazine page: Oops! Accidental discoveries • A magazine article: I never want to see that number again     | People talking in<br>different situations     A radio programme<br>about identical twins                                  | Speculating about a picture     Class discussion about coincidences     Pair work: Talking about things you wish were different in your life     Pair work: Discussing problems and asking for and giving advice  | An informal email (III)      Developing skills:     Focusing on language an content     Using correction techniques  |



### Reading 4)

A. Read the text quickly without paying attention to the missing sentences. Where would you find this text?

a. encyclopedia

b. blog

c. magazine

d. travel guide

Vhistled Langua

There are more than 6,500 different languages in the world which all have one thing in common: we use our voices to speak them. What many people are not aware of, however, is that there are some languages that do not require speech at all.

Less familiar are some other systems of communication found in small communities across the globe, whose origins still remain somewhat of a mystery.

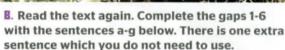
On the Spanish island of La Gomera, off the coast of Africa, there is an unusual language that has been around since before the 15th century. 2 The local landscape, which is hilly and mountainous and covered in mist, may explain why this whistling became so widely used. The sound created by whistling travels much further than the human voice, so it's an effective way to communicate quickly across valleys or long distances. Also, locals find that it can sometimes be convenient to be able to communicate in a secret way that outsiders cannot understand.

In Turkey there is a village where it's difficult to tell the difference between humans 'talking' and birds 'tweeting'. At least, most foreigners would say so. It's called 'Kuskoy', which means 'village of the birds'. Here, like in La Gomera, whistling was beneficial for communicating across mountainous regions and long distances, when telephones and other methods were not available. Even today, when phones are more commonplace, there are people from older generations who still prefer to whistle.

Education in the fine art of whistling begins at an early age, with the older generations passing down their skills to the young. It's not easy, of course; in Kuskoy, for example, there are 29 separate whistled noises, one for each letter of the Turkish alphabet. 

Practice makes perfect and local children pick it up in the end.

In La Gomera, residents, who want to protect their tradition, have gone a step further and made learning whistling compulsory in schools. Unfortunately, though, they complain that the everyday use of whistling is becoming rarer as modern technology takes over and younger generations move to towns and cities.



- First read the whole text in order to get an overall idea.
- Carefully read the sentences before and after each gap and the given sentences (a-g).
- Look for clues in both the text and the given sentences. Pay attention to reference items (it, they, this, there, etc.) and identify what they refer to as well as sentence linkers (however, furthermore, therefore, etc.). This will help you understand the text.
- Remember: the correct option must logically complete the writer's meaning and grammatically fit the gap.
- a. Whistling communities are also found in parts of Greece, Mexico, Turkey and France.
- b. They find it much simpler and, of course, it does not cost anything.
- c. Sign language, which uses hand gestures to communicate, is the most well-known of these.
- d. When yelling, the message can travel about 1,600 ft, but it wouldn't be very clear.
- e. As well as talking, people here whistle to communicate.
- f. We will have to wait and see if efforts by locals to protect their unusual culture can survive the many changes of the modern world.
- g. However, it's pretty much like learning to talk.





| text and match them with their meanings.  1. mist  5. separate                             | Grammar Relative pronouns (who, which, that, whose) Relative adverb (where) → p. 150  R. Read the examples and answer the questions.   |
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| 2. effective 6. compulsory 7. take over 4. commonplace                                     | There are some languages which do not require speech at all.   |
| a. a low area of land between two hills or<br>mountains                                    | b. Aiden is a student who has to learn whistling at his school. c. Sign language is something which you can learn quite easily.  |
| <ul><li>b. different</li><li>c. that must be done because of a law or rule</li></ul>       | d. In Mexico there is a region where people use whistling to communicate.  |
| <ul> <li>a light cloud close to the ground which makes it<br/>difficult to see</li> </ul>  | e. I was at university with a girl whose grandfather was a professor of Chemistry.   |
| e. to take control of sth  | 1. Which of the words in blue refers to:   |
| f. successful; producing the result that is wanted   | • people?  |
| g. existing in many places   | <ul><li>places?</li><li>things and ideas?</li><li>possession?</li></ul>  |
| D. Discuss.  | 2. In which of the examples can we replace the word in blue  |
| Would you be interested in learning a whistled   | with that?   |
| language? Why? / Why not?  | 3. In which of the examples can we omit the word in blue?  |
| Vocabulary   | B. Complete with who, which, that, whose or where. If they can be omitted, put them in brackets.   |
| A. Read the extracts from the text. What do the phrases in bold mean?                      | A: Do you know a good language school 1 I can learn Russian?   |
| it's difficult to tell the difference between  | AND THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY  |
| humans 'talking' and birds 'tweeting'.   | B: Yes. Actually, I have a colleague 2 wife is a   |
| At least, most foreigners would <b>say so</b> .  | secretary at a very good language school in the city centre.   |
| B. Complete the sentences with the correct   | A: Great!  |
| form of <i>tell</i> or <i>say</i> to form collocations.  1. You should thank you to Amanda | <b>B:</b> Hold on! I'm pretty sure you met him at my barbecue last summer. His name is George.   |
| for buying you such a nice gift.   | A: Is that the guy 3 was making the sandwiches?  |
| 2. I was in the neighbourhood so I decided to  | B: No, that was Brian. George is the one 4 I was   |
| stop by andhello.  | talking to about sports.   |
| 3. Rita would never a secret that she  | A: Oh, I remember him. The Manchester United fan.  |
| promised to keep. You can trust her.   | ORD OF SOME WAS ASSESSED FOR CONTROL OF THE SOME OF TH |
| 4. Tina us a joke yesterday, but   | <b>B:</b> Right! Well, I can give you his number and you can talk to his   |
| I don't remember it.   | wife about the details. But why Russian?   |
| 5. I can't believe that Frank didn't   | A: It's a language 5 has always fascinated me and  |
| sorry after he accidentally pushed me. How   | it's something 6 I've wanted to do since   |
| rude!  | I visited Moscow.  |
| 6. Now that my younger brother has learnt  | B: You've been to Moscow? Wow! It's certainly  |
| to the time, I'm going to buy him  | a city 7 is worth visiting.  |
| a watch.   | A: You can say that again!   |
| 7. Don't just sit there something!   |  |
| 8. OK, children. Let meyou a story.  | A VALVEY IN A VE   |
| 9. I asked my brother if I could borrow his car and  | AINIGIUIAIG  |
| heyes.   |  |
| 10. I always know when Jack is lies  | 1R)  |
| and when he's the truth.   |  |
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## Vocabulary A. What do the verbs in bold in the sentences mean? Match them with the definitions a-h. 1. I'm not sure where Frank is. He mentioned something about meeting Harry. 2. My flatmate and I keep arguing about who will do the washing-up. 3. Can you please explain to me how this washing machine works? 4. 'Stop right there!' yelled the police officer. 5. We need to discuss the problem with Sandra first. 6. Lisa and Erica spend all their spare time chatting on Skype. 7. Mark is complaining about his computer. I think it crashed again. 8. It's not polite to gossip about other people. a. to shout b. to talk about other people and their private lives c. to talk informally, usually with a friend d. to say that you are not pleased with sth

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| . When you move    | up or down a web page or   |  |  |

## Grammar Relative Clauses → p. 150

e. to speak angrily because you disagree

h. to make sb understand sth

words

II. Read the examples below, note the relative clauses in blue and answer the questions.

f. to speak about or refer to sth without using many

g. to talk about sth in order to come to a decision

- There are people from older generations who still prefer to whistle.
- In La Gomera, residents, who want to protect their tradition, have gone a step further and made learning whistling compulsory in schools.

Which of the two sentences is incomplete without the relative clause?
 In which of the two sentences does the relative clause give additional information?
 What is the difference in punctuation in the two sentences?

B. Read the rules below and decide which of the relative clauses in the examples in activity A is defining and which is non-defining.

#### **Defining relative clauses:**

- give necessary information without which the meaning of the sentence is incomplete.
- are not separated from the rest of the sentence by commas.

In defining relative clauses we can use *that* instead of *who* or *which*.

#### Non-defining relative clauses:

- give additional information about someone or something.
- are separated from the rest of the sentence by commas

In non-defining relative clauses we **can't** use *that* instead of *who* or *which*.

| <ol> <li>Join the sentences using who, wh</li> <li>UNICEF is an organisation. It helps</li> </ol>  | nich, that, whose or where.<br>take care of the health and education of children are  | ound the world.  |  |  |  |
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| 2. Mrs Sanders lives on the third floor. Her son is a gadget freak.  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Mr Henderson is my employer. He   | s. Mr Henderson is my employer. He was on the news last night.  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Toronto is a beautiful city. My cous  | in lives there.   |  |  |  |  |
| i. You've met my aunt. She makes amazing pasta dishes.   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Twitter is used by many people now  | wadays. It is an online social networking service.  | (A)  |  |  |  |
| Intonation ()  | Speaking  |  |  |  |  |
| isten and repeat. Notice the   | Discuss in groups. Use some of the words/ph   |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>How do you communicate with the different people in your life?</li> <li>How do you communicate with the different people in your life?</li> <li>What are some popular social networking sites people your age use and what do they use them for?</li> </ul> |   |  |  |  |  |
| . Diane, who lives next door, works  | What are the advantages and disadvantages or  | f smartphones?   |  |  |  |
| for a computer company.  | How has communication changed people's live   |  |  |  |  |
| . Argentina, where my mother was born, is a beautiful country.   | What do you think the future of communication   | on will be like?   |  |  |  |
| I. Greg, whose car is parked outside, had an accident yesterday.   | face-to-face instant messaging Skype<br>download upload post touchscreen<br>Internet access apps user-friendly h<br>time-saving time-consuming viruses<br>costly need to keep up to date stor | functions of a computer<br>andy practical portable<br>(in)convenient outdated  |  |  |  |
| .istening <b>4</b> ))  | know latest news instantly  | The state of the s |  |  |  |
| isten to two friends talking about   |   |  |  |  |  |
| social media site and write T for rue or F for False.  | Taking time to think  | When discussing  |  |  |  |
| . The boy deactivated his account  | Well, let's see now Well, let me think  | a topic, take turns to<br>speak. Listen to what the  |  |  |  |
| with the site because there  | Um, give me a minute  | other person is saying and   |  |  |  |
| was a problem with it.  The girl-spends a lot of time  | You know,   | try not to interrupt him/her<br>frequently. If you need to   |  |  |  |
| on the site.   | Interrupting politely Sorry to interrupt, but   | interrupt, do it politely.   |  |  |  |
| . The boy regrets not being able   | Can I add something?  | <ul> <li>When it's your turn to speak<br/>and you need more time</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |
| to keep in touch with all his old school friends.  | Could I say something before you continue?  May I interrupt you for a second?   | to think about what to say,<br>avoid long pauses. Use  |  |  |  |
| . The boy isn't interested in what other people do all the   | Hold on. Are you saying that?  Getting back to the topic  | phrases which help you<br>gain time.   |  |  |  |
| time   | Anyway, as I was saying   |  |  |  |  |
| The girl uses the site for a variety of activities.  | Now, what was I saying?<br>Now, where was I?  |  |  |  |  |
| i. The boy doesn't care about learning the latest news instantly.  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 7. The boy has also deactivated his email account.   |   |  |  |  |  |
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|  |   |  |  |  |  |

# Readino

R. Discuss.

- · Where are warning signs needed?
- · How do warning signs or labels get the message across?

# ON-BOARD EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS

ALWAYS

Use the passenger emergency intercom to contact a member of staff.

Listen for announcements.



FIRE

Move to an unaffected carriage.



Remain inside - tracks are electrified.

Follow instructions of emergency workers.

Fire extinguishers are located at the end of each carriage.



MEDICAL

If a passenger needs medical attention,

notify a member of staff.

If you are medically qualified and able to assist, identify yourself to a member of staff.



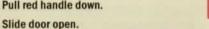
Notify a member of staff of any unlawful or suspicious activity on board - they can contact the police.

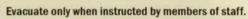


Lift plastic cover above side door.



Pull red handle down.







B. Look at the signs below and read through them quickly. Where would you find these signs?

I. Read again and choose from the sentences (a-e) on the next page the ones that are correct for each sign. There are two correct answers for each sign.



# **Warning Flag Meanings:**



Calm conditions Normal care and caution required.

#### CAUTION!

Moderate waves and/or currents. Use extra care.

#### **HIGH HAZARD!**

Large waves and/or strong currents.

Swimmers are strongly advised not to enter the water.

#### ATTENTION! DANGER!

No swimming or surfing permitted.

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All visitors and drivers must report to the site office and obtain permission before entering the site or any work area.







Wear protective equipment at all times on this site.







Wear eye, ear and hand protection where appropriate.



Caution! Construction work in progress. Beware of lorries.



Vehicles parked at owners' risk. Park only in the specified areas.





#### Sign A

- a. In an emergency, always give instructions to other passengers to help them.
- b. In case of fire, evacuate the train immediately.
- c. If you are a doctor, you should inform a member of staff in an emergency.
- d. If you see someone behaving in an unusual or dangerous manner, call the police.
- e. In an emergency, do not exit the train if a member of staff doesn't tell you to do so.

#### Sign B

- a. When there is a red flag, swimming is considered dangerous.
- b. When there are strong winds and waves, there is a green flag.
- c. Surfers are allowed in the water only when there is a yellow flag with a black circle.
- d. Swimmers are warned to keep out of the water when there is a yellow flag.
- e. Swimmers are advised to enter the water only when there are green and yellow flags.

#### Sign C

- a. If you see someone entering the site, notify the site office.
- b. You can enter the work area only if you have permission.
- c. Parking is not permitted.
- d. Construction workers don't have to wear all the safety equipment shown at all times.
- e. Lorries are not permitted on this site.

# D. Find words in the signs that mean the same as the following:

- 1. to inform (sign A)
- 2. not legal (sign A)
- to move out of a dangerous place to somewhere safe (sign A)
- 4. extreme care and attention (sign B)



## Listening & Speaking ◆)

A. Listen to five conversations and match them with the signs a-g below. Write 1-5. There are two signs which you do not need to use.







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B. Look at the signs again and in pairs discuss what they mean. Use the phrases in the box.

#### Saying whether something is permitted or not

...is (not) allowed.

You're (not) allowed to...

- ...is (not) permitted.
- ...is strictly forbidden.

It's strictly forbidden to...

It's (not) illegal to ...

...is (not) against the law.

People/You can/may/must/should (not)...

People/You are (not) supposed to ...



# **Speaking**

Talk in pairs.

**Student A:** Imagine that you are in an unfamiliar area. Ask Student B for directions to two of the following places: post office, police station, bus station, (name of) museum, (name of) restaurant. Make sure you understand the directions. If you don't, ask him/her for clarification and repetition. Use some of the phrases below.

#### Asking for directions

Excuse me, how can/do I get to the...from here? I'm looking for the... Where exactly is it?
Can you tell me the way to the...?
Could you give me directions to the...?
Could you tell me where the...is?
Do you happen to know where the...is?

#### Asking for clarification and repetition

Sorry? Did you say...?
So, I turn/go..., right?
Could you repeat that, please?
What was that again?
(I'm) sorry, I didn't catch/get that.
Sorry, I don't understand. Where do I turn left?
I'm not following you.

**Student B:** Imagine that you're walking down the street and a stranger (Student A) stops you for directions. Give him/her clear directions, using some of the phrases below.

#### **Giving directions**

Go up/down/along...Street/Road/Avenue.

Go straight on/ahead for another hundred metres / until you come to...

Keep going for two blocks and then...

Walk/Go past/towards...

Turn left/right into...Street/Road/Avenue.

Turn left/right at the crossroads / traffic lights / stop sign. Take the first/second, etc. left/right into...

Cross at the zebra crossing / traffic lights / footbridge. It's on your/the left/right.

You'll see/find it on the left-/right-hand side.

It's on the corner of... / opposite/across from...

#### Asking if you have been understood

Is that/everything clear (now)...?

Do you understand (now) ...?

Are/Were my directions clear enough?

Does that make sense?

I hope you're making some sense of what I'm saying.

I hope that's not too confusing.

Do you want me to say it again?

6 Could you tell me the way to the nearest post office? Sure. Go up this road for two blocks and turn left into Sanders Street.

Sorry? What was the name of the street again?

Sanders. Keep going and you'll find it on your right.

I see. So, it's in Sanders Street, right?

Exactly. Is that clear?

Yes. You've been very helpful. Thank you. 9

# Writing An informal email (II)

A. Read the writing task below. Which of the functions listed do you think the receiver of the email should include in the reply?

| 1. offering accommodation          | 5. expressing enthusiasm            |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2. making suggestions              | 6. complaining 7. giving directions |
| 3. congratulating 4. giving advice | 8. making arrangements              |
|                                    | yours, is visiting your city        |

Beata, a foreign friend of yours, is visiting your city for the first time. Below is part of the email she sent you. Read it and write a reply.

I'm coming on the 26th and leaving on the morning of the 28th. The seminar is taking place at the Business and Seminar Centre in the city centre. You mentioned in an earlier email that you work in that area. Well, I'll be free both evenings after 6 p.m. so, if you want to meet up, let me know when, where and how to get there. One more thing: I'd love to go to a museum, so please tell me which one not to miss.

B. Read the email Amy has written in response. Which of the functions (1-8) from above are expressed in her email? Has she included all the necessary information?



Dear Beata,

I'm so happy that you're coming, even if it's for such a short time. I'll get to see you again after all these years!

The hotel where I work is very close to the Business and Seminar Centre. Unfortunately, I'm working on the 26th and can't get anyone else to work my shift. However, I get off work at 5:30 on the 27th, so we can meet at around 6:15 at a very nice café which is located in the old part of the city. The café is called 'Coffee Beans' and it's very easy to find. Just follow my directions: when you come out of the Centre, turn left and walk along Kent Street for about 200 metres. You'll see a chemist's on the corner. Turn left again there and then take the third right into Clark Road. 'Coffee Beans' is on the corner of Clark Road and Maple Street. You can't miss it!

Well, I'd better finish off here.

See you soon,

Amy



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| A. Choose a, b or c.   |  |  |  |
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| 1. Dylan might be at the shopping centre, because he something about going shopping. a. warned b. mentioned c. referred  | <ol><li>The bakery is in Ivy Road. It's two blocks away from my<br/>house.</li></ol>   |  |  |
| I a new antivirus program on my computer today.     a. installed   | 3. The man is a construction worker. He is wearing a yellow shirt.   |  |  |
| <ol> <li>The younger uses social media sites much more often than mine does.</li> <li>a. generation b. origin c. shift</li> </ol>  | 4. You've been to the bookshop. My wife works there.   |  |  |
| <ol> <li>4. It is for all drivers to wear seat belts.</li> <li>a. compulsory</li> <li>b. qualified</li> <li>c. protective</li> <li>5. Jack's no good at jokes. Nobody laughs when he does.</li> </ol>  | 5. In case of fire, use the fire extinguisher. It is located in the hallway.   |  |  |
| a. saying b. telling c. explaining   | E. Put the dialogue in the correct order. Write 1-9.   |  |  |
| <ol><li>This gadget is very handy, since I can take it with me<br/>anywhere I go.</li></ol>  | Excuse me, how can I get to the ice cream parlour from here?   |  |  |
| <ul> <li>a. effective</li> <li>b. practical</li> <li>c. portable</li> <li>7. Everybody the building because of the fire on the fifth floor.</li> </ul>   | Sorry, I didn't catch the name of the road. Could you repeat that, please?   |  |  |
| a. deactivated b. obtained c. evacuated  | It's right next to the bank. You can't miss it.  |  |  |
| <ol><li>I to the manager about the bad service at the<br/>restaurant.</li></ol>  | Exactly. Then keep going and take the second right.  Does that make sense?   |  |  |
| <ul> <li>a. complained</li> <li>b. gossiped</li> <li>c. socialised</li> <li>9. The boy asked for his mother's to go to the park.</li> <li>a. gesture</li> <li>b. law</li> <li>c. permission</li> </ul> | Well, let me think. Umm, go down this street until you<br>come to the stop sign. Then turn left and walk along<br>Shelbourne Road for about 100 metres.                |  |  |
| <b>a.</b> gesture <b>b.</b> law <b>c.</b> permission <b>10.</b> We walked through the construction site with extreme   | I see. Thank you for your help.  Shelbourne. After that, you'll see the post office on the corner. Turn right there and then take the second right into Carmel Avenue. |  |  |
| a. warning b. hazard c. caution  |  |  |  |
| B. Rewrite the sentences using the word given.   | Yes. And is that where the ice cream parlour is?   |  |  |
| It is illegal to talk on your mobile while driving.  | Hold on. 100 metres down Shelbourne Road and then I have to turn right at the post office?   |  |  |
| 2. Smoking in this building is not allowed. permitted  | Self-assessment  |  |  |
| 3. You mustn't use the staff lift. forbidden   | Read the following and tick the appropriate boxes. For<br>the points you are unsure of, refer back to the relevant<br>sections in the module.                          |  |  |
| 4. I know I should be at home in bed, but I came to  | now I can  |  |  |
| work anyway. supposed  | ) define people, places, things and ideas and give additional information about them   |  |  |
| Circle the correct words and add commas where necessary.   | use phrases to help me gain time when I need more time to think  |  |  |
| <ol> <li>George whose / who wife works as a teacher is coming<br/>over for dinner tonight.</li> </ol>  | ) use phrases to politely interrupt someone or to get back to the topic of discussion  |  |  |
| <ol><li>We can meet at the café where / which is in Grandview<br/>Avenue.</li></ol>  | ) understand warning signs ) say whether something is permitted or not   |  |  |
| 3. Brenda who / that lives in Denver will visit me next week.  |  |  |  |
| <ol><li>The hotel which / where we stayed was a bit far from the<br/>beach.</li></ol>  | ask for and give directions ask for clarification and repetition   |  |  |
| <ol> <li>The lift where / that is next to the reception desk is out<br/>of order.</li> </ol>   | ) ask if I have been understood ) write an informal email  |  |  |
| <ol><li>Facebook that / which is a social media site is popular<br/>with young people.</li></ol>   |  |  |  |

D. Join the sentences using who, which, that, whose or

1. Mrs Snyder is my new secretary. Her son is an

accountant.