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Exercise 1

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Choose the correct discourse markers to complete the sentences below.

You have completed this test.  
Correct answers: 9/10.  
Your score is 90%.  
Check your answers:

1 A: Did he look sad? B: No, **as a matter of fact** , he was really cheerful.

We can use **actually**, **in fact** or **as matter of fact** to introduce **information** that might be in some way **surprising** or **unexpected**.

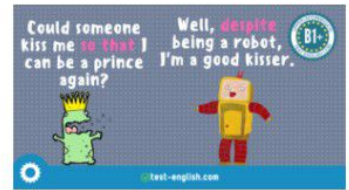
2 **Regarding** your question about our mobile rates, I have attached a document where you can see all our rate plans.

We can use **regarding...**, **as regards...**, or **as far as ... is concerned** to mean 'in connection to'. We use them to introduce a topic.

3 Well, I think we can declare the meeting closed. **By the way** , who's going to have lunch at the canteen today?

We can use **by the way** or **incidentally** to change the subject, to say something that you have just thought and that doesn't have to

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Choose the correct discourse markers for each gap below.

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Correct answers: 8/10.

Your score is 80%.

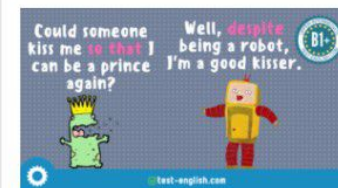
Check your answers:

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ we liked the technical support we received from the three companies, although X-Tech and Fast-on were a bit faster.
- a. On the whole
  - b. After all
  - c. All in all
  - d. On the whole / All in all

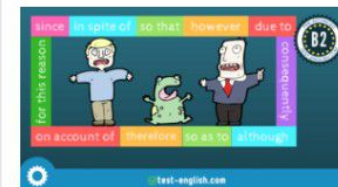
⇒ We use **all in all** to mean 'taking into consideration all the parts of the situation'.

⇒ We can use **on the whole** to mean 'generally', 'considering the whole of something'.

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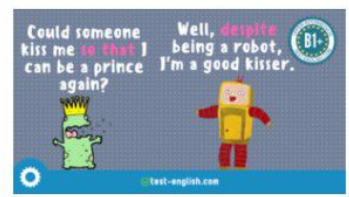
Fill in the gaps with the adverbial expressions provided in the box below

actually / after all / ~~as far as~~ / at least / but also / furthermore / on the other hand / otherwise / regarding / that is to say / whereas

You have completed this test.  
Correct answers: 8/10.  
Your score is 80.00%.  
Check your answers:

For years there has been an ongoing debate **1** regarding the use of animals in research and testing. **2** Whereas many people believe testing on animals is not only unethical **3** but also cruel and inhumane, others are convinced that animal testing is a necessary evil; **4** that is to say, an unavoidable practice. I personally believe that animal testing is unethical and should be banned or **5** at least restricted, but at the same time I am aware that without this practice the lives of many people would be much worse than they are at present.

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## Distancing – expressions and passive of reporting verbs

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### Exercise 1

Choose the correct option to complete the sentences below.

You have completed this test.

Correct answers: 10/10.

Your score is 100%.

Check your answers:

1 There seems to be a lot of confusion and misinformation about the accident.

We can use the form **there seem(s) + to infinitive/to have + past participle** to talk about the apparent existence of something.

2 The actor is reported to have a degenerative eye condition. Apparently, he is completely blind and housebound.

We use **subject + passive reporting verb (is reported) + to infinitive (to have)** to report a present event.

We can use **apparently** or **it appears/seems that** + subject + verb ... at the beginning of the sentence to distance ourselves from the information after it.

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Choose **TWO** correct options for each question.

You have completed this test.  
Correct answers: 9/10.  
Your score is 90%.  
Check your answers:

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ that the president is a very private man in a very public job.
- a. There seems
  - b. It would seem ✓
  - c. It seems ✓
  - d. There might be

⇔ We can use **it appears/seems that** + subject + verb ... at the beginning of the sentence to distance ourselves from the information after it.  
⇔ We can also use **it would seem/appear** instead of **it seems/appears** at the beginning of the sentence to sound more formal and tentative.

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Fill in the gaps with the words provided in the box below.

according / apparently / are said to be / is reported / it seems / might be / missing / seem to be / there are said / to be staying / to have been

You have completed this test.

Correct answers: 10/10.

Your score is 100.00%.

Check your answers:

John O'Donovan, a 20-year-old man from Folkestone, 1 is reported 2 to have been missing 3 since last Friday. John failed to return from a holiday in Majorca. 4 It seems 5 that he never got on the coach that was scheduled to pick up his group from the Guadalupe hotel, in Magaluf. John's credit cards don't appear 6 to have been 7 used since last Friday night. 8 Apparently 9 , that night he went clubbing in Magaluf and his friends lost track of him during the night. 10 According 11 to police sources, John 12 might be 13 voluntarily missing. 14 There are said 15 to have been serious problems in his relationship with his parents. John is

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You have completed this test.  
Correct answers: 6/7.  
Your score is 86%.  
Check your answers:

1

A cyberchondriac is a person who ...  

a. tries to find what illness they have on the Internet

b. reads a lot about medicine

c. writes online diagnoses to try to help other people

Transcription

Cyberchondriac is a new term some of the medical community are using for people who self-diagnose their medical ailments.

2

Doctor David Hilden thinks people ...  

a. look for symptoms on the Internet too often

b. often reach erroneous conclusions about their symptoms

c. are sometimes sicker than they may think

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Watch a video about about solar roads. For questions 1 to 7, choose the correct option. You can see the transcription after submitting your answers.



### Listening comprehension test

You have completed this test.

Correct answers: 7/7.

Your score is 100%.

Check your answers:

1 The solar panel road ...



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Listening comprehension test

You have completed this test.

Correct answers: 6/6.

Your score is 100%.

Check your answers:

- 1 In the introduction, they say that ...
- a. office work hasn't changed a lot since 1950.
  - b. offices haven't changed that much since then. ✓**
  - c. offices have undergone a radical change.

Transcription

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## B2 English test 1 – text with multiple choice gaps

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Read the text and choose the most appropriate answer from the drop-down menu.

You have completed this test.

Correct answers: 13/15.

Your score is 86.67%.

Check your answers:

You know exams are around the corner and you can't stop checking your Facebook? If that is **1**  ✓, you are **2**  ✓ to get bad results because of your more than apparent internet addiction.

**3**  ✓ can be considered an internet addict when the internet becomes a priority in life, above other priorities, such as exams. Social media is known **4**  ✓ a rush of happiness and contentment **5**  ✓ the release of dopamine, a neurotransmitter which helps control the brain's reward and pleasure centres, and which plays a key role in addictions. The more people use social media, **6**  ✗ stimulation they receive, which makes them more vulnerable to addiction.

And teens get more easily addicted to the internet and social media because their brains are still developing and they still have to set their priorities, and that makes it more difficult **7**  ✓ control their use of social media even when they know that they really need to study for exams.

Social media is a constant source of text, photographs, videos – all of **8**  ✗ provide stimulus to the brain making the activity

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B2 English test 2 – multiple choice questions



B2 English test 3 – text with multiple choice gaps



## B2 English test 2 – multiple choice questions

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Choose the most appropriate answer for each item (a, b, c, or d). Feedback is provided after submitting your answers.

You have completed this test.

Correct answers: 13/15.

Your score is 87%.

Check your answers:

1 I'm very happy \_\_\_\_\_ in India. I really miss being there.

- a. to live
- b. to have lived** ✓
- c. to be lived
- d. to be living

⇄ We use the perfect infinitive or the perfect gerund of a verb to talk about a past action or event. In this sentence, we mean that I lived in India in the past, but not anymore.

⇄ We normally use **to** + infinitive after adjectives.

⇄ To review the verb **have**, you can go to B2 » Grammar points » **Have – auxiliary or main verb**

⇄ To review complex gerunds and infinitives, you can go to B2 » Grammar points » **Gerunds and infinitives – complex forms**

2 They didn't reach an agreement \_\_\_\_\_ their differences.

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B2 English test 3 – text with multiple choice gaps



B2 English test 4 – multiple choice questions