

SCHOOL IS ALMOST BACK

Let's take a chance to brush up our English after the long summer holidays. The following pages will help you 'refocus your mind' before the school starts. Here you will find some tips and ideas to assist you in your revision. It is not a definitive list and everyone is different but hopefully it will give you some ideas and suggestions to help you. Revising is all about your MEMORY. The memory is like a muscle. If you don't exercise it, it will grow weaker and weaker, but if you do it will get stronger and stronger.

Before diving into this 'task', go through the revision tables below and see if you covered the topics included in them. You can also go back to your middle school book, flick through its units and see if you master all its structures and functions.

Some helpful tables are attached below.

A summary of the 8 parts of speech.			
Part of speech	Function or "job"	Example words	Example sentences
Verb	Action or state	(to) be, have, do, like, work, sing, can, must	Garfield is a cat. I like Garfield.
Noun	Thing or person	pen, dog, work, music, town, London, teacher, John	This is my dog . He lives in my house . We live in London .
Adjective	Describes a noun	a/an, the, 23, some, good, big, red, interesting	My dog is big . I like big dogs.
Adverb	Describes a verb, adjective or adverb	quickly, silently, well, badly, very, really	My dog eats quickly . When he is very hungry, he eats really quickly.
Pronoun	Replaces a noun	I, you, he, she, some	Tara is my sister; she is beautiful.
Preposition	Links a noun to another word	to, at, after, on, but	We went to the park on Monday.
Conjunction	Joins clauses or sentences or words	and, but, when, for, nor, or, yet, so, since,	I like dogs and cats. I like cars, but I don't like driving.
Interjection	Short exclamation, sometimes inserted into a sentence	Oh! Ouch! Hi! Well.	Ouch! That hurts! Hi! How are you? Well, I don't know.

A table of the main English tenses

Tense	Use	Form	Examples
Present Simple	1. Per descrivere abitudini, azioni ripetute e in combinazione con avverbi di frequenza.	+ affermativo; forma base, con la 3a persona singolare, he, she, it +-s. -/? negativo / interrogativo; usa il verbo ausiliario DO e DOES per 3a persona singolare.	– I often get the 6 o'clock train. – She works from home. – They speak French.
	2. Per fatti generalmente validi.		– My brother is an engineer. – It rains a lot in Ireland. – Is she from America ?
	3. Per esprimere emozioni e desideri, con i verbi di stato come: like, want, taste etc.		– I don't like ice-cream.
	4. Per un impegno prefissato in futuro.		– The match starts at 4 o'clock.
	5. Commenti sulla TV, radio.		– Smith passes to Ronaldo.
Present Continuous	1. Il verbo esprime un'azione che si sta svolgendo mentre si sta parlando.	Il verbo essere + forma base del verbo principale + -ing.	– He is making some coffee.
	2. Per riferirci ad azioni temporanee che avvengono solo per un periodo di tempo.		– We are looking for writers.
	3. Azioni ripetute per un periodo limitato.		– Classes are starting at 5 pm this week.
	4. Situazioni che stanno cambiando o evolvendo.		– The climate is getting warmer.
Past Simple	Si usa per azioni concluse che si sono svolte nel passato. La durata dell'azione è irrilevante. Spesso in combinazione con espressioni temporali.	+ Verbi regolari; forma base + – ed. Verbi irregolari: went, bought, etc. – / ? Si usa il verbo ausiliare DO in forma passato —> DID.	– I saw Kate yesterday.
Past Continuous	1. Per azioni che si sono svolte nel passato.	Si usa il verbo essere in Past Simple; were, was + forma base del verbo principale + – ing.	– We were making too much noise.
	2. Due azioni che si sono svolte contemporaneamente in passato.		– I was working while you were having fun.
	3. Insieme con il Past Simple quando un'azione non completata è stata interrotta da un' altro evento o azione.		– I was packing one of the boxes when my phone rang.
Present Perfect	1. Un'azione eseguita per un periodo di tempo nel passato e connesso al presente.	Il verbo ausiliare HAVE (al presente) + il participio passato del verbo principale. Il participio passato si forma con verbi regolari: forma base + – ed, verbi irregolari: been, broken etc.	– It has been a long night and I'm tired now.
	2. Un'azione o una situazione iniziata nel passato che continua nel presente.		– For over 50 years, Stirling Cars has developed classic sports cars.
	3. Quando si parla di esperienze di vita.		– Have you ever seen Paris ? – She has had several interesting jobs

Will + infinitive	1. Fare delle previsioni in futuro.	Will + forma base del verbo principale.	– This time next week I'll be in Ibiza.
	2. Per esprimere una decisione spontanea nel momento in cui si parla.		– I'll have a look. – I'll open the window
	3. Quando si propone di fare qualcosa.		– I'll pay you back on Friday.
	4. Offrirsi di fare qualcosa.		– I'll help you with that.
Going to + infinitive	1. Esprime un piano o una decisione di fare qualcosa, si sottintende una preparazione in merito all'azione pianificata.	Il verbo essere + going to + forma base del verbo principale.	– I'm going to visit Spain next year.
	2. Nel caso in cui sia evidente che qualcosa sta per accadere.		– It's going to rain. (you can see the clouds)

GRAMMAR PRACTICE

1. Complete. _____ dog is brown.
 - a. Me
 - b. I
 - c. My
 - d. Mine
2. Complete. They _____ from Japan.
 - a. is
 - b. are
 - c. do
 - d. have
3. Complete. _____ are you from?
 - a. What
 - b. Who
 - c. Where
 - d. Why
4. Complete. What do you do? I'm _____ teacher.
 - a. the
 - b. a
 - c. no article
 - d. one
5. Complete. We don't have _____ sugar in the fridge. If you want a cup of coffee, I can give you some milk.
 - a. a
 - b. any
 - c. got
 - d. some
6. Complete. A: '_____ some money here.' B: 'Yes I know. I want to buy a new English book.'
 - a. There're
 - b. There
 - c. There's
 - d. There are
7. Complete. I need _____ information about the cathedral.
 - a. some
 - b. a
 - c. one
 - d. many
8. Complete. They _____ at home yesterday because they had to study English.
 - a. was
 - b. are
 - c. were
 - d. came
9. Complete. I _____ in New York a long time ago.
 - a. lived
 - b. living
 - c. live
 - d. am living

10. Complete. I _____ English for 5 years. I started at the elementary school.
- study
 - studied
 - have been studying
 - studying
11. Complete. America was discovered _____ 1492.
- on
 - in
 - at
 - over
12. Complete. I've been working here _____ 5 months and I find this job really interesting.
- since
 - in
 - for
 - at
13. Complete. The supermarket was _____ crowded. There were many people inside.
- very
 - a lot
 - many
 - much
14. Complete. Do you like the yellow _____? Yes, I do.
- it
 - that
 - one
 - them
15. Complete. He _____ to Brazil on holiday last year.
- go
 - goed
 - went
 - goes
16. Complete. Were you _____ to open the door? No, it was too heavy for me.
- could
 - can
 - able
 - possible
17. Complete. Passengers _____ wear a seat belt in the car.
- must
 - mustn't
 - don't have to
 - doesn't have to
18. Complete. They are going _____ in America next month.
- to be
 - will be
 - be
 - being
19. Complete. I'm _____ when I can spend my afternoon playing soccer with friends rather than doing my homework.
- happier

- b. happier than
- c. happier
- d. the happy

20. Complete. Yesterday I _____ in the lake. The water was really cold.

- a. swim
- b. swam
- c. swum
- d. swimmmed

21. True or false? I study English since 1999.

- T
- F

22. True or false? Could you please open the window?

- T
- F

23. True or false? In my free time I enjoy playing the guitar, but I prefer playing tennis with my brother.

- T
- F

24. True or false? I love eat pizza. What is your favourite food?

- T
- F

25. Choose the best word or phrase (a, b or c) to complete the sentences

1) Who _____ Jurassic Park?

- a) did write b) wrote c) did he write

2) When _____ last visit Argentina?

- a) will you b) have you c) did you

3) James _____ Cathy over the last few days.

- a) hasn't seen b) isn't seeing c) didn't see

26.VOCABULARY

Choose the correct answer

1)It's cold outside today you should take a _____ with you.

- ☐ sock
- ☐ scarf
- ☐ belt
- ☐ glove

2) You must be _____ in the library.

- ☐ quiet
- ☐ quietly

- ☐ quietness
- ☐ quite

3) Mark _____ a lot of great photos on his holiday.

- ☐ took
- ☐ put
- ☐ had
- ☐ did

4) Rome is the _____ city of Italy.

- ☐ head
- ☐ big
- ☐ lead
- ☐ capital

5) My favourite subject at school was _____ because I love learning about numbers.

- ☐ history
- ☐ science
- ☐ mathematics
- ☐ art

6) Can I have a _____ ticket to Oxford, please, coming back today?

- ☐ return
- ☐ double
- ☐ round
- ☐ long

7) My mother is a very good _____ .

- ☐ cooking
- ☐ cook
- ☐ cooker
- ☐ cookery

8) We must _____ the football match on TV this evening.

- ☐ look
- ☐ see
- ☐ watch
- ☐ listen

9) Jorge is Venezuelan and his wife is _____ .

- ☐ Sweden
- ☐ Swedish
- ☐ Swedes
- ☐ Swede

10) Come to my desk and _____ me your book, please.

- ☐ take
- ☐ get
- ☐ bring
- ☐ carry

11) Joe _____ his bicycle to work every day.

- ☐ drives
- ☐ goes
- ☐ gets
- ☐ rides

12) My grandfather _____ me to swim.

- ☐ taught
- ☐ made
- ☐ showed
- ☐ learnt

13) For dinner we had _____ and rice.

- ☐ cow
- ☐ chicken
- ☐ pig
- ☐ sheep

14) Are you ready to _____ your meal now, sir?

- ☐ demand
- ☐ ask for
- ☐ order
- ☐ explain

15) They were all _____ so they went to a restaurant.

- ☐ angry
- ☐ hungry

- ☐ thirsty
- ☐ fat

16) Could you tell me the _____ to Piccadilly Circus, please?

- ☐ path
- ☐ way
- ☐ road
- ☐ street

17) My video recorder isn't _____ could you repair it for me?

- ☐ going
- ☐ making
- ☐ doing
- ☐ working

18) I'm _____ I'm late my car broke down.

- ☐ wrong
- ☐ bad
- ☐ sorry
- ☐ unhappy

19) If you don't know how to _____ a word, look it up in your dictionary.

- ☐ spell
- ☐ understand
- ☐ learn
- ☐ mean

20) They live on the top floor of a big block of _____ .

- ☐ rooms
- ☐ homes
- ☐ flats
- ☐ houses

27. WRITING

A. Write about your bedroom.

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B. Describe an activity that you enjoy doing in your free time.

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C. Describe your hometown.

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D. Describe your best friend.

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E. Write about a book you have read and you particularly liked.

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F. Describe a person you didn't like. Explain why.

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Some useful links to practise English on line:

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/english-grammar-reference>

<https://www.englishgrammar.org/>

<https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/>

<https://www.usingenglish.com/>

https://www.englishjet.com/english_courses_files/test_pre-intermediate.asp

<https://www.examenglish.com/CEFR/A2.htm>