



Grammar and Vocabulary /Level B2/: Part II

Key

Conditionals

1

- | | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| A You are sure to be late ...5 | 1 ...if you explain it to them. |
| B If I had their address ...3 | 2 ...I'll take an umbrella. |
| C They'll understand it all right ...1 | 3 ...I could write and ask them. |
| D If Tom didn't work so much ...6 | 4 ...I might lose a bit of weight. |
| E If it rains in the afternoon ...2 | 5 ...if you miss the bus. |
| F If I took more exercise ...4 | 6 ... he wouldn't get so tired. |

2

- 1 If you **ask** (ask) Liz, she will tell you what to do.
- 2 I won't help you with your homework if you **don't stop** (not stop) watching TV.
- 3 They would work harder if they **weren't** (not be) so tired.
- 4 I would have a word with Jack if he **were/was** (be) at home.
- 5 Peggy **will go** (go) shopping if she **has** (have) time in the afternoon.
- 6 If he **cared** (care) about other people's feelings, he wouldn't behave that way.
- 7 She **won't be/will not be** (not be) successful if she doesn't learn to control her temper.
- 8 If you **send** (send) this letter now, she'll **receive** (receive) it tomorrow.
- 9 You **won't be able/will not be able** (be able/ not) to sleep if you **watch** (watch) this scary film.
- 10 If I **find** (find) your ring, I'll **give** (give) it back to you.
- 11 If her boyfriend **doesn't phone** (phone / not) today, she'll **leave** (leave) him.
- 12 If they **don't study** (study / not) harder, they **won't pass/will not pass** (pass / not) the exam.

3

- 1 If I had got up earlier, I would **have caught** (catch) the bus.
- 2 If I **had known** (know) it, I wouldn't have gone there.
- 3 If I **had studied** (study) harder, I **would have passed** (pass) the exam.
- 4 If I **hadn't left** (not leave) so early, I **would have met** (meet) her.
- 5 If you **had driven** (drive) more carefully, you **wouldn't have had** (not have) an accident.
- 6 If we **had played** (play) a little better, we **would have won** (win) the match.
- 7 We **would have gone** (go) to the cinema if we **had got** (get) the tickets.
- 8 I **would have called** (call) Mike if I **hadn't lost** (not lose) his telephone number.
- 9 If Greg **hadn't been** (not be) late for work, he **wouldn't have lost** (not lose) his job.
- 10 Paula **would have joined** (join) the project if she **had had** (have) more information about it.

Articles

- 1) "What do you do?" -- "I'm ___ a ___ teacher."
- 2) Where do you go **to school**?
- 3) He's from ___ **the** ___ **USA**.
- 4) Have you read ___ **the** ___ **book which I gave you** last month?
- 5) The journey only takes **about** ___ **an** ___ **hour**.
- 6) He's very lonely. He doesn't have **friends**.
- 7) Susan works **in London**.
- 8) "Did you see Terminator 3 on TV last night?" -- "Yes, **it was** ___ **an** ___ **awesome movie**."
- 9) "Did you lock ___ **the** ___ door?" -- "Oh I forgot!"
- 10) Can I speak to Nicky, please? -- Yes, hold on. She's in ___ **the** ___ garden.
- 11) "What's your favourite food?" -- "I like **spaghetti**."
- 12) "Where are you from?" -- "I'm from ___ **the** ___ Czech Republic."
- 13) I usually go to school **by bike**.
- 14) "Where's Jimmy?" -- "He's waiting in ___ **the** ___ car."
- 15) "Can I borrow your calculator?" -- "Sure, but ___ **the** ___ display is broken."
- 16) Do you think he can play ___ **the** ___ **trumpet**?
- 17) "Hello, could I speak to ___ **the** ___ **manager**, please?"
- 18) Look at ___ **the** ___ **sky**! It's going to rain!
- 19) She's bought ___ **a** ___ **new car**. She drives a Mercedes now.
- 20) Rhode Island is ___ **an** ___ **American state**.
- 21) ___ **The** ___ **Atlantic Ocean** is the most polluted ocean in the world.
- 22) We were supposed to write an essay on The Picture of Dorian Gray, but I didn't find ___ **the** ___ book in the library.
- 23) Can you please go to ___ **the** ___ **grocery store on Fifth Street** and buy 2 cartons of milk?
- 24) **People** seem to be always in a hurry these days.
- 25) I want to buy ___ **a** ___ **laptop computer** next week.

Countable and uncountable nouns

1

- 1 Let me give you **some** advice.
- 2 Kate doesn't like milk.
- 3 Could you pass me **the** tea, please?
- 4 There's **some** coffee left.
- 5 There is **a** woman waiting outside the cinema.
- 6 We must find **some information** about the departure.
- 7 Money **is** very important to him.
- 8 None of the passengers had insured their **baggage**.

2

- A **How much** homework do you usually get?
- B **How many** people are there in your class?
- C **How much** coffee do you drink a day?
- D **How much** does a cup of coffee cost?
- E **How many** languages do you speak?
- F **How much** information has leaked out?

3

- A It cost me **a lot of** money to buy that present.
B We didn't take **many** pictures when we were on holiday.
C He always puts **a lot of** salt on his food.
D They don't have **much** furniture in their flat. They've just moved in.
E Tom drinks **a lot of** milk – at least one litre a day.
F We must hurry as we don't have **much** time.
G She is a very quiet person. She doesn't say **much**.

4

- A Listen carefully. I'm going to give you **some/a piece of** advice.
B Do you mind if I ask you **a few/several** questions?
C The cinema was almost empty. Very **few** people were there.
D The weather has been very dry recently. We've had **little** rain.
E I don't think Jill would be a good teacher. She's got **little** patience.
F 'Would you like milk in your coffee?' 'Yes, please. **A little./A bit.**'
G Can you lend me **a few/several** dollars?

a, some, any, no

Part A

- 1 We found _____ old magazines when we were tidying up the cellar. *an, any, **some**, something*
2 I went shopping yesterday morning and I bought _____ new top. *a, any, some, the*
3 There is _____ at the bus stop. *anybody, anyone, some, **somebody***
4 We don't have _____ blinds in my house. *any, no, some, the*
5 Did _____ see my PA yesterday? *any, **anybody**, somebody, some*
6 If anyone _____ hungry, come with me to the dining room. *-, are, has, **is***
7 If anybody comes, tell _____ I'll be here in a few minutes. *her, him, **them**, to him*

Part B

- 8 He gave me _____ advice at all. *an, any, **no**, some*
9 Nobody said _____ to him. ***anything**, none, nothing, something*
10 I don't know _____ about politics. *-, **anything**, nothing, something*
11 We found out that we were going to the shop without _____ money. *a, **any**, some, no*
12 She was silent and refused to say _____. *any, **anything**, nothing, something*
13 We had to stay at my friend's because there was _____ bus. *any, **no**, nothing, some*
14 Is there any more tea? There's _____ in the kitchen. *any, no, **none**, nothing*

Part C

- 15 Trust your instincts and do **anything** you dream of.
16 I need to work. I could do **anything**.
17 **Any** candidate with at least B2 knowledge of German will be invited.
18 I would do **anything** for her but she doesn't care.

Part D

- 19 Would you like **some** milk?
20 Can I have **some** coffee, please?
21 Shall I send you **some** information?
22 Do you want me to bring **some** pictures?

Reported speech

1

1 I've given up my job.
He said he **had given up** his job.

2 I can easily find another one.
He said he **could easily find** another one.

3 I'm going to travel around Africa.
He said he **was going** to travel around Africa.

4 I lived there as a child.
He said he **had lived** there as a child.

5 I might get a part time job there.
He said he **might get** a part time job there.

6 I'm packing my bag.
He said he **was packing** his bag.

7 I'm really excited.
He said he **was really excited**.

8 I'll be away for a year.
He said he **would be away** for a year.

9 I may stay longer.
He said he **might stay** longer.

10 You could come too.
He said **I could come** too.

2

- 1 She told ...C
2 My sister asked...E
3 I said...A
4 My parents said...D
5 I wanted to know...B
6 I told...F

- A I could help my neighbour mend his car.
B whether my sister could give me a lift.
C me she couldn't afford to come to the theatre.
D to me, "You shouldn't watch so much TV."
E if I wanted to go on holiday with her.
F the dentist that Thursday was the only day I was free.

3

Dear Miguel

Good luck with the job application! These are the things the organizer asked me about – he'll probably ask you the same sorts of questions.

He asked me if **I was married** (1). He wanted to know **how old I was** (2), which university **I studied** (3) at and where **I came from** (4). Then he asked **if I had worked** (5) with children before and what sports **I did** (6). He wanted to know **if I would work** (7) for at least two months and **if I could start** (8) immediately. He asked **if I needed** (9) accommodation and wondered **if I would like** (10) any more information.

Optional practice

1) John: "Mandy is at home."

John said that **Mandy was at home**.

2) Mike: "Do you still have that book of mine?"

Mike asked me if **I still had the book of his**.

3) Susan: "I'm watching TV."

Susan said to me that **she was watching TV**.

4) Simon: "David was ill."

Simon said that **David had been ill**.

5) Samantha: "The TAs helped in the gym."

Samantha told me that **the TAs had helped in the gym**.

6) Richard: "I am going to ride a skateboard."

Richard said to me that **he was going to ride a skateboard**.

7) Stephen and Claire: "We have replied to all the emails."

Stephen and Claire told me that **they had replied to all the emails**.

8) Charles: "I didn't have time to do my homework."

Charles remarked that **he hadn't had time to do his homework**.

9) Mrs Jones: "My mother will be 50 years old."

Mrs Jones told me that **her mother would be 50 years old**.

10) Jean: "The head must sign the letter."

Jean said that **the head had to sign the letter**.

11) Lionel: "Is the magazine free of charge?"

Lionel wanted to know **if the magazine was free of charge**.

12) Dr. West: "I'm attending a seminar next week."

Dr. West pointed out **(that) he was attending a seminar the following week**.

Prepositional phrases

1

- 1 Do you admire a famous person? What is he/she **well-known for**?
- 2 What do you **worry about**?
- 3 What talents are you **envious of**?
- 4 Which sports are you **good at**?
- 5 Are there any things you are particularly **afraid of**?
- 6 What things/people in your life are you most **proud of**?
- 7 What kind of music are you **keen on**?
- 8 Are you **interested in** politics?
- 9 Who will you always be **grateful to**? What will you be **grateful for**?
- 10 Which languages are you **fluent in**?
- 11 What or whom do you get **annoyed at/with**?
- 12 Which person, or people, in your life can you most **rely on**?
- 13 Do you ever imagine your future? What do you **dream of**?
- 14 Who are you most **similar to** - your mother or your father?
- 15 What would you like to be **famous for**?
- 16 Is there anything you would personally **congratulate** yourself **on**?
- 17 When did you last **complain about** something? Who did you **complain to**?
- 18 What is your **opinion of/on/about** the current economic situation in the Czech Republic?

2

- 1 Yvonne doesn't **approve of** wearing real fur, but Jane doesn't **agree with** her.
- 2 Who is **responsible for** delivering the invitations?
- 3 I **asked** the manager **for** advice **on** training but he just **shouted at** me for disturbing him.
- 4 No one's had any cake. What's the **matter with** it?
- 5 Did you drop that dish **on purpose**?
- 6 She didn't want to come with us, but **in the end** we persuaded her.
- 7 It was a great show and the audience applauded loudly **at the end**.
- 8 He's **in charge of** the office and makes all important decisions.
- 9 They **accused** him **of** forging the signatures and sent him to prison.
- 10 Can you **forgive** me **for** my rudeness.
- 11 They **prevented** him **from** attending the meeting.
- 12 I took a wrong book **by mistake**.
- 13 This information is highly confidential. Keep it **in secret**.
- 14 We met **by accident** at the airport.
- 15 Considering all circumstances, everybody on board was **in great danger**.

Transitional expressions

1

1 We managed to get to the office _____ the heavy snow.

A in spite of* B however C while

2 _____ needing a rest, the team continued to work.

A In spite B **Despite*** C Although

3 I like peaches. I don't like bananas,

A whereas B on the other hand C **though**

4 The film was good, _____ it was also very frightening.

A despite B **but** C in spite

5 Paul can drive a car, _____ Charles can ride a motorbike.

A **whereas** B even though C despite

6 _____ she isn't fond of classical music, she went to the concert.

A However B **Even though** C Despite

***In spite of** and **despite** are prepositions, so they take a noun (e.g. *snow*) or a gerund (e.g. *needing*).

***Although** and **even though** are conjunctions, so they are followed by a clause (a subject + a verb: *Although she isn't...*).

2

The party was a disaster. **To begin with**, there were hardly any people there. **As a result**, there wasn't a very exciting atmosphere. **In addition**, the stereo had broken, **so** there was no music to dance to. **In the end**, we all watched a film on television. I left **as soon as** I could. **In short**, it was a terrible evening.

3

1 He was hungry(,) **so** he bought a sandwich.

2 Claire is very tall. **What is more**, she is very thin.

3 **Despite being** tired, I watched the late film.

4 John did his homework **while** his brother tidied the kitchen.

(The past simple stresses the completion of two different activities the boys did.)

John was doing his homework **while** his brother was tidying the kitchen.

(The past continuous can be used to indicate that both activities were in progress at the same time).

5 Tom likes football(,) **whereas** Stuart likes basketball.

6 **Neither** Jason, **nor** Paul likes tomatoes. (The verb must agree with the nearest subject, i.e. Paul.)

4

There are many reasons for visiting the city of Rome. 1) _____, it is a city with an interesting history. 2) _____, it was the capital of the Roman Empire. 3) _____, Rome is very beautiful, 4) _____ its many places, churches and squares. 5) _____, many of the city's classical monuments have been preserved, 6) _____ it is possible to see how the city used to be. 7) _____, many people travel to Rome every year. 8) _____, I believe that 9) _____ a trip to Rome may be expensive, it is well worth visiting such a wonderful city.

- | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) A Since | B On the whole | C Firstly |
| 2) A Secondly | B Finally | C Therefore |
| 3) A In order to | B Moreover | C All in all |
| 4) A thanks to | B because | C so |
| 5) A Apart from | B However | C In addition |
| 6) A because | B so | C and |
| 7) A Because | B But | C For this reason |
| 8) A To sum up | B Although | C For example |
| 9) A moreover | B although | C due to |

Phrasal verbs

1

- 1 Sorry, but I've **run out of** all ideas.
- 2 Could you **look** the number **up** in the telephone directory?
- 3 We are **looking forward to** hearing from you soon.
- 4 Peter decided to **take up** Spanish this year.

2

- 5 Could you **pick me up** from the station?
- 6 Teenagers find it difficult to **get along** with their parents.
- 7 Can you **look after** my dog next weekend?
- 8 People with heart disease should **give up** smoking.
- 9 Don't **let me down** - I count on you.
- 10 He'll never **get over** his grandmother's death.

3

I had been doing the same job for years and I didn't really **care for** (*like*) (1) it any more but it was extremely well paid. Then one day I decided to look for another job, realising I would need to **cut down** (*reduce*) (2) what I spent on luxuries.

I **filled in** (*completed*) (3) lots of forms but all my applications were **turned down** (*rejected*) (4). I **carried on** (*continued*) (5) looking for a job but nothing suitable **turned up** (*appeared*) (6) so I booked a holiday. The day before I was due to **set off** (*leave*) (7) I was **rung up** (*telephoned*) (8) by a TV company who asked me to go for an interview the next day. I **put off** (*postponed*) (9) my holiday immediately. It was the job of my dreams. I could hardly **take in** (*absorb*) (10) the news when they offered it to me. And I never went on that holiday.