



Learn English Through Stories.

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Vocabulary.

Eight tests.

A. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap.

Collecting records

These days, most of us have a CD (**COLLECT**)..... . Before the CD, (**SING**).....made LPs, or 'long-playing' records. Although many (**CHILD**)..... have never seen an LP, they were once very popular. To play these records, you needed a record (**PLAY**)..... with a needle that ran along the record and produced the sound. Some (**MUSIC**)..... say the sound of LPs was better than CDs – and many (**COLLECT**).....agree! LPs are no longer very popular as a form of (**ENTERTAINMENT**)..... but many people buy and sell them. Some of them remember the LP from their (**CHILD**).....and listening to records reminds them of the past.

B. Complete using the correct form of the verbs in the box. You have to use one word twice.

• carry • eat • give • join • send • take • turn

1. Now, everyone knows this song, so I want you all to..... in with me!
2. It's so noisy in this restaurant. Could you ask them to..... the music down?
3. There was a fight during the match and the referee.....two players off.
4. We out about once a week and we cook at home the rest of the time.
5. I love this song!.....it up!
6. I used to play the trumpet, but I.....up last year because I didn't have time.
7. We stopped playing because of the rain, but when it stopped we.....on.
8. A good way of getting more exercise is to.....up a sport, like basketball.

C. Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words.

1. Jack really likes football and never misses a match. **crazy**

Jack..... football and never misses a match.

2. My uncle worked on a sailing boat until he was thirty. **was**

My uncle..... until he was thirty.

3. Do you want to watch TV? **feel**

Do you TV?

4. John participated in a swimming competition last week. **part**

John..... in a swimming competition last week

5. June and I had a game of tennis. **against**

I had.....June.

6. I played chess almost every day when I was young. **used**

I.....chess almost every day when I was young

7. Volleyball doesn't really interest me. **in**

I'm not..... volleyball.

8. I enjoyed myself at your birthday party. **fun**

I..... at your birthday party.

9. Young children like Disneyland. **popular**

Disneyland..... young children.

10. Karen doesn't like watching sport on TV. **keen**

Karen..... watching sport on TV.

D. Choose the correct answer.

1. When you rang, I.....my bike.
A. cleaned B. was cleaning C. used to clean D. clean
2. At my last basketball club, weevery Saturday for three hours.
A. were training B. training C. train D. used to train
3. I really..... the meal we had at your house last Tuesday.
A. was liking B. liked C. like D. am liking
4. We.....to the beach every day when we were on holiday.
A. went B. were going C. go D. used to going
5. I broke my leg when Tony and I..... for the school sports day.
A. practised B. used to practise C. were practising D. are practising
6. Leon never.....about it, but he was once a world champion skier.
A. talks B. is talking C. was talking D. talk
7. I.....like golf, but now I really like it.
A. don't use to B. don't used to C. didn't used to D. didn't use to
8. Denise.....at the stadium until she finds a better job.
A. works B. is working C. used to work D. was working

E. Match the two halves of the sentences.

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| 1. I waited outside the tennis club for | A. fun, and I don't want to do it as a job. |
| 2. When you rang, I was in | B. stage, with all the audience clapping. |
| 3. We finally got to the stadium just in | C. time to see the match start. |
| 4. I just play football for | D. a long time, but George didn't appear. |
| 5. I loved that film and when it comes out | E. on DVD, I'll definitely get it. |
| 6. It's great to appear on | F. the middle of cleaning my football boots. |

F. Fill the gaps with words from the box. You are given clues to the meaning in brackets.

Magnetic brusque perfectionist naïve opportunistic
Courageous morose insecure company intuitive
Methodical superficial

1. He's rather He always tries to use situations to his own advantage. (devious)
2. She has an approach to life rather than a rational one. (instinctive)
- 3 .My father was a somewhat quick-tempered and sort of person. (gloomy)
4. He was a very altruistic person, almost to the point of being (too trusting)
5. Aisha has a personality. Everyone is drawn to her. (attractive)
6. Rob is a very conscientious and worker. (careful, systematic)
7. I find Eva a bit and rude. (speaks in a quick and rude way)
8. She's fun-loving but she can be a bit at times. (doesn't care about serious things)
- 9 I think Max is (doesn't have much confidence, not really sure of himself)
10. I'm always happy to go out for a meal with Kerstin. She's such good (pleasant and entertaining to spend time with)
11. She was very in speaking out against corruption. (brave, unafraid to speak or act)
12. Owen's a He's never happy if he doesn't get an A-grade in every test. (100%)

G. Write sentences that mean the opposite of these sentences. Use idioms from below and make any other necessary changes.

Know something inside out; knows one's stuff out of touch

Has a familiar ring to it got the wrong end of the stick

rings a bell doesn't ring any bells with me.

1. Yes, that name is familiar to me. I think I've met her several times.
2. I'm really up to date with TV soap operas these days. I watch them every day.
3. She knows absolutely nothing when it comes to the history of this area.
4. I correctly interpreted what she was trying to tell me and it solved a big problem.
5. No, sorry, her name means nothing to me. I may have met her, I just can't remember.

H. Match the beginning of each sentence with its ending.

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| 1 This is breaking | a ring after dinner. |
| 2 These are the songs that are climbing | according to model and road conditions. |
| 3 There are tons of good reasons | blockbuster from Star Studios. |
| 4 Visitors must keep to the designated | news here on Global TV Extra. |
| 5 In any such case, customers shall forfeit | electronic circuit. |
| 6 Fuel consumption may vary | of the fitness machines to 20 minutes. |
| 7 I'll give you | to win support for the plan. |
| 8 The minister will tour Asia in a bid | the charts this week. |
| 9 Joss Engold stars in the latest | for not studying law. |
| 10 A microchip is a miniaturised | testify for a second time. |
| 11 Please restrict your use | areas at all times. |
| 12 A witness may be asked to | the right to compensation. |

Answers

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Jack **is crazy about** football and never misses a match.

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My uncle **was a sailor** until he was thirty.

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John **took part** in a swimming competition last week

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I'm not **really interested in** volleyball.

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I **had fun** at your birthday party.

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Disneyland **is popular with** young children.

10. Karen doesn't like watching sport on TV.

Karen **isn't keen on** watching sport on TV.

D. Choose the correct answer.

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2. I'm really **out of touch** with TV soap operas these days. I never watch them.
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Or: She knows the history of this area **inside out**.
4. I **got the wrong end of the stick** and it caused a lot of problems.
5. Her name **rings a bell**. I may have met her.

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2. These are the songs that are climbing the charts this week.
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9. Joss Engold stars in the latest blockbuster from Star Studios.
10. A microchip is a miniaturised electronic circuit.
11. Please restrict your use of the fitness machines to 20 minutes.
12. A witness may be asked to testify for a second time.