

## Practical Language Practice Test for Units 8 and 10

Complete the following sentences with but, whereas, or however.

1. I've never been good at mountain climbing                      my grandmother was a world champion.
2. Klaus has a hideously ugly wife. Havel,                      , has a lovely one.
3. Eating Indian food is considered healthy,                      cannibalism is somewhat frowned upon.
4. First and foremost I like green beans,                      my sister likes the red ones.
5. The scariest film I ever saw was Babi Leto. I was absolutely terrified                      I'm glad that I saw it.

Rewrite the following sentences using GET.

1. I had the chance to go to Hell when I was 12.
2. Vera Bila was never chosen for any beauty pageants.
3. I convinced my mother to kill my father for me when I was 8.
4. I usually have my toenails painted twice a week.
5. I always start to feel extremely nervous the night before going into battle.
6. I received a "5" on my last writing because I didn't take my time and I am completely stupid.
7. I am so hot right now that I think I may never fall asleep tonight.
8. I read a fascinating article in Blesk today. It really made me think.

Rewrite the following sentences using the words given and the passive.

1. It is expected that Hillary Clinton will win the next US presidential election.  
Hillary
2. It has been reported that alcoholism is increasing shaply.  
Alcoholism
3. It has been estimated that over 1,000,000 Czech citizens have lost a tooth in the last month.  
1,000,000 Czechs
4. Dolly Buster is reported to have been offered a seat on the Supreme Court.  
It is

## Reading

Supersonic air travel is poised to make a comeback. Japanese and French aerospace industries have agreed on a research tie-up to develop the next-generation Concorde. The new airliner will be faster and more fuel efficient than its predecessor. Industry analysts say the melding together of French aviation expertise in the field of supersonic flight with Japanese technology and innovation will produce a commercially viable plane. Japan's Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Shoichi Nakagawa said: "We would like the industries to realize supersonic transport by combining Japan's manufacturing technology with France's supersonic technology." The deal was inked at the Paris Air Show on June 15.

The finished product could take to the skies within ten years. The R&D phase of the project will span three years. Specialist teams will work on new fuselage materials that can cope with the physical stresses of supersonic travel. This is critical as the Japanese side says it can construct an engine capable of topping Mach 5.5, or 5.5 times the speed of sound. The original Concorde, which stopped flying in 2003 over safety concerns, had a top speed of Mach 2, or 2,000 kph. It is believed the new high-altitude cruiser will carry 300 passengers and slash the flight time from New York to Tokyo to just six hours, down from the present 13 hours on normal

airplanes. Ticket prices are likely to be sky high: a London-New York round trip Concorde ticket set you back as much as \$20,000.

Find words/phrases in the first paragraph which mean the following:

1. faster than sound
2. to sign, negotiate, finalise
3. to combine
4. something/someone that came before
5. something that could live, last, continue, work

And from the second paragraph:

6. take an amount of time
7. plane's main body
8. something to worry about
9. to seriously cut
10. to cost

What do the following words/phrases mean in your own words?

1. social Darwinism
2. old silk route
3. dog eat dog
4. inevitable
5. pros and cons
6. formidable

Put the following sentences into the correct future form.

1. Mary *to be* pregnant for 13 months by the end of the week.
2. Steve *can* be pregnant because he is a man and doesn't have a uterus, even though he wants to terribly.
3. In December, Skoda *produce* cars in the Czech Republic for 100 years.
4. I can't see you tomorrow morning after you finish yoga, I'll *take* a nap.
5. When your Father comes home and sees what you have done, your life *be* in imminent danger.
6. By the time we have finished cataloging the species on this island, we *encounter* 18 new life forms, and not surprisingly, all of them are more intelligent than the Americans.
7. 10,000 more hairs from my head *lose* this year.
8. As soon as my evil teacher gives me a failing mark, she *stab* in buttocks with a dried piece of spaghetti.

Fill in the gaps with the appropriate discourse marker from the rectangle-shaped box.

but more importantly	as well	not only	so, in this sense	this means that	
it's true that	after all	but crucially	as well as	however	whereas

When choosing whom to vote for it is, above all, a personal choice.

whom you choose will probably lose anyways, , you never could pick a winner. ODS, CSSD, KSCM the other minor parties really have nothing in

common with you or your desires, they are standing in the way of you  
 and your dreams. ODS wants to give all of the money to the rich, CSSD and KSCM  
 want to give it all to the poor. , there is another way. I have the same thoughts and  
 ideas as you do. My friends do , we all have the same kind of  
 plans for the future of the country. Making carrots the national crop, having a 2000% tax on  
 people who wear socks with sandals, ,reinstating polygamy are the best ways  
 of assuring that the Czech Republic remains on top of New Europe. We, your friends at  
 PSMS (Pitomá Strana MoravskoSileska) are here to make it happen!

answers:

whereas, however, whereas, but-whereas, but

I got the chance

v.b. never got chosen

I got my mother to kill

I usually get my..

I always get extremely nervous..

I got a 5

..... I may never get to sleep

it really got me thinking

...is expected to win

... has been reported to have increased sharply

..... have been estimated to have lost a tooth

reported that DB has been offered

supersonic, ink, to meld, predecessor, viable, span, fuselage, concern, slash, to set you back

will have been will not be able to will have been producing will be taking will be will have encountered  
 will have been lost will be stabbed

its true that after all as well as but more importantly whereas however as well so in this sense  
 but crucially