

Einstufungstest

ENGLISH B2 – C1

Stressed Out

Life seems to move so fast today that almost everyone feels stressed. The MORI Social Research Centre in London recently analysed the causes and effects of stress on people in Britain. One person in five said he or she experiences stress every day, with serious emotional results. Nearly half of those who have ever felt stressed report having suffered from depression. A quarter of people have felt isolated by stress, and one in eight believes they have nowhere to turn for help.

Two in five people feel their stress levels have increased in the past five years. The main causes of stress were listed as work, money and family. People say they reduce stress by watching TV or listening to music, going for a walk, phoning or visiting a friend, or by having a cup of tea or an alcoholic drink. MORI did face-to-face interviews with nearly 2,000 adults over the age of 15 to produce the study.

1. From the text, what are the reasons for stress?

2. What does 'isolated' mean?

3. Name one way of getting rid of stress.

4. Describe the term 'recently' in other words.

5. Sara is a smoker. She wants to stop smoking. She _____ smoking last year.
a) trying to give up b) tried to give up c) try giving up d) tries to give up

6. "What time did you get up?" – "I got up _____ 7.15 a.m."
a) on b) at c) in d) –

Bitte kontrollieren Sie jetzt die Fragen 1 – 6 mit dem Lösungsblatt. Wenn Sie die Fragen mit weniger als drei Fehlern beantwortet haben, sollten Sie mit dem Test fortfahren. Anderenfalls empfehlen wir Ihnen die Teilnahme an einem Kurs **B1 - Refresher 3**.

7. How was George driving? _____
a) He drives dangerous. b) He is a dangerous driver.
c) He was driving dangerously d) He was driving dangerous.

8. The oven _____ removed already.
a) have been b) has been c) was d) is

9. "Hello Tom. I can't be sure I'll be home in time for lunch. I _____ be late."
a) am b) may c) should d) must

Complete the sentences by using the gerund or the infinitive of the verb in brackets:

10. I'm planning _____ (arrive) in the afternoon.

11. I managed _____ (persuade) them to come.

12. He had no intention of _____ (hurt) her.

13. He refused _____ (give) them his number.

14. Jessica forgot to put the milk in the fridge. Milk _____ if you don't keep it cool.

a) gets off b) gets on c) goes off d) goes out

15. "We haven't eaten yet." – "_____."

- a) Neither have I b) Either have I c) Neither can I d) Neither did I

Bitte kontrollieren Sie jetzt die Fragen 7 – 15 mit dem Lösungsblatt. Wenn Sie weniger als sieben richtige Antworten haben, sollten Sie einen Kurs der Stufe **B1 – Refresher Consolidation** besuchen.

Bei acht bzw. neun richtigen Antworten können Sie sich für einen Kurs **B2 - Advanced 1 oder B2 - Refresher Advanced** anmelden. Sie sollten mit dem Test fortfahren.

Replace the verbs in brackets with the right form of one of the verbs below:

- assist - monitor - pledge - prevent - provide - reach - urge

The UNHCR (United Nations High Commission for Refugees) says it is failing to
16. _____ (help) Afghan refugees who are fleeing to Iran and
Pakistan. The refugee agency that is 17. _____ (stop) it from
18. _____ (get to) border areas to 19. _____ (watch)
population movement and record any new influx of refugees. The agency is also
20. _____ (try to persuade) governments to 21. _____
(give) more money before it is too late. A sum of more than 50 million dollars was
22. _____ (promise) but not even half of that has been received.

23. Which of the words below means the following?

'The written translation of the spoken dialogue at the bottom of the screen.'

- a) script b) playwright c) dubbing d) subtitles

24. I cannot bear the noise of my brother's radio, it _____ me from my work.

- a) disturbs b) perturbs c) deranges d) distracts

25. His aunt died leaving him a small _____.

- a) dowry b) portion c) inheritance d) legacy

26. I suddenly _____ that it was past ten o'clock.

- a) understood b) recognised c) realised d) knew

27. I shall put _____ in the newspaper referring to the rental of my apartment.

- a) an announcement b) an advertisement c) an application d) a publish

Agriculture: Threat to tea

India's tea farmers are losing 30 per cent of their profits, and in some cases their entire crop, to a weed called *Mikania micrantha*. The plant, which comes from Central and South America, was brought over during the Second World War to make airfields hard to see. Since then, it has spread out of control. "The plant can grow at a phenomenal rate. In the monsoon season, it is like seeing a green tidal wave coming down from the hills," Sean Murphy of CABI Bioscience in Egham, England, told *New Scientist*. After a seven-year search, Murphy identified rust fungus as a natural enemy of *Mikania*. His company wants to take the fungus to India later this year, after doing tests to make sure it won't harm other plants in that country.

28. Where does *Mikania micrantha* come from?

29. What does the word "phenomenal" mean in context to the sentence?

30. What was the reason for growing the weed in the first place?

Bitte kontrollieren Sie jetzt die Fragen 16 – 30 mit dem Lösungsblatt. Wenn Sie weniger als sechs richtige Antworten haben, sollten Sie einen Kurs **B2 - Advanced 1** besuchen. Bei sieben bis zehn richtigen Antworten ist der Kurs **B2 - Advanced 2** für Sie richtig, bei mehr als zehn richtigen Antworten empfehlen wir den Kurs **B2 - Advanced 3** bzw. machen Sie weiter mit dem Test.

Mr. Show-off

Tina was sitting in front of the house waiting impatiently for her brother. They were meeting up with two other pairs and wanted to play tennis today, like every Saturday. While she was daydreaming and singing to herself, her neighbour George came over to her looking quite distraught.

"Tina, I really 31. put my foot in it yesterday. I asked Tom how old his daughter was. And it was his wife!"

Tina felt like laughing but by the look of George's expression she thought otherwise and said, 32. "keep your chin up, he'll forget about it in a day or two." She didn't really believe this herself because she knew Tom. He wasn't really a pleasant person. If one was to describe him in a few words it came down to filthy rich, selfish and a Mr-know-it-all kind of guy. His house had 33. cost an arm and a leg and time and time again his wife had 34. put her foot down about his behaviour and told him that he should not give the neighbours an impression that he was Mr. Universe, as she had a feeling that none of them liked him...

He seemed to 35. turn his nose up to everything and this he did with pleasure not realising that he therefore made more foes than friends.

From the text, link the numbered idioms (31 – 35) to their meanings A – E:

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| A – to be very expensive | _____ |
| B – to be firm or strict about something | _____ |
| C – to say something unsuitable | _____ |
| D – to show that you don't like something | _____ |
| E – to be cheerful in a difficult situation | _____ |

36. I wish you'd _____ me what I should do in this difficult situation.

- a) tell b) suggest c) offer d) say

37. It will be much easier to understand if the fractions are _____ up to whole numbers.

- a) totalled b) rounded c) completed d) filled

38. The memorial in the square _____ the soldiers who lost their lives in the war.
a) celebrates b) recaptures c) recalls d) remembers
39. What is the correct expression for a time when there is very little water in a country or region?
a) draught b) draft c) drought d) dry
40. After the campaign a special medal was _____ to all combatants.
a) donated b) gained c) awarded d) earned
41. Be careful how you handle this vase, as it is _____.
a) valueless b) priceless c) invaluable d) worthy
42. French cars are more elegantly styled than their British _____.
a) equals b) ones c) counterparts d) copies
43. I was startled by the sound of a twig _____ on the window.
a) creaking b) ticking c) pattering d) tapping

Bitte kontrollieren Sie ein letztes Mal die Fragen mit dem Lösungsblatt.
Nur Mut, Sie haben es gleich geschafft!

LÖSUNGEN

Für die Frage 1 werden alle 3 Antworten benötigt, um einen Punkt zu erzielen. Für die Fragen 2 - 4 genügt eine der hier gegebenen Antwortmöglichkeiten, um einen Punkt zu erzielen.

1. work/money/family
2. being alone/on their own
3. watching TV/listening to music/going for a walk
4. not a long time ago/in the last weeks/a short time ago
5. b
6. b

Wenn sie die Fragen 1 - 6 mit weniger als drei Fehlern gelöst haben, können sie mit den folgenden Fragen fortfahren, andernfalls empfehlen wir Ihnen die Teilnahme am Kurs **B1 - Refresher 3**.

7. c
8. b
9. b
10. to arrive
11. to persuade
12. hurting
13. to give
14. c
15. a

Wenn Sie weniger als sieben richtige Antworten haben, sollten Sie einen Kurs der Stufe **B1 – Refresher Consolidation** besuchen.

Bei acht bzw. neun richtigen Antworten können Sie sich für einen Kurs **B2 - Advanced 1** oder **B2 - Refresher Advanced** anmelden. Sie sollten mit dem Test fortfahren.

16. assist
17. preventing
18. reaching
19. monitor

20. urging
21. provide
22. pledged
23. d
24. d
25. c
26. c
27. b
28. Central and South America
29. fast / quick / rapid
30. in order to cover / hide the airfields

Wenn Sie weniger als sechs richtige Antworten haben, sollten Sie einen Kurs **B2 - Advanced 1** besuchen. Bei sieben bis zehn richtigen Antworten ist der Kurs **B2 - Advanced 2** für Sie richtig, bei mehr als zehn richtigen Antworten empfehlen wir den Kurs **B2 - Advanced 3** bzw. machen Sie weiter mit dem Test.

31. C
32. E
33. A
34. B
35. D
36. a
37. b
38. d
39. c
40. c
41. b
42. c
43. d

Wenn Sie bei den Fragen 31 – 43 fünf oder mehr Fehler gemacht haben, empfehlen wir Ihnen den Besuch eines Kurses **B2 - Conversational**, bei weniger als fünf Fehlern sollten Sie einen Kurs **C1 - Conversational** besuchen.