

Тема 1.2. Лексико-грамматический материал

ARTICLES

Task 1. Fill in the blanks with the correct articles were necessary.

A

1. ... most hotels in England are very expensive.
2. It's ... film about homeless people.
3. Helen doesn't like ... cream cakes sold in ... local bakery.
4. ... handball is fast becoming ... popular sport worldwide.
5. We could see ... Alps were covered in ... snow.
6. Several countries have recently joined ... European Union.
7. This is exactly ... job I was looking for.
8. It's ... long time since I met ... lovely person like you!
9. Diana has ... degree in ... engineering from ... University of London.
10. ... problem for ... today's students is how to survive financially.

B

1. We took ... trip around London and saw ... Tower Bridge.
2. ... Nile flows right through ... city.
3. ... summer I spent in ... USA was one of ... best in my life.
4. She was ... first woman to cross ... Atlantic in ... canoe.
5. Please let me carry ... shopping. It's ... least I can do.
6. At ... end of ... busy day, ... sleep is ... best tonic.
7. ... James Joyce I knew wasn't ... novelist and wasn't Irish either.
8. This is ... last time I've done you ... favour.
9. Dick has ... sore throat and is taking ... medicine.
10. Could you give me ... information I asked for in ... letter I sent you?

C

1. I bought ... jewellery for my sister but it wasn't ... kind she likes.
2. And ... last of all, don't forget to put ... cat out for ... night.
3. Brenda is ideal for ... job.
4. Have you seen ... new *Hamlet* at ... National Theatre?
5. I have ... terrible cold and am staying in ... bed today.
6. He spent three years to master ... German language.
7. This country is officially called ... United Kingdom of ... Great Britain and ... Northern Ireland.
8. On ... holiday in ... Scotland I met ... man who seemed to know everything about ... Loch Ness monster.
9. That's ... last time that I go to ... horror film.
10. In ... circumstances I would say he hasn't ... chance.

D

1. Could you give me ... hand to take ... rubbish downstairs?
2. ... girl I told you about is ... one on ... left.
3. ... medicine ... doctor gave me makes me feel sleepy all ... day.
4. ... philosophers seem to think that ... life is ... mystery.
5. ... most cars start badly on ... cold mornings.
6. ... letter was in a sealed envelope; it was obvious that nobody had read it.
7. Dublin is ... capital of ... Republic of Ireland.
8. ... British drive on ... wrong side of ... road.
9. They crossed ... Atlantic in ... record time.

10. We learn from ... experience.

E

1. After I leave ... school, I want to get ... job.
2. Yesterday, I saw ... strange man in ... street who was handing out ... balloons.
3. We went to Spain on ... holiday and swam in ... Mediterranean.
4. Let me give you ... good advice.
5. ... Lake Superior is ... largest of ... Great Lakes.
6. Sue received ... excellent education.
7. We had ... English breakfast of bacon and eggs.
8. David has just bought ... new furniture.
9. Mr Kelly went to ... school to meet his daughter's teacher.
10. We went by ... train to ... west of England.

Nouns

Task 2. Choose the right variant observing the rules of subject / predicate agreement.

1. Your clothes *looks / look* dirty. You must wash *it / them*.
2. The traffic here *are / is* so heavy during the rush hour.
3. *Is / Are* phonetics your favourite subject?
4. Dry grass easily *catches / catch* fire.
5. Where *is / are* your pyjamas?
6. Athletics *mean / means* competing in running and jumping.
7. *They were / It was* the only one means of transport available here.
8. Several police *was / were* injured when violence broke out.
9. All the data *have / has* to be registered.
10. She was wearing the jeans which *was / were* too big for her.
11. The outskirts of the city *is / are* a very nice place to have a house on.
12. Cattle here *are / is* kept for meat.
13. The media *has / have* launched an attack on the military officials.
14. How many sheep *is / are* there on the farm?
15. The very last series of the programme *was / were* awfully boring.
16. This crossroads *are / is* especially dangerous.
17. This brick works *was / were* built here some fifty years ago.
18. A lot of money *was / were* spent on the restoration of the museum.
19. The staff *was / were* not in agreement with the new rules.
20. A lot of rubbish *is / are* lying on the pavement.
21. The committee *is / are* responsible for fund-raising.
22. Accommodation on the island *were / was* hard to find.
23. The news I received from my boss *was / were* quite unexpected.
24. The stairs *needs / need* to be cleaned.
25. All her travelling expenses *was / were* paid by her parents.
26. The police *has / have* just been called in.
27. The news *has / have* caused a lot of excitement.
28. A lot of species of such insects *has / have* disappeared.
29. My bathroom scales *has / have* broken.
30. *Has / Have* the goods been delivered yet?

The Possessive Case

Task 3. Complete the sentences choosing the correct variant.

1. My ... parents have recently decided to move to the country.
1) sister's in law 2) sister in law's 3) sister in laws' 4) sister's in laws
2. Next Tuesday we'll mark my ... wedding anniversary.
1) sister's and brother's in law 2) sister and brother in law's 3) sister and brother's in law
4) sister's and brother in law's
3. It was ... idea to celebrate Christmas together with our classmates.
1) Nick's and Andy 2) Nick and Andy's 3) Nick and Andy 4) Nick's and Andy's
4. I send you many thanks and the very best wishes on this ... Day.
1) Mother 2) Mother's 3) Mothers' 4) Mothers's
5. The ... shouts of excitement started dying down as the other team scored the winning goal.
1) supporter's 2) supporters 3) supporter 4) supporters'
6. My ... jokes always make us cry with laughter.
1) father in law 2) father's in law 3) father's in law's 4) father in law's
7. I'm really amazed at my ... garden. They grow such exotic flowers there.
1) neighbours 2) neighbour's 3) neighbour'ses' 4) neighbours'
8. Where are ... schoolbags? Have you seen them by any chance?
1) Jane and Claire 2) Jane's and Claire's 3) Jane's and Claire 4) Jane and Claire's
9. They say that ... milk is very useful.
1) goats 2) goat's 3) goats' 4) goat
10. The painting disappeared from the ... house yesterday evening.
1) owner 2) owners 3) owner's 4) owners'
11. All my ... bicycles are better than mine.
1) friends 2) friends' 3) friend's 4) friend
12. These are ... cameras. They are expensive, aren't they?
1) Pete and Tim's 2) Pete's and Tim 3) Pete and Tim 4) Pete's and Tim's
13. The ... department is upstairs, on the third floor.
1) mens' 2) men 3) men's 4) man's
14. The ... area is run by experienced stuff.
1) child's 2) children's 3) childrens' 4) children
15. It is the ... fault, not the children's.
1) grows up 2) grows up's 3) grows' up 4) grown ups'

The Adjective

Task 4. Complete the sentences below with the appropriate form of the adjective in brackets.

1. This hotel must be.....(expensive) than the small one next door.
2. An orange is.....(large) than a plum.
3. He is certainly the.....(unusual) person I have ever met.
4. Bringing up children is one of the.....(hard) jobs in the world.
5. His latest film was.....(interesting) than his previous ones.
6. What is the.....(challenging) thing you have ever done?
7. When I saw her, she looked.....(thin) than I remembered her.
8. This is the.....(fast) car we produce.
9. It goes without saying that Mr Crane is the.....(good) teacher in my school.
10. It's not always wise to buy things that cost the.....(little) money.

11. The Aleutian Islands form the.....(long)archipelago in the world.
12. Unfortunately, I found the second half of the play.....(little) interesting than the first.
13. It's the.....(big) risk he has ever had to take.
14. Of the two evils let us choose the.....(little).
15. Learning to speak a language is often.....(easy) than learning to write it.

The Pronoun

Task 5. Complete the sentences using personal, possessive and demonstrative pronouns.

1. Paul is late. Has...called? It's not like...to be late.
2. I wish I had a room of...own.
3. Mary is a colleague of.... She is very nice.
4. Wipe...feet before...come in.
5. I like...shoes I wonder where she bought....
6. We are saving up to buy a flat of...own.
- 7....vase is made of crystal, isn't it?
- 8....man over there is waving at us. Do you know...?
9. Do you like...flowers? I've made...myself.
10. Julie twisted...ankle....can hardly walk.
11. I can't find...wallet. Have you seen...?
12. He trapped...finger in the door. Now it hurts...much.
- 13....diamond earrings here are priceless.
14. On the whole, they are very satisfied with...life.
15. The cat curled up in...basket and went to sleep.
16. We are used to being on...own.
17. It isn't my pen. It must be.... .
18. It wasn't raining, but I took...umbrella with...anyway.
19. Look at...people swimming in the canal!...must be crazy!
- 20....chair over there is broken.
20. Jane would like to have a dog of...own.

Task 6. Complete the sentences with some, any, no and their derivatives.

1. I did exercise 2 without...help.
2. Would you like...more mineral water? – Thank you, I don't want more.
3. Why don't you ask your parents to lend you...money?
4. There are...sandwiches left. Take...you like.
5. This place is crowded. Shall we go...else?
6. You can come...day you like.
7. Would you like...to drink?
8. There is...more annoying than losing....
9. There aren't...chairs in the room. Will you fetch...?
10. Can I be of...service to you, Mr Brown?
11. There are...spelling mistakes in your exercise.
12. Is there...to eat, mum? – Yes, there's...meat and vege tables in the fridge.
13. There is...time to lose.
14. Is Mary Mr Brown's daughter? – No, he has...children.
15. I haven't got...pasta, so I can't make lazagne today.
16. There's...point in going to the beach when the weather is so bad.
17. Raise your hands if you have...suggestions.
18. If there isn't...bread, I'll buy...on my way home.
19. "You can't believe....," she says.

20. If I had...spare cash, I'd give it to you.
21. Wisdom is not necessarily...which comes with age.
22. Have you got...interesting to tell me?
23. We haven't got...onions for the soup.

Numerals

Task 7. Complete the sentences choosing the correct variant.

1. Noise pollution has doubled every ten years since the
a. eighty c. eightieth
b. eighties d. eighty's
2. English is the native language for ... speakers worldwide.
a. million c. millions of
b. million of d. millions
3. Generally, you are not charged for ... parking.
a. 15-minute c. 15-minutes
b. 15 minutes d. 15 minute's
4. See ... for additional instructions and directions.
a. 103th page c. page 103
b. the 103nd page d. the page 103
5. Tea as well as coffee has been a popular beverage for ... years.
a. thousands c. a thousand of
b. thousands of d. thousand
6. Murielle must be in her late ... by now.
a. fortieth c. fourty
b. forties d. forty's
7. New York offered to pay homeless ... worth of rent if they leave the city.
a. a year's c. one year
b. a one year d. a years'
8. By the time we arrived at the station, ... o'clock bus had already left.
a. nine c. the ninth
b. ninth d. the nine
9. A loyal friend is worth more than ... relatives.
a. ten thousands c. ten thousands of
b. ten thousand of d. ten thousand
10. We're planning to leave on the ... this month.
a. thirty c. Thirtieth
b. thirties d. thirty's
11. ... homes were destroyed because of the fast moving flames in northern California.
a. A dozen of c. Dozen
b. Dozens of d. Dozens
12. The shortest way to get to the railway station is by
a. bus four c. fourth bus

- b. the bus four d. the bus fourth
13. The ... Olympic Winter Games are scheduled to take place in Milan in 2026.
a. twenty-five c. twenty-fifth
b. twentieth-five d. twentieth-fiveth
14. Professor Forth's ... intensive course on business etiquette is an absolute necessity.
a. two-week c. two-week's
b. two week's d. two-weeks'
15. Last Friday my grandad celebrated his ... birthday.
a. sixty c. sixty's
b. sixties d. sixtieth
16. In the early ... , there was an obvious improvement in the economies of most developing countries.
a. ninetieth c. nineteens
b. nineties d. nineteenth
17. The organisation is looking for volunteers to complete ... course next month.
a. three months' c. three month's
b. three-months d. three-month's
18. Greta Thunberg, an ... Swedish environmental activist, has become the face of the youth climate movement.
a. 18-year-old c. 18-years-old
b. 18-year's old d. 18th-year-old
19. Netflix's current golden boy, Ryan Reynolds made more than twenty ... on Six Underground and Red Notice.
a. millions dollars c. million dollar
b. millions dollar d. million dollars
20. The US size category "S" means 'small' and corresponds to
a. size 36 c. 36th size
b. 36 size d. the 36 size

THE TENSE FORMS OF THE ENGLISH VERB

Task 8. Read the text. Choose the correct tense form (active/passive):

YouTube is a free video-sharing site which (1) ... users to watch, upload, rate, share, and comment on videos, as well as subscribe to other users. About 300 hours of video (2) ... to YouTube every minute, with content ranging from TV shows and music videos to educational videos and audio recordings.

YouTube (3) ... in 2005 by Steve Chen, Chad Hurley and Jawed Karim, who worked for PayPal at the time. They (4) ... to think of a concept for a new website for several months when they (5) ... with the idea of a video-sharing website. Once the new website (6) ... , they posted their first 18-second video which (7) ... Me at the Zoo and featured Jawed Karim, a YouTube co-founder, at the San Diego Zoo standing in front of the elephants.

If you (8) ... to sign in to YouTube, you will need to create a Google Account which will also let you use many YouTube features including Like, Subscribe, Watch Later, and Watch History. To put things in

perspective, YouTube gets over one billion views per day, which means that if YouTube (9) ... a search engine, it (10) ... the second largest, nearly twice as big as Bing and Yahoo search combined, and roughly a third the size of Google.com!

1. a. is allowed b. allows c. allowed d. will be allowed e. was allowed
2. a. upload b. have been uploaded c. are uploaded d. are uploading
e. have uploaded
3. a. is founded b. was founded c. was found d. founded
e. was founding
4. a. have been trying b. had been tried c. were tried d. were trying e. had been trying
5. a. were come up b. have come up c. had come up d. came up e. had been
coming up
6. a. had set up b. set up c. was setted up d. has been set up e. had been set up
7. a. was called b. called c. is called d. was calling e. had called
8. a. are wanting b. want c. will want d. will be e. would be
9. a. will be b. are c. were d. had been e. would be
10. a. was b. is c. will have been d. would be e. will be