

grammar placement test

SELF-EVALUATION

Target group	third grade, second year (sixth form)
Objectives	Test your grammar skills
Timing	1 lesson for taking the test, correction with the answer key.
Task	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Step 1 Do the multiple choice test individually• Step 2 Correct with your answer key• Step 3 Fill in the reflection grid

A. Initial English Test

Choose the correct answers. In a few cases there is more than one correct answer.

1. I ___ she ___ you. tenses - present

A. believe, hates	B. am believing, is hating	C. believe, is hating	D. am believing, hates
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2. It ___ again. It ___ all the time here in winter. tenses - present

A. 's raining, 's raining	B. rains, rains	C. rains, 's raining	D. 's raining, rains
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3. Don't make any noise. They _____. tenses - present

A. are praying	B. pray	C. prayed	D. have prayed
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4. She is sleeping _____. tenses - present

A. now	B. usually	C. always	D. every day
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5. Oh, my God! _____ on the light when I am asleep! tenses - present

A. She always switches on	B. She's always switching on
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6. I understood that she _____ wanting more from me. tenses - past

A. is	B. was	C. would
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7. _____ that exhibition on Gainsborough last week? tenses - past

A. Have you visited	B. Did you visit	C. Were you visiting
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8. We often went to Jones beach when we _____ in New York . tenses - past

A. lived	B. were living	C. had lived
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9. *When he opened the door I knew I _____ him before.* tenses – past

A. have seen B. saw C. had seen

10. *My back hurt because we _____ for more than three days.* tenses - past

A. were walking B. had walked C. had been walking

11. *We _____ with our lawyer this morning and then had lunch.* tenses - present perfect

A. have talked B. talked

12. *He's in poor health. - He _____ years.* tenses - present perfect

A. 's suffered since B. suffered, for C. 's suffered, for D. suffered, since

13. _____ your translation yet? tenses - present perfect

A. Did you finish B. Have you finished C. have you been finishing

14. *How long _____ in Bruges now?* tenses - present perfect

A. are you living B. have you lived C. have you been living

15. *Did you hear the sirens? I hear the town hall _____ fire.* tenses - present perfect

A. is just caught B. has just caught C. just caught

16. *Julie _____ to meet you tonight.* tenses - future

A. is coming B. comes

17. *Who _____ tonight?* tenses - future

A. arrives B. will arrive C. is arriving

18. *His car is for sale. He _____ his car by the end of October.* tenses - future

A. will sell B. will be selling C. will have sold

19. *At this time tomorrow we _____ rugby.* tenses - future

A. will play B. will have played C. are playing D. will be playing

20. *By the end of next year he _____ for our company for 15 years now.* tenses - future

A. will work B. will be working C. will have been working D. will have worked

21. *This novel _____ by a friend of my brother's.* voice - passive

A. is writing B. is written C. was writing D. was written

22. On my 18th anniversary _____ . voice - passive

A. I was given a large sum of money

B. a large sum of money was given to me

23. We can't have our dinner in that restaurant because the building _____ . voice - passive

A. is still constructed

B. is still constructing

C. is still being constructed

24. These criminals _____ to prison after their trial. voice - passive

A. are taken

B. will be taken

C. have taken

25. So far Kim _____ at tennis. voice - passive

A. wasn't beat

B. hasn't been beaten

C. hasn't beaten

D. won't be beat

26. My mother will be anxious, _____ . conditionals

A. If I don't get back tomorrow.

B. if I won't get back tomorrow.

27. I _____ you, if you _____ doing that. conditionals

A. kill, keep

B. 'll kill, 'll keep

C. kill, 'll keep

D. 'll kill, keep

28. If he _____, he _____ the job last week. conditionals

A. wasn't such a fool, would have got

B. hadn't been such a fool, would have got

C. hadn't been such a fool, would get

D. wasn't such a fool, would get

29. It's time you _____ the train, but I'd rather you _____ with us. conditionals

A. take, stay

B. took, stayed

C. take, stayed

D. took, stay

30. I wish I _____ more holidays. conditionals

A. had

B. have

C. would have

D. will have

31. I'll meet you _____ Sunday night. prepositions

A. at

B. on

C. in

32. Let's see them _____ at the train station. prepositions

A. off

B. of

C. away

33. We're going _____ the cinema next week. prepositions

A. at

B. (nothing)

C. in

D. to

34. Could you complete the paper _____ Friday? prepositions

A. till

B. until

C. by

D. for

35. *There's a church _____ granny's house.* prepositions

A. in front of B. opposite C. facing

36. *If you burn your fingers, try _____ them under water for some time.* gerund/inf.

A. holding B. to hold C. hold

37. *I travelled to Cardiff _____ the castle.* gerund/inf.

A. for seeing B. for to see C. for seeing D. to see

38. *I don't think people can live more than a month without _____.* gerund/inf.

A. to drink B. drink C. drinking D. you drink

39. *I wouldn't like _____ in bed until noon, although I enjoy _____.* gerund/inf.

A. to lie, to sleep B. lying, sleeping C. lying, to sleep D. to lie, sleeping

40. *We are looking forward to _____ from you soon.* gerund/inf.

A. hearing C. hear

41. *My sister admitted _____ sweets from the shop.* gerund/inf.

A. to steal B. having stolen C. to have stolen

42. *Would you mind _____ the window?* gerund/inf.

A. to close B. closing C. close

43. *Did he mean _____ the man?* gerund/inf.

A. to kill B. kill C. killing

44. *Please excuse _____ early.* gerund/inf.

A. my leaving B me to leave C. I leaving

45. *I can't help _____.* gerund/inf.

A. to cry B. crying C. cry

46. *Susan: "I went looking for a new car." Susan said (that) she _____ looking for a new car."* reported speech

A. went B. had gone C. has gone

47. *John: "I was sleeping." John said (that) he _____.* reported speech

A. has been sleeping B. had been sleeping C. had slept

48. Alex: "I went to Cuba last year." Alex said (that) he had been to Cuba ____." reported speech

A. in a year B. a year ago C. a year before

49. Jill: "I will wash the car tomorrow." Jill said (that) she would wash the car ____." reported speech

A. on Friday B. tomorrow C. the following / next day

50. Mary: "I had tea with my sister yesterday." Mary said (that) she had had tea with her sister ____." reported speech

A. yesterday B. the day before C. on Saturday

51. Napoleon (to lie) ____ in this bed. irregular verbs

A. lied B. laid C. lay

52. My brother (to fall) ____ off the roof. Irregular verbs

A. falled B. fell C. felt

53. Granny had (to sit) ____ on the wrong chair! irregular verbs

A. sat B. sitten C. sit

54. The sun (to shine) ____ all morning. irregular verbs

A. shined B. shone

55. I (to teach) ____ him to be a good boy. irregular verbs

A. tought B. teached C. taught

56. He's playing _____ piano. articles

A. the B. (nothing) C. a D. one

57. I like _____ fast cars. articles

A. the B. every C. all

58. My mother was taken to _____ hospital. articles

A. (nothing) B. an C. the D. a

59. You may find out sooner or later that _____ ignorance can be helpful. articles

A. a B. an C. the D. (nothing)

60. Sarah is _____ artist. articles

A. a B. an

61. **What are _____ buildings over there?** determiners

A. that B. the C. these D. those

62. **Whose are _____ shoes here?** determiners

A. that B. the C. these D. those

63. **_____ is your code number?** determiners

A. Which B. What C. How

64. **Can I have _____ break?** determiners

A. other B. an other C. another

65. **There are _____ for everyone.** determiners

A. plates enough B. enough plates C. enough of plates

66. **Here are two photos. _____ like best?** determiners

A. Which photo do you B. What photo do you C. Which photo you D. What photo you

67. **There are only ___ pubs in the village and they are expensive. You'd better bring your own beer.** determiners

A. a little B. a few C. little

68. **I walked into the desert without _____ map.** determiner

A. some B. any

69. **Do you know ___ good hotels in town?** determiner

A. some B. any

70. **"Would you like to have ___ milk in your coffee?" asked our host.** determiner

A. some B. any

71. **He's got _____ courage.** determiner

A. much B. many C. a lot of

72. **I don't have _____ patience with her any more.** determiner

A. much B a lot of C. many

73. **How _____ times a week do you take a shower?** determiner

A. much B. many

74. *His Australian friend and he talk to _____ every week.* pronoun

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| A. them | B. theirself | C. themselves | D. each other |
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75. *Is Peter _____ ?* possessive pronoun

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| A. a friend of yours | B. a your friend | C. your friend |
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76. *She met a friend of ___ at the concert yesterday.* possessive pronoun

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| A. ours | B. us | C. we |
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77. *My daughter used to play a lot by ____ .* possessive pronoun

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| A. her | B. herself |
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78. *It belongs to my partner and me, it's ____ .* pronoun

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| A. us | B. our | C. ours |
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79. *Everyone should bring ____ own sheets.* possessive pronoun

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| A. his | B. her | C. their |
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80. *Is this car _____ ?* possessive pronoun

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| A. your | B. yours | C. the yours |
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81. *'Hello, who's there?' '_____.'* personal pronoun

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| A. It's me | B. It is I | C. I |
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82. *Whose book is this? _____ mine.* Possessive pronoun

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| A. His | B. He's | C. Its | D. It's |
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83. *Rintintin is Oscar's dog. Oscar is _____ owner.* possessive pronoun

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| A. his | B. her | C. its | D. their |
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84. *Here's the woman _____ stole your MP3-player.* relative pronouns

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| A. which | B. who | C. (nothing) |
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85. *She keeps coming back for more, _____ is getting on my nerves.* relative pronouns

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| A. which | B. what | C. that which |
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86. *Kyra Wolf, _____, has just written a letter to me.* relative pronouns

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| A) that I met in New York | B) I met in New York | C) which I met in New York | D) who I met in New York |
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87. The film _____ I was watching yesterday was a horror movie. *relative pronouns*

A. (nothing / that) B. who C. whose

88. The man _____ father has just died is on the phone. *relative pronouns*

A. who B. whom C. whose

89. The plural of pair is pairs. Which of these is a correct plural? *noun*

A. ladies B. sheeps C. feets D. baby's

90. ___(louse) and ___(goose) are animals. *noun*

A. louses , geese B. lice, geoses C. lice, geese

91. We should respect all _____ (woman) . *noun*

A. womans B. women C. wimen

92. Could you bring two _____ (loaf) for tonight? *noun*

A. loafs B. loaves

93. The media _____ on the war in Iran . *noun*

A. reports B. report

94. We're _____ inexperienced to lead the expedition. *adjective/adverb*

A. too much B. too C. very too

95. He's got little money but I've got even _____. *adjective/adverb*

A. fewest B. least C. less

96. Although he was very _____ , he worked _____. *adjective/adverb (difference)*

A. slowly, efficiently B. slow, efficiently C. slowly; in an efficient way

97. She performed very _____ (good). *adjective/adverb (difference)*

A. good B. well

98. Those chocolates look _____. Can I have one? *adjective/adverb (difference)*

A. delicious B. deliciously

99. My brother _____ to Canada . *adjective/adverb (position)*

A. had often been	B. often had been	C. had been often
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100. *My son* ____ *his books*. adjective/adverb (position)

A. always forgets	B. always is forgetting	C. forgets always
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101. *Which of these is correct?* adjective/adverb (degrees of comparison)

A. worser	B. worse	C. more bad
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102. *She felt* ____ *than yesterday*. adjective/adverb (degrees of comparison)

A. more bad	B. worse	C. iller	D. more ill	E. badder
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103. *He's much richer* ____ *me*. adjective/adverb (degrees of comparison)

A. then	B. as	C. than
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104. *My mother lives in the same building* ____ *I*. adjective/adverb (degrees of comparison)

A. that	B. like	C. as	D. than
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105. ____ *she gets*, ____ . adjective/adverb (degrees of comparison)

A. The poorer, the fewer friends she has.	B. Poorer, the less she has friends	C. Poorer, fewer friends she has	D. The poorer, the fewer she has friends
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106. ____ *call a friend?* modals

A. Can you to	B. Do you can	C. Can you
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107. *You* ____ *get up so early*. modals

A. needn't	B. don't must	C. must not	D. mustn't
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108. *I* ____ *eat too much meat*. modals

A. use to	B. used to
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109. *That* ____ *be as easy as everyone says*. modals

A. can't	B. mustn't	C. may not
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110. *Finally, they* ____ *get to lift up the lorry*. modals

A. could	B. managed to	C. succeeded to
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111. *It certainly was not wise to close the door. There* ____ *been more guests*. modals

A. may have	D. can have
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112. One _____ be beautiful to win a beauty contest. Some of the beauty queens are rather plain but have a lot of personality. modals

A. can't B. doesn't have to C. shouldn't

113. _____ I help you with your homework? It's quite late already. modals

A. Shall B. Must C. Will

114. Last week we _____ pay an extra £35 for gas and electricity. modals

A. should B. had to C. must

115. This stuff is all gone off! The freezer is working but _____ disconnected for some time. modals

A. must B. must be C. must have been

116. Is this your _____ bike? noun -genitives

A. brother's B. brothers

117. His hair _____ a very light brown. to be

A. has B. is C. are

118. How many cousins _____ ? have got

A. do you have? B. are you having?

119. _____ to be here tomorrow? have got

A. Have you got B. Do you have C. Are you having

120. Please try _____ touch the animals. negative

A. not to B. to not

121. I don't want _____ drunk any more. to want

A. you to get B. you get C. that you get D. you getting

122. Who _____ the key? past simple

A. loses B. lost C. did lose

123. Why _____ ? questions

A. is this cat purring? B. is purring this cat? C. purrs this cat?

124. What _____ ? questions

A. did you ask? B. you ask?

125. I didn't _____ he was innocent. past simple

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| A. to believe | B. believe | C. believing | D. believed |
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126. _____ a hole in my bucket. spelling

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| A. There's | B. Their's | C. Their is |
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127. This is my _____ car. genitives (spelling)

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| A. parent's | B. parents' | C. parents |
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128. I wonder what _____. subclause

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| A. do they really mean? | B. do they really mean. | C. they really mean. |
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129. The manager _____ me not to be late. say/tell/ask

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| A. asked | B. said |
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130. Did mother _____ to make up your bed? past simple

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| A. teach you | B. learn you | C. taught you | D. learnt you |
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131. Yesterday _____ lots of birds on our roof. adverbs

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| A. it was | B. they were | C. there was | D. there were |
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132. Who went to London ? Poirot _____. short answers

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| A. has | B. did | C. does | D. was |
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133. He doesn't speak Bulgarian. short answers

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| A. He doesn't either | B. He doesn't neither | C. Neither does he | D. He doesn't too. |
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134. I call for help. short answers

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| A. He does too | B. So he does | C. So does he | D. Him too. |
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135. Freddy doesn't come from London . short answers

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| A. Neither James does | B. James also | C. James isn't coming, too | D. Nor does James |
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ANSWER KEY

Correct yourself!

Present tenses	1A 2D 3A 4A 5B (irritation)
Past tenses	6B 7B 8B 9C 10B/C
Present Perfect	11B 12C 13B 14C 15B

Future tenses	16A 17C 18C 19B/D 20C
Passives	21D 22A 23C 24B 25B
Conditionals	26A 27D 28B 29B 30A
Prepositions	31B 32A 33D 34C 35B
Infinitives and gerund	36A 37D 38C 39D 40A 41B 42B 43A 44A 45B
Reported Speech	46B 47B 48C 49C 50B
Irregular verbs	51C 52B 53A 54B 55C
(In)definite articles	56A 57C 58A 59D 60B
Determiners	61D 62C 63B 64C 65B 66A 67B 68B 69B 70A 71C 72A 73B
Pronouns	74D 75A 76A 77B 78C 79C 80B 81A 82D 83A/C 84B 85A 86D 87A 88C
Nouns	89A 90C 91B 92B 93B
Adjectives and adverbs	94B 95C 96B 97B 98A 99A 100A 101B 102B 103C 104C 105A
Modal auxiliaries	106C 107A 108B 109A 110B 111A 112B 113A 114B 115C
Miscellaneous	116A 117B 118A 119B 120A 121A 122B 123A 124A 125B 126A 127B 128C 129A 130A 131D 132B 133C 134C 135D

Grammar items		sentence numbers	score
1. Tenses			
Present	Simple or Continuous	1 → 5	/5
Past	Past tenses (all)	6 → 10	/5
Present Perfect	Present Perfect (continuous)	11 → 15	/5

Future	Future tenses	16 → 20	/5
2. Passives		21 → 25	/5
3. Conditionals		26 → 30	/5
4. Prepositions		31 → 35	/5
5. Gerunds and infinitives		36 → 45	/10
6. Reported Speech		46 → 50	/5
7. Irregular verbs		51 → 55	/5
8. Articles		56 → 60	/5
9. Determiners		61 → 73	/13
10. Pronouns		74 → 88	/15
11. Nouns		89 → 93	/5
12. Adjectives and adverbs (difference adv/adj+position+degrees of comp.)		94 → 105	/12
13. Modal auxiliaries		106 → 115	/10
14. Miscellaneous		116 → 135	/20
TOTAL SCORE			/135

Compare your total score with the score you had on the *Initial Placement Test*. Are you satisfied with the results? Did your grammar skills improve?

Compare the results of the grammar topics you needed to work on after the *Initial Placement Test*. Are you satisfied with your new results here? Why (not)? If not, discuss with your teacher what went wrong.