

Diagnostic test 7

Questions

Nine of these questions contain mistakes of grammar or formality. Tick [✓] the correct questions, then find and correct the mistakes.

Example

What did you buy else at the shops?
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- 1 What means 'heliotrope'? I can't find it in the dictionary.

- 2 How long you had been living there before the war broke out?

- 3 According to the recipe, what time should I turn the oven off?

- 4 'There was an awful explosion in town yesterday.' 'Really? What did happen?'

- 5 Who exactly presents the certificates at the graduation ceremony?

- 6 How on earth will you get there? The buses have all been on strike for a week.

- 7 'I didn't think much of that film, did you?' 'Yes, I thought it was terrible.'

- 8 Let's give the evening class a miss tonight and stay in, don't we?

- 9 'I'm going to have to cancel this evening. I'm still at work.' 'Oh, things are still really hectic, are they?'

- 10 Can you let me know what time does the train from Croydon arrive?

- 11 Could you possibly let us know if or not the tree roots will affect the foundations?

- 12 Do you know if the victim had been staying in this hostel immediately prior to the attack?

- 13 Honestly, I can't trust you to do anything right. You can't have lost your passport. Could you tell me where you put it after the holiday?

- 14 'They didn't give the concert after all last night.' 'Did they? Why not?'

- 15 'I love seeing Robbie Williams live. He's such a good dancer.' 'Yes, isn't he?'

Write an appropriate question tag (e.g. *isn't it?*) to complete each question.

Example

You don't really believe in ghosts, ... *do you...?*

- 16 Surely your parents will help you to get the food ready,?
- 17 Look at the time. We ought to go now to get the last bus,?
- 18 She needn't pay for the whole course in advance,?
- 19 'Have you seen my new puppy? He's worth £250.' 'He's lovely. He's a pedigree, then,?'
- 20 Don't forget to bring me some of your fantastic carrot cake,?