



Intermediate Plus English B1.2+

Reading

QUESTION 1

Read the phrases below then insert them into the conversation correctly. Write the letter of each phrase in the correct space.

A Definitely the accent. It's hard to sound authentic when you're not a native speaker.

B Not really — I can get by in French, but my pronunciation still needs a lot of improvement.

C I'm trilingual, actually — I also speak Spanish and English.

D I try to watch French series day in and day out, so it's been quite immersive.

E I taught myself using online lessons and then practiced with native speakers.

A: You said you're learning French, right? How's that going?

B: _____

A: Wow, that sounds impressive! Are you fluent already?

B: _____

A: What's the biggest challenge for you?

B: _____

A: Do you speak any other languages?

B: _____

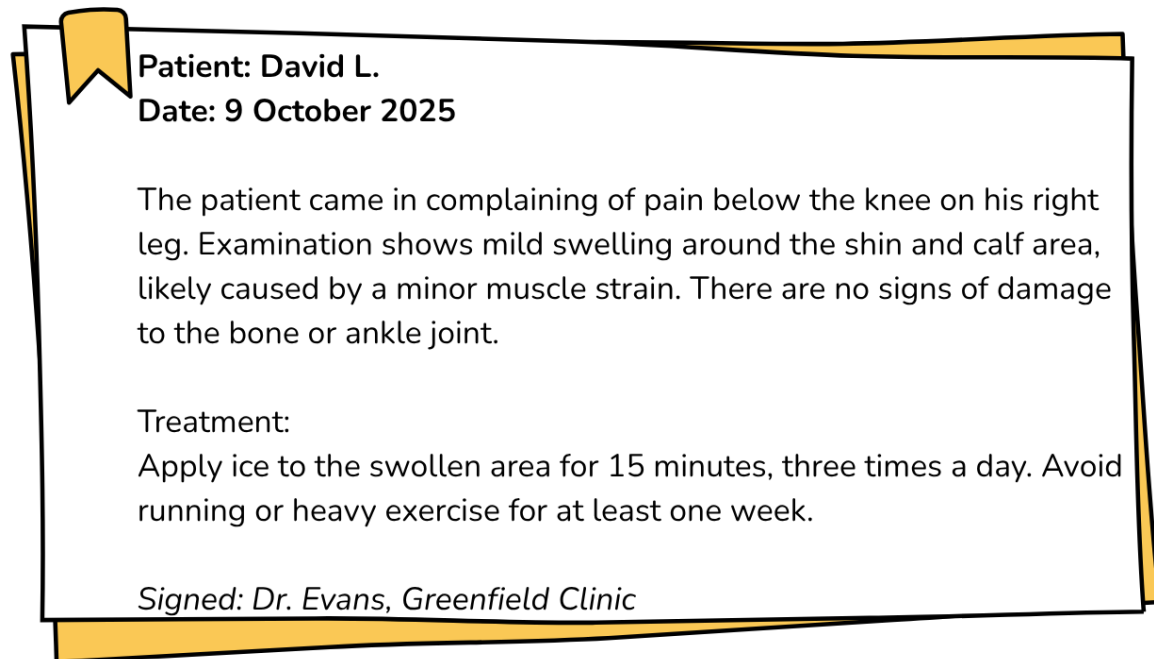
A: That's amazing. How did you manage to learn them all?

B: _____

QUESTION 2

Read the notices then select the correct sentence. Circle the correct answer.

A



Patient: David L.
Date: 9 October 2025

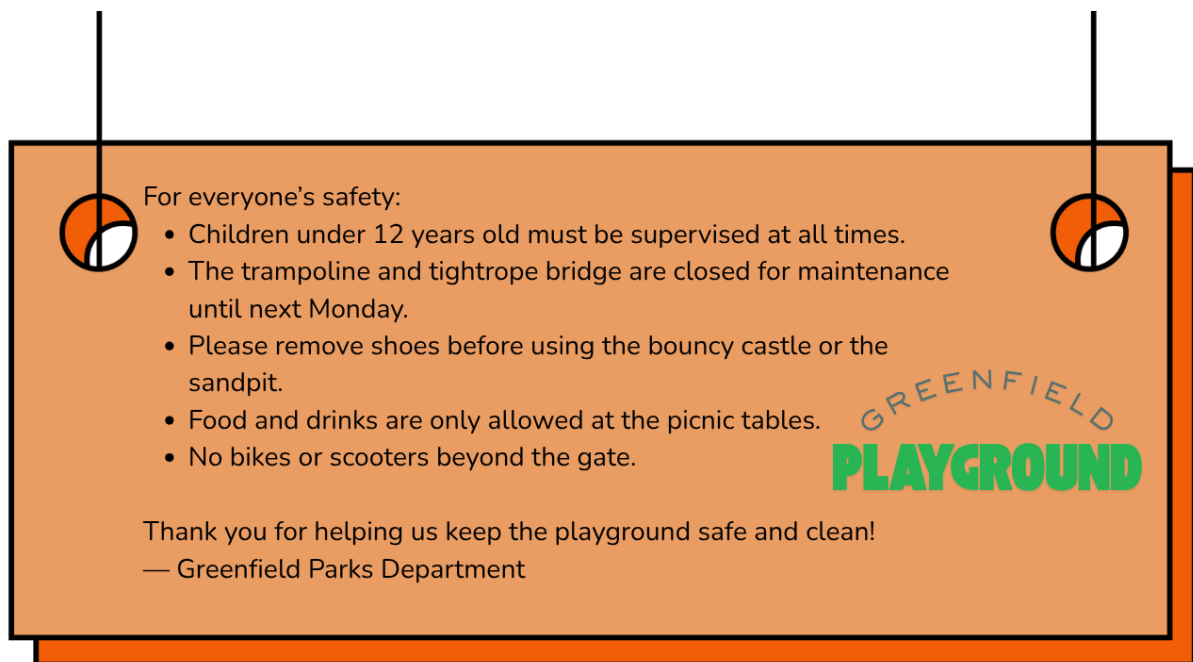
The patient came in complaining of pain below the knee on his right leg. Examination shows mild swelling around the shin and calf area, likely caused by a minor muscle strain. There are no signs of damage to the bone or ankle joint.

Treatment:
Apply ice to the swollen area for 15 minutes, three times a day. Avoid running or heavy exercise for at least one week.

Signed: Dr. Evans, Greenfield Clinic

- a) David has a serious fracture in his lower leg and must rest for a month.
- b) David's injury affects the muscles below his knee, but no bones are damaged.
- c) David's pain is in his left leg and requires an X-ray to check his ankle.

B



- a) Visitors can eat their lunch while sitting on the trampoline area.
- b) Children may ride their scooters around the jungle gym.
- c) The trampoline and tightrope bridge are temporarily out of use.

C



Attention: All space enthusiasts

NASA will be conducting a rocket launch from the Kennedy Spaceport this Saturday at 14:00 GMT.

The mission will send a new satellite into orbit to monitor the Earth's atmosphere and space weather.

For safety reasons, the launchpad area will be closed to visitors, and no unauthorized personnel are allowed on site.

Observers can watch the launch livestream via NASA's official website.

Please note: this mission is robotic, and no astronauts will be on board.

- a) NASA is sending astronauts on the rocket launch this Saturday.
- b) The satellite's mission is to monitor Earth's atmosphere and space weather.
- c) Visitors are allowed near the launchpad to watch the rocket take off.

D



Weekly Special Offers – Fresh and Packaged Goods

- A basket of apples – \$5.99
- A carton of milk – \$2.49
- A tub of yogurt (500g) – \$3.25
- A jar of honey – \$4.50
- A loaf of wholemeal bread – \$1.9
- A six-pack of sparkling water – \$4.99
- A box of cereal – \$3.75
- A tube of tomato paste – \$1.50

PLEASE CHECK THE
EXPIRY DATES AND
BRING YOUR OWN BAGS
WHERE POSSIBLE.

- a) Customers can buy a tub of honey for \$4.50.
- b) The supermarket sells milk in a carton and yoghurt in a tub.
- c) A six-pack of sparkling water costs \$1.99.

E



this weekend ONLY

FLASH SALE

- All headphones are on discount: up to 30% off.
- Laptops are available in stock, while supplies last.
- Buy now to get free delivery for orders over \$50.
- Customers must log in to their account to access the promotional code.
- Faulty items can be returned according to our returns and refunds policy.
- At checkout, remember to verify your card details and shipping conditions.

Don't miss out – items may sell out quickly!

- a) Customers need to log in to get the promotional code.
- b) Free delivery is available for all orders, regardless of the price.
- c) Laptops are out of stock and cannot be purchased this weekend.

QUESTION 3

Read this paragraph. Choose option A, B or C to fill each gap.

Reading can open up new worlds and inspire creativity. Many people enjoy diving into a (1) ____, whether it's a thrilling (2) ____ or a touching (3) _____. Before starting a book, some readers like to skim the (4) ____ to get an idea of the chapters and topics covered.

Illustrations can bring a story to life, especially in a (5) ____ or a (6) _____. When you encounter unfamiliar words or concepts, it's helpful to consult a (7) ____ or even a thesaurus to expand your understanding. Some readers like to flick through a few chapters first before deciding to fully commit and get stuck into the book. Finally, keeping track of your reading progress is easy with a (8) ____ tucked between the pages, and it can also remind you of where you left off in your favourite story.

1

(a) novel

(b) essay

(c) manual

2

(a) detective book

(b) biography

(c) cookery book

3

(a) memoir

(b) graphic novel

(c) fantasy

4

(a) table of contents

(b) index

(c) appendix

5

(a) picture book

(b) pamphlet

(c) diary

6

(a) graphic novel

(b) self-help book

(c) horror

7

(a) thesaurus

(b) dictionary

(c) catalogue

8

(a) bookmark

(b) flap

(c) preface

QUESTION 4

Read these three texts about friendship then decide which sentence belongs to each one. Write the name in the space provided.

Sally

I've known my childhood friend Emma since we were seven, and we've been thick as thieves ever since. She's always considerate and dependable, someone I can rely on no matter what. Over the years, we've gone through thick and thin together, supporting each other during family changes, school challenges, and even awkward teenage moments. We get along like a house on fire and genuinely enjoy each other's company, but of course, we sometimes quarrel over silly things like which film to watch or which café to go to. Even then, we always make up quickly — a true friend in need indeed. I feel grateful to have someone who is not only supportive but also trustworthy, and who can always keep my secrets.

Janet

I recently met Tom at university, and we immediately hit it off. He's witty, easygoing, and incredibly charismatic, making it fun to hang out with him and chill out after a busy week. We've started catching up every weekend, sometimes over coffee or a walk in the park, and he's already become a trusted companion. I can talk to him about almost anything, from stressful assignments to personal dilemmas, and he always listens and gives thoughtful advice. He's the kind of person you stand up for, someone who has your back, and you can tell he genuinely cares about others. It's rare to meet a friend who is both empathetic and reliable, and I feel lucky that we've struck up such a strong connection so quickly.

Wayne

I used to be very close to Mark, but over time we've slowly drifted apart. He's self-centred and quick-tempered, often talking behind people's backs or trying to put others down. I made several attempts to patch up our differences, but he never seemed interested in listening or showing empathy. Our friendship gradually became exhausting, and I realised that being around someone deceitful, domineering, or two-faced can be very draining. Now I prefer to keep some distance from those who create unnecessary stress and negative energy. It's a tough lesson, but sometimes it's healthier to accept that a frenemy is not worth the effort and focus on nurturing genuine, supportive friendships instead.

- a) Which writer talks about a childhood friend they have known for many years? _____
- b) Which writer describes a friend who is charismatic, easygoing, and fun to spend time with? _____
- c) Which writer had to distance themselves from a toxic or two-faced friend? _____
- d) Which writer uses the idiom “thick as thieves” to describe a close friendship? _____
- e) Which writer mentions catching up every weekend and sharing advice? _____
- f) Which writer describes a friend who is self-centred, deceitful, and puts others down? _____
- g) Which writer mentions making up quickly after quarrels over minor disagreements? _____
- h) Which writer talks about a friend you can stand up for and rely on in stressful situations? _____
- i) Which writer describes the experience of dealing with a frenemy? _____
- j) Which writer highlights having a friend who is supportive, trustworthy, and keeps secrets? _____

QUESTION 5

Read the following article then insert the missing sentences into the correct part of the text.

Understanding Modern Elections

Modern democratic systems rely on regular general elections to ensure that governments remain accountable to the people. A The process is designed to balance fairness with efficiency, although the specific voting system, such as first-past-the-post or proportional representation, can significantly influence outcomes.

During election campaigns, political parties present a manifesto outlining their policies and priorities for the coming term. B Candidates may attend local meetings or debate events to demonstrate their competence and vision. The media frequently publishes exit polls on polling day, providing early insights into how the electorate is responding to different campaigns.

Once the votes are counted, the results determine whether a single party secures a majority or whether a hung parliament arises. In cases where no party wins an outright majority, C .The Prime Minister and Cabinet are responsible for executing legislation and managing the public sector, while the Opposition scrutinises government actions and proposes alternative policies.

At times, members of parliament may introduce amendments to bills under discussion, or a vote of no confidence may challenge the authority of the executive. The judiciary remains independent, ensuring that legislation complies with the constitution and safeguarding citizens' rights, including freedom of speech and civil liberties.

Devolved governments in regions such as Scotland and Wales have their own legislative powers, which adds an extra layer of complexity to governance. D Political transparency, donor accountability, and active trade unions are additional factors that influence decision-making.

Historically, elections have been held at established polling stations, but modern technology allows for proxy votes and other flexible arrangements. Over time, political parties may decide to disband or stand down certain candidates if

circumstances change.

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Ultimately, the democratic process depends on an informed electorate, effective administration, and the willingness of politicians to act in the public interest. Understanding the mechanisms behind legislation, campaigns, and coalition-building enables citizens to engage critically with politics, ensuring that governments reflect the electorate's mandate and uphold democratic principles.

- 1 Coalition or power-sharing agreements may be negotiated to ensure a functioning government.
- 2 This may lead to a by-election.
- 3 Citizens across the country head to the ballot box on voting day to select their preferred representatives.
- 4 Political parties also often canvass door-to-door or through social media to persuade voters to support their policies.
- 5 The Prime Minister's office plays a central role in coordinating the work of ministers and departments.

- A _____
- B _____
- C _____
- D _____
- E _____