

# ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST

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Look at these examples. The correct answers are underlined.

- a) In warm climates people like / likes / are liking sitting outside in the sun.  
b) If it is very hot, they sit at / in / under the shade.

Now the test will begin. Underline the correct answer. (For each correct answer 1 point)

- 1) Water **is to boil** / **is boiling** / **boils** at a temperature of 100°C. 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) In some countries **there is** / **is** / **it is** very hot all the time. 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) In cold countries people wear thick clothes **for keeping** / **to keep** / **for to keep** warm. 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) In England people are always talking about **a weather** / **the weather** / **weather**. 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) In some places **it rains** / **there rains** / **it raining** almost every day. 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) In deserts there isn't **the** / **some** / **any** grass. 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Places near the Equator have **a warm** / **the warm** / **warm** weather even in the cold season. 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) In England **coldest** / **the coldest** / **colder** time of year is usually from December to February. 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) **The most** / **Most of** / **Most** people don't know what it's like in other countries. 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Very **less** / **little** / **few** people can travel abroad. 10 \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) Mohammed Ali **has won** / **won** / **is winning** his first world title fight in 1960. 11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) After he **had won** / **have won** / **was winning** an Olympic gold medal he became a professional boxer. 12 \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) His religious beliefs **have made him** / **made him to** / **made him** change his name when he became champion. 13 \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) If he **has** / **would have** / **had** lost his first fight with Sonny Liston, no one would have been surprised. 14 \_\_\_\_\_
- 15) He has travelled a lot **both** / **and** / **or** as a boxer and as a world-famous personality. 15 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) He is very well known **all in** / **all over** / **in all** the world. 16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 17) Many people **is believing** / **are believing** / **believe** he was the greatest boxer of all time. 17 \_\_\_\_\_
- 18) To be the best **from** / **in** / **of** the world is not easy. 18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) Like any top sportsman Ali **had to** / **must** / **should** train very hard. 19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 20) Even though he has now lost his title, people **would** / **will** / **did** always remember him as a champion. 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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21) The history of <b>aeroplane / the aeroplane / an aeroplane</b> is	21
22) <b>quite a / a quite / quite</b> short one. For many centuries men	22
23) <b>are trying / try / had tried</b> to fly, but with	23
24) <b>little / few / a little</b> success. In the 19 <sup>th</sup> century a few people	24
25) succeeded <b>to fly / in flying / into flying</b> in balloons. But it wasn't until	25
26) the beginning of <b>this / next / that</b> century that anybody	26
27) <b>were / is / was</b> able to fly in a machine	27
28) <b>who / which / what</b> was heavier than air, in other words, in	28
29) <b>who / which / what</b> we now call a 'plane'. The first people to achieve	29
30) 'powered flight' were the Wright brothers. <b>His / Their / Theirs</b> was the machine which was the	30
31) forerunner of the Jumbo jets and supersonic airliners that are <b>such / such a / so</b> common	31
32) sight today. They <b>could / should / couldn't</b> hardly have imagined that in 1969	32
33) <b>not much / not many / no much</b> more than half a century later,	33
34) a man <b>will be / had been / would be</b> landed on the moon.	34
35) Already <b>a man / man / the man</b> is taking the first steps towards the stars.	35
36) Although space satellites have existed <b>since / during / for</b> less	36
37) than forty years, we are now dependent <b>from / of / on</b> them for all	37
38) kinds of <b>informations / information / an information</b> . Not only	38
39) <b>are they / they are / there are</b> being used for scientific research in	39
40) space, but also to see what kind of weather <b>is coming / comes / coming</b> .	40
41) By 1998 there <b>would / must / will</b> have been satellites in space for forty	41
42) years and the 'space superpowers' are planning to <b>have / make / let</b>	42
43) massive space stations built. When these <b>will be / are / will have been</b>	43
44) completed it will be the first time <b>when / where / that</b> astronauts will be	44
45) able to work in space in large numbers. <b>Apart / For / Except</b> all that,	45
46) in many ways the most remarkable flight <b>of / above / at</b> all was	46
47) <b>it / that / that one</b> of the flying bicycle, which the world saw on television,	47
48) <b>flying / to fly / fly</b> across the Channel from England to France, with nothing	48
49) <b>apart / but / than</b> a man to power it. As the bicycle-flyer said,	49
50) "It's the first time <b>I realize / I've realized / I am realizing</b> what hard work it is to be a bird!"	50

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- 51) Many teachers **say to / say / tell** their students should learn a foreign language. 51 \_\_\_\_\_
- 52) Learning a second language is not the same **as / like / than** learning a first language. 52 \_\_\_\_\_
- 53) It takes **long time / long / a long time** to learn any language. 53 \_\_\_\_\_
- 54) It is said that Chinese is the world's **harder / hardest / more hard** language to master. 54 \_\_\_\_\_
- 55) English is quite difficult because of all the exceptions **who / which / what** have to be learnt. 55 \_\_\_\_\_
- 56) You can learn the basic structures of a language quite quickly, but only if you **are wanting / will to / are willing to** make an effort. 56 \_\_\_\_\_
- 57) A lot of people aren't used **to the study / to study / to studying** grammar in their own language. 57 \_\_\_\_\_
- 58) Many adult students wish they **would start / would have started / had started** their language studies earlier. 58 \_\_\_\_\_
- 59) In some countries students have to spend a lot of time working **on / by / in** their own. 59 \_\_\_\_\_
- 60) There aren't **no / any / some** easy ways of learning a foreign language in your own country. 60 \_\_\_\_\_
- 61) Some people try to improve their English by **hearing / listening / listening to** the BBC World Service. 61 \_\_\_\_\_
- 62) **Live / Life / Living** with a foreign family can be a good way to learn a language. 62 \_\_\_\_\_
- 63) It's no use **to try / trying / in trying** to learn a language just by studying a dictionary. 63 \_\_\_\_\_
- 64) Many students **would rather not / would rather prefer not / would rather not to** take tests. 64 \_\_\_\_\_
- 65) Some people think it's time we all **learn / should learn / learnt** a single international language. 65 \_\_\_\_\_
- 66) Charles Walker is a teacher at a school in Norwich. He **has joined / joined / joins** 66 \_\_\_\_\_
- 67) the staff of the school in 1988 and **has been working / worked / works** there ever since. 67 \_\_\_\_\_
- 68) Before **move / to move / moving** to Norwich, he taught in Italy and in Wales, and before that 68 \_\_\_\_\_
- 69) he **has been / was / was being** a student at Cambridge University. 69 \_\_\_\_\_
- 70) So far he **isn't / wasn't / hasn't been** in Norwich for as long as he was in Wales, 70 \_\_\_\_\_
- 71) but he likes the city a lot and **should / would / could** like to stay there for at least 71 \_\_\_\_\_
- 72) another two years, or, **how / which / as** he puts it, until his two children 72 \_\_\_\_\_
- 73) **have / will have / will be** grown up a bit. He met his wife, Kate, in 1982 73 \_\_\_\_\_
- 74) while he **was to live / was living / had been living** abroad for a while, and they got married 74 \_\_\_\_\_
- 75) in 1986. Their two children, Mark and Susan, **are / were / have been** both born in Norwich. 75 \_\_\_\_\_
- 76) Mark, **who / which / he** is four, has just started 76 \_\_\_\_\_
- 77) at nursery school, but **his / their / her** sister 77 \_\_\_\_\_
- 78) **shall stay / stays / will be staying** at home for another couple of years, 78 \_\_\_\_\_
- 79) because she is nearly two years **younger / more young / the younger** than him. 79 \_\_\_\_\_
- 80) Charles and Kate **are used / use / used** to live in the country, 80 \_\_\_\_\_

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- 81) but now they have children, they **have moved / move / moved** into the city. 81 \_\_\_\_\_
- 82) Charles wanted a house **next / near / close** the school 82 \_\_\_\_\_
- 83) **in order / for / to** get to work easily. Unfortunately 83 \_\_\_\_\_
- 84) **the / a / that** one the two of them really wanted was too expensive, 84 \_\_\_\_\_
- 85) so they **must / should / had to** buy one a bit further away. By the time the children 85 \_\_\_\_\_
- 86) **go / will go / wil have gone** to secondary school, 86 \_\_\_\_\_
- 87) **that / which / what** Charles and Kate hope will be in Norwich, 87 \_\_\_\_\_
- 88) the Walkers **will have been / have been / will be** living there for a least fifteen years. 88 \_\_\_\_\_
- 89) They can't be sure if they **stay / do stay / will stay**, but if they 89 \_\_\_\_\_
- 90) **don't / didn't / won't**, their friends won't be too surprised. 90 \_\_\_\_\_

**Look at the following examples of question tags in English.  
The correct form of the tag is underlined.**

- a) He's getting the 9.15 train, isn't he / hasn't he / wasn't he ?
- b) She works in a library, isn't she / doesn't she / doesn't he ?
- c) Tom didn't tell you, hasn't he / didn't he / did he ?
- d) Someone's forgotten to switch off the gas, didn't one / didn't they / haven't they ?

**Now underline the correct question tags in the following 10 items. (For each correct answer 1 point)**

- 91) John's coming to see you, hasn't he / wasn't he / isn't he ? 91 \_\_\_\_\_
- 92) It's been a long time since you've seen him, hasn't it / isn't it / haven't you ? 92 \_\_\_\_\_
- 93) He's due to arrive tomorrow, won't he / isn't he / will he ? 93 \_\_\_\_\_
- 94) He won't be getting in till about 10.30, isn't he / is he / will he ? 94 \_\_\_\_\_
- 95) You met him while you were on holiday, didn't you / weren't you / haven't you ? 95 \_\_\_\_\_
- 96) I think I'm expected to pick him up, aren't I / don't I / are you ? 96 \_\_\_\_\_
- 97) No doubt you'd rather he stayed in England now, didn't you / wouldn't you / shouldn't you ? 97 \_\_\_\_\_
- 98) Nobody else has been told he's coming, is he / has he / have they ? 98 \_\_\_\_\_
- 99) We'd better not stay up too late tonight, didn't we / have we / had we ? 99 \_\_\_\_\_
- 100) I suppose it's time we called it a day, didn't we / isn't it / don't I ? 100 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Grammar Test - solutions

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| 1 boils          | 34 would be         | 67 has been working |
| 2 it is          | 35 man              | 68 moving           |
| 3 to keep        | 36 for              | 69 was              |
| 4 the weather    | 37 on               | 70 hasn't been      |
| 5 it rains       | 38 information      | 71 would            |
| 6 any            | 39 are they         | 72 as               |
| 7 warm           | 40 is coming        | 73 have             |
| 8 the coldest    | 41 will             | 74 was living       |
| 9 Moat           | 42 have             | 75 were             |
| 10 few           | 43 are              | 76 who              |
| 11 won           | 44 that             | 77 his              |
| 12 had won       | 45 For              | 78 will be staying  |
| 13 made him      | 46 of               | 79 younger          |
| 14 had           | 47 that             | 80 used             |
| 15 both          | 48 flying           | 81 have moved       |
| 16 all over      | 49 but              | 82 near             |
| 17 believe       | 50 I've realized    | 83 to               |
| 18 in            | 51 say              | 84 the              |
| 19 had to        | 52 as               | 85 had to           |
| 20 will          | 53 a long time      | 86 go               |
| 21 the aeroplane | 54 hardest          | 87 which            |
| 22 quite a       | 55 which            | 88 will have been   |
| 23 had tried     | 56 are willing to   | 89 will stay        |
| 24 little        | 57 to studying      | 90 don't            |
| 25 in flying     | 58 had started      | 91 isn't he         |
| 26 this          | 59 on               | 92 hasn't it        |
| 27 was           | 60 any              | 93 isn't he         |
| 28 which         | 61 listening to     | 94 will he          |
| 29 what          | 62 Living           | 95 didn't you       |
| 30 Theirs        | 63 trying           | 96 aren't I         |
| 31 such a        | 64 would rather not | 97 wouldn't you     |
| 32 could         | 65 learnt           | 98 have they        |
| 33 not much      | 66 joined           | 99 had we           |
|                  |                     | 100 isn't it        |