

# Grammar Basics

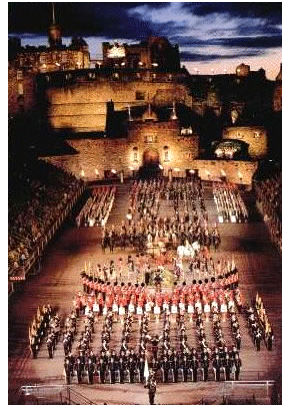
Level B1



## Task One: The Edinburgh Tattoo

You will hear a text about the Edinburgh Tattoo.

- You get marks in this practice test for writing the correct words with the correct spelling.
- You will hear the text three times:
  - ▶ First – you will hear the whole text.
  - ▶ Then – you will hear small pieces of the text.
  - ▶ These will each be repeated once.
- You will hear the following names: **Edinburgh, Scotland**



## Task Two: Two faces of a town

- Complete the following article by choosing the most suitable word from the four options.

### The Two Faces of Meckham

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Jack Hemmingway, who recently **Example** his 60th birthday, was brought up in Meckham and has lived there all his life.

"It's amazing how the town has 1 since I was young. In those days Meckham used to have a 2 of main factories; one made shoes and the other 3 ice cream. I feel sad that both have now 4 down."

Today, few people work in the town itself, but many commute out of town to work. Hector Jenner, a management consultant, 5 50 km from home to his office. "From my point of 6 it is really good the factories have gone, because I don't like living in a(n) 7 town. Richer people have moved here and there are some really good high 8 restaurants."

But Jack Hemmingway isn't happy, "When I 9 all the unemployed people in the town who've just left school standing around doing nothing it 10 me angry."



### Questions for Task Two:

Example: **A.** partied      **B.** celebrated      **C.** honoured      **D.** commemorated

The correct answer is **B.**

1.      **A.** differed      **B.** changed      **C.** modified      **D.** renewed
2.      **A.** several      **B.** number      **C.** various      **D.** couple
3.      **A.** produced      **B.** created      **C.** fabricated      **D.** assembled
4.      **A.** finished      **B.** ended      **C.** stopped      **D.** closed
5.      **A.** comes      **B.** drives      **C.** lives      **D.** moves
6.      **A.** view      **B.** opinion      **C.** thought      **D.** fact
7.      **A.** industrial      **B.** economic      **C.** technical      **D.** mechanical
8.      **A.** order      **B.** sort      **C.** quality      **D.** type
9.      **A.** look      **B.** stare      **C.** view      **D.** see
10.      **A.** makes      **B.** does      **C.** feels      **D.** gives

### Task Three: The first female scientists

- Complete the following text by selecting for each numbered space one of the words from the box below.
- Use only **ONE** word for each space.

a	about	after	any	as	at	before
during	for	had	have	how	in	
than	the	these	through	up	while	why

## Pioneer Women in Science



Henrietta Swan-Leavitt was born in Massachusetts in 1868. She was one of seven children from an old American family. She became interested \_\_\_11\_\_\_ astronomy at college. Unfortunately, she became ill \_\_\_12\_\_\_ still at college. Although she recovered from her illness, she became almost completely deaf. But she didn't give up her dreams!

Swan-Leavitt started working \_\_\_13\_\_\_ thirty cents an hour at Harvard's Observatory. \_\_\_14\_\_\_ the start of her career her task was to measure \_\_\_15\_\_\_ brightness of several stars. She observed them and watched how they changed in brightness. This constant change helped her decide \_\_\_16\_\_\_ far they were from the Earth. During this work she discovered more \_\_\_17\_\_\_ 2 400 new stars.

In 1921, she died of cancer \_\_\_18\_\_\_ several years of poor health at the age of fifty-three. Henrietta Swan-Leavitt had \_\_\_19\_\_\_ crater on the moon named after her because of the important work she \_\_\_20\_\_\_ done in astronomy. The Swedish Academy of Sciences nominated her for a Nobel Prize.