THINKING SPACE

LEVEL 5
UNIT 8 STANDARD TEST

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

Vocabulary

1 Circle the correct words.

1 I only know a few words in Spanish. It's not enough to *make / follow* myself understood.
2 The man thought I wanted apples, not oranges. It was a complete communication *barrier / breakdown.*
3 I find it difficult to *accent / pronounce* words in Welsh. The sounds are very different to English.
4 I'll never speak French like a *first / native* speaker, but I'd like to get better.
5 When Gyula speaks English, he still has a very *dialect / strong* Hungarian accent.

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2 Complete the sentences with one word. The first letter is given.

1 There are lots of d_____ in the UK. People speak the same language in different ways.
2 The radio programme was too long, and they spoke too quickly. I couldn't f_____ it.
3 When we visited the remote tribe, we had a guide to i_____ what people were saying.
4 Despite the language b_____ , we made lots of friends in China.
5 Sometimes, you can tell more from a person's b_____ language than what they say.

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3 Complete the letter with the words from the list.

impulsive | modest | forceful | self-assured | self-conscious

Hi Paula,

I've just met Matthew. He's really interesting. When I first spoke to him, I thought he was a bit conceited. He kept talking about how good he was at everything. He didn't seem like a [1]_____ person at all. I felt really [2]_____ , like he was trying to make me feel bad about myself. But then I spoke to him more, and realised that he just had a lot of opinions about certain things, including himself, and wasn't afraid to be [3] _____ about them. And he wanted to know my opinions, too. And after about an hour, I began to feel more [4]_____ .

I've got one complaint though: he doesn't seem to think before he acts. He's very [5]_____ . He ordered lots of cakes, without eating them!

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Grammar

4 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

1 Gestures have different meanings in different cultures, in _____ case, there is likely to be a misunderstanding if you use them.
2 Finn is studying Irish, compared to _____ , English is quite easy to learn.
3 Some of my relatives live abroad, one of _____ is now completely bilingual in English and Spanish.
4 There are a lot of words borrowed from French in the English language, some of _____ are food-related, like restaurant, menu, fruit or cuisine.
5 Bilingual people, some of _____ have parents who speak different languages, are said to be more intelligent than people who only speak one language.

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5 Complete the sentences using the words in brackets.

1 The people at the party, _____ were really arrogant, made me feel uncomfortable. (some)
2 There are many dialects in the UK, _____ are unique to the place they can be heard in. (all)
3 Then, Brendan, _____ I'm quiet, started to go on about cricket. (compared)
4 I have lots of different language apps on my phone, _____ I use regularly. (most)
5 I have a few friends living abroad, _____ writes to me in French, so I can practise this language. (one)

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6 Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.

1 Linguistics is something about that I know a lot.

_____

2 Sarah is someone with who I speak every day.

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3 I have a useful book from that I learn grammar and new vocabulary.

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4 Gestures are something with that you can communicate simple things.

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5 Northern Spain is the area which from I come.

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7 Circle the correct words.

1 *Whenever / Whatever* I learn new words, I write them down.

2 *However / Whoever* stole my dictionary should be ashamed of themselves.

3 *Wherever / Whenever* I go, I always meet someone who can speak English.

4 *Whenever / Whatever* language he's speaking, I don't recognise it.

5 *However / Whichever* little you speak of a language, you can always communicate something through gestures.

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8 Complete the sentences with *however, wherever, whatever, whichever, whenever* or *whoever*.

1 _____ I go, I always take my phone with me.

2 _____ bad you feel, remember that things usually get better.

3 _____ I feel ill, I like to be alone.

4 _____ career you choose, make sure it's something you will enjoy.

5 _____told you that this was an easy language to learn was completely wrong!

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9 Match the sentence halves.

1 *Bob's your uncle*? Sorry, I'm not familiar ☐

2 I didn't catch ☐

3 I'm afraid you've lost ☐

4 I was listening to Laura, but I didn't quite see ☐

5 Michelle talks a lot, and very quickly, so I usually don't follow ☐

a what she meant.

b what she said on the radio just now. What was it?

c with that expression. What does it mean?

d me. I don't know what you're talking about.

e her at all.

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10 Complete the conversation with one word in each gap. The first letter of each word is given.

A I was listening to the radio, and a man said that it was a *piece of cake* to make money. I didn't get what he meant.

B A *piece of cake*? Oh, that's just an English expression.

A Obviously, but I'm not [1]f_____ with it. What does it mean?

B It means *as easy as pie.*

A I don't [2]f_____ you. Is this something to do with food?

B No. I meant that these two expressions mean the same thing. You know, like *it's a cinch.*

A I'm afraid you've completely [3]l_____ me now. What was that last word? I didn't [4]c_____ it.

B *Cinch.*

A What does that mean?

B It's not important. What I want to say is that all these expressions have the same meaning.

A I don't quite [5]s_____ what you mean …

B These expressions all mean *it's easy.*

A Oh, OK. Personally, I don't think they're easy at all!

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TOTAL SCORE 80

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