

Linguaskill Reading, práctica resuelta

22 preguntas con los seis tipos de tarea del módulo de reading y, al final, las soluciones explicadas. Tapa las soluciones hasta terminar. Esto es material propio de preparación, no un examen de Cambridge.

Leer y elegir

Lee el aviso y elige la frase que significa lo mismo.

1. STAFF NOTICE

The car park will be closed on Saturday for resurfacing. Please use the street parking behind the building.

- A The car park is closed until further notice.
- B Street parking is only for visitors on Saturday.
- C You cannot park in the car park on Saturday.

2. Hi Marta,

I have looked at the figures you sent. Before I sign anything off, I would like Ana to run through them once more.

- A He has approved the figures.
- B He wants Ana to check the figures before approving them.
- C He thinks the figures Ana sent are wrong.

3. The proposal is, at best, a partial answer to a problem the board has been reluctant to name.

- A The proposal solves the problem completely.
- B The writer thinks the proposal falls short and the board avoids the issue.
- C The board has openly discussed the problem.

4. Hi Tom,

The delivery is running late. It should arrive on Thursday instead of Tuesday. Sorry for the trouble.

- A The delivery has been cancelled.
- B The delivery arrived on Tuesday as planned.
- C The delivery will come two days later than planned.

5. For all its confidence, the strategy rests on an assumption the authors never quite bring themselves to state.

- A The authors state their assumptions with great confidence.
- B The strategy has no assumptions behind it.
- C The strategy depends on something the authors avoid saying openly.

Hueco con opciones

Elige la palabra que completa la frase.

6. I have been working here ___ 2019, and I still enjoy it.
- A since
 - B for
 - C from
 - D during
7. The report was ___ detailed that most people only read the summary.
- A very
 - B too
 - C so
 - D such
8. Had the deadline been clearer, we ___ the delay altogether.
- A had avoided
 - B would avoid
 - C would have avoided
 - D will avoid
9. If it ___ tomorrow, we will move the meeting indoors.
- A would rain
 - B rains
 - C will rain
 - D rained
10. No sooner ___ the results published than the first complaints arrived.
- A did they
 - B they did
 - C had they
 - D they had

Hueco sin opciones

Escribe la palabra que falta, sin opciones, como en el examen.

11. She was offered the job ___ spite of her lack of experience.

Escribe la palabra: _____

12. Far ___ solving the shortage, the new rules made it considerably worse.

Escribe la palabra: _____

13. She is very good ___ explaining difficult ideas.

Escribe la palabra: _____

14. The scheme was abandoned, ___ much to the relief of the residents who had opposed it.

Escribe la palabra: _____

La frase que falta

Elige la frase que falta en el hueco del texto.

15. Remote work saved the company a fortune in office costs. ___ Managers now spend a whole day a week just keeping people aligned.

- A It has not been free of problems, though.
- B Staff were delighted with the change.
- C The savings were reinvested in new offices.

16. Critics called the design cold and impersonal. ___ Twenty years on, it is the most photographed building in the city.

- A Their verdict has not aged well.
- B The architect agreed with them.
- C The building was demolished soon after.

17. The new bus route opened in March. ___ Since then, journey times have dropped by a third.

- A The route was closed again in April.
- B Tickets are only sold online.
- C At first, hardly anyone used it.

18. For decades the canal was treated as an obstacle to be built over. ___ The stretch reopened last spring is now the most expensive address in the district.

- A That reading of it did not survive the property boom.
- B Engineers agreed it should be filled in completely.
- C The canal has never carried commercial traffic.

Emparejar textos

Cuatro personas buscan un curso. Lee lo que pide Laura y elige el curso que le encaja.

19. LAURA: I work mornings, so I can only study after six. I want to speak more and I am not worried about exams.

- A. Exam preparation, Tuesdays 10:00—12:00.
- B. Conversation club, Wednesdays 19:00—20:30.
- C. Grammar intensive, weekends, with a final test.

- A C
- B B
- C A

20. CLIENT: We are a team of twelve. We need invoices in euros and someone we can call when something breaks, but we do not need a dedicated manager.

A. Starter: up to 5 users, email support, invoices in local currency.

B. Team: up to 20 users, phone support, invoices in any currency.

C. Enterprise: unlimited users, dedicated account manager.

A B

B A

C C

Texto largo

Lee el texto y elige la respuesta correcta.

21. When the library moved to the old market hall, staff expected complaints. The building was colder, the shelves were further apart and the reading room had lost its view. What nobody predicted was the queue. Visits doubled within a year, and most newcomers said they had simply never noticed the old building, tucked behind the town hall.

Why did the number of visits increase?

A Because the new building was warmer and more comfortable.

B Because the library bought many new books.

C Because the new building was easier to notice.

22. The committee's report has been welcomed as a step forward, which tells you more about the state of the debate than about the report. Its central recommendation, that data be published quarterly, was already policy in two of the three regions studied. The remaining region, whose practices prompted the inquiry, is mentioned twice and never named.

What is the writer's view of the report?

A That its main recommendation is impossible to apply.

B That it adds little and avoids the real case.

C That it is a major improvement on current practice.

Soluciones

1. **C, You cannot park in the car park on Saturday.** Dificultad B1

El aviso cierra el aparcamiento un día concreto, el sábado. La segunda lo deja cerrado sin fecha y la tercera dice algo que el aviso no dice.

2. **B, He wants Ana to check the figures before approving them.** Dificultad B2

Dice que antes de firmar quiere que Ana las repase. Ni ha aprobado nada todavía, ni dice que estén mal, ni las mandó Ana.

3. **B, The writer thinks the proposal falls short and the board avoids the issue.** Dificultad C1

«At best» rebaja lo que viene después y «reluctant to name» dice que el consejo evita nombrarlo. Las dos ideas son críticas, no neutras.

4. **C, The delivery will come two days later than planned.** Dificultad B1

De martes a jueves van dos días. Ni se cancela nada ni llegó a tiempo.

5. **C, The strategy depends on something the authors avoid saying openly.** Dificultad C2

«For all its confidence» concede algo para luego contradecirlo, y «never quite bring themselves to state» dice que no llegan a decirlo. Las otras dos leen justo lo contrario.

6. **A, since** Dificultad B1

Con un punto de partida concreto en el tiempo y el presente perfecto continuo va «since». «For» pediría una cantidad de tiempo, como «for five years».

7. **C, so** Dificultad B2

La estructura es «so + adjetivo + that». Con «such» haría falta un sustantivo, «such a detailed report that...».

8. **C, would have avoided** Dificultad C1

Es una condicional del tercer tipo con inversión, «Had...», así que la otra mitad va con «would have» más participio.

9. **B, rains** Dificultad B1

En la condicional del primer tipo, la parte del «if» va en presente aunque hable del futuro.

10. **C, had they** Dificultad C1

Tras «no sooner» al principio de la frase hay inversión, así que el auxiliar va delante del sujeto.

11. **in** Dificultad B2

La expresión fija es «in spite of». No admite otra preposición.

12. **from** Dificultad C2

La fórmula es «far from + gerundio», que niega lo que viene después. Las otras tres no forman esa construcción.

13. **at** Dificultad B1
La combinación fija es «good at» seguida de gerundio. Las otras preposiciones no acompañan a este adjetivo.
14. **very** Dificultad C2
La fórmula fija es «very much to the relief of». Las otras tres no acompañan a «much» en esta construcción.
15. **A, It has not been free of problems, though.** Dificultad B2
Lo que viene después es una pega, así que el hueco tiene que girar del ahorro al problema. Las otras dos no dejan paso a lo que sigue.
16. **A, Their verdict has not aged well.** Dificultad C1
El texto contrapone la crítica de entonces con el éxito de ahora, así que el hueco tiene que anunciar ese giro. Las otras dos lo cortan.
17. **C, At first, hardly anyone used it.** Dificultad B1
El «since then» pide que antes haya pasado algo en el tiempo. La segunda contradice lo que sigue y la tercera no encaja con el hilo.
18. **A, That reading of it did not survive the property boom.** Dificultad C2
El texto pasa de «era un estorbo» a «es lo más caro del barrio», así que el hueco tiene que marcar que aquella lectura cambió. Las otras dos cortan el giro.
19. **B, B** Dificultad B1
Laura solo puede después de las seis y quiere hablar sin examen. Solo el club de conversación cumple las dos cosas.
20. **A, B** Dificultad B2
Doce personas no caben en el plan de cinco, y descartan el gestor dedicado del tercero. El segundo cubre teléfono y moneda.
21. **C, Because the new building was easier to notice.** Dificultad B2
El texto dice que los nuevos visitantes nunca se habían fijado en el edificio viejo, escondido detrás del ayuntamiento. De la comodidad dice lo contrario y de los libros no dice nada.
22. **B, That it adds little and avoids the real case.** Dificultad C1
Dice que la recomendación central ya era práctica en dos de tres regiones y que la tercera, la del problema, ni se nombra. Es una crítica, no un elogio.