# *Straightforward* Upper Intermediate and Advanced Placement test

The *Straightforward* Upper Intermediate and Advanced Placement test has been designed to help you decide whether the *Straightforward* Upper Intermediate course would be suitable for your students or whether they would qualify for using the *Straightforward* Advanced Course.

The *Straightforward* test has 50 questions, each worth one point. The first 40 are grammar questions and the final 10 are vocabulary questions. The conversion chart below has been designed to assist you in making your decision but please note, however, that these bandings are a guide.

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| **Total score** | **Level** |
| 0 – 35 | Upper Intermediate |
| 36 – 50 | Advanced |

This test can also be used to diagnose the grammar of the Upper Intermediate level that your students need clarification on.

## Grammar

1. She \_\_\_\_ obsessed with rock climbing at a young age. **Unit 1A**
   1. becomes
   2. became
   3. has become
   4. would become
2. He’s not a stamp collector, \_\_\_? **Unit 1A**
   1. was he
   2. wasn’t he
   3. is he
   4. isn’t he
3. How long \_\_\_\_ you had this car? **Unit 1B**
   1. did
   2. do
   3. have
   4. were
4. \_\_\_\_ anyone get hurt? **Unit 1B**
   1. did
   2. were
   3. have
   4. had
5. He \_\_\_\_ about birds. It drives me mad! **Unit 2A**
   1. forever talk
   2. is forever talking
   3. will forever be talking
   4. has forever been talking
6. She keeps \_\_\_\_ her things all around the place which is so annoying. **Unit 2A**
   1. to leave
   2. leaves
   3. leave
   4. leaving
7. He \_\_\_\_ me to the first game when I was only 6. **Unit 2C**
   1. used to take
   2. would take
   3. took
   4. has taken
8. At first I \_\_\_\_ starting work so early but this has changed. **Unit 2D**
   1. didn't use to
   2. wouldn't
   3. didn't have to
   4. wasn't used to
9. My new PC, \_\_\_\_ I bought last week, has already broken down. **Unit 3B**
   1. that
   2. which
   3. whose
   4. ─
10. I'd like to see the photos \_\_\_\_ you took on holiday. **Unit 3B**
    1. who
    2. whose
    3. where
    4. ─
11. People \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the illness find it difficult to relax. **Unit 3C**
    1. suffered
    2. suffering
    3. who suffering
    4. were suffering
12. You'd better take your coat \_\_\_\_ the weather gets worse. **Unit 4A**
    1. in case
    2. otherwise
    3. so that
    4. in order to
13. She did a course in confidence building \_\_\_\_ overcome her phobia **Unit 4A**
    1. so that
    2. in order to
    3. although
    4. in case
14. He \_\_\_\_ a therapist for several years after he left school. **Unit 4B**
    1. has seen
    2. has been seeing
    3. saw
    4. used to seeing
15. She \_\_\_\_ much better since she left the hospital last week. **Unit 4B**
    1. is feeling
    2. feels
    3. felt
    4. has been feeling
16. He realized that he \_\_\_\_ his car keys in the office.  **Unit 5A**
    1. left
    2. has left
    3. had left
    4. was leaving
17. We couldn't fall asleep because our neighbours \_\_\_\_ a lot of noise. **Unit 5A**
    1. made
    2. had made
    3. have made
    4. were making
18. \_\_\_\_ plans you might have for the weekend, you'll have to change them. **Unit 5B**
    1. Wherever
    2. Whovever
    3. Whatever
    4. However
19. They \_\_\_\_ out for a few years before they decided to get married. **Unit 5C**
    1. had gone
    2. have been going
    3. were going
    4. had been going
20. You won't pass the exam \_\_\_\_ you start revising immediately. **Unit 6A**
    1. as long as
    2. provided
    3. unless
    4. if
21. We wouldn't have missed the bus if you \_\_\_\_ to chat with Mary! **Unit 6A**
    1. didn't stop
    2. hadn't stopped
    3. don't stop
    4. wouldn't have stopped
22. The party was so boring I wish I \_\_\_\_ there at all. **Unit 6B**
    1. hadn't gone
    2. wouldn't go
    3. haven't gone
    4. didn't go
23. If only you \_\_\_\_ more time to spend with the family. **Unit 6B**
    1. would have
    2. have had
    3. had
    4. have
24. Oh, you're busy? I \_\_\_\_ you later, OK? **Unit 7B**
    1. am calling
    2. call
    3. have called
    4. will call
25. By the time the guests arrive, we \_\_\_\_ everything for the party. **Unit 7C**
    1. will be preparing
    2. will have prepared
    3. prepare
    4. have prepared
26. During the next meeting we \_\_\_\_ about setting goals . **Unit 7C**
    1. are talking
    2. will have talked
    3. will be talking
    4. talk
27. I can't find my keys. I \_\_\_\_ them. **Unit 8B**
    1. may lose
    2. must lost
    3. might have lost
    4. should have lost
28. The police stopped us and said we \_\_\_\_ to enter the building. **Unit 8C**
    1. can't
    2. couldn't
    3. didn't allow
    4. weren't allowed
29. Admission was free so we \_\_\_\_ any tickets. **Unit 8C**
    1. needn't buy
    2. mustn't buy
    3. didn't need to buy
    4. mustn't have bought
30. I'm not sure if you're aware \_\_\_\_ the risk. **Unit 9B**
    1. of
    2. to
    3. at
    4. in
31. The horror movie wasn't just frightening! It was \_\_\_\_ terrifying! **Unit 9C**
    1. extremely
    2. absolutely
    3. very
    4. fairly
32. \_\_\_\_ the weather was horrible, we decided to go out for a short walk. **Unit 9D**
    1. Even though
    2. However
    3. In spite of
    4. Despite
33. We should remind \_\_\_\_\_ to be thankful for all that we have. **Unit 10A**
    1. us
    2. ─
    3. ourselves
    4. we
34. His father asked Dan where \_\_\_\_ all day. **Unit 10B**
    1. had he been
    2. was he
    3. he had been
    4. he has been
35. She advised him \_\_\_\_\_\_ sun cream. **Unit 10C**
    1. putting
    2. put on
    3. to putting on
    4. to put on
36. She was only 19 when she sailed across \_\_\_\_ Atlantic. **Unit 11A**
    1. a
    2. an
    3. the
    4. ─
37. Your leg could be broken so you must have \_\_\_\_ X-ray. **Unit 11C**
    1. a
    2. an
    3. the
    4. ─
38. The square was \_\_\_\_ crowded we couldn't pass. **Unit 11D**
    1. so
    2. such
    3. very
    4. as
39. Two climbers are reported to \_\_\_\_ during the storm last night. **Unit 12B**
    1. die
    2. have died
    3. had died
    4. died
40. I'll need to have the stairs \_\_\_\_. **Unit 12C**
    1. renovate
    2. renovating
    3. to renovate
    4. renovated

## Vocabulary

1. I only paid ₤20 for this jacket! It was a real \_\_\_\_.
   1. buy
   2. price
   3. bargain
   4. sale
2. Jane is always poking her nose in other people's business. She's so \_\_\_\_!
   1. inquisitive
   2. obedient
   3. playful
   4. unreliable
3. As far as I'm \_\_\_\_, I do not support the new government.
   1. matter
   2. referred
   3. according
   4. concerned
4. The window \_\_\_\_ was really imaginative.
   1. exhibition
   2. display
   3. collection
   4. vision
5. She \_\_\_\_ the sack last week and is now looking for a new job.
   1. did
   2. made
   3. took
   4. got
6. She doesn't \_\_\_\_ of my decision.
   1. agree
   2. approve
   3. accept
   4. support
7. During his stay in Indonesia he went \_\_\_\_ with malaria.
   1. up
   2. off
   3. down
   4. over
8. When the customs officers found some illegal goods hidden in the car, he was arrested for \_\_\_\_.
   1. assault
   2. mugging
   3. hijacking
   4. smuggling
9. I can't move the sofa. Could you \_\_\_\_ me a hand with it, please?
   1. give
   2. get
   3. take
   4. borrow
10. I couldn't get in \_\_\_\_ with you all week! Where have you been?
    1. contact
    2. call
    3. touch
    4. talk