



**English Language Admission Test for Grade 8
June 2023**



1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

1. Have you ever heard the sound of a hummingbird? They make a buzzing noise when they fly. They make this noise because they beat their wings so fast. They beat their wings up to 80 times a second. All that flapping makes a lot of noise. That's why we call them hummingbirds.

2. Hummingbirds fly in a unique way. They move their wings so fast that they can hover. This means that they can stay in one spot in the middle of the air, like a helicopter. Sometimes they fly or hover upside down. They are the only bird that flies backward.

3. Hummingbirds are small. One type called the bee hummingbird is the smallest bird in the world. Bee hummingbirds weigh less than a penny. They are just a little bit bigger than bees. I guess that's where they get their name.

4. Bee hummingbirds build tiny nests. They use cobwebs and bits of bark to make their homes. Their homes are only an inch around. This is big enough for their eggs though. Their eggs are smaller than peas. People have found these tiny nests on a clothespin.

5. Hummingbirds move fast. It takes lots of energy to move as fast as they do. This means that they need to eat a lot of food. Their favorite food is nectar, a sweet liquid inside of some flowers. They drink more than their own weight in nectar daily. They have to visit hundreds of flowers to get enough nectar to live. They can only store enough energy to survive through the night. They live on the edge.

6. Hummingbirds don't use their long beaks like straws. They have a tongue just like you. They use their tongues for eating. They flick their tongues in and out of their mouths while inside of flowers. They lap up nectar. Flowers give them the energy that they need.

7. Hummingbirds help flowers too. They get pollen on their heads and bills when they feed. Flowers use pollen to make seeds. Hummingbirds help pollen get from one flower to the next. This helps flowers make more seeds. More seeds means more flowers. More flowers means more food for hummingbirds. Isn't it nice how that works out?

1. Why are they called hummingbirds?

- a. They are very light
- b. They sing when they fly
- c. Their wings make a humming sound
- d. Their song sounds like humming

2. How do hummingbirds eat?

- a. They drink nectar through their beaks like a straw.
- b. They chew up flower petals with their beaks.
- c. They use their heads and bills to eat pollen.
- d. They lap up nectar with their tongues.

3. How do hummingbirds help flowers?

- a. They drink nectar.
- b. They eat pollen.
- c. They bring pollen from one flower to the next.
- d. They plant seeds.

4. According to the text, which does the bee hummingbird use to make nests?

- a. straw
- b. concrete
- c. bark
- d. sticks

5. Which best describes the main idea of the 5th paragraph?

- a. Hummingbirds move fast.
- b. Hummingbirds like to eat nectar.
- c. Hummingbirds use lots of energy and eat often.
- d. Hummingbirds drink their own weight in nectar every day.

6. Which statement about bee hummingbirds is NOT true?

- a. Bee hummingbird eggs are smaller than peas.
- b. Bee hummingbirds weigh less than a penny.
- c. Bee hummingbirds have built nests on clothespins.
- d. Bee hummingbirds do not grow larger than bees.

7. What is unique about the way that hummingbirds fly?

- a. They can fly faster than any other bird.
- b. They can fly longer than any other bird.
- c. They can fly forward and backward.
- d. They can only fly for a few seconds at a time.

8. Which best defines the word *HOVER* as used in paragraph two?

- a. To stay in one spot in the air
- b. To clean an area thoroughly
- c. An animal that has hooves
- d. To move your wings very fast

9. Why do flowers need pollen?

- a. Flowers eat pollen.
- b. Pollen attracts hummingbirds.
- c. Hummingbirds eat pollen.
- d. Flowers use pollen to make seeds.

10. Which title best describes the main idea of this text?

- a. *Bee Hummingbirds: The World's Smallest Bird*
- b. *Pollination: How Birds and Flowers Work Together*
- c. *Hummingbirds: Unique and Uniquely Helpful*
- d. *Interesting Facts About Birds*

2. Use the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

1. Do you have a driving license? – Yes, I do, but I _____ a car for a long time. (NOT DRIVE)
2. _____ by plane? (YOU EVER TRAVEL) – Yes, I _____ to America a few years ago. (FLY)
3. Who _____ the guitar upstairs? (PLAY) – It's Mary. She _____ for tomorrow's concert. (PREPARE)
4. They _____ married next June. (GET)
5. The phone is ringing. – I _____ and answer it. (GO)
6. Wendy _____ her boyfriend every afternoon. (PHONE)
7. Look! Mary _____ the windows. Nobody _____ them for over a month. (CLEAN, CLEAN)
8. Mary _____ herself while she _____ onions. (INJURE, CUT)
9. I think she _____ for the job that is advertised in the newspaper. (APPLY)
10. We _____ a fantastic film on TV last night, but I _____ its name. (SEE, NOT REMEMBER)

3. Use the word at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

1. Have you ever heard this _____? It's really wonderful. (sing)
2. No one will forget his _____ act. (hero)
3. It's bad for your health to be physically _____, you should take more exercise! (act)
4. My _____ for that woman grows daily. (admire)
5. I have made my _____. I'm going to buy a house in the country. (decide)
6. Please be careful with that picture. It is extremely _____. (value)
7. She studied _____ and physics at college. (chemist)
8. He is a famous Hollywood _____. Don't you know him? (act)
9. He is a _____ of modern art, his house is full of pictures. (collect)
10. There's not much in the way of _____ in this town - just the cinema and a couple of pubs. (entertain)
11. The _____ in this restaurant is absolutely terrible and I want to see the manager. (serve)
12. They were awarded medals for their _____. (brave)
13. The boat is ten metres in _____. (long)
14. The _____ explained how to do the tasks. (examine)
15. You can buy anything you want at _____ prices. (afford)

4. Insert the correct prepositions.

1. _____ the end they decided not to continue that project.
2. _____ my opinion you should work harder to achieve success.
3. We hope that he will become a good specialist _____ the future.
4. _____ last he finished his work and went home.
5. A couple of days ago I met Tony _____ chance.
6. They arrived _____ the station just in time to catch the train.
7. A number _____ students haven't taken the exam yet.

8. What is the difference _____ these two devices?
9. Nobody knows the reason _____ his bad mood.
10. You haven't listened _____ a word I've said!
11. John is very good _____ languages but he doesn't like Chemistry.
12. She never takes part _____ any of our discussions, does she?

5. Match to make sentences.

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| 1. I think I'm going to take _____ | a) off, I held my dad's hand tightly. |
| 2. As our plane took _____ | b) after my younger sister when she was small. |
| 3. Mr and Mrs Davis have split _____ | c) out where the concert is going to happen. |
| 4. I hope we manage to find _____ | d) off the TV and find something else to do. |
| 5. I often had to look _____ | e) up him and his brother because his parents worked. |
| 6. You should turn _____ | f) up a musical instrument, maybe the violin. |
| 7. I have fallen _____ | g) out with Kelly because she hurt my feelings. |
| 8. His grandmother brought _____ | h) up after more than twenty years together. |

6. Choose the correct word.

1. I have only got a _____ money left, so we'll have to be careful what to buy.
a) few b) little c) much d) many
2. Do you have _____ advice for someone who wants to become an inventor?
a) any b) an c) few d) piece
3. Is this phone _____ ?
a) your b) you're c) yours d) yourself
4. I invented a new electric toothbrush all by _____ .
a) itself b) himself c) themselves d) myself
5. That's the girl _____ brother is a famous football player.
a) which b) whose c) who's d) who
6. I wanted to buy a drink but the machine was out of _____ .
a) work b) order c) position d) operation
7. You should _____ sure you've answered all the questions on the exam paper.
a) do b) have c) take d) make
8. Have you _____ studying astronomy at university?
a) considered b) guessed c) thought d) wondered
9. Have you _____ the tickets yet?
a) broken b) booked c) caught d) rented
10. It's easier to travel abroad when you can speak _____ language like English.
a) a strange b) a foreign c) an unknown d) an outside
11. We have decided to _____ money in John's new business. Hope it's successful!
a) waste b) invest c) purchase d) import
12. I can't remember the _____ year it was discovered, but it was around 1976.
a) unique b) artificial c) digital d) exact

13. It's not _____ experiment. In fact, it's really simple.

a) a sudden b) a complicated c) a digital d) an exact

14. She is _____ to know what is good and what is bad.

a) enough clever b) clever enough c) so clever d) such clever

7. Make the sentences passive.

1. Los Angeles will host the 2028 Olympic Games.

2. They serve breakfast at this hotel from 7 to 10.

3. The referee will stop the match if the weather gets worse.

4. The police brought him to the station.

5. Coca Cola sponsors this programme.

6. Kylian Mbappe scored 8 goals in the last World Cup.

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