

**Brookline Adult & Community Education
English As a Second Language Placement Test**

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Suggested Level _____

Part I. Please CIRCLE the correct answer.

Example *They* _____ *over there.*

- a. *am*
- b. *is*
- c. *are*

1. Mark _____ at 6:00 every day.
 - a. get up
 - b. gets up
 - c. is getting up
2. You always _____ when you are angry.
 - a. shouted
 - b. shouting
 - c. shout
3. When my children are hungry, I feed _____ .
 - a. they
 - b. them
 - c. their
4. _____ Jane work on Saturday?
 - a. Do
 - b. Was
 - c. Does

5. Did you see Bob last night? No, but I ____ his wife.
- seed
 - saw
 - see
6. I ____ here tomorrow.
- will be
 - am be
 - be
7. How ____ bread do we need?
- much
 - many
 - few
8. Is that book ____ ?
- my
 - hers
 - your
9. Please read the instructions ____.
- careful
 - carefully
 - more careful
10. The police officer told her she ____ drive fast because it's dangerous.
- mustn't
 - doesn't have to
 - has to
11. I ____ her since 2004.
- didn't see
 - don't seen
 - haven't seen

12. Where has he _____ ?
- a. gone
 - b. went
 - c. go
13. Jerry went to the party, and Andy _____ .
- a. did either
 - b. did neither
 - c. did too
14. When are you going to stop _____ so much?
- a. to smoke
 - b. smoke
 - c. smoking
15. By the time we got to the theater, the movie _____ .
- a. had started
 - b. started
 - c. has started
16. Mr. Anderson's car was _____ last night.
- a. steal
 - b. stole
 - c. stolen
17. I'm not sure who took the book. Paul _____ .
- a. may
 - b. might have
 - c. could
18. Can you tell me when _____ ?
- a. did they leave
 - b. did they left
 - c. they left

19. If Sandy had known it was going to snow, she ____ her boots.

- a. would have worn
- b. would wear
- c. will wear

20. He sang that song last week, ____ ?

- a. does he
- b. did he
- c. didn't he

Part II. Please read the story and CIRCLE the correct answer.

Example the 21. in day and go at school at night. I work
My name is Lori. I work during an to school at night. I works
a to school at night. I working

23. Her 24. her
as a manager. My boss is very kind. Everybody likes them very much. I study
His his

25. go 24. herself
nursing at school. I like to go to school early so I can study by himself before
to going myself

27. must 28. will
class. The class is difficult, so I might study hard if I wanted to do well.
can want

29. any 30. went
After class, the friends and I usually go out for something to eat. Last night we go
my gone

31. across to 32. the cheapest
to a restaurant across our school. We like to go there because it's too cheap
across from cheaper

33. was 34. cup of coffee
place in the neighborhood and the food good very good. I usually order a cup coffee
is a cup of coffee

35. have
and a hamburger. This restaurant has the best hamburgers in town!
had

Steve and Jean recently moved to an apartment in the city. They have lived in

36. for 37. had
their new apartment since two weeks. Before that they have lived in a house in
during were

the country. Since they moved into their new apartment, they 38. have been
are
were very busy.

Although they enjoy 39. live
to live
living in the city, they sometimes wish they 40. stay
stayed
had stayed in the

country. Yesterday, Jean received a birthday card. It was 41. sent
sending
send by her friends Linda and Paul.

Today is her birthday and she is sad. If they were still living in the country,

42. have
will have
would have they a party. Jean told Steve that she 43. will miss
missed
miss their old friends.

Steve said he would 44. call them up.
call up them.
them call up. “I hope they 45. are
be
were home,” said Jean as Steve di-

aled the number. “No one answered,” Steve said. “They must 45. have gone
be go
gone out.” Steve

called another friend, but he wasn’t 47. neither.
too.
either. at home “Keep on 48. to try,”
trying,”
try,” Jean said.

Steve called all of their friends, but no one was at home. “I don’t know where 49. they are,”
are they,”
they be,”

said Steve. Suddenly they heard a knock. Jean opened the door and saw Paul, Linda,

and their other friends. “We 50. could
can
must have called, but we wanted to surprise you,” said

Linda. “Happy Birthday!”

ESL Placement Test Answers

1. **b**
2. **c**
3. **b**
4. **c**
5. **b**
6. **a**
7. **a**
8. **b**
9. **b**
10. **a**
11. **c**
12. **a**
13. **c**
14. **c**
15. **a**
16. **c**
17. **b**
18. **c**
19. **a**
20. **c**
21. **to**
22. **work**
23. **my**
24. **her**
25. **to go**
26. **myself**
27. **must**
28. **want**
29. **my**
30. **went**
31. **across from**
32. **the cheapest**
33. **is**
34. **a cup of coffee**
35. **has**
36. **for**
37. **had**
38. **have been**
39. **living**
40. **had stayed**
41. **sent**
42. **would have**
43. **missed**
44. **call them up**

45. **are**
46. **have gone**
47. **either**
48. **trying**
49. **they are**
50. **could**

Score:

0-19 correct answers = Beginning English

20-30 correct answers = Intermediate English

30-42 correct answers = High Intermediate English

42-50 correct answers = Advanced English