**UNIT ONE**

* 1. READING

**Inferencing**

## Exercise 1. Choose the correct answer.

1. **You can tell from this passage that the word *ignoble* probably means \_\_\_\_.**
2. **not noble**
3. like a noble person
4. very noble
5. in a noble way
6. The third paragraph says that the people who receive an Ig Nobel Prize aren’t always too happy about it. What is the most likely reason for that?
7. They have to stop their important work to go to Harvard.
8. They don’t want to be photographed.
9. **They are embarrassed because the prizes poke fun at them.**
10. They are afraid someone will copy their work.
11. **What is one thing that all the work done by these prize winners has in common?**
12. It is extremely important.
13. It is meant to improve health.
14. It is all done by foreigners.
15. **It is kind of silly.**

## Exercise 2. Answer the following questions.

1. **The second paragraph mentions leeches. How can you tell from the paragraph that a leech is a kind of animal instead of a rock?**

You can tell that a leech is a kind of animal because the paragraph mentions that sour cream makes leeches hungry. Animals eat, while rocks do not.

**2. Do you think most scientists would rather get a Nobel Prize or an Ig Nobel Prize? Tell why you think so.**

Most scientists would probably prefer to receive a Nobel Prize. While the Ig noble prizes are humorous and light-hearted, the Nobel Prize is a prestigious recognition of significant contributions to science. Winning a Nobel Prize typically signifies groundbreaking research or discoveries that have a substantial impact on society or scientific knowledge.

# Read the following passage and answer the questions below.

## Exercise 1. Skimming & Scanning Questions[[1]](#footnote-1)\*\*

## How many jobs did AI eliminate in May, according to the Challenger report?

## **a. 3,900**

## b. 4,000

## c. 5,000

## According to the report, what percentage of all jobs lost in May were due to AI?

## **a. 5%**

## b. 10%

## c. 15%

## Which job sector is most likely to be replaced by chatbots like ChatGPT?

## a. Finance

## b. Healthcare

## **c. Legal**

## What did Goldman Sachs predict about the impact of AI on global employment in a report released in March?

## **a. It could replace 300 million full-time jobs globally and affect nearly one-fifth of employment**

## b. It will not have a significant impact on employment

## c. It will only affect low-skilled jobs

## What is the estimated size of the AI market that will boost sales and ad spending for the tech industry, according to Ben Emons?

## **a. $1.3 trillion**

## b. $1.3 million

## c. $1.3 billion

## In what industry did the TV and entertainment writers' strike begin in May, with writers demanding a near-total ban on the use of AI to produce written entertainment content?

## **a. Entertainment**

## b. Legal

## c. Healthcare

## Exercise 2. Careful Reading & Inferencing Questions\*\*

1. **What is the significance of the Challenger, Gray & Christmas report mentioned in the article?**

## **a. A report on AI's impact on the job market**

## b. A report on the growth of the AI industry

## c. A report on the use of chatbots in customer service

## d. A report on the effects of automation on the economy

1. **How many jobs were lost in May, and what was the contribution of AI to those losses?**

## a. 80,000 jobs lost, with AI responsible for 3,900 of them

## **b. 4,000 jobs lost, with AI responsible for 3,900 of them**

## c. 8,000 jobs lost, with AI responsible for 3,900 of them

## d. 80,000 jobs lost, with AI responsible for 4,000 of them

1. **What types of tasks are businesses automating using AI technology?**

**a. A range of tasks including creative, administrative, and clerical work**

b. Only administrative and clerical work

c. Only creative work, such as writing

d. None of the above

1. **What is the expected growth of the AI industry, and what technological advancements are fueling it?**

a. $13 trillion, fueled by major technological advancements

**b. $1 trillion, fueled by the use of chatbots in customer service**

c. $1 billion, fueled by the launch of ChatGPT bot

d. $13 billion, fueled by automation of manufacturing processes

1. **How has AI affected the job market in the media industry, and what are some examples of this?**

**a. AI has resulted in layoffs of reporters and copywriters.**

b. AI has had no impact on the media industry job market

c. AI has created new job opportunities in the media industry

d. AI has only affected the advertising industry, not the media industry

1. **What is the prediction of investment bank Goldman Sachs regarding the impact of AI on employment, and which types of jobs are likely to be affected the most?**

**a. AI could eventually replace 300 million full-time jobs globally, with a particular hit to white-collar jobs.**

b. AI will have no significant impact on employment

c. AI will mainly affect blue-collar jobs, not white-collar jobs

d. AI will only affect jobs in the manufacturing industry, not other sectors

1. **What is the concern of TV and entertainment writers regarding the use of AI in producing written content?**

**a. The use of AI will result in job losses for writers.**

b. The use of AI will result in lower quality content

c. The use of AI will lead to increased competition in the industry

d. The use of AI will require additional training for writers

1. **What is the positive outlook regarding generative AI, and what is expected to be its impact on employment?**

**a. Generative AI is already creating new jobs and is expected to be a "monster employment generator".**

b. Generative AI will result in widespread unemployment

c. Generative AI will mainly affect low-skilled jobs, not high-skilled jobs

d. Generative AI will only be used in the manufacturing industry, not other sectors

1. **What is the quote by Ben Emons, and how does it relate to the expected growth of the AI industry?**

**a. "Generative AI is expected to become a monster employment generator" - it predicts an increase in sales and ad spending in the tech industry.**

b. "Generative AI will lead to widespread unemployment" - it predicts a decline in the tech industry

c. "Generative AI is a threat to the economy" - it predicts a recession in the tech industry

d. "Generative AI is irrelevant to the economy" - it predicts no impact on the tech industry

1. **What is the implication of the article regarding the future of human employment in relation to the increasing use of AI technology?**

a. AI will only affect certain types of jobs, not all of them.

b. AI will ultimately replace all human jobs

**c. AI will create new job opportunities to replace those lost to automation**

d. AI will have no impact on human employment in the long run

## Exercise 3. Vocabulary Questions\*\*

**1. What does "outplacement" mean?**

**a. The process of finding a new job for someone who has been laid off**

b. The process of firing someone with cause

c. The process of hiring new employees

1. **What does "layoff" mean?**

a. The termination of an employee's contract due to poor performance or misconduct

b. The temporary suspension of an employee's contract

**c. The termination of an employee's contract due to a lack of work or funds**

1. **What does "automation-proof" mean?**

**a. A job that cannot be automated due to its complexity or importance**

b. A job that is easy to automate and likely to be replaced by machines or software

c. A job that is not affected by automation

1. **What does "plagiarism" mean?**

**a. The act of using someone else's work without giving proper credit**

b. The act of creating original work without permission

**c. The act of copying someone else's work and claiming it as one's own**

1. **What does "generative AI" mean?**

**a. AI that is capable of creating new content, such as writing or art**

b. AI that can only follow pre-defined instructions without creativity

c. AI that mimics human-like conversation

1. **What does "mushrooming" mean?**

**a. Growing or expanding rapidly**

b. Shrinking or decreasing rapidly

c. Remaining stable or stagnant over time.

1. **What does the word “intensified” mean in the context of the text?**

a. Weakened

**b. Strengthened**

c. Reduced

1. **What does the word “livelihoods” mean in the context of the text?**

**a. A person’s means of supporting themselves financially**

b. A person’s hobbies or interests

c. A person’s physical health

1. **What does the word “burgeoning” mean in the context of the text?**

**a. Growing or increasing rapidly in size or importance**

b. Shrinking or decreasing in size or importance

c. Staying constant or unchanged in size or importance

1. **What does the word “clerical” mean in this context?**

a. Related to manual labor.

b. Related to creative work.

**c. Related to administrative work.**

# 1.2 VOCABULARY

**Tech support/Troubleshooting[[2]](#footnote-2)\***

Designed to teach you the most up-to-date IT (information technology)-related words and expressions. This exercise is on the terminology relating to I.T. tech support and troubleshooting.

## EXERCISE 1. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

(Remember: Although several of the responses may be acceptable, you should choose the best one)

1. I have to install a new (a. release - b. **version** - c. layout) of the anti-virus software.
2. One of your cables was (a. clean - b. disengaged - c. **unplugged**).
3. Your computer is (a. sick - b. **infected** - c. infiltrated) with a virus.
4. (a. **Spyware** - b. Software - c. Shareware) can gather data from a user's system without the user knowing it.
5. It is (a. **illegal** - b. illogical - c. legal) to download these programs. (= You are not allowed to download these programs.)
6. If you have any problems (a. confiscating - b. commending - c. **configuring**) the operating system, please let me know.
7. That program won't be able to open files with that (a. **extension** - b. expansion - c. extraction).
8. Please (a. **reboot** - b. re-initiate - c. rework) your computer.
9. I've (a. named - b. **identified** - c. inspected) the problem. (= I have found the source of the problem.)
10. It's not a major (a. subject - b. release - c. **issue**). = It's not a big problem.

**Connectivity**

## EXERCISE 2. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.\*\*

1. The computer speakers come with a variety of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to enhance the sound quality.
   1. extras b. **peripherals** c. externals
2. My laptop only has two USB \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which is not enough for all my devices.
   1. **ports** b. doors c. windows
3. The USB \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ allows you to connect multiple USB devices to your computer.
   1. centre b. point c. **hub**
4. Fiber-optic cables provide \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ internet speeds compared to traditional copper cables.
   1. wideband b. **broadband** c. longband
5. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ internet connection is essential for video streaming and online gaming.
   1. quick-speed b. fast-speed c. **high-speed**
6. In the past, we had to use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to connect to the internet.
   1. **dial-up** b. phone-up c. call-up
7. The Wi-Fi hotspot allows you to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your internet connection with your mobile devices.
   1. divide b. combine c. **share**
8. The printer is too far away from the computer, so I need an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cable to connect them.
   1. extended b. **extension** c. extender
9. I need \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to connect my old printer to my new laptop.
   1. **an adaptor** b. a bridge c. a connector

**Bluetooth**

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| **data developed devices**  **enabled signals wireless**  **telecommunications** |

## EXERCISE 3. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.\*\*

1. The **telecommunications** industry has revolutionized the way we communicate and access information.
2. **Wireless** charging pads allow you to charge your devices without having to plug them in.
3. The **data** on your phone allow you to send and receive messages, make calls, and browse the internet.
4. **Wireless** headphones are becoming increasingly popular as they allow you to listen to music without being tethered to your device.
5. The **signals** between your phone and the cell tower is what allows you to make calls and use data.
6. A **wireless** keyboard can help you type more efficiently and comfortably on your computer.
7. The **telecommunications** industry has developed rapidly over the past few decades, transforming the way we live and work.

**Networks**

**LAN**

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| **intranet satellite Local server log onto**  **terminals network card network WAN (Wide Area Network)** |

## EXERCISE 4. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.\*\*

1. To connect to a network, each device needs a **network card** that allows it to communicate with other devices on the network.
2. An **intranet** is a private network that can only be accessed by authorized users within an organization.
3. **Satellite** technology is used to transmit data over long distances by sending signals to and from orbiting satellites.
4. A **WAN** network is a network that spans a large geographic area, such as a city, country, or even the world.
5. A **LAN** allows you to connect multiple devices within a small area, such as a home or office.
6. Network **terminals** can take many forms, including desktop computers, laptops, tablets, and smartphones.
7. A **network** is a collection of interconnected devices that can communicate with one another.
8. To access a network, users must **log onto** the network using their credentials, such as a username and password.
9. A **server** is a computer or device that provides data or services to other devices on a network.
10. A **LAN/local** network is a network that is confined to a single building or location.

# 1.3 GRAMMAR

**Exercises**

## Exercise 1. Put in *good* or *well*.\*\*

1. She is a **good** singer and always gets compliments on her performances.
2. He doesn't speak English **well** enough to have a conversation.
3. The soup tastes **good** with a little bit of salt.
4. I don't feel **well** today, I think I'm coming down with something.
5. He did **well** in the math test, he got an A+.
6. The team played **well** and won the game.
7. My sister cooks **well** and always makes delicious meals.
8. She is **good** at playing the piano and can play any song by ear.

## Exercise 2. Complete these sentences using well + the following words:\*\*

**Dressed educated mannered maintained organized spoken**

1. She always looks very put together. She is very **well-dressed.**
2. He has a degree from a prestigious university. He is very **well-educated.**
3. The party was very classy. Everyone was **well-mannered** and polite.
4. The house is always clean and tidy. It is very **well-maintained.**
5. The meeting went smoothly and efficiently. It was very **well-organized.**
6. She is very articulate and persuasive. She is **well-spoken** in public very well.

## Exercise 3. Choose the correct word, "hard" or "hardly", to complete each sentence.\*\*

1. She worked **hard** to finish the project on time.
2. He **hardly** recognized me with his new haircut.
3. The test was **hardly** difficult, but I think I did well.
4. She could **hardly** wait to see her family after being away for so long.
5. He tried **hard** to lift the heavy box, but it was too much for him.
6. They **hardly** had any food left in the fridge, so they ordered pizza for dinner.
7. He couldn't believe how **hard** his car was hit by the other driver.
8. The company **hardly** made a profit last year, despite the pandemic affecting sales.
9. She **hardly** knew the answer to the question but didn't want to speak up.

## Exercise 4. Complete the sentences. Use hardly + the following verbs (in the correct form). Use the appropriate tense.\*\*

**believe have eat see understand work write**

1. I've been so busy lately that I **hardly have** time to relax.
2. She's been on a strict diet and **hardly eats** anything with sugar in it.
3. The movie was so dark that I **hardly saw** what was happening half the time.
4. He's been studying for weeks, but he still **hardly understands** the material.
5. The company has been struggling financially and **hardly works** to cut costs.
6. She's been trying to finish her novel for months, but she **hardly writes** more than a few pages at a time.
7. I can **hardly believe** that it's already time to go home. The day has gone by so quickly.

## Exercise 5. Complete these sentences with hardly + any/anybody/ anything/ anywhere/ ever.\*\*

1. ~~We looked~~ **~~everywhere~~** ~~for the missing book, but we just couldn't find it.~~
2. **Hardly anybody** showed up to the party.
3. There is **hardly any** food left in the fridge.
4. She **hardly** said **anything** during the meeting.
5. **Hardly anybody** knows how to operate this machine.
6. He **hardly ever** reads books, preferring to watch movies instead.
7. ~~I looked~~ **~~everywhere~~** ~~for my lost keys, but still couldn't find them.~~
8. There are **hardly any** people on the beach today.
9. She **hardly ever** goes to the gym, but still manages to stay in shape.
10. He **hardly** ate **anything** at dinner last night.

**Exercises**

## Exercise 6. Complete each sentence with an adverb. The first letters of the adverb are given.\*\*

1. The children played together **happily** in the park.
2. She sings **beautifully** and can play the guitar **skillfully.**
3. The waiter served us **proficiently** and **efficiently.**
4. She writes **creatively**.
5. He worked **tirelessly** to finish the project on time and within budget.  
   We arrived at the airport early, so we had to wait **impatiently** for our flight.
6. She always does her work **carefully.**
7. He drove his car **recklessly** down the street, putting other drivers in danger.
8. She walked **quietly** down the hallway so as not to wake up her sleeping child.
9. He speaks English **fluently**, but he still needs to work on his pronunciation.

## Exercise 7. Put in the correct word.\*\*

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (**slow**/slowly) train stopped at every station.
2. He ran \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (**fast**/fastly) to catch the bus.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (**clear**/clearly) instructions helped me to complete the task.
4. The coffee smells \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (**strong**/strongly).
5. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (**bad**/badly) smell was coming from the garbage.
6. They were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (**happy**/happily) to see each other.
7. He speaks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (clear/**clearly**) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (concise/**concisely**).
8. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (**fast**/fastly) car drove down the road.
9. She sings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (beautiful/**beautifully**).
10. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (**loud**/loudly) music could be heard from outside.

## Exercise 8. Complete each sentence using a word from the box. Sometimes you need the adjective (*careful* etc.) and sometimes the adverb (*carefully* etc.).\*\*

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| **careful(ly) complete(ly) dangerous(ly) financial(ly)**  **fluent(ly) frequent(ly) nervous(ly) perfect(ly)**  **permanent(ly) special(ly)** |

1. She felt **nervous** before giving her speech in front of a large audience.
2. The train runs **frequently** between the two cities.
3. The tattoo is **permanent** and cannot be removed.
4. The company is facing **financial** difficulties due to the economic downturn.
5. He speaks Spanish **fluently** with hardly any accent.
6. The cake turned out **perfect,** with the perfect balance of sweetness and flavor.
7. The worker was injured **dangerously** while operating heavy machinery.
8. The restaurant has a **special** menu for customers with dietary restrictions.
9. He drives **carefully** to avoid accidents.
10. She cleaned the house **completely** before the guests arrived.

## Exercise 9. Choose two words (one from each box) to complete each sentence. Some words can be used more than once.\*\*

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| **Incredibly terribly eagerly**  **so completely pleasantly really happily** |

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| **interesting dangerous surprised loud married dangerous terrible boring** |

1. The movie was **terribly boring,** and I regretted watching it.
2. The road was **incredibly dangerous** and full of potholes.
3. The road was **so dangerous** and full of potholes.
4. The book was **so** **interesting** that I couldn't put it down.
5. He was **really happy** to see his old friend after many years.
6. The movie was **really boring** and I fell asleep halfway through.
7. She was **pleasantly surprised** to hear the news about her promotion.
8. The classroom was **incredibly/ terribly loud** that I couldn't concentrate on my work.

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| Exercise 1. Find the missing words in this cover letter.[[3]](#footnote-3)\* Akiko Tanaka  52 Orchard Street  London  W2 3BT  Mobile: 07960 999999  E-mail: akiko9999@hotmail.com  Fortnum & Mason's  181 Piccadilly  London  W1A 1ER  3 August 20\_\_  Dear Sir/Madam,  Re: Job as a part-time sales assistant (reference: JBW5014)  I would like to (1**) apply** for the job of part-time sales assistant in the food section of Fortnum & Mason's in Piccadilly, as (2) **advertised** in “Recruit Now” on 2 August. Please find (3) **enclosed** a copy of my CV.  My previous jobs include two years as a sales (4) **assistant** in an organic food shop in Japan. This has given me (5) **experience** of dealing with customers, as well as cashier skills and a basic (6) **knowledge** of food retailing.  I have been living in London (7) **since** last September and am currently studying English at a (8) **language** school. I have good English communication skills (recently I passed the Cambridge First Certificate in English exam). My fluency in Japanese may be useful when (9) **dealing** with your Japanese customers. I am an enthusiastic worker and enjoy (10) **working** in a team. My student visa (11) **allows** me to work up to 20 hours per week (or longer during my school holidays), and I could (12) **start** work immediately.  I would welcome the opportunity to (13) **discuss** the job vacancy with you on the telephone or at an (14) **interview.** I can be contacted most easily on my (15) **mobile** telephone or by e-mail (see details at the top of this letter).  Yours faithfully, |

1. \*\* Exercises and examples marked by double asterisks in this book are generated by ChatGPT 3.5. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. \* This exercise is adopted and retrieved from: https://www.businessenglishsite.com/esl-it-tech-support1.html. Accessed on July 30, 2023. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. \* This exercise is adopted and retrieved from: <https://en.islcollective.com/english-esl-worksheets/writing-practice/creative-writing-prompt/jobs-and-work/cover-letter/25110>. Accessed on July 31, 2023. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)