

UNIT 6

AN EXCURSION

I. Circle the words that has the italicized part pronounced /ə /, and underline those with /ɜ :/ .

1. Students will take a *terminal* exam at the end of the autumn
2. A lot of *pictures* and *furniture* in the *church* have been destroyed.
3. Have you *heard* about the woman making an excursion *across* the US?
4. The *police* haven't found the *pearls* that were stolen by the *burglars* last year.
5. My sister is a *nurse*. She *works* in a local hospital.
6. Let's go together. We are visiting *Huong Pagoda* *first*.
7. The *girl* walked out and never *returned*.
8. The same *problems* are faced by *children* throughout the world.
9. The *attack* happened in the *early* hour today.
10. Just eight *passengers* *survived* the plane crash.

II. Complete the passage with appropriate words.

An's class is going to make a two-day (1)*e*.....to visit some caves near Huong (2)*P*..... They want to see with their own eyes what they have learned in their (3)*g*.....lessons recently and (4)*r*.....themselves after their hard work, as well. They have planned their (5)*t*.....carefully. For An, the only problem is getting her parents' (6)*p*..... She will try to (7)*p*.....them so that she will be able to join her (8)*c*.....for the excursion.

III. These sentences refer to the future. Complete them with either going to or the present progressive, whichever is correct or more likely, using the appropriate verb: *increase, teach, sit, complain, start, meet, stop, answer, play, get.*

1. I can't go any further. I.....on that bench for a while.
2. The game.....at two o'clock tomorrow. I hope you can be there
3. The service here is very slow. I.....to the manager if we're not served soon.
4. I have a right to be heard, and no-one.....me from putting my side of the argument.
5. The two leaders.....for talks later this afternoon.
6. The bank has announced that it.....its interest rates by one per cent from tomorrow.
7. Are you.....my questions or not?
8. I have to get up early tomorrow. I.....a physics class at 8.00 in the morning.
9. Before I apply for the job, I.....more information about it.
10. Brazil.....Colombia in today's final.

IV. These sentences refer to the future. Correct them where necessary (with either present progressive or going to) or put a tick if they are already correct.

1. Unless aid arrives within the next few days, thousands are starving.
.....are going to starve...
2. There are going to be more of us at the picnic than we'd thought.
3. We're going to have a party on Sunday, 12th November. Can you come?
4. 'I can't get to the match after all.' 'That's a pity. Dave's being very disappointed.'
5. Clear the area! The bomb is exploding.

6. In the future, the company is going to be known as ‘Communications Internationnal’.
7. I’ve decorated the bedroom. Do you think Jane is liking it when she gets home?
8. Whether we like it or not, within a few years biotechnology is transforming every aspect of human life.
9. It’s not a deep cut, but it’s leaving a scar.
10. I’m still not feeling very well, so I think I’m going to see the doctor some time this week.
11. Nina is going to go to Switzerland next week on business.
12. Before I go to China next year, I’m learning some Cantonese.
13. They’re leaving from Frankfurt airport at 6.30 pm.
14. Scientists say that the satellite is falling to Earth some time this afternoon.
15. The orchestra is going to perform Mahler’s 5th Symphony at next week’s concert.

V. Choose the correct answer.

1. ‘Which project.....on next?’ ‘I haven’t decided for sure. Probably the Spacemobile.’
 - a. will you work
 - b. are you going to work
 - c. do you work
2. ‘Look at those dark clouds!’ ‘Yes, It looks like.....any minute.’
 - a. it’s going to rain
 - b. it’s raining
 - c. it will rain
3. ‘I’d better get back to the hotel room before the storm.’ ‘OK.....you later.’
 - a. I’m seeing
 - b. I’ll see
 - c. I see

c. I'll be/ Are you going to have

13. 'It's a public holiday next Monday.' 'Yes, I know.....anything special?'

a. Are you doing b. Do you do c. Will you do

14. 'Would you like to join Linda and me tomorrow? We.....the natural history museum.' 'Sure, I've never been there.'

a. visit b. will visit c. are going to visit

15. 'I've decided to try and learn a foreign language.' 'Have you? Which language.....?'

a. will you learn b. are you going to learn c. are you learning

VI. Choose the correct alternative.

A: Look. (1) It's raining/ It's going to rain soon.

B: I'm not too sure about that. But the sun (2) will disappear/ has disappeared behind those black clouds.

A: And (3) it become/ it's becoming quite windy, too.

B: Yes, but I don't think the weather (4) is changing/ is going to change too much.

A: (5) Have you heard/ Do you hear the weather forecast?

B: They say (6) it's going to be/ it has been fine for the next few days.

A: Oh, (7) there are/ they're usually wrong. (8) I not think/ I don't think we can go sightseeing now.

B: Oh, let's go. It (9) isn't raining/ hasn't rained so far this week.

A: All right, but (10) I'm taking/ I'm going to take my raincoat and umbrella with me.

B: I think (11) you're worrying/ you worried about nothing.

VII. Choose the correct option a, b, c or d to complete each space.

Dear Mum and Dad,

This is just a quick letter to let you know that I'm fine. We're all working quite hard because the exams are only a few weeks away, but our teacher (1).....he thinks we'll do well.

Anyway, we had a wonderful time at half-term. I went off to Paris for (2).....days with some of the others from the school, and we went on a guided (3).....of the city. We saw most of the famous (4)..... like the Louvre, where they have an amazing (5).....of paintings, and the Eiffel Tower. Then we went down to the south of France (6).....train. It was so fast – the whole (7).....was only about four hours. We spent (8).....time in Nice and in Cannes as well, and we all really enjoyed it. On our last day we went to a small island (9).....the He des Pelerins, and we saw the castle (10).....they used to keep the 'Man in the Iron Mask'. All in all, we had a great time and the weather was really good as well. The only thing I felt (11).....about was that we didn't have enough time to spare to go swimming – maybe next time.

Anyway, I must go now as I've got to do a lot of homework for tomorrow. (12).....you write soon?

Love,

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| 1. a. says | b. tells | c. speaks | d. talks |
| 2. a. a little | b. little | c. a few | d. few |
| 3. a. trip | b. visit | c. tour | d. excursion |
| 4. a. shows | b. sights | c. views | d. looks |
| 5. a. set | b. group | c. gallery | d. collection |

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| 6. a. in | b. by | c. with | d. on |
| 7. a. voyage | b. travel | c. drive | d. journey |
| 8. a. a little | b. little | c. a few | d. few |
| 9. a. spoke | b. said | c. called | d. told |
| 10. a. that | b. which | c. where | d. there |
| 11. a. sorry | b. apologetic | c. displeased | d. anxious |
| 12. a. Must | b. Should | c. May | d. Will |

VIII. Complete each of the following sentences, using the words given.

Dear Carol,

1. Thank/ much. Invitation/ spend 3 weeks/ August/ you/ your family/ Scotland

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2. I/ love/ come/ unfortunately/ I/ unable/ accept

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3. My cousins/ live/ Canada/ stay/ us/ August 3rd/ August 18th

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4. As/ it/ their first visit/ country/ I/ plan/ show/ around

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5. It/ possible/ visit/ you/ September/ instead?

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6. I/ certainly/ need/ rest/ after/ my cousins/ back/ Canada!

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7. tell/ September/ convenient/ you

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8. I/ look/ forward/ see/ you all again

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Love.

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I.

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3. Have you heard about the woman taking an excursion across the US?
4. The police haven't found the pearls that were stolen by the burglars last year.
5. My sister is a nurse. She works in a local hospital.
6. Let's go together. We are visiting Huong Pagoda first.
7. The girl walked out and never returned.
8. The same problems are faced by children throughout the world.
9. The attack happened in the early hour today.
10. Just eight passengers survived the plane crash.

II.

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| 1. excursion | 3. geography | 5. trip | 7. persuade |
| 2. Pagoda | 4. relax | 6. permission | 8. classmates |

III.

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| 1. am going to sit | 4. is going to stop | 7. going to answer | 10. are playing |
| 2. is starting | 5. are meeting | 8. am teaching | |

3. am going to complain 6. is increasing 9. am going to get

IV.

1. Are going to starve (an event over which we have no control)

2. V

3. are having (a definite arrangement)

4. is going to be (verb: be)

5. is going to explode (an event over which we have no control)

6. V

7. is going to like (permanent future situation)

8. is going to transform (an event over which we have no control)

9. is going to leave (permanent future situation)

10. V

11. is going to Switzerland ('going to go' is less likely)

12. am going to learn (an intention)

13. V

14. is going to fall (an event over which we have no control)

15. is performing (a definite arrangement)

V.

1. b 2. a 3. b 4. c 5. a 6. c 7. b 8. b 9. a 10. c

11. b 12. c 13. a 14. c 15. b

VI.

1. It's going to rain

5. Have you heard

9. hasn't rained

2. has disappeared

6. it's going to be

10. I'm going to take

3. it's becoming

7. they're

11. You're worrying

4. is going to change

8. I don't think

VII. 1. a 2. c 3. c 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. c 11. a

12. d

VIII. Dear Carol,

1. Thank you very much for your/ the invitation to spend three weeks next/ during August with you and your family in Scotland.

2. I would love to come, but unfortunately I am/ will be unable to accept (it)

3. My cousins, who live/ are living in Canada, are/ will be staying with us from August 3rd to August 18th.

4. As it is/ will be their first visit to this country, I plan/ am planning to show them around.

5. Is it possible to visit you in September instead?

6. I will certainly need a rest after my cousins go/ have gone back to Canada

7. Please tell me if September is/ will be convenient for you.

8. I look/ am looking forward to seeing you all again.

Love

THE END