

## Chapter 1: Placement Test

### Oxford Placement Test

The use of placement tests whenever I have an English course with new students has become a necessary tool to identify their levels as they very often come from different learning language environments. This year, I am providing you with an Oxford Placement test. It allows to grade the level of students according to the level system administered by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. It can also clearly and reliably give us the level of students on the A1 to C2 scale.

### The Grammar Test

The Grammar test is a multiple-choice test. The Grammar is evaluated in relation to meaning. The right answers depend on reading comprehension as well as on language knowledge. The test should take a maximum of 50 minutes. The Listening test will be provided in subsequent courses.

Look at these examples. The correct answer is ticked.

- 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. Tick the correct answers.

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| 1  | Water <input type="checkbox"/> is to boil <input type="checkbox"/> is boiling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> boils at a temperature of 100°C.                                       | 1  | _____ |
| 2  | In some countries <input type="checkbox"/> there is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is <input type="checkbox"/> it is very hot all the time.   | 2  | _____ |
| 3  | In cold countries people wear thick clothes <input type="checkbox"/> for keeping <input type="checkbox"/> to keep <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for to keep warm.                  | 3  | _____ |
| 4  | In England people are always talking about <input type="checkbox"/> a weather <input type="checkbox"/> the weather <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> weather .                         | 4  | _____ |
| 5  | In some places <input type="checkbox"/> it rains <input type="checkbox"/> there rains <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> it raining almost every day.                                   | 5  | _____ |
| 6  | In deserts there isn't <input type="checkbox"/> the <input type="checkbox"/> some <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> any grass.   | 6  | _____ |
| 7  | Places near the Equator have <input type="checkbox"/> a warm <input type="checkbox"/> the warm <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> warm weather even in the cold season.                 | 7  | _____ |
| 8  | In England <input type="checkbox"/> coldest <input type="checkbox"/> the coldest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> colder time of year is usually from December to February.           | 8  | _____ |
| 9  | <input type="checkbox"/> The most <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Most of <input type="checkbox"/> Most people don't know what it's really like in other countries.                  | 9  | _____ |
| 10 | Very <input type="checkbox"/> less <input type="checkbox"/> little <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> few people can travel abroad.   | 10 | _____ |
| 11 | Mohammed Ali <input type="checkbox"/> has won <input type="checkbox"/> won <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is winning his first world title fight in 1960.                           | 11 | _____ |
| 12 | After he <input type="checkbox"/> had won <input type="checkbox"/> have won <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was winning an Olympic gold medal he became a professional boxer.        | 12 | _____ |
| 13 | His religious beliefs <input type="checkbox"/> have made him <input type="checkbox"/> made him to <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> made him change his name when he became champion.  | 13 | _____ |
| 14 | If he <input type="checkbox"/> has <input type="checkbox"/> would have <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> had lost his first fight with Sonny Liston, no one would have been surprised. | 14 | _____ |
| 15 | He has travelled a lot <input type="checkbox"/> both <input type="checkbox"/> and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or as a boxer and as a world-famous personality.                   | 15 | _____ |

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- 16 He is very well known **all in all over in all** the world.
- 17 Many people **is believing are believing believe** he was the greatest boxer of all time.
- 18 To be the best **from in of** the world is not easy.
- 19 Like any top sportsman Ali **had to must should** train very hard.
- 20 Such is his fame that people **would will did** always remember him as a champion.

The history of **aeroplane the aeroplane an aeroplane** is quite a **a quite quite** short one. For many centuries men **are trying try had tried** to fly, but with **little few a little** success. In the 19th century a few people succeeded **to fly in flying into flying** in balloons. But it wasn't until the beginning of the **this near last** century that anybody **were is was** able to fly in a machine **who which what** was heavier than air, in other words, in **who which what** we now call a 'plane'. The first people to achieve 'powered flight' were the Wright brothers. **His Their Theirs** was the machine which was the forerunner of the jumbo jets that are **such such a so** common sight today. They **could should couldn't** hardly have imagined that in 1969, **not much not many no much** more than half a century later, a man **will be had been would be** walking on the moon. Already **a man man the man** is taking the first steps towards the stars. Space satellites have now existed **since during for** more than half a century and we are dependent **from of on** them for all kinds of **informations information an information**. Not only **are they they are there are** being used for scientific research in space, but also to see what kind of weather **is coming comes coming**. By 2018 there **would must will** have been satellites in space for sixty years and the 'space superpowers' will have **had made let** massive space stations built. When these **will be are will have been** completed it will be the first time **when where that** astronauts will be able to work in space in large numbers. **Apart For Except** all that, in many ways the most remarkable flight **of above at** all was **it that that one** of the flying bicycle, which the world saw on television, **flying to fly fly** across the Channel from England to France, with nothing **apart but than** a man to power it. As the bicycle-flyer said, 'It's the first time **I realize I've realized I am realizing** what hard work it is to be a bird!'

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51	Many teachers <b>say to say tell</b> their students should learn a foreign language.	51	_____
52	Learning a second language is not the same <b>as like than</b> learning a first language.	52	_____
53	It takes <b>long time long a long time</b> to learn any language.	53	_____
54	It is said that Chinese is perhaps the world's <b>harder hardest more hard</b> language to master.	54	_____
55	English is quite difficult because of all the exceptions <b>who which what</b> have to be learnt.	55	_____
56	You can learn the basic structures of a language quite quickly, but only if you <b>are wanting will to are willing to</b> make an effort.	56	_____
57	A lot of people aren't used <b>to the study to study to studying</b> grammar in their own language.	57	_____
58	Many adult students of English wish they <b>would start would have started had started</b> their language studies earlier.	58	_____
59	In some countries students have to spend a lot of time working <b>on by in</b> their own.	59	_____
60	There aren't <b>no any some</b> easy ways of learning a foreign language in your own country.	60	_____
61	Some people try to improve their English by <b>hearing listening listening to</b> the BBC World Service.	61	_____
62	<b>Live Life Living</b> with a foreign family can be a good way to learn a language.	62	_____
63	It's no use <b>to try trying in trying</b> to learn a language just by studying a dictionary.	63	_____
64	Many students of English <b>would rather not would rather prefer not would rather not to</b> take tests.	64	_____
65	Some people think it's time we all <b>learn should learn learnt</b> a single international language.	65	_____
	Charles Walker is a teacher at a comprehensive school in Norwich. He <b>has joined joined joins</b>	66	_____
	the staff of the school in 1998 and <b>has been working worked works</b> there ever since.	67	_____
	Before <b>move to move moving</b> to Norwich, he taught in Italy and in Wales,	68	_____
	and before that he <b>has been was was being</b> a student at Cambridge	69	_____
	University. So far he <b>isn't wasn't hasn't been</b> in Norwich for as long	70	_____
	as he was in Wales, but he likes the city a lot and <b>should would could</b>	71	_____
	like to stay there for at least another two years, or, <b>how which as</b> he	72	_____
	puts it, until his two children <b>have will have will be</b> grown up a bit.	73	_____
	He met his wife, Kate, in 1992 while he <b>was to live was living had been living</b>	74	_____
	abroad for a while, and they got married in 1996.	75	_____
	Their two children, Mark and Susan, <b>are were have been</b> both born in Norwich.		
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The Walkers' boy, **who which he** is five, has just started at school, but **his their her** sister **shall stay stays will be staying** at home for another couple of years, because she is nearly two years **younger more young the younger** than him. Charles and Kate Walker **are used use used** to live in the country, but now that they have children, they **have moved move moved** into the city. Charles wanted a house **next near close** the school **in order for to** get to work easily. Unfortunately **the a that** one the two of them really wanted was too expensive, so they **must should had to** buy one a bit further away. By the time the children **go will go will have gone** to secondary school, **that which what** Charles and Kate hope will be in Norwich, the Walkers **will have been have been will be** living there for at least fifteen years. They can't be sure if they **stay do stay will stay**, but if they **don't didn't won't**, their friends won't be too surprised.

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

- 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 tick the correct question tag in the following 10 items:

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

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