



**- ENGLISH TEST -  
UPPER INTERMEDIATE  
100 QUESTIONS / KEYS**

**▶ Exercise 1:** Tick (✓) the suitable answer(s). One or more answers may be correct.

- Can you finish the job ..... Friday?  
 A  till      B  by      C  until      D  for
- We all look forward ..... you soon.  
 A  seeing      B  to seeing      C  to see      D  see
- I wish I ..... more time.  
 A  would have      B  had      C  have      D  will have
- If you were ever in trouble, I would give you all the help you .....  
 A  will need      B  would need      C  need      D  needed
- Her parents don't want ..... married.  
 A  her to get      B  her get      C  that she gets      D  that she get

**▶ Exercise 2:** Question Tags. Match the question tags a – f with the sentences 1 - 6.

6	B	Let's have a party,	shall we?
7	E	I'm talking too much,	aren't I?
8	F	There's hardly any bread left,	is there?
9	C	Somebody's moved the chair,	haven't they?
10	D	Everything will be ok,	won't it?
11	A	Pete didn't enjoy the film,	did he?





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**Exercise 3: Prepositions and nouns. Which prepositions go with the words on the right?**

#	ABOVE	BELOW	ON	OVER	UNDER	
EX:	✓	✓	✓			AVERAGE
12.			✓			FOOT
13.					✓	ARREST
14.				✓	✓	£ 500
15.	✓	✓		✓	✓	10%
16.	✓	✓				FREEZING
17.				✓	✓	18 YEARS OLD
18.					✓	NEW MANAGEMENT
19.			✓			HOLIDAY
20.					✓	PRESSURE
21.			✓			BUSINESS

#	AT	BY	DURING	IN	ON	
EX:	✓	✓				MIDNIGHT
22.			✓	✓		THE NIGHT
23.		✓			✓	NEW YEAR'S DAY
24.		✓	✓	✓		THE WINTER
25.		✓			✓	FRIDAY MORNING
26.				✓	✓	TIME
27.			✓	✓		THE RUSH HOUR
28.				✓		HIS FORTIES
29.				✓		A FORTNIGHT'S TIME
30.	✓	✓	✓			THE WEEKEND





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**Exercise 4: Irregular verbs. Complete the chart.**

INFINITIVE	SIMPLE PAST	PAST PARTICIPLE
31. TO SHOW	SHOWED	SHOWN
32. TO LAY	LAI	LAI
33. TO STICK	STUCK	STUCK
34. TO THROW	THREW	THROWN
35. TO FEEL	FELT	FELT
36. TO FALL	FELL	FALLEN
37. TO SLIDE	SLID	SLID
38. TO TEAR	TORE	TORN
39. TO LEAD	LED	LED
40. TO BURST	BURST	BURST

**Exercise 5: Passive. Complete these true sentences with the verbs in brackets. You should use either the Passive Forms or the Active forms.**

**IT MUST BE TRUE, I READ IT IN THE TABLOIDS !!**

41. Magistrate Isabelle Le Tessier (1) **sentenced** (sentence) her old school teacher for speeding in Rouen, France, last week. He (2) **was forced** (force) to write ' I must not break the speed limit' 25,000 times.

42. Cuban Raul Blanco, who (3) **lost** (lose) three fingers in an accident several years ago, (4) **was refused / has been refused** (refuse) US citizenship because he cannot provide a full set of fingerprints.

43. The state of Andhra Pradesh in India (5) **passed / has passed** (pass) a new law saying that anyone who (6) **would be caught** (catch) cheating in school exams (7) **would be sent** (send) to jail for ten years.



**▶ Exercise 6: Vocabulary. Compound nouns. Put one word in each box to form three compound nouns.**

44.

**BLOOD**

test  
pressure  
donor

**WATER**

fall  
melon  
skiing

45.

brief  
suit  
book

**CASE**

paper  
plastic  
hand

**BAG**

**▶ Exercise 7: Countable / Uncountable. Write the noun that is usually uncountable in each group in the space on the left.**

46.  meal, dish, food, menu, dessert: **FOOD**
47.  motorway, traffic, traffic jam, lorry, rush hour: **TRAFFIC**
48.  cheque, coin, cash, salary, bonus: **CASH**
49.  holiday, journey, flight, luggage, suitcase: **LUGGAGE**
50.  health, pill, disease, operation, prescription: **HEALTH**

**▶ Exercise 8: Pronunciation. Find the odd one out.**

51. **ei**      **HATE**      **WAIT**      **WEIGHT**      **HEIGHT**

52.	əʊ	THOUGH	THROUGH	THROW	SEW
53.	ɜ:	WORTH	BIRTH	NORTH	EARTH
54.	eɪ	WEAK	BREAK	ACHE	SHAKE
55.	ɪə	FEAR	NEAR	PEAR	PIER

 **Exercise 9:** Complete the sentences with the right word.

IN / OF / BY / WITH / TO  
FROM / ABOUT / FOR / ON / AT

56. Who was that book written **BY** ?
57. Who does this dictionary belong **TO** ?
58. What are you looking **FOR / AT** ?
59. What did you spend all your money **ON** ?
60. What is your home town famous **FOR** ?
61. What sort of books are you interested **IN** ?
62. What are you talking **ABOUT** ?
63. What are you so afraid **OF** ?
64. 'You've got a postcard.' 'Oh. Who is it **FROM** ?'
65. Who are you angry **AT / WITH** ? James or me ?



▶ **Exercise 10: FIRST AND SECOND CONDITIONAL.** Match the beginnings and endings of the sentences. Write the letter.

*Example*    0 / i    If I had more money .....I'd buy a bigger house.

- |     |          |                                |          |                                  |
|-----|----------|--------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| 66. | <b>B</b> | If I was less busy             | <b>a</b> | I'd meet you for lunch.          |
| 67. | <b>D</b> | If I stay late at work         | <b>b</b> | I'll finish the project.         |
| 68. | <b>G</b> | I might get bored              | <b>c</b> | if I went to the meeting.        |
| 69. | <b>F</b> | We'll be home by six           | <b>d</b> | if the train's on time.          |
| 70. | <b>A</b> | If I see Jack                  | <b>e</b> | I'll give him your phone number. |
| 71. | <b>H</b> | If I were you                  | <b>f</b> | I'd get a new job.               |
| 72. | <b>E</b> | If I saved £500 a month        | <b>g</b> | I could buy a nice car.          |
| 73. | <b>C</b> | If it's raining in the morning | <b>h</b> | I'll catch the bus.              |

▶ **Exercise 11: Vocabulary.** Words commonly confused. Fill the gaps with the correct word. **Put the verbs in the correct forms!!**

EXPECT

WAIT FOR

LOOK FORWARD TO

74. We **are waiting for** the rain to stop so that we can play tennis.

75. The weather forecast says a lot of rain **is expected** over the next few days.

76. The children **look forward to** opening their presents on Christmas Day.



▶ **Exercise 12: Comprehension. Read the text and answer the questions.**

## THE CHOKING DOG

"Come on, come on, move it, idiot!"

Joanne beat impatiently on the steering wheel of her Mercedes sports car. How stupid to get caught up in the rush hour! She had planned to leave work early this afternoon, at three o'clock, to give herself a chance to relax and have a bath before going out to a meeting of her local tennis club. But just at ten to three a client had arrived, and it was two hours before she had finished dealing with the man. When she came out of her office, all the other staff in the Highlight Advertising Agency had already left. Now she was stuck in a traffic jam in central Birmingham at 5:30, and at 6:30 she was expected to be chairing a meeting of the tennis club. There would be no time for any hot bath.



Ahead of her, the traffic was moving at last, and she swung quickly out into the centre lane to turn right, and raced the last half-mile through the quiet suburban streets to her house. Pulling up on the driveway, she leapt out of the car and ran for the house. As she opened the door, she nearly tripped over Sheba, who was standing behind it.

"Hey, Sheba, hello," she said, bending down to stroke the large Alsatian dog's head, "I've got no time for you now, but I'll take you out as soon as I get back from the tennis club." It was then that she noticed something worrying about the dog. Sheba seemed to be coughing or choking, her stomach pumping repeatedly as if she was trying to vomit something up. She was obviously in real discomfort and could hardly breathe; her sad eyes gazed up at Joanne helplessly.

"Oh damn, this is all I need now," said Joanne to herself, dropping her briefcase and bending down to take a closer look, "a sick dog, today of all days!" On closer examination, Sheba did look very sick, and Joanne realised she would have to take her down to the vet immediately. Luckily, the vet's surgery was only a few streets away, and Joanne quickly loaded the dog, still coughing and choking, into her car for the short drive.

When she got there, the surgery was just about to close for the day. Luckily, Dr. Sterne had not left yet, and when he saw the state of Sheba, he brought her quickly into his office.

"It looks like something is stuck in her throat," said Dr. Sterne. "It shouldn't take me too long to get it out."

"Listen, doctor, I'm really in a rush to get to a meeting -- can I leave her with you, and go and get changed? I'll be back in ten minutes to pick her up, then I'll take her on to the meeting with me. Is that OK?"

"Sure," said the doctor. "You get going. I'll see you in ten minutes."

Joanne jumped back into her car again, and made the quick trip round to her house in a couple of minutes. As she was once more entering the hallway, the phone on the table by the door began to ring. She picked it up, annoyed by this additional interruption to her plans.

"This is Dr. Sterne," said an anxious voice. "Is that you, Joanne?"



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"Of course it's me," said Joanne, surprised at the sound of his voice, "no-one else lives here."

"I want you to get right out of that house immediately," said the doctor's voice. "Right now. I'm coming round right away, and the police will be there any time now. Wait outside for us." The phone went dead. Joanne stared at it. She was confused, but she was also a little frightened by the obvious fear in the voice of the doctor. She replaced the receiver, then quickly backed out of the door and ran into the street.

At that moment, a police car with its lights flashing swung round the corner and screeched to a stop outside the house. Two policemen got out. After briefly checking that she was the owner of the house, they ran into the house through the still open door, without explaining anything. Joanne was by now completely confused and very frightened. Then the doctor arrived.

"Where's Sheba? Is she OK?" shouted Joanne, running over to his car.

"She's fine, Joanne. I extracted the thing which was choking her, and she's OK now."

"Well what's this all about? Why are the police in my house?"

Just then, the two policemen reappeared from the house, half-carrying a white-faced figure, a man in a dark grey sweater and jeans, who, it seemed, could hardly walk. There was blood all over him.

"My God," said Joanne, "how did he get in there? And how did you know he was there?"

"I think he must be a burglar," said the doctor. "I knew he was there because when I finally removed what was stuck in Sheba's throat, it turned out to be three human fingers. I don't think he's a very happy burglar."

(1994 - From a common urban legend)

**QUESTIONS :**

77. Where did Joanne work?

- A  In an advertising agency.      B  In a vet's surgery.  
C  In a Mercedes dealer's office.      D  The text does not say.

78. Why was she angry at the beginning of the story?

- A  She was lost.      B  She had lost a client at work.  
C  She was stuck in a traffic jam.      D  Her dog was sick.

79. Why did she take the dog to Dr. Sterne's surgery?

- A  It was time for Sheba's checkup.      B  The dog couldn't breathe properly.  
C  She wanted to get her out of the house.      D  The doctor had asked to see her.







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80. Why did she leave the dog at the surgery and drive home again?

- A  She wanted to catch a burglar.    B  The dog was too sick to come home.  
C  The doctor wanted to keep her.    D  Joanne wanted to change her clothes.

81. How long did it take Joanne to drive home from the surgery?

- A  Two minutes.                                    B  Ten minutes.  
C  An hour.    D  The text does not say.

82. What happened as she arrived home for the second time?

- A  The police arrived.                                    B  The dog died.  
C  The phone rang.                                        D  A burglar was just escaping.

83. Why did the doctor tell her to get out of the house?

- A  There was a dangerous dog in there.    B  It was on fire.  
C  He knew there was a burglar inside.    D  He wanted to meet her outside.

84. Why did the burglar look very sick?

- A  The police had caught him, and he would probably have to go to prison.  
B  The dog had bitten off his fingers.  
C  He had caught a disease from the dog.  
D  He hadn't found any valuable things to steal.

85. The story says that the dog "gazed up at Joanne helplessly". "Gazed" means

- A  Stared.                                    B  Cried.  
C  Barked.                                    D  Laughed.

86. A "vet's surgery" is probably

- A  A serious operation.                                    B  A minor operation.  
C  An animal doctor's office.    D  A police station.



**▶ Exercise 13: LOOK, LOOK LIKE, LOOK AS IF. Complete the sentences with the verb in the correct form.**

87. The bag **looks like** mine, but it isn't!

88. You **look** so pleased to be here!

89. He **looks as if** he's going to scream.

90. My friend **looks like** Tom Cruise.

**▶ Exercise 14: VERB PATTERNS. Complete the sentences. Be careful two answers each time are correct.**

91. She ..... me to go out.

SUGGESTED

ASKED

PERSUADED

92. We ..... that we had missed the train

EXPLAINED

TOLD

SAID

93. Mark ..... to say sorry.

AGREED

REFUSED

EXPLAINED

94. John ..... Tom not to go alone.

SAID

ADVISED

WARNED



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**Exercise 15: INFINITIVE AND -ING FORMS.** Complete the paragraph with the verbs given in the correct form.

When you leave school, it can be difficult to decide (decide) what to do next.

If you are not sure, you could think about (95) having (have) a year off.

Many young people work abroad before (96) starting (start) university,

and these days it is quite easy (97) to get (get) a job.

Although you may not be paid much, one advantage of (98) working (work) in another country is that you can really see how people live.

If you don't think it's safe (99) to travel (travel) alone, you can always ask a friend to go with you. Whatever you do, don't make any decisions without

(100) thinking (think) very carefully.



**My score :** ..... / 100.

