

C Grammar exercises

1 Fill in the gaps with *it is*, *there is* or *there are*.

Sometimes I dream of a place where I'd like to live.

- (1) It is at the top of a mountain and on the south-facing side (2) _____ a little house. (3) _____ very pretty and (4) _____ flowers all around it. (5) _____ no other houses nearby but (6) _____ lots of sheep and goats and wonderful vegetables growing. (7) _____ always sunny and warm and it only rains at night. (8) _____ not far from a little village where (9) _____ a restaurant which serves my favourite food. Unfortunately (10) _____ just a dream!



2 Choose the correct sentence from each pair.

- 1 a I saw your advertisement in yesterdays' newspaper.
b I saw your advertisement in yesterday's newspaper. ✓
- 2 a I always enjoy when I visit my friends in Madrid.
b I always enjoy myself when I visit my friends in Madrid.
- 3 a A friend of mine recommended this film.
b A friend of me recommended this film.
- 4 a The college decided to publish the students' results online because they had done so well.
b The college decided to publish the student's results online because they had done so well.
- 5 a Nobody wanted to come to the cinema with me so I went on myself.
b Nobody wanted to come to the cinema with me so I went by myself.

3 Choose the correct words.

I'm going to tell you about a party game you might want to play with a new class of students. It's a game (1) *most* / *most of* people enjoy and it's a good way for people to get to know (2) *each other* / *themselves* when they first arrive.

You have a pile of cards and (3) *all* / *every* card has the name of a famous person on it. (4) *Every* / *Each* of the famous people has a partner; for example, Romeo's partner is Juliet. It's important that they're people that (5) *all* / *everyone* has heard of. (6) *Everyone* / *Someone* has one of these cards pinned to their back and they have to find out who they are by questioning (7) *every* / *all* the other people in the room. The first two students to find (8) *each other* / *the other* get a prize. (9) *The whole* / *All* the game takes about twenty minutes and by the end (10) *nobody* / *anybody* is feeling shy any longer.

4 Fill in the gaps with the words in the box.

all each every most no none some whole

Tickets going fast for Bimblers tournament

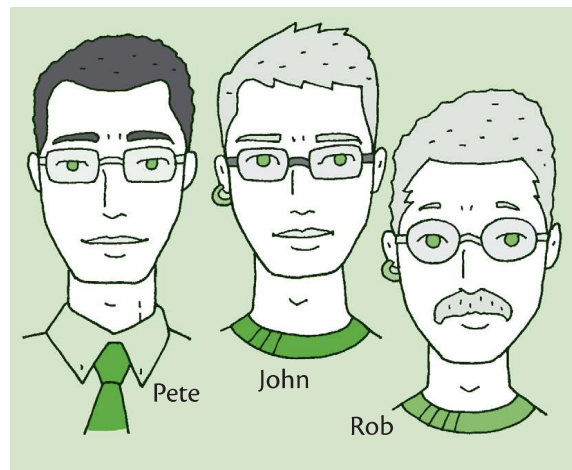
Next week sees the start of Bimblers tennis tournament, which has become increasingly well-known since it was first held five years ago. The (1) whole tournament lasts ten days and there is great demand for tickets throughout. Up to sixty players take part and (2) _____ of them pays €50 to enter. Although it is not a professional competition, (3) _____ the umpires have professional qualifications. The prize money is not an enormous sum, but winning the tournament is seen as a great achievement, so competition is fierce and (4) _____ of the players likes losing.

It's a great social event as well and (5) _____ competitor is invited to a pre-tournament party and a final celebration dinner. The facilities for spectators are good, and they're guaranteed some exciting matches. From time to time, (6) _____ of the spectators shout rudely at the players, but (7) _____ of them clap and cheer politely. To avoid disturbing the concentration of the players, (8) _____ spectators may enter or leave while play is in progress.

5 Look at the pictures of three brothers, Pete, John and Rob. Use the words in the box to complete the sentences describing them.

beard earring fair hair glasses
moustache short hair

- 1 Both John and Rob have fair hair.
- 2 Both _____ and _____.
- 3 Neither _____ nor _____.
- 4 All of them _____.
- 5 They all _____.
- 6 None of them _____.



6 Correct the mistake in each of the following sentences by Cambridge First candidates.

- 1 I can lend you some swimming trunks if you have forgotten ~~you~~. yours
- 2 I'd rather have a computer of mine than share with my sister. _____
- 3 It was hard working together until we all knew us. _____
- 4 There is a great thing to have someone you can rely on. _____
- 5 I feel myself very close to nature and I know that a lot of people are like me. _____
- 6 Suddenly she woke up. It was a strange noise coming from downstairs. _____

Exam practice

Reading and Use of English Part 2

For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

Names

If, like me, you're called John Smith and live in England, you have the same name **(0)** as thousands of other people. As a child, I thought that **(2)** _____ in the world had their **(2)** _____ names, but when I started school I found **(3)** _____ were other boys with my name. In fact, one of them became a close friend of **(4)** _____.

Strangers often think they have met me before, but then realise that they're thinking of somebody **(5)** _____ – another John Smith. In hotels or banks, people often look at me suspiciously when I give my name as **(6)** _____ is often the name used by people who don't want to give their real one!

On the whole, though, I've decided it's better to have a common name. I recently met two people called Honey Moon and Holly Bush! **(7)** _____ of them appeared to mind having an unusual name although they **(8)** _____ agreed that people sometimes did not take them seriously.



Exam tip

Think about what kind of word is needed in the gap and read the whole sentence to make sure the word you choose fits grammatically.

Grammar focus task

Look at these phrases and find expressions with the same meaning in the completed text above.

- 1 all the people everyone/everybody
- 2 names that were unique to individuals _____
- 3 one of my best friends _____
- 4 a different person _____
- 5 both of them seemed happy _____
- 6 two people said the same thing _____