



Intermediate Plus English B1.2+

Grammar **Answers**

QUESTION 1

Fill the gap with the correct particle to complete the phrasal verb.

- 1) The company tried to cover **up** the accounting error so that investors wouldn't notice it.
- 2) The manager told **off** the intern for being late three days in a row.
- 3) I can't believe they charged £200 for that basic service — we were completely ripped **off**!
- 4) We started with twenty candidates, but we've managed to narrow **down** the list to just three.
- 5) Don't just skim **over** the report — you might miss an important detail.
- 6) I'm just going to nip **out** to the shop to grab some milk; I'll be back in five minutes.
- 7) She completely fell **for** his charm and believed every word he said.
- 8) After university, we slowly drifted **apart** and lost touch.
- 9) I'm thinking of asking **over** a few friends for dinner this weekend.
- 10) Could you help me pick **out** a present for my boss's birthday?

QUESTION 2

Read the set of three sentences. Only one sentence is correct. Select the correct answer.

1

- a) I'm too happy I passed my English exam
- b) I'm enough happy I passed my English exam
- c) I'm very happy I passed my English exam

2

- a) Every single person on our committee agrees. It is wonderful.
- b) Every single person on our committee agree. It is wonderful.
- c) Every single person on our committee agrees. They are wonderful.

3

- a) She really needs to improve her English.
- b) She really needs to improvement her English.
- c) She really needs to improved her English.

4

- a) In the evening, he watches TV every day
- b) He watches TV in the evening every day
- c) He watches TV every day in the evening

5

- a) The session was today great.
- b) The session was great today.
- c) The session today great was.

6

- a) On the shelf will she put the book.
- b) She will put on the shelf the book.
- c) She will put the book on the shelf.

7

- a) Initially, I went to bed, and then I woke up.
- b) To start, I have finished my homework.
- c) To begin with, I brushed my teeth, then I had breakfast, and finally I left for work.

8

- a) Will we go to the shops this afternoon? It's beautiful weather. I think it's a wonderful idea.
- b) Shall we go to the shops this afternoon? It's beautiful weather. I think it's a wonderful idea.
- c) Won't we go to the shops this afternoon? It's beautiful weather. I think it's a wonderful idea.

9

- a) I know, let's go to the shops.
- b) I know, lets go to the shops.
- c) I know, let go to the shops.

10

- a) We might just as well wait until he gets here.
- b) We just might as well wait until he gets here.
- c) We might as just well wait until he gets here.

11

- a) We're living together for 10 years now.
- b) We live together for 10 years now.
- c) We've been living together for 10 years now.

12

- a) Can you please tell me why didn't you do your chores?
- b) Can you please tell me why didn't do you your chores?
- c) Can you please tell me why you didn't do your chores?

13

- a) She couldn't reach the top shelf but she tried getting some ladders to help.
- b) She couldn't reach the top shelf but she tried to get some ladders to help.
- c) She couldn't reach the top shelf but she tried get some ladders to help.

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- a) We'd been knowing each other for quite a while before she broke it off.
- b) We'd known each other for quite a while before she broke it off.
- c) We'd had known each other for quite a while before she broke it off.

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- a) She was suppose to do her part of the project before Friday.
- b) She was supposed to do her part of the project before Friday.
- c) She was supposed do her part of the project before Friday.

QUESTION 3

Use your knowledge of the present continuous, present perfect continuous and past perfect continuous to fill the gaps using the verb shown in brackets.

1. She **has been studying** (study) for her accounting exam all morning, and she's still not finished.
2. When I arrived at the office, my colleague **had been preparing** (prepare) the monthly report for two hours.
3. Look! The children **have been playing** (play) in the park since 10 a.m.
4. By the time the meeting started, the manager **had been waiting** (wait) for over 30 minutes.
5. I **have been reading** (read) this article for the last twenty minutes, but I still don't understand it completely.
6. We **have been discussing** (discuss) the new budget proposal with the finance team all week.
7. When Sarah called, Tom **had been working** (work) on the spreadsheet for several hours.
8. Listen! Someone **is singing** (sing) in the corridor.
9. By last Friday, the employees **had been training** (train) on the new accounting software for three days.
10. I **have been practising** (practise) my presentation since yesterday, and I feel more confident now.