

# PLACEMENT TEST: B2 FIRST

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: 40 minutes. No dictionaries. One point per correct answer (25 in total).

## Part 1: Multiple choice (questions 1 to 7)

Read Lena's blog post and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each gap. Circle the letter.

### Why I'm leaving the city (for a year)

Last spring, I was sitting in my office, staring at a spreadsheet, when I finally came to the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that I needed a change. I had been working for the same company for six years, and although the salary was good, I felt I wasn't really (2) \_\_\_\_\_ any difference. So when I saw an advert for volunteers at a marine conservation centre in Portugal, I decided to send in an (3) \_\_\_\_\_ straight away. To my surprise, they offered me a place within a week. My parents, however, were (4) \_\_\_\_\_ from pleased. They (5) \_\_\_\_\_ me to think it over carefully. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ their doubts, I have made up my mind, and next month I'm packing my bags. I'm really (7) \_\_\_\_\_ forward to the challenge.

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|---|---------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | A conclusion  | B solution | C agreement | D result     |
| 2 | A doing       | B making   | C taking    | D having     |
| 3 | A application | B offer    | C attempt   | D invitation |
| 4 | A long        | B far      | C away      | D distant    |
| 5 | A suggested   | B advised  | C insisted  | D hoped      |
| 6 | A Despite     | B However  | C Although  | D Whereas    |
| 7 | A looking     | B waiting  | C thinking  | D hoping     |

## Part 2: Open cloze (questions 8 to 13)

Lena talks to her friend Marc. Write ONE word in each gap.

- Marc** So, how long (8) \_\_\_\_\_ you been planning this?
- Lena** Since March. I've never lived abroad before, so I'm a bit nervous.
- Marc** Don't worry. You'll soon get (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to it. If I (10) \_\_\_\_\_ you, I'd learn some basic Portuguese before going.
- Lena** Good idea. I've (11) \_\_\_\_\_ studying with an app for two weeks, actually.
- Marc** Great! And who's going to look after your flat?
- Lena** My cousin. She's promised (12) \_\_\_\_\_ water the plants, although she isn't very reliable!
- Marc** Ha! Well, don't be surprised (13) \_\_\_\_\_ they're all dead when you get back.

### Part 3: Word formation (questions 14 to 19)

Lena writes to Marc after two weeks at the centre. Use the word in capitals to form a word that fits the gap.

Two weeks in, and it has been an (14) \_\_\_\_\_ experience.

The centre is in a (15) \_\_\_\_\_ bay, far from any town.

The other (16) \_\_\_\_\_ come from all over Europe.

The work is physically (17) \_\_\_\_\_,

but, (18) \_\_\_\_\_, I've never felt healthier.

My biggest (19) \_\_\_\_\_ so far? Helping to rescue an injured turtle!

BELIEVE

BEAUTY

VOLUNTEER

DEMAND

SURPRISE

ACHIEVE

### Part 4: Key word transformation (questions 20 to 25)

Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word given and write between two and five words, including the word given. Do not change the word given.

20. Lena started working at the centre two weeks ago.

BEEN

Lena \_\_\_\_\_ at the centre for two weeks.

21. I didn't take an umbrella on the boat trip, so I got soaked.

TAKEN

If I \_\_\_\_\_ an umbrella, I wouldn't have got soaked.

22. "Don't touch the turtles," the manager told us.

NOT

The manager told us \_\_\_\_\_ the turtles.

23. They will announce the results of the survey next week.

BE

The results of the survey \_\_\_\_\_ next week.

24. I regret not learning Portuguese earlier.

WISH

I \_\_\_\_\_ Portuguese earlier.

25. Lena had such a wonderful time that she decided to extend her stay.

SO

Lena's time there was \_\_\_\_\_ she decided to extend her stay.