

# ON TRACK

## SHORT TESTS

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# UNIT 1 | VOCABULARY

Kuwait: Stories of Success

Reading 1 | Kuwaiti Explorers: Inspiring Journeys

Reading 2 | Success: More Than Just Talent

| Word       | Type | Meaning               |
|------------|------|-----------------------|
| expedition | n.   | رحلة استكشافية        |
| explorer   | n.   | مستكشف                |
| talent     | n.   | موهبة                 |
| will       | n.   | إرادة / عزيمة         |
| fulfil     | v.   | يحقق                  |
| highlight  | v.   | يبرز / يحدد           |
| inspire    | v.   | يلهم                  |
| represent  | v.   | يمثل                  |
| survive    | v.   | ينجو من / يبقى حيًا   |
| curious    | adj. | فضولي / محب للاستطلاع |
| remarkable | adj. | مميز / جدير بالملاحظة |
| proudly    | adv. | بفخر                  |

| Word         | Type | Meaning             |
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| mindset      | n.   | عقلية / طريقة تفكير |
| progress     | n.   | تقدم                |
| trait        | n.   | صفة شخصية           |
| give up      | v.   | يستسلم              |
| remain       | v.   | يبقى                |
| trust        | v.   | يثق                 |
| positive     | adj. | إيجابي              |
| tough        | adj. | صعب / شاق           |
| consistently | adv. | بانتظام / باستمرار  |
| efficiently  | adv. | بكفاءة              |
| equally      | adv. | بالتساوي            |
| merely       | adv. | مجرد / فقط          |

# UNIT 1 | GRAMMAR

## A Simple Guide

### 1. Past Simple / Past Continuous

الماضي البسيط لحدث انتهى، والماضي المستمر لحدث كان مستمرًا في الماضي.

**Simple:** Subject + past verb (V2).  
Negative: did not + base verb. / Did + subject + V1?

**Continuous:** Subject + was / were + verb-ing.  
I / he / she / it: was | you / we / they: were

**Together:** While I was reading, the phone rang.  
I was reading when the phone rang.

**Simple: yesterday / last week / two days ago**

**Continuous:** At eight last night, I was studying.

**Negative / question:** He was not reading. / Was he reading?

### 2. Both ... And / Neither ... Nor

نستخدم both ... and للجمع بين اثنين، و neither ... nor للنفي عن الاثنين.

**Both ... and:** Both + A + and + B + plural verb.  
Both Ali and Omar enjoy reading.

**Neither ... nor:** Neither + A + nor + B + verb.  
Neither Ali nor Omar likes chess.

**Agreement:** With neither ... nor, agree with the nearer subject.  
Neither the teacher nor the pupils are absent.

**Neither the pupils nor the teacher is absent.**

Do not add not to neither ... nor.

## 01 Vocabulary

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Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d. (4 x 1.5 = 6)

1. Sara works hard to ..... her dream of becoming a doctor.  
a) represent                      b) fulfil                      c) inspire                      d) highlight
2. Omar is ..... about space and always asks questions.  
a) curious                      b) remarkable                      c) tough                      d) positive
3. The team packed tents and maps before its desert .....  
a) explorer                      b) talent                      c) expedition                      d) will
4. The captain held the trophy ..... above his head.  
a) equally                      b) efficiently                      c) merely                      d) proudly

## 02 Grammar

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Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d. (4 x 1.5 = 6)

5. They ..... at home last night.  
a) were                      b) is                      c) was                      d) are
6. Yesterday, Ali ..... his uncle.  
a) visiting                      b) visit                      c) visits                      d) visited
7. .... Ali and Omar enjoy reading.  
a) Neither                      b) Every                      c) Both                      d) Either
8. Neither Ali ..... Omar likes chess.  
a) and                      b) nor                      c) but                      d) or

## 03 Writing

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**"A safe expedition needs careful preparation."**

Write a paragraph (not less than 6 sentences) about preparations for a safe expedition.

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## 01 Vocabulary

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Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d. (4 x 1.5 = 6)

1. Please use a yellow pen to ..... the key dates in the text.  
a) survive                      b) fulfil                      c) represent                      d) highlight
2. She practises ..... every day and never misses a session.  
a) proudly                      b) consistently                      c) equally                      d) merely
3. Her ..... world record made headlines around the globe.  
a) remarkable                      b) tough                      c) curious                      d) positive
4. The ..... told us how he had explored the unknown valley.  
a) talent                      b) expedition                      c) explorer                      d) will

## 02 Grammar

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Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d. (4 x 1.5 = 6)

5. .... my sister nor my brother can swim.  
a) Neither                      b) Every                      c) Both                      d) Each
6. While Ali was reading, his brothers ..... TV.  
a) watches                      b) were watching                      c) watching                      d) is watching
7. Neither the teacher nor the pupils ..... absent.  
a) is                      b) be                      c) are                      d) was
8. What ..... you doing at eight last night?  
a) did                      b) was                      c) are                      d) were

## 03 Writing

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**"Explorers may face challenges during an expedition."**

Write a paragraph (not less than 6 sentences) about the challenges people might face.

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## 01 Vocabulary

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Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d. (4 x 1.5 = 6)

1. Despite failing, he stayed ..... and hoped to succeed.

- a) remarkable      b) tough      c) positive      d) curious

2. Mona won the art prize because of her natural ..... for drawing.

- a) expedition      b) will      c) explorer      d) talent

3. The champion visited our school to ..... us to follow our dreams.

- a) inspire      b) highlight      c) fulfil      d) represent

4. This machine saves both time and power by working .....

- a) merely      b) efficiently      c) equally      d) proudly

## 02 Grammar

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Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d. (4 x 1.5 = 6)

5. Both my sisters ..... at home now.

- a) was      b) is      c) be      d) are

6. Both the book ..... the pen are mine.

- a) or      b) nor      c) and      d) but

7. He did not ..... his keys.

- a) found      b) find      c) finding      d) finds

8. We ..... to the park last Friday.

- a) went      b) goes      c) go      d) going

## 03 Writing

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**"Explorers should plan carefully before they leave."**

Write a paragraph (not less than 6 sentences) about preparations for a safe expedition.

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## 01 Vocabulary

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Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d. (4 x 1.5 = 6)

1. Despite many failures, Ali never lost the ..... to succeed.  
a) will                      b) talent                      c) expedition                      d) explorer
2. Our best speaker will ..... the school as its official delegate.  
a) fulfil                      b) highlight                      c) inspire                      d) represent
3. Mum gave each child three dates, sharing them .....  
a) consistently                      b) efficiently                      c) equally                      d) merely
4. The steep climb was ....., and we needed many rests.  
a) remarkable                      b) tough                      c) positive                      d) curious

## 02 Grammar

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Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d. (4 x 1.5 = 6)

5. Both my mother and my father ..... here.  
a) works                      b) working                      c) work                      d) is working
6. .... the coach and the captain received medals.  
a) Neither                      b) Each                      c) Every                      d) Both
7. Did Sara ..... the message last night?  
a) sends                      b) send                      c) sent                      d) sending
8. The boys ..... running when it began to rain.  
a) were                      b) was                      c) are                      d) is

## 03 Writing

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**"Explorers can face bad weather and other dangers."**

Write a paragraph (not less than 6 sentences) about the challenges people might face.

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## 01 Vocabulary

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Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d. (4 x 1.5 = 6)

1. Do not worry; the loud noise was ..... a falling box.

- a) proudly                      b) equally                      c) merely                      d) efficiently

2. The lost hikers found water, which helped them ..... in the desert.

- a) inspire                      b) fulfil                      c) highlight                      d) survive

3. Ali changed his ..... and now sees mistakes as chances to learn.

- a) mindset                      b) will                      c) expedition                      d) explorer

4. I can run farther now; I am making .....

- a) expedition                      b) progress                      c) mindset                      d) trait

## 02 Grammar

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Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d. (4 x 1.5 = 6)

5. Both Ali and I ..... happy.

- a) am                      b) are                      c) be                      d) is

6. When the phone rang, I ..... a shower.

- a) was having                      b) am having                      c) has                      d) have

7. Both my cousin and my brother ..... swim.

- a) has                      b) was                      c) is                      d) can

8. While he ....., his sister was reading.

- a) drawing                      b) is drawing                      c) was drawing                      d) draws

## 03 Writing

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**"Packing the right equipment makes an expedition safer."**

Write a paragraph (not less than 6 sentences) about preparations for a safe expedition.

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## 01 Vocabulary

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Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d. (4 x 1.5 = 6)

1. After he kept my secrets, I knew I could ..... in him.

- a) trust                      b) give up                      c) represent                      d) remain

2. Everyone knows Sara is honest; honesty is her best personal .....

- a) expedition                      b) trait                      c) mindset                      d) progress

3. Please ..... seated until the bus has stopped completely.

- a) represent                      b) give up                      c) remain                      d) trust

4. The puzzle was difficult, but we refused to ..... and kept trying.

- a) trust                      b) remain                      c) represent                      d) give up

## 02 Grammar

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Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d. (4 x 1.5 = 6)

5. Neither my brothers nor my sister ..... late.

- a) am                      b) be                      c) are                      d) is

6. The explorer did not ..... his map at home.

- a) leaves                      b) leave                      c) left                      d) leaving

7. At nine last night, we ..... for our expedition.

- a) were preparing                      b) prepares                      c) preparing                      d) are preparing

8. Both Sara and Mona ..... the answer.

- a) knows                      b) knowing                      c) know                      d) to know

## 03 Writing

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**"Planning helps explorers face challenges safely."**

Write a paragraph (not less than 6 sentences) about preparations for a safe expedition and the challenges people might face.

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| Writing Scoring Rubric    | Marks    |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Ideas & Coherence         | 4        |
| Number of Sentences       | 2        |
| Grammar & Spelling        | 1        |
| Punctuation & Handwriting | 1        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>8</b> |