

Test Your English

Gramatică și vocabular

**50 de teste-grilă cu
răspunsuri explicate**

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1. Tom has become a
a) custom officer b) customs officer c) custom-officer
2. I will buy myself that blue
a) three-pieces suit b) three-piece suit c) three pieces suit
3. Susan has just offered me a huge bunch of
a) forget-me-nots b) forgets-me-not c) forgets-me-nots
4. My sister does her ... in the morning.
a) homework b) homeworks c) homeswork
5. ... is a fascinating game for children.
a) Domino b) Dominos c) Dominoes
6. Can you see the man at that
a) billiards-table b) billiard-table c) billiards table
7. They are always talking
a) nonsenses b) nonsense c) a nonsense
8. Mr. Brown lives on ... of Paris.
a) the outskirt b) the outskirts c) the outskirtes
9. Those ... are well-known for their hits.
a) man singers b) men singer c) men singers
10. His wife worked in ... for ten years.
a) The Public Relation Department
b) The Public Relations Department
c) The Public Relational Department
11. They both went to the ... two days ago.
a) Brown b) Browns' c) Brown's
12. They all know her ... desire.
a) heart b) heart's c) hearts

13. Helen is five ... tall.

- a) foot b) feet c) feets

14. Look at him! He is always in good ...

- a) spirit b) spirits c) spirites

15. You will find the information you need in ... of our meeting.

- a) the minutes b) the minute c) the minutiae

16. I bought all this at the ...

- a) grocer (shop) b) grocers (shop) c) grocer's (shop)

17. The example that contains a mismatched pair is:

- a) formula – formulas/formulae; medium – media/mediums
b) virtuoso – virtuosos/virtuosi; cactus – cacti/cactuses
c) bureau – bureaux/bureaus, ox – oxes/oxen

18. Granny went to the grocer's to buy ... flour.

- a) a piece of b) a bag of c) a drop of

19. Is there ... paper in your printer?

- a) some b) any c) Ø

20. The famous ... always in the spotlight.

- a) is b) are c) stays

ANSWER KEY

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| 1. b | always plural for this meaning; custom (obicei) – countable | 15. a | “the minutes” – plural, accompanied by “the” when it refers to the written record of a meeting |
| 2. b | 3. a | 16. c | |
| 4. a | “homework” – an uncountable noun that has no plural | 17. c | The plural for “ox” is “oxen”. |
| 5. c | | 18. b | a bag of flour/sugar (see other phrases with “of” before uncountable nouns: a bar of chocolate, a bar of soap, a bunch of grapes, a pack of wolves) |
| 6. b | “billiard (table)” – as an adjective, “billiards” – the uncountable noun | 19. b | We use the determiner “any” before uncountable nouns in questions and negatives. |
| 7. b | “nonsense” – uncountable | 20. b | Adjectives used as personal nouns (“the famous”) use a plural verb. |
| 8. b | “the outskirts” – always plural and accompanied by “the” | | |
| 9. c | 10. b 11. b 12. b 13. b | | |
| 14. b | “spirits” – always plural when it refers to someone's mood | | |

1. ... sudden gust of wind blew out ... candle on ... table.
a) Ø; a; the b) A; the; a c) A; the; the
2. John was ... cold, remote person, who was difficult to talk to.
a) Ø b) the c) a
3. They looked out of ... plane window as they flew over ... range of ... mountains.
a) the; the; Ø b) a; the; the c) the; the; the
4. Mary holds a Bachelor's degree from ... university outside the UK.
a) an b) the c) a
5. These are ... books which have been made into ... films.
a) the; Ø b) the; the c) Ø; Ø
6. Digital cameras don't need ... film.
a) the b) a c) Ø
7. Parents say ... event was not ... success.
a) the; a b) an; the c) the; the
8. He would like to drive ... car with ... powerful engine.
a) Ø; Ø b) a; the c) a; a
9. A lot of ... Russian children have ... fair hair.
a) Ø; Ø b) the; a c) the; the
10. Some digital cameras use up ... batteries at ... alarming rate.
a) Ø; an b) the; the c) Ø; a
11. ... learning to drive gave her ... sense of ... independence and ... confidence.
a) Ø; a; the; the b) Ø; a; Ø; Ø c) The; the; the; the
12. Telling ... stories has always been ... part of my life.
a) the; the b) Ø; a c) Ø; the

13. Their baby had ... few hairs.

- a) a b) Ø c) the

14. I have always had tea ... for ... breakfast.

- a) Ø; Ø b) the; the c) a; the

15. Marge has ... fear of dogs.

- a) a b) the c) Ø

16. We should drink ... water every day.

- a) Ø b) the c) a

17. Have you got ... money in ... Bank?

- a) Ø; the b) the; a c) a; a

18. Peter and Emily have just come back from ... Odeon.

- a) the b) Ø c) an

19. They took ... picture in front of ... Houses of ... Parliament.

- a) a; the; Ø b) the; Ø; the c) an; the; Ø

20. His mother was asked to go to ... school.

- a) the b) Ø c) a

ANSWER KEY

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| 1. c | When we use the definite article "the" to speak about a specific candle, the only candle on a specific table (no other candle). | 7. a | "to be a success" |
| 2. c | John is one of many such persons, therefore we use an indefinite article. | 8. c | |
| 3. a | A range of + mountains/hills – zero article before the noun "mountains". We can also say "a mountain/hill range". | 9. a | We talk about Russian children in general, as a rule, therefore we don't use any articles; moreover, hair = uncountable, so it cannot be used with the indefinite article "a". |
| 4. c | "a" + noun beginning with a consonant or a word beginning with "u" only if pronounced /ju:/ ("a university") | 10. a | "an" + a noun/adjective beginning with a vowel |
| 5. a/c | | 11. b | "a sense of independence/confidence/liberty etc." |
| 6. c | "film" – as an uncountable noun → it cannot be used with the indefinite article "a". Moreover, here "film" is used to talk about things generally, therefore without an article. | 12. b | |
| | | 13. a/b | "hairs" – countable use of the noun "hair", in the plural ("fire de păr"); "a few" + countable noun = enough (hairs = „câteva fire de păr“); "few" + countable noun = not enough (hairs = „puține fire de păr“) |

14. a "to have tea/toast, etc. for breakfast/lunch/dinner"
15. a fear – an abstract uncountable noun that in this case has a countable use → therefore we use "a".
16. a Ø article before uncountable nouns like "water"
17. a Ø article before uncountable nouns like "money"; the definite article "the" before a noun preceded by a preposition (in the bank, on the table)
18. a names of theatres, cinemas, hotels, restaurants – always accompanied by the definite article "the"
19. c the Houses of Parliament; the White House
20. a we use "the" before a noun meaning a place, not an institution; when we talk about the institution (a place for education), we use the zero article: *be at school, go to school* (= learn in a school).

TEST 3

The Adjective

1. The ... I drove, the ... petrol I used.
a) fastest; more b) faster; more c) fast; more
2. Living in Bucharest is just ... expensive ... living in Prague.
a) as; as b) so; as c) so; so
3. She doesn't look ... her elder sister.
a) old than b) older than c) oldest than
4. Her brother is five years ... than she (is).
a) elder b) older c) oldest
5. That house is ... more expensive than I thought.
a) most b) much c) lots
6. As I started feeling ... I decided to go to bed at once.
a) more and more tired b) most and most tired c) tired and tired
7. It's good/nice ... you, Karen!
a) seeing b) see c) to see
8. It was nice ... her yesterday.
a) to meet b) meeting c) meet