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- **having practical lessons ready and structured in an organic set of 5 teaching units**
- **encouraging self-learning and self-assessment**
- **preparing for language certification**
- **stimulating students' interest and encouraging an interdisciplinary approach**

Reports on pages 6 & 7

Issue #1: Unusual sports (vocabulary related to sport, verbs of movement)

Issue #2: Tales about clocks (asking and telling the time, expressions of time)

Issue #3: It's time to do ... whatever you like! (verbs and vocabulary related to free time)

Issue #4: The art of transformation (vocabulary

related to cities, places, and shops)

Issue #5: I love the countryside (vocabulary related to nature and the countryside)

Inside the magazine

Each issue of LET'S START is a complete and independent DIDACTIC UNIT, structured in:

- a double page spread of **illustrated vocabulary** on pages 4 and 5
- a report-style article on pages 6 and 7
- an article on **culture and current affairs** from the English-speaking world on pages 8 and 9, and 12 and 13
- review and self-assessment **games** (with answers) on page 14

In addition...

- a fun test on page 10 helps students memorise and reuse the vocabulary and structures learned
- *Me and my hobby*, on page 11, offers interesting insights from stories of young people and their unusual interests
- insights on famous people popular with today's youth: cinema, music, sport, art etc.
- each page has hints, games, tests and exercises for deepening and consolidating language
- free downloadable audio on elilanguagemagazines.com
- the **teacher's notes** are accompanied by a table with the basic grammar introduced during the year
- Extra grammatical exercises for each issue and in the last two pages, summary exercises for the memorisation and revision of vocabulary and structures covered in the five issues.

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MONTH	VOCABULARY	BASIC GRAMMAR	COMMUNICATIVE FUNCTIONS
<p>Issue #1 September/ October</p> <p>Illustrated vocabulary A world of sport</p> <p>Report Unusual sports</p>	<p>Sport: vocabulary related to sport and verbs related to movement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present Simple • Possessive pronouns • Prepositions of place • The superlative form • Indefinite pronouns • Relative pronouns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking about different types of sport • Speaking about what we do and don't like to do • Describing actions and movements • Knowing how to describe what's good for our health
<p>Issue #2 November/ December</p> <p>Illustrated vocabulary What time is it?</p> <p>Report Tales about clocks</p>	<p>The time: asking and telling the time and time expressions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardinal numbers • Review of the Present Simple • Modal verbs • There is/there are • Adjectives of nationality • Prepositions • Using the gerund as a subject 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple sayings • Learning how to ask for and tell the time • Describing places • Giving advice
<p>Issue #3 February</p> <p>Illustrated vocabulary My free time</p> <p>Report It's time to do ... whatever you like!</p>	<p>Hobbies: Verbs and vocabulary related to free time</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causal prepositions • Introduction to future forms • Temporal phrases • Time adverbs • Subordinate coordinated clauses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressing your tastes and preferences • Speaking about your passions • Making observations • Speaking about free time activities • Expressing and describing our own and other people's abilities
<p>Issue #4 March/April</p> <p>Illustrated vocabulary In the city</p> <p>Report The art of transformation</p>	<p>The city: Places, shops, landmarks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past Simple • Adjectives • Adverbs of time • Review of prepositions of place • Introduction of Present Perfect Simple • Practice of the superlative form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing places • Learning how to speak about our strengths relative to different conversation topics • Talking about what you know how to do • Expressing hopes and future intentions
<p>Issue #5 May/June</p> <p>Illustrated vocabulary In the countryside</p> <p>Report I love the countryside</p>	<p>The countryside: Vocabulary related to nature</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causal sentences • Practice of modal verbs • Interrogative forms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making introductions • Expressing proposals for ideas • Speaking about our dreams for the future • Knowing how to discuss environmental themes

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Answers

Extra exercises for the 5 issues of Let's Start

Issue 1 – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

- 1E, 2F, 3J, 4I, 5G, 6B, 7C, 8H, 9D, 10A.
- 1 sailing/B, 2 football/A.
- 1 If, nobody, 2 can, something, can't 3 more, greater, 4 don't, 5 cannot, learned;
- 5 A4, B1, C6, D2, E3, F5.

Issue 2 - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

- 2 five o'clock, am, 3 five fifteen, quarter past five, am, 4 five thirty, half past five, am, 5 12 o'clock, midday, pm, 6 three o'clock, pm, 7 6 o'clock, pm, 8 9 o'clock, pm.
- 2 A In **Germany**, in the **Black** Forest, **there is** a 320 km long road, B The **most** accurate clock in the world is Big Ben. Big Ben is located in **London**, in the **UK**. C **There are** many **steam** clocks in the world. Most of them were **built** by a **Canadian** engineer named Raymond Saunders. D To **get to the top** of Big Ben, **there are** 334 steps. From **up** there, you **can** see all of London. E In the Black Forest, you **can enter** the craftsman's shops to see the watchmakers **at work** and **you can** buy the cuckoo clock you like **best**.
- 3 1 there is, 2 there is, 3 there are, 4 there is, 5 there are, 6 there are, 7 there is

Issue 3 - FEBRUARY

- 1 1 walking, 2 collecting, 3 singing, 4 going to the cinema, 5 travelling, 6 gardening, 7 playing, 8 playing, 9 cooking, 10 building models. COINS.
- 2 1-A-Singer, 2-B-Actress, 3-E-Actors, 4-A-Singer, 5-F-Singer, 6-C-former-model.
- 3 1A, 2A, 3B, 4B, 5A, 6A.
- 4 1 I'm travelling, 2 they're having, 3 you're doing, 4 we're singing, 5 you're playing, 6 she's playing

Issue 4 - MARCH/APRIL

- 1 1 cinema, 2 shopping centre, 3 station, 4 track, 5 suburbs, 6 bank, 7 restaurant, 8 museum, 9 library, 10 pizzeria, 11 park, 12 school, 13 theatre, 14 shop, 15 town hall, 16 hotel, 17 post office, 18 Rome.
- 2 1C petit beurre LU, 2A Roubaix, 3B picnic. Example: Le Lieu Unique was an old biscuit factory. Here they produced 'petit beurre LU' biscuits...
- 3 wash, trim, comb, bathe, shave, brush, trim nails, massage, clean teeth. Free choice.

Issue 5 - MAY/JUNE

- 2 1T, 2F, 3T, 4F, 5T, 6F, 7F, 8T

Additional grammar exercises

- 1 1 works, 2 train, 3 have fun, 4 reads, 5 take
- 2 1 I didn't like skiing because I was afraid of falling. I preferred to go for a run.
2 Lorenzo could not read as he was only 5 years old, but he could draw and paint very well.
3 I went to my grandmother's for lunch ever day; I liked to visit her and talk to her.
4 We had to go and see Giacomo. Did you want to come too?
5 Marta and Cristina often organised swap parties. They wanted to have fun with friends, they didn't want to throw things away, and at the same time, they wanted to renew their wardrobes.
- 3 1 there is, 2 there are, 3 there are, 4 there is, 5 there are
- 4 1 in, 2 at, 3 In, 4 in, 5 in, at
- 5 1 Walking every day, 2 The chirping of birds, 3 Smoking, 4 Knitting, 5 Studying hard
- 6 am having/eating, are buying, am going, is starting, are studying
- 7 1 How much did you pay for the backpack? 2 Where did you put your cellphone? 3 When was Leopardi born? 4 How often do you train? 5 Where is Sara?
- 8 1 was born, 2 did, studied, 3 have, gone out, forgot, 4 did, come back, came back 5 moved
- 9 best, the nicest, the most dangerous, the newest, the bitterest
- 10 1D, 2A, 3E, 4B, 5C

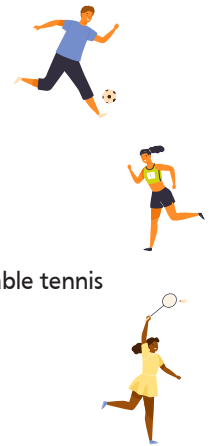
Name and surname: Class:

1 Read the definitions and link them to the correct sport.

- 1 You can also do this at a riding school.
- 2 To play, you need a small racket.
- 3 You do this in the mountains.
- 4 It's a team game played in the pool.
- 5 It can be "cross-country" or "alpine".
- 6 You can also practice this sport at the lake!
- 7 In this sport, the *Champions League* is a very important competition.
- 8 Here, scoring points is called ... "making a basket".
- 9 In this discipline, the marathon is one of the oldest races.
- 10 In this sport there is a lifter, and a person who receives the ball and hits it to the other players.



- A volleyball
- B sailing
- C football
- D cycle touring
- E horse riding
- F ping pong / table tennis
- G skiing
- H basketball
- I water polo
- J hiking



Score: 10 points

Your score is _____

2 Sports and idioms. Complete the sentence and choose the correct option.

- 1 "sail against the wind" refers to s_ _ _ _ _ g and means:
 A to have it easy.
 B sailing without the wind in your favour. It is also used when you have to achieve something in difficult circumstances.
- 2 "hanging up your boots" refers to f_ _ _ _ _ l and means:
 A abandon sport and, in general, to abandon any activity or profession.
 B be a lazy person.

Score: 4 points

Your score is _____

3 Sports and famous phrases. Read the sentences and complete them with the correct option.







- 1 If / When you don't believe in yourself, **nobody** / **someone** will do it for you. (Kobe Bryant)
- 2 I **want to** / **can** accept defeat; everyone fails at **something** / **everything**. But I **can** / **can't** give up trying. (Michael Jordan)
- 3 The **less** / **more** difficult the victory, the **more** / **less** / **greater** the happiness in winning. (Pele)
- 4 You **don't** / **do** have to study magic to be special. You are already special: you are you. (Magic Johnson)
- 5 You **cannot** / **must not** win without first having **taught** / **learned** to lose. (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar)

Score: 5 points

Your score is _____

4 At the Tokyo 2020 Olympics (held on 23 July - 8 August 2021), 6 new sports were introduced. Look at the pictures and link them with the correct sport.

A basketball 3x3 or 3x3 (three on three) - B skateboarding - C surfing - D climbing - E baseball / softball - F karate

1 	_____	4 	_____
2 	_____	5 	_____
3 	_____	6 	_____

Score: 6 points

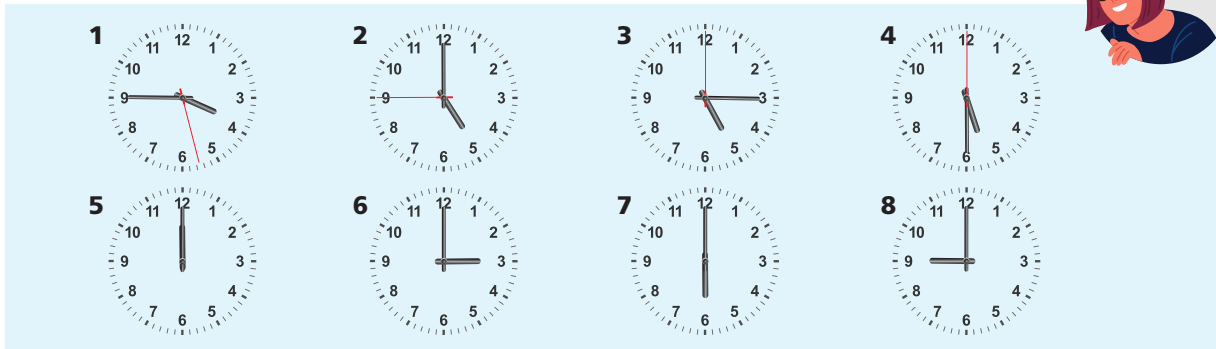
Your score is _____

Total score: 25 points.

Your score is _____

Name and surname: Class:

1 What time is it? Look at the clocks and write the time as in the example.



- 1 It's four forty-five / It is quarter to five am or pm?: am.
- 2 It's _____ am or pm?: _____.
- 3 It's _____ / It is _____ am or pm?: _____.
- 4 It's _____ / It is _____ am or pm?: _____.
- 5 It's _____ / It is _____ am or pm?: _____.
- 6 It's _____ . Am or pm?: _____.
- 7 It's _____ . Am or pm?: _____.
- 8 It's _____ . Am or pm?: _____.

Score: 17 points

Your score is _____

2 Have you read the report on pp. 6-7 carefully? Read the sentences, find the mistakes, and rewrite the sentences correctly.

- A In Spain, in the White Forest, there are a 320 km long road.
_____.
- B The least accurate clock in the world is Big Ben. Big Ben is located in Greenwich, Ireland
_____.
- C There is many electric clocks in the world. Most of them were bought by a Portuguese engineer named Raymond Saunders.
_____.
- D To jump to the bottom of Big Ben there is 234 steps. From down there, you must see all of London.
_____.
- E In the Black Forest, you have to go out into the craftsman's shops to find the resting watchmakers and you have to buy the digital watch you like least.
_____.

Score: 18 points

Your score is _____

3 Complete with there is / are

- 1 In Germany, _____ a fairy-tale place.
- 2 In London, _____ a clock tower 96 meters high.
- 3 To get to the top of Big Ben, _____ 334 steps.
- 4 In the Big Ben tower, _____ a small prison.
- 5 _____ few steam clocks in the world.
- 6 Along a path in the Black Forest, _____ many cuckoo clocks.
- 7 In Vancouver, Canada, _____ a neighbourhood called Gastown.

Score: 7 points

Your score is _____

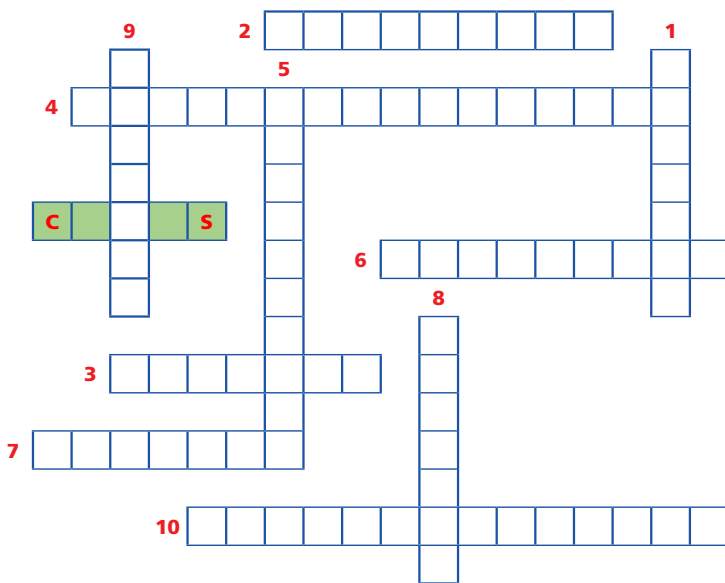
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Name and surname: Class:

1 The Hobby Crossword. Read the definitions and complete the crossword. Complete the green boxes to find out which are the most collected objects in the world!

- | | |
|----|---|
| 1 | 1 You can do it in the park, in the centre, on the seafront ... |
| 2 | A popular hobby is stamp |
| 3 | You can do this in a shower, but it's even better if you have a microphone! |
| 4 | The same as 'visiting a movie theatre' |
| 5 | It can be "done" by plane, train, bus, ship ... |
| 6 | Plant a rose in the garden, is to do ... |
| 7 | The verb used for cards, Monopoly and Trivial Pursuit ... |
| 8 | Using a musical instrument. |
| 9 | If you like preparing food, you like ... |
| 10 | Making small ships, planes, machines. |



The most popular items for collectors are: C _ I _ S

Score: 11 points

Your score is _____

2 Did you read the reports on pages 6 and 7 carefully? Connect the hobbies to the correct people and their professions.

- | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|--------------|
| 1 | create snow globes | A | Justin Bieber | • | singer |
| 2 | go skydiving | B | Nicole Kidman | • | singer |
| 3 | create terracotta objects | C | Claudia Schiffer | • | actors |
| 4 | solve the Rubik's cube | D | Taylor Swift | • | actress |
| 5 | produce honey | E | Brad Pitt e Leonardo Di Caprio | • | singer |
| 6 | collect insects | F | Beyoncé | • | former model |

Score: 6 points

Your score is _____

Name and surname: Class:

3 Have you ever played the air guitar? Read the article and choose the correct answer.

1 Heikki is:

- a Danish
- b Finnish

2 With 'air guitar', you play:

- a an invisible guitar
- b a real guitar

3 The air guitar is a democratic instrument because:

- a someone can play it
- b anyone can play it

4 The Air Guitar World Championship

- a does not exist
- b exists

5 To play the air guitar you ...

- a don't need a musical instrument
- b need a musical instrument

6 The Air Guitar World Championship

- a is held annually in the city of Heikki
- b is held every two years in the United States

Score: 6 points

Your score is _____

4 Write the Present Continuous of these verbs.

1 I travel _____

2 they have _____

3 you do _____

4 we sing _____

5 you play _____

6 she plays _____

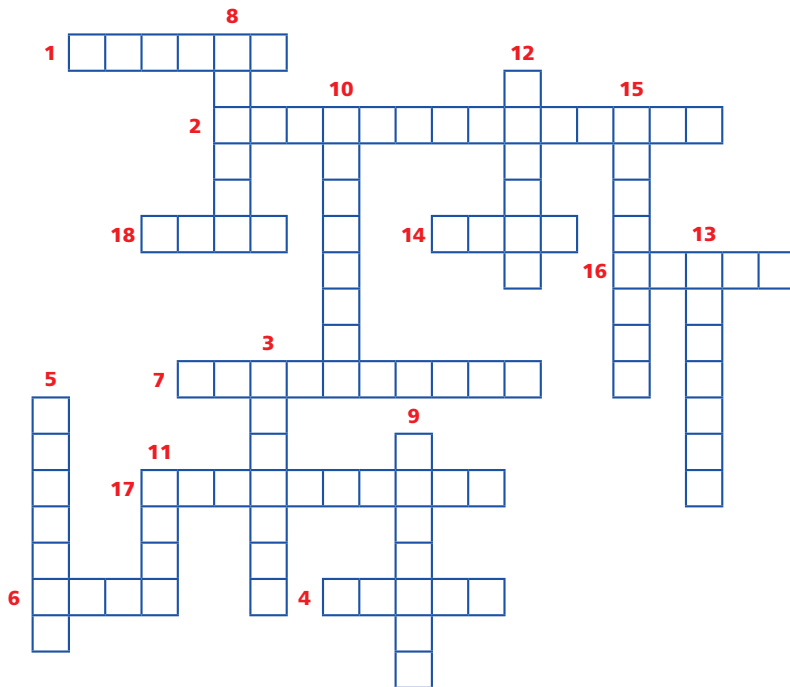
Score: 6 points

Your score is _____

Total score: 29 points. Your score is _____

Name and surname: Class:

1 In the city. Read the definitions and complete the crossword.



- 1 This is the place where you go to see a movie.
- 2 This is a place where you can find many different shops.
- 3 This is a place where you can catch a bus, train, subway ...
- 4 This is another word for 'path'.
- 5 This is the name for the residential areas of a city.
- 6 This a place where you can find an ATM.
- 7 This is where you can find the dish of the day!
- 8 This is the place where you can see ancient objects.
- 9 This is place where you go to read or study.
- 10 In this place, you can order an Italian favourite!
- 11 This place has lawns, trees, benches and bike paths ...
- 12 You'll find plenty of students here.
- 13 It has a stage, lights and seats.
- 14 This is a place that sells things.
- 15 This is the seat of many public offices in the city.
- 16 If it's comfortable, this place has many stars.
- 17 This is where you buy stamps and send parcels.
- 18 What's the capital city of Italy?

Score: 18 points

Your score is _____

Name and surname: Class:

2 Did you read the report *The art of transformation* carefully? Connect the elements together. With this information, create long or short sentences ... you choose!

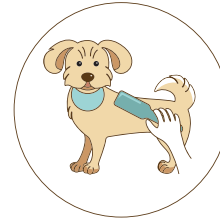
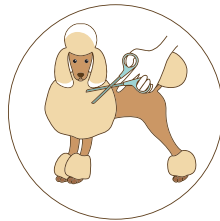
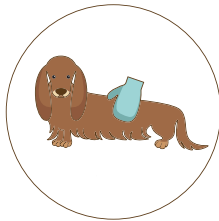
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|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Le Lieu Unique | A a swimming pool | • picnic |
| 2 la Piscine-Musée d'Art et d'Industrie | B an airport | • petit beurre LU |
| 3 Tempelhofer Park | C a biscuit factory | • Roubaix |

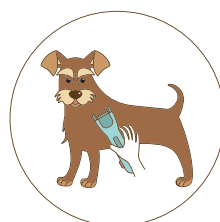
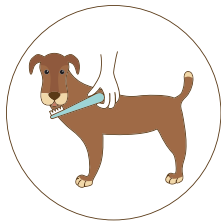
Score: 9 points

Your score is _____

3 Find the verbs associated with creative dog grooming. Now ask your partner to imagine that you are a creative dog groomer. Ask him what he likes to do / what he doesn't like to do. Then switch roles.

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Score: 25 points

Your score is _____
(your teacher will decide this time!)

Total score: 68 points. Your score is _____

Name and surname: Class:

1 What's on a farm? Take a good look at the pictures, find the 19 elements, and write their names.



cat - farm - butterfly - apple - mouse - flower - tractor - chick goat - dog - sun - bird
 rabbit - farmer - turkey - hen - carrot horse - vegetable



Score: 8 points

Your score is _____

Name and surname: Class:

2

I love the countryside. Reread the report on pages 6 and 7 and answer true [T] or false [F]

- | | T | F |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Urban farming means producing food at km 0, i.e., close to where you live. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 FAO helps young people in the industry sector. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Today, more and more young people want to live and work in the countryside. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Bees are very important for the environment because they make honey. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Butterflies help pollinate flowers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 New York JFK Airport will open an organic food store in Terminal 5. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 In many cities, there are vertical gardens. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 When we buy things at km 0, we help the environment. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Score: 8 points

Your score is _____

Total score: 27 points. Your score is _____

ADDITIONAL GRAMMAR EXERCISES

Name and surname: Class:

1 Present indicative. Conjugate the verbs in brackets in the Present Simple tense.

- 1 Samuel (work) _____ very hard.
- 2 We (train) _____ every day.
- 3 Kate and Ivan (have fun) _____ playing hide and seek.
- 4 Patricia (read) _____ history books.
- 5 Guys, (take) _____ another piece of pizza!

2 Underline the verbs, then transform these sentences into the Past Simple.

- 1 I don't like skiing because I'm afraid of falling. I prefer to go for a run.

- 2 Lorenzo cannot read as he is only 5 years old, but he can draw and paint very well.

- 3 I go to my grandmother's for lunch every day; I like to visit her and talk to her.

- 4 We have to go and see Giacomo. Do you want to come too?

- 5 Marta and Cristina often organise *swap parties*. They want to have fun with friends, they don't want to throw things away, and at the same time, they want to renew their wardrobes.

3 There is/there are. Complete with the correct form.

- 1 This morning _____ ice on the road.
- 2 If you want to listen to some music, _____ many records in that box.
- 3 Millions of years ago, there were dinosaurs on Earth. Now _____ none.
- 4 In the garden, _____ a nest, and inside, _____ three eggs.
- 5 Over there, _____ three windsurfing boards and a boat.

4 Read the sentences and underline the prepositions of place.

- 1 Giorgia always has her head in the clouds.
- 2 We camped at Lake Garda.
- 3 In Simone's garage, you can find lots of sporting equipment.
- 4 Today I have a lot of coins in my pocket!
- 5 I'll be back in a while. I'm having an ice cream at Laura's house.

5 Infinitive as a subject. Read the sentences and underline the subject.

- 1 Walking every day is good for you.
- 2 The chirping of birds is pleasant.
- 3 Smoking is bad for your health.
- 4 Knitting is a cool hobby.
- 5 Studying hard helps you pass exams.

ADDITIONAL GRAMMAR EXERCISES

Name and surname: Class:

6 Complete the sentences with the Present Continuous.

- 1 I _____ tortellini for dinner tonight.
- 2 Yesterday we bought a pencil, tomorrow we _____ some crayons.
- 3 I _____ on holiday in August.
- 4 He _____ work at 7am tomorrow.
- 5 We _____ after dinner, as we've got an exam tomorrow.

7 Interrogative sentences. Write the questions to these answers.

- 1 _____ ? I paid 25 euros for this backpack.
- 2 _____ ? I put my cellphone on top of the table.
- 3 _____ ? Leopardi was born in 1798.
- 4 _____ ? I train three times a week.
- 5 _____ ? Sara is at Marta's house.

8 Conjugate the verbs in brackets in the Past Simple tense.

- 1 I (born) _____ in Florence.
- 2 Where _____ Mark and Beatrice (study) _____ ? They (study) _____ at Oxford University
- 3 _____ you already (go out) _____ ? I (forget) _____ the keys in the bag.
- 4 What time _____ you (come back) _____ ? I (come back) _____ at 6pm.
- 5 Patrizia (move) _____ house. Now she lives in the countryside.

9 Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 He's the _____ (good) friend I've ever had.
- 2 These are _____ (nice) shoes in the shop.
- 3 The box dangerous is one of _____ (dangerous) creatures in the sea.
- 4 She's got _____ (new) car in our neighbourhood.
- 5 This is the _____ (bitter) drink I've ever tasted – it's disgusting!

10 Causal propositions. Connect the causal phrases.

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1 This morning I went to school on foot, | A help me prepare for the exam! |
| 2 As you are good at maths, | B because I love snorkelling |
| 3 I'm going to the cinema with Luca, | C let's go to bed early tonight. |
| 4 My favourite holiday is by the sea | D because my bicycle has a flat tyre. |
| 5 As we have to leave at 7, | E since you don't want to come. |