

Summer test 1

Grammar:

Present tenses

Past tenses

Gerunds and infinitives

Vocabulary:

to bite sb's head off

to have butterflies in your stomach

to be on tenterhooks

to be off-colour

to be under the weather

to have kittens

to jump out of your skin

to live from hand to mouth

to be hard up

to take sb for a ride

to cook the books

to pull the wool over sb's eyes

to economise/ an economist/ economy/ economics/ economic/ economical/ economically

to finance/ a financier/ finance/ finances/ financial/ financially

to govern/ a governor/ government/ governing

average income

life expectancy/ expect/ unexpected

divorce rate

church attendance

breakdown

to lag behind

downturn

booming

to default

to go bust

to be in recession

accountant

trainee/ intern

self-employed

pensioner

to take early retirement

dustman

to make sb redundant/ fire sb/ dismiss/ lay off/ sack

commuter/ to commute

to hand in your notice

pay rise

employable

bonus/ perk

to relocate

to exploit
to outsource
to bridge the gap
career prospects
subsidiary
parent company
be appointed
open-plan office
collective decision
open-door policy
dress-down day
to take up a hobby
leisure activities
to join a club
advertising campaign
to launch a product/ company
to put off an appointment
to borrow from
to lend
to be stuck in a rut
to carry out market research
dead-end job
to get a thrill out of doing sth
gripping story
trade
to decide on
to approve of
to praise
to select
to haggle over
purchase
to account for
facilities
share
sponsor/ sponsorship
advantage/ advantageous
loyal/ disloyalty
compete/ competitive/ competition
simple/ simply/ simplification
to make a living
descent
caution
office dogsbody
job description
moody
to let off steam
to get/be promoted