

British Section Screening Test 2026

Level B1/Key stage 2

VOCABULARY /12 coef 1

A/ Complete the sentences with a word. The first letter is given. 4 pts

1. She decided to l _ _ _ the party because it was getting late.
2. The museum has an i _ _ _ _ _ _ _ collection of modern art.
3. He was d _ _ _ _ _ _ _ when he failed the test for the third time.
4. You need to r _ _ _ _ your passport before travelling abroad.
5. The children w _ _ _ _ _ their time playing video games instead of studying.
6. The new shopping centre is b _ _ _ _ _ the train station.
7. The doctor a _ _ _ _ _ everyone to exercise at least three times a week.
8. The two friends a _ _ _ _ _ to meet in the afternoon.

B/ Use the words in capitals to form a new word that fits each blank. 5 pts

1. She speaks French very (GOOD)
2. The new science museum is one of the most attractions in the city. (VISIT)
3. His to finish the race was inspiring. (DETERMINE)
4. It was of her to offer her seat to the elderly passenger. (THOUGHT)
5. The new regulations are designed to the use of plastic. (COURAGE)
6. Many people feel when they move to a new city. (ALONE)
7. The of the new bridge will improve transport a lot. (BUILD)
8. He acted and didn't think about the consequences. (RESPONSIBLE)
9. The film had a very ending. (PREDICT)
10. Despite the many....., she managed to answer all the questions. (DIFFICULT)

D/ Match each word on the left with its synonym on the right. 3 pts

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| 1. wealthy | a. intelligent |
| 2. clever | b. daring |
| 3. courageous | c. peculiar |
| 4. odd | d. prosperous |
| 5. exhausted | e. speak softly |
| 6. whisper | f. worn out |

1. _ 2. _ 3. _ 4. _ 5. _ 6. _

USE OF ENGLISH /15 coef 1

A/ Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d. 5 pts

1. By the time we arrived at the cinema, the film _____ already.
a. started b. has started c. had started d. was starting
2. She's been working at the hospital _____ ten years.
a. since b. during c. for d. while
3. If I _____ more time, I would learn to play the guitar.
a. have b. had c. would have d. have had
4. The concert was cancelled _____ the heavy rain.
a. because of b. because c. although d. despite
5. This is the best film _____ I have ever seen.
a. which b. who c. that d. what

B/ Read the text about volunteering. Fill each blank with ONE word only. 6 pts

Volunteering Abroad

Every year, thousands of young people choose to spend time volunteering abroad.

It **1)** estimated that around 1.6 million people volunteer internationally each year, and the number is growing.

Volunteering is a fantastic way to **2)** experience in a new field. Many volunteers work in areas such as education, healthcare or environmental conservation. **3)** well as developing new skills, volunteers often say that it is a life-changing experience.

However, volunteering abroad **4)** not always easy. Living in a foreign country can be challenging, especially if you do not speak the local language. Volunteers **5)** often be away from their families for months at a time, which can feel lonely.

Despite these difficulties, most volunteers feel that the experience is worth the effort. **6)** return home with new perspectives, new friendships and a greater understanding of the world.

C/ Each sentence contains ONE grammatical error. Find and correct it. 4 pts

1. She has been to the supermarket yesterday and bought a lot of food.

Correction: _____

2. The children were bored because they didn't had anything to do.

Correction: _____

3. He suggested to go to the beach, but nobody agreed.

Correction: _____

4. If she will study harder, she will pass the exam easily.

Correction: _____

Reading Comprehension

Coef: /2

Read the extract from **The Secret Garden** by Hodgson Burnett.

In this extract Mary has just made a discovery in the garden of Misselthwaite Manor where she moved to live with her uncle after her parents died in India.

Mary looked at it, not really knowing why the hole was there, and as she looked she saw something almost buried in the newly-turned **soil**. It was something like a ring of rusty iron or brass and when the robin flew up into a tree nearby, she put out her hand and picked the ring up. It was more than a ring, however; it was an old key which looked as if it had been buried a long time. Mistress Mary stood up and looked at it with an almost frightened face as it hung from her finger.

"Perhaps it has been buried for ten years," she said in a whisper. "Perhaps it is the key to the garden!"

She looked at the key quite a long time. She turned it over and over, and thought about it. As I have said before, she was not a child who had been trained to ask permission or consult her **elders** about things. All she thought about the key was that if it was the key to the closed garden, and she could find out where the door was, she could perhaps open it and see what was inside the walls, and what had happened to the old rose-trees. It was because it had been shut up so long that she wanted to see it. It seemed as if it must be different from other places and that something strange must have happened to it during ten years. Besides that, if she liked it she could go into it every day and shut the door behind her, and she could make up some play of her own and play it quite alone, because nobody would ever know where she was, but would think the door was still locked and the key buried in the earth. The thought of that pleased her very much.

Living as it were, all by herself in a house with a hundred mysteriously closed rooms and having nothing whatever to do to amuse herself, had set her inactive brain to working and was actually awakening her imagination. There is no doubt that the fresh, strong, pure air from the **moor** had a great deal to do with it. Just as it had given her an appetite, and fighting with the wind had **stirred** her blood, so the same things had stirred her mind. In India she had always been too hot and **languid** and weak to care much about anything, but in this place she was beginning to care and to want to do new things. Already she felt less "contrary," though she did not know why.

She put the key in her pocket and walked up and down her walk. No one but herself ever seemed to come there, so she could walk slowly and look at the wall, or, rather, at the **ivy** growing on it. The ivy was the baffling thing. However carefully she looked she could see nothing but thickly growing, glossy, dark green leaves. She was very much disappointed. Something of her contrariness came back to her as she paced the walk and looked over it at the tree-tops inside. It seemed so silly, she said to herself, to be near it and not be able to get in. She took the key in her pocket when she went back to the house, and she made up her mind that she would always carry it with her when she went out, so that if she ever should find the hidden door she would be ready.

Soil: earth

elders: adults

stirred: agitate

languid: slow-moving

moor: open area covered in rough grass

ivy: climbing plant

1. What does Mary find buried in the soil? 1pt

2. What does she think the object might be a key to? 1pt

3. How long does Mary think the key might have been buried? 1pt

4. What word in the text means "covered or hidden under the ground"? 1pt

5. Find and copy two words that describe the metal ring Mary finds. 2pts

a)-----

b)-----

6. Why do you think Mary is described as having an "almost frightened face" when she finds the key?

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6. Why does Mary want to find and open the garden door? 2pts

7. What does the extract tell us about what kind of person Mary is? 2pts

8. How has being at Misselthwaite Manor already started to change Mary? 2pts

9. What do the words "the fresh, strong, pure air from the moor" suggest about how Mary is feeling now compared to how she felt in India? 2pts

10. Why does the author describe the ivy as "the baffling thing"? What does this tell us about Mary's feelings? 2pts

11. How does the author show that the garden is mysterious and secret?

/3pts

12. What do you think might happen next now that Mary has found the key? Explain your ideas using clues from the text.

_____ /2pts

13. Do you think Mary should keep the secret of the key or tell an adult? Why?

/2pt

Writing

Choose **ONE** of the questions. Write 120 – 150 words.

Total Writing: /15 coef 2

1. Imagine that Mary has discovered the door to the Secret Garden. Write what happens next in the story and what she found in the garden. Include her feelings and thoughts. Use the past tense.

2. Write about a discovery you made. Include details about the discovery, where and when, who was with you and how you felt. Use the past tense.

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