



## Esercitazione per la prova di idoneità linguistica INGLESE B2 - Test A

**Informazione:** questa esercitazione non è una simulazione della prova ma serve solamente a dare un'idea della tipologia di esercizi a scelta multipla della sezione di 'reading comprehension' e di alcuni degli argomenti di grammatica/lessico.

### Reading Comprehension.

Our facial expression is usually the first indicator of our state of mind. When we're happy, we **smile**. And when we're sad or angry, we **frown**. There are times, however, when we don't want people to know what we're really thinking or feeling, or when we're trying to hide something. In these situations, when we speak we choose our words carefully, and we consciously make our facial expression mirror our words.

However, up to 90 per cent of communication is non-verbal. So we might say one thing, but our body language often tells a different story. Body language refers to the **pattern** of gestures that express our inner thoughts and feelings in communication. Unless we are very clever, our bodies will usually try to tell the truth, no matter what our words and facial expressions are **communicating**. Here are three of the most common ways that our bodies can give us away:

- 1) Touching our faces more often than usual. If we are lying, we often cover our mouth with our hand or put a finger on our lip. Part of us knows that what we are saying is not true, and tries to stop it coming out. Touching our ear or hair and, most commonly, our nose are **signs** that we might be feeling anxious, or that we are angry or frightened but don't feel able to express it.
- 2) Gesturing with our hands. Experiments have shown that we use our hands to talk with much less than usual when what we are saying is not true. We don't know exactly what our hands are saying, but we know they are probably communicating something important so we try not to use them. A person who says he or she is very **pleased** with something, and they have their arms **folded** while they are **speaking**, may actually be feeling quite the opposite.
- 3) Moving our legs and feet. These are the most **revealing** parts of our body as they are the furthest from our face and we don't usually pay attention to what they are doing. An interviewer might be listening patiently, smiling, and **nodding**, but if he's tapping his foot, this could tell us that he is not appreciating the interview at all.

Most of us don't know exactly what someone else's body language means. But if we feel uneasy in someone's company, it may be because their words and their body are saying different things from each other. This difference can have a significant effect on how we get on with that person.....

### Reading Comprehension – A

Choose the correct answer A, B or C.

1. Sometimes we change the expression on our faces when we want people to believe \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. *what we're really thinking*  B. *that we're lying*  C. *what we're saying*
2. Our body language shows \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. *what we want people to think*  B. *what we're really thinking*  C. *that we always tell the truth*
3. People who aren't being honest often \_\_\_\_\_.

A. *touch their faces more frequently*       B. *try to stop talking*       C. *touch their hair*

4. People who are afraid tend to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. *cover their mouths*       B. *touch their noses*       C. *touch their hands*

5. It's common to \_\_\_\_\_ if we aren't telling the truth.

A. *use our hands more*       B. *use our hands less*       C. *look at our hands*

6. To decide if someone is telling the truth, looking at their hands is \_\_\_\_\_ listening to what they say.

A. *a better indication than*       B. *just as effective as*       C. *not as effective as*

7. When it comes to watching body language, legs and feet \_\_\_\_\_.

A. *aren't as interesting as faces*       B. *are the most revealing*       C. *aren't worth looking at*

8. If an interviewer's foot is moving, he's probably \_\_\_\_\_.

A. *listening very carefully*       B. *not enjoying the interview*       C. *not paying attention*

9. \_\_\_\_\_ can interpret a person's body language accurately.

A. *Few people*       B. *Nobody*       C. *Most people*

10. If a person's words and body language don't match, we can feel \_\_\_\_\_.

A. *at ease*       B. *angry*       C. *uncomfortable*

**B. Match five of the highlighted words and phrases from the text with the definitions.**

1. crossed in front of your chest \_\_\_\_\_
2. moving the head up and down \_\_\_\_\_
3. regular way things happen \_\_\_\_\_
4. letting something be known that is usually hidden \_\_\_\_\_
5. make lines of unhappiness appear in the space above your eyes \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL VOCABULARY**

**A – CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION.**

**1. Which of the following verbs is a synonym of 'to refuse'?**

- A. to turn down
- B. to get down
- C. to bring down

**2. Where can you go on holiday in a tent?**

- A. a campsite
- B. a camping

C. a tent-camp

**3. Which word is the opposite of 'comfortable'?**

A. uncomfortable

B. noncomfortable

C. uncomfortable

D. nocomfortable

**4. Which of these is an adjective that is connected to the verb 'educate'?**

A. educatative

B. educational

C. educating

**5. Which of these is a noun that is connected to the adjective 'friendly'?**

A. friendment

B. friendship

C. friendsion

**6. Choose the correct word to fill in the gap:**

\_\_\_\_\_ the bad weather, we had a picnic in the park.

A. Although

B. However

C. Despite

**7. Choose the correct word to fill in the gap;**

We missed the bus, and \_\_\_\_\_ we had to call for a taxi.

A. therefore

B. however

C. unless

**8. Choose the correct phrasal verb:**

I was \_\_\_\_\_ in the suburbs of London.

A. taken up

B. brought up

C. growed up

D. lived up

**9. Choose the correct phrasal verb:**

Our flight \_\_\_\_\_ on time from Heathrow.

A. took off

B. took away

C. took back

D. took up

**10. Which of the following is most similar to a 'bus'?**

A. a coach

B. a ferry

C. a train

**B. Complete the sentences with the correct words.**

Example: (*inherited - earned - invested*) I inherited a lot of money a few years ago from my grandfather.

1. We were late, but luckily there was a taxi \_\_\_\_\_ very near the office.

(*platform - rank - station*)

2. We're the champions! We didn't just \_\_\_\_\_ the other team – we destroyed them!

(*lose - draw - beat*)

3. The Hobbit was \_\_\_\_\_ New Zealand.

(*directed by - based on - filmed in*)

4. You can't ride your car or motorbike through the main square because it's a shopping precinct, so it's exclusively a \_\_\_\_\_ area.

(*residential - pedestrian - suburb*)

5. I have plenty of free time because I only work \_\_\_\_\_.

(*temporary - part-time - self-employed*)

## GRAMMAR

**A. Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.**

Example: Are you going (go) to Bologna this weekend?

1. You'd be a fantastic guitar player if you \_\_\_\_\_ (practise) more.

2. I can't believe you forgot \_\_\_\_\_ (post) that letter when you went out!

3. He asked us what our names \_\_\_\_\_ (be).

4. You look completely exhausted! Sit down and I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) you a drink!

5. I could see that she \_\_\_\_\_ (cry).

6. They \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) a trip to Madagascar for next Christmas.

7. The castle \_\_\_\_\_ (own) by the Chiaravalle family since 1879.

8. Do you feel like \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out for a meal?

9. 10. I \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to the news when John \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) yesterday evening.

11. Look! The passengers are already boarding! We \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) the flight!

12. Jennifer is an excellent singer considering she \_\_\_\_\_ (never, study) music.

13. Last Christmas Leo and Anna said they \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) Christmas pudding just once before.

14. I remember \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in the garden when I was a child.

15. The Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) in London in 2012.

16. If they hadn't been late, we \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the start of the concert.

**CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION:**

**17. It's raining today, but this time next month we \_\_\_\_\_ on a beach in Jamaica!**

- A. will sit
- B. would sit
- C. will be sitting
- D. are sitting

**18. I haven't finished my homework yet, but don't worry – I \_\_\_\_\_ by bedtime.**

- A. would finished
- B. will have finished
- C. finished
- D. am finishing

**19. I wish you \_\_\_\_\_ talking so loudly!**

- A. would stop
- B. stopped
- C. will stop
- D. stop

**20. Tom wouldn't be able to help us, \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

- A. would Tom?
- B. would he?
- C. help Tom?
- D. help he?

**21. Could you tell me \_\_\_\_\_ please?**

- A. Tom where he works
- B. where works Tom
- C. where Tom does work
- D. where Tom works

**22. Direct speech: Last year Tom asked Sally and me, "What will you do if the bus is late?"**

Reported speech:

- A. Tom asked us what we would do if the bus was late.
- B. Tom asked us what will we do if the bus will be late?
- C. Tom asked us what would you do if the bus will be late.
- D. Tom asked us what we do if the bus is late.

**23. Direct speech: Last year Sarah said, "I ate in a lovely restaurant yesterday."**

Reported speech:

- A. Sarah said that I ate in a lovely restaurant yesterday.
- B. Sarah said that she will eat in a lovely restaurant tomorrow.
- C. Sarah said that she had eaten in a lovely restaurant the previous day.
- D. Sarah said that she was eating in a lovely restaurant the yesterday.

**B. Complete the sentences with ONE word.** Example: That's the house where my father was born.

- 1. Isn't \_\_\_\_\_ your husband over there?
- 2. Alice doesn't work in the marketing department any more, \_\_\_\_\_ she?
- 3. " \_\_\_\_\_ jacket is this?" "It's mine!"
- 4. I can't believe Suzy and Ian have \_\_\_\_\_ up.
- 5. The place \_\_\_\_\_ I love the most is my childhood home.
- 6. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ near the sea.
- 7. This time next week we will \_\_\_\_\_ finished this book and we will be reading the next one.
- 8. Despite \_\_\_\_\_ an umbrella, I still got wet.

**C. Underline the correct word(s).** Example: "There's no / none / not enough time to finish the project today."

- 1. I don't mind people **disagree** / **disagreeing** / **to disagree** with me.
- 2. Could you drive **more slower** / **more slowly** / **the slower** ? I hate it when you drive fast.
- 3. Sally **wouldn't** / **won't** / **doesn't** pass her driving test if she doesn't practise more.
- 4. That's the man **whose** / **who's** / **who** the referee for our football team.
- 5. You **mustn't** / **don't have to** / **shouldn't** record films in the cinema. It's illegal!
- 6. My sister **said me** / **told me** / **talked me** not to tell anyone about her new boyfriend.
- 7. **Will** / **Shall** / **Going** you call me when William arrives?
- 8. If you sent him a birthday card, **he'll** / **he** / **he'd was** really appreciate it.
- 9. Lisa **usually** / **used to** / **using** listens to the radio whenever she works.
- 10. There were very **no** / **little** / **few** people at the concert because of the weather.
- 11. We'll come and see you again **next** / **the next** / **at next** Saturday.
- 12. There aren't **any** / **no** / **some** eggs in the fridge. Shall I get a pack from the supermarket?

**D. Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.** Example: I look forward to seeing you all next week!

- 1. I haven't made friends with many people \_\_\_\_\_ work yet.
- 2. We try to save energy by not leaving electrical appliances \_\_\_\_\_ standby.

- 3 The letter didn't arrive because it was delivered to the wrong house \_\_\_\_ mistake.
- 4 Do you believe \_\_\_\_ magic?
- 5 You'll get better \_\_\_\_ playing the piano if you practise every day.
- 6 Tony insisted \_\_\_\_ paying for everyone's meals.
- 7 Max accused me \_\_\_\_ lying to him.
8. The project's success depends \_\_\_\_ their final report.
9. She was angry \_\_\_\_ the train strike.
10. The tourists seemed interested \_\_\_\_ the history of the town.

**E. Complete the sentences with ONE word.** Example: My sister and I get on very well together.

1. If I \_\_\_\_\_ you, I would accept the offer.
2. Ben failed the exam because the teacher saw him \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ in touch.
4. The film was \_\_\_\_\_ in Paris.
5. Are you keen \_\_\_\_\_ Jazz music?