

PRE-INTERMEDIATE ANSWER KEY

UNIT 1

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1 H 2 H 3 L 4 B 5 H 6 L 7 B
8 H

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1 getting wet 2 people watching
3 loved ones 4 delayed
5 in a bad mood 6 nothing better than
7 stormy 8 calming

6

1 spending time with family and friends
2 playing with a dog
3 lazy weekends
4 going on holiday
5 skiing
6 working
7 helping other people

7

1 False – He likes spending time with
family and friends.
2 False – He likes lazy weekends.
3 False – He proposed to his wife on the
side of a mountain.
4 False – She's a nurse in a children's
hospital.
5 True
6 False – She works at weekends.

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1 time 2 race 3 earn 4 work
5 worth 6 unwell

UNIT 2

2

1 accountant 2 chef
3 foreign correspondent
4 personal trainer

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1 T 2 J, L 3 S 4 S 5 L 6 J 7 T 8 L

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1 deadlines 2 being busy 3 delicious
4 dishes 5 being in charge 6 variety
7 worthwhile 8 goals

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working in a team, working under
pressure, working in an office

7

1 sixteen 2 creative 3 feet and legs
4 hot 5 have to 6 works 7 satisfying
8 wants

UNIT 3

3

1 False – The tour is suitable for beginners
and experienced photographers.
2 True
3 False – The experience is for a whole
day.
4 False – The main ingredients are fish,
rice and vegetables.
5 False – You learn how to hide a camera.
6 True

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1 iconic sights 2 expert tips
3 after dark 4 plenty of opportunities
5 make something from scratch
6 mouth-watering 7 fed up with
8 crack codes

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Secret Agent School

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1 a 2 b 3 b 4 a 5 b 6 a

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1 a 2 f 3 e 4 d 5 c 6 b

UNIT 4

2

Finnish schools are changing from a
traditional subject-based curriculum to a
new, topic-based one.

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1 Yes, it's one of the best in the world.
2 literacy and numeracy
3 history, geography, languages,
economics
4 They'll sit together in small groups.
5 to reflect changes in working life
6 They've already taken place in several
schools.

4

1 reforms 2 follow in Finland's footsteps
3 technological advances 4 scrapped
5 radical 6 broad 7 admired
8 collaboration 9 vocational
10 opposition

6

Tom thinks the reforms are a good idea;
Rachel thinks they're a bad idea.

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1 R 2 R 2 T 2 T 2 R 2 R

8

1 here and there 2 overnight
3 everyday situations 4 eventually
5 What a load of rubbish!
6 what's the point 7 in context
8 in depth

UNIT 5

3

1 D 2 G 3 S 4 G 5 D 6 D

4

1 things don't always go to plan
2 nightmare(s) 3 cheap and cheerful
4 ages 5 infested with
6 food poisoning

5

She sounds amused.

6

1 False – It lasted a few months.
2 True
3 False – Not everyone got checked.
4 True
5 False – They found some 'suspicious
packages'.
6 True

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1 a 2 b 3 a 4 b 5 b 6 a

UNIT 6

3

1 Surfercise 2 School Fit 3 Boogiecise
4 School Fit 5 Boogiecise
6 Trampo-lean

4

1 getting into 2 fitness freaks
3 challenge your cardiovascular system
4 kick start 5 high-intensity
6 get the hang of

6

1 False – They do Surfercise when there is
no surf to practise in.
2 False – You do it underwater.
3 False – They do it to improve their
chance of surviving if they fall off a big
wave.
4 True
5 False – It's a high-resistance, low-
impact workout.
6 False – It isn't just for hardcore fitness
freaks.

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a high-resistance b hardcore
c convinced me d appealed to me
e put me off f long-term g suffer from
h low-impact

UNIT 7

2

Anthony used to be a corporate lawyer.
Now he's a farmer.

3

1 fashionable and expensive
2 four times a year 3 five years
4 a farm 5 wellies/wellington boots
6 the peace and quiet

4

1 lifestyle 2 swapped
3 handed in my notice 4 abroad
5 belonged 6 ignore

5

1 False – She worked at a big college.
2 False – She found it stressful/She didn't really love living in London.
3 False – She couldn't get a seat so she couldn't read.
4 False – She used to share a flat with three other teachers.
5 True
6 False – She cycles to work.
7 False – She hangs out on the beach.
8 True

6A

1 the tube 2 crowded 3 space
4 socialising 5 squeezing 6 taken up
7 retreat

6B

1 socialising 2 taken up 3 retreat
4 squeezing 5 the tube 6 space
7 crowded

UNIT 8

4

1 b 2 c 3 a

6

1 bonus 2 occasionally 3 spare change
4 treat 5 piggy bank 6 splash out

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1 b 2 c 3 c 4 c
Mostly cs

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1 b 2 b 3 a 4 a 5 b 6 b

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1 b 2 a 3 b 4 a

UNIT 9

2

natural

3

1 over 100 2 no 3 by boat
4 the Caribbean
5 from an aeroplane or helicopter
6 a camera

4

1 stunning 2 urban 3 enormous
4 hidden gem 5 appreciate the sheer scale
6 blown away

6

1 True
2 True
3 False – His favourite time to visit is winter.
4 False – She wants to visit.
4 True
6 False – She went at sunset.

7

1 a 2 a 3 b 4 a 5 a

UNIT 10

2

More advantages

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1 True
2 True
3 False – There are lots of parks.
4 False – You never feel too stressed out.
5 False – The cost of housing is incredibly high.
6 False – They often end up living miles from where they work.
7 True
8 False – She thinks it's the same in all big cities.

4

1 overall 2 stressed out 3 tough
4 a real buzz 5 overwhelmed
6 showcase 7 on the other hand
8 outweigh

5

Public transport; cost of living in London

6

1 B 2 W 3 F 4 W 5 W 6 B 7 F
8 F

7

1 stand 2 mad 3 nerves 4 bothers
5 fed up 6 winds

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UNIT 11

3

1 True
2 True
3 True
4 True
5 False – People waste time looking at photos of people they don't even know.
6 False – It can be a great way of arranging meet-ups in the real world.

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1 suffer 2 social conscience 3 maintain
4 petition 5 like-minded 6 outspoken

6

1 a 2 b 3 a 4 b 5 a 6 b

7

1 going 2 hold 3 constantly 4 detox

UNIT 12

3

1 True
2 False – You never have a moment's peace.
3 True
4 True
5 False – You have no time to spend with your loved ones.
6 True

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1 hounded 2 spreading rumours
3 promoting 4 cope with
5 hitting the big time
6 under the media spotlight

6

Yes, she would.

7

1 b 2 a 3 b 4 b 5 a 6 a

8

1 take this the wrong way
2 build up quite a big fan base
3 off chance 4 What a coincidence
5 sell out 6 draw the line