

UNIT 2 PROGRESS TEST

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Reading

Read the text. Then do Exercise 1.

Not all people live in houses and stay in the same place throughout the year. People who move from one location to another make up what is known as a nomadic culture. Although nomadic cultures are becoming rarer in the modern world, there are still about thirty to forty million people who continue to move and set-up their homes where they next choose to settle.

The Bedouin of the Middle East are traditionally nomadic and many today still continue to live their lives moving from one place to the next. The lands of the Sinai, Arabia and Negev where the Bedouin come from are mostly very dry and consist of deserts. This makes it very difficult for people to remain in the same place and survive; especially in the older days when advances of the modern world did not exist. Many Bedouins have herds of sheep, goats and camels and as such they need to go where the animals can graze and drink water. Once there is no food in one place for the herd, they move to the next.

Because the Bedouin who continue the nomadic culture know how difficult it is to survive in the lands they live in, they share a deep respect for each other. They have a very strong sense of hospitality and are well known for their celebratory reception of guests. The desert is also a very quiet and lonely place. Seeing a new face, especially in the older days, creates a sense of happiness, interest and generosity.

Because Bedouins move from place to place their homes are tents which they set up. They weave the hair from their goats or camels to make the cloth they need for their tents. The Bedouin tents are usually made up of two areas which are divided by a curtain called a *ma'nad*. One area is used by the men and also to welcome most guests and is called the *mag'ad*. The other section is called the *maharama* and is reserved for the women and to receive female guests.

Guests who are welcomed by the Bedouins enjoy a wonderful experience. This is especially true if you are not familiar with their culture. It is an opportunity to escape the modern world you know. Guests are fed delicious food, listen to music and poetry and sometimes get to watch traditional dances. The instruments the Bedouins mostly use are the *shabbaba* which is something like a flute and the *rababa* which is a one string violin. The singing is mostly done by the Bedouin women who sit across from each other and it looks like they are speaking to each other while they sing.

The world is changing and becoming more modern. This has affected most Bedouins and the lands they live on so many no longer live nomadic lives. However, many still continue their traditional ways and there are lots of people who are happy they do and plan trips to visit them.

1 Write true (T) or false (F). [12 points]

1 There are more nomads in the world today than in the past. ____

2 Not all Bedouin today are nomads. ____

3 The Bedouin move around because they need to find water for their farms. ____

4 The Bedouin are very kind to people they invite into their tents. ____

5 Bedouin tents have three areas: one for guests, one for the men and one for the women. ____

6 When guests come the Bedouin women sit across from each other and speak to each other. ____

Vocabulary

2 Complete the text with these words. [5 points]

peaceful, country house, multiplex cinema, block of flats, shopping centre

My family moved to the countryside from the city last year. Things are very different here, but I like it better. Firstly, we now live in a big **1)** _____ not in a **2)** _____ like we did in the city. There aren't many cars, buses, houses and people in the countryside. It is much more **3)** _____ here and it is really nice to do things outdoors, like go on walks.

There are things that I miss about the city. I really like watching films and in the countryside there is no **4)** _____ nearby. Also when I want to shop I often need to drive to the nearest town. In the city I would just go to the **5)** _____ nearby.

3 Choose the correct answer. [5 points]

1 It is very **dangerous** / **depressing** to drive to fast.

2 The movie was so **exciting** / **dull** that it put me to sleep.

3 We listened to romantic music all evening and had a **lovely** / **lively** time.

4 That church has been in this city for hundreds of years. It is a **historic** / **modern** building.

5 We were waiting a long time for the train at the **station** / **border**.

4 Complete the sentences with these words. [5 points]

skyscraper, public park, field, farmhouse, gym

- 1 Although we live in a large city, there is a _____ in which take walks and do sport on the grass.
- 2 There are many cows in the _____ in the countryside.
- 3 That _____ is the tallest building in city.
- 4 After work I go to a _____ and exercise 4 times a week.
- 5 I love getting away from the city when I visit my uncle's _____.

5 Choose the correct answer. [6 points]

- 1 Every evening my parents tell me to ___ the rubbish out.
a clear b take c load
- 2 My father ___ his vegetable garden twice a day.
a waters b loads c lays
- 3 On Monday I ___ the shopping and on Fridays I pay the bills.
a take b do c make
- 4 I must ___ the laundry today. I have no clean clothes left!
a make b tidy c do
- 5 After our family eats dinner, my sister and I ___ the table.
a take b do c clear
- 6 People who have dogs should ___ them every day.
a walk b water c make

Grammar

6 Choose the correct answer. [6 points]

- 1 It **snowed** / **was snowing** a lot last year.
- 2 He **was talking** / **talked** on the phone for hours with his girlfriend.
- 3 **Did you go** / **Were you going** to the theatre last night?

4 I was hearing / heard a strange sound and went downstairs to see what it was.

5 As I was jogging / jogged in the park in the morning, I saw my friend Tim.

6 My father cooked / was cooking dinner when he realized that we had run out of salt.

7 Complete with the correct possessive pronoun. [5 points]

Sandra: Maria! Why is **1)** ___ Lady Gaga CD in your room?

Maria: What are you talking about Sandra? The CD isn't **2)** ___!

Sandra: I remember going to the shopping centre last week and buying it. I am sure it's **3)** ___.

Maria: It isn't **4)** ___ CD. You didn't go to the shopping centre alone. I went with you and you didn't have enough money to buy the CD. I lent you eight euro so, actually, it's **5)** ___ CD.

Sandra: You're right, I'm sorry. I really should learn to share more.

1 A my B mine

2 A yours B your

3 A my B mine

4 A your B mine

5 A ours B our

8 Choose the correct answer. [6 points]

1 Hurry up! ___ movie starts in twenty minutes!

A - B An C A D The

2 My friend Bob is ___ mathematician.

A - B an C a D the

3 ___ Tokyo is such an exciting city to visit!

A - B An C A D The

4 If you see ___ orange in the fridge, can you please bring it to me?

A - B an C a D the

5 I think playing ___ sports is a great way to exercise.

A - B an C a D the

6 Please try and remember where you left ___ keys.

A - B an C a D the

9 Choose the correct answer. [5 points]

1 I **used to / use to** love going to the fun park with my parents.

2 My brother **would / use to** watch cartoons every Saturday morning.

3 She didn't **use to / used to** listen to rock music. Now she loves it.

4 Did he **would / use to** play football as well as he does now?

10 Writing [20 points]

Would you rather live in a city or the countryside? Write an article explaining your answer. Write 120–150 words.

Give information about:

Paragraph 1: Where would you rather live?

Paragraph 2: Why would you not live in a city or the countryside?

Paragraph 3: Why would you live in a city or the countryside?

Paragraph 4: End the article with a summary of your opinion.