Blueprint 2: A1+ Elementary

Vocabulary

1. Read the sentences. Circle the correct answers.



1. My new place is only three _____ away from my school.
2. Shane can't swim because he's _____ of water.
3. Rita's feeling _____ because her best friend is leaving the country.
4. Before planes, people had to go from the US to Europe by _____.
5. I don't want to watch the news. It's so _____.
6. The ad says the apartment is £550 a month. But are utilities _____?
7. The park is on this street. Just keep going _____, and we'll see it.
8. There were no seats on the _____ this morning.
9. The office is _____ of Cherry Street and 11th Street.
10. I'm heading to beautiful Hawaii tomorrow. It's so _____!

1. a. minutes	b. lights	c. turns	d. taxis
2. a. upset	b. afraid	c. angry	d. bored
3. a. tired	b. included	c. happy	d. sad
4. a. boat	b. train	c. bicycle	d. car
5. a. amazing	b. tired	c. boring	d. relaxing
6. a. nervous	b. included	c. unfurnished	d. furnished
7. a. right	b. across	c. left	d. straight
8. a. walk	b. taxi	c. subway	d. foot
9. a. on foot	b. on time	c. or so	d. on the corner
10. a. exciting	b. annoying	c. tiring	d. confusing

2. Read the dialog and circle the correct word.

Nina: Hi, I'm interested in your two-bedroom flat. Is it still **1. available / upset?**

Landlord: Yes, it is.

Nina: Oh, good. I was **2. confusing / nervous** about being too late.

Landlord: Actually, I'm **3. surprising / surprised** that it's still empty. It's a great place.

Nina: I'd like to see it right now. Can I get there **4. by / on** bike from campus?

Landlord: Sure. Just take Pine Street and turn **5. across / left** on 4th Street. It's right there.

3. Fill in the gaps with the correct words from the box. Two words will not be used.

immediately	relaxing	furnished	heat	lights	amazing	angry

1. Our new place isn't _____, so we have a lot of things to buy.
2. Listening to soft music as I go to sleep is so _____.
3. The house is ready, so you can move in _____.
4. The _____ doesn't work, but it's summer, so that's okay.
5. Ian spent all day helping me move. He's a(n) _____ friend!

Grammar

4. Fill in the gaps with the correct comparative form of the given adjective.

1. Is your brother _____ than you? (young)

2. I was sick yesterday, but I feel _____ today. (good)

3. Learning Arabic is _____ than learning Spanish. (difficult)

4. In my opinion, hot weather is _____ than cold weather. (bad)

5. The second movie was _____ than the first one. (funny)

5. Read and circle the correct word(s).

I can get to and from school in three ways: on foot, by bus, and by taxi. Going on foot is the **1. most cheap / cheapest** way, of course. It's free! But it's also the **2. slower / slowest.** Taking the bus is **3. faster / fastest** than walking. But it's not as fast **4. as / than** a taxi. Going by taxi is the **5. expensivest / most expensive** way.

6. Put the words in order to make sentences and questions.

1. has / biggest / Stephen / bedroom / the

_____.

2. tiring / less / running / is / than / walking

_____.

3. aren't / as / adults / as / big / kids

_____.

4. confusing / a / was / That / presentation

_____.

5. is / what / least / interesting / subject / the

_____**?**

7. Find the error and write the correction on the line.

1. How hard the exam is?

_____

2. You're less nervous as me.

_____

3. Loud music is very annoyed.

_____

4. The stove feels hotly.

_____

5. The flowers in the garden smell so well.

_____

Comprehension

8. Read and circle true or false.

Charles: You seem happy today. I guess you like your new apartment.
Wendy: It's amazing! It's bigger and cleaner than my old place. And utilities are included, so it's less expensive. I'm so happy, I'm having a party this Saturday.
Charles: Good! My weekends are usually so boring.
Wendy: It starts at 7.00. Please don't be late, because I'm cooking a big dinner.
Charles: That sounds wonderful. But how do I get there?
Wendy: It's easy. Take Park Road to 18th Street, and turn right. It's the building on the corner, on the left.
Charles: Oh, that's very close. I can even go on foot.

1. Wendy feels good today.	true	false
2. Her new apartment is cheaper than the old one.	true	false
3. Charles usually does interesting things on weekends.	true	false
4. It isn't important to be on time for the party.	true	false
5. Charles has to go to Wendy's apartment by car.	true	false

9. Read and circle true or false.

Hey Mum, I found two ads for flats that look interesting. What do you think?
Love,
Candace

1. For rent: An unfurnished 1-bedroom flat on Main Street and Ash Road. Ash Road is just a few blocks from the college, with lots of shopping and great food. Close to buses and subway. You can live in the most exciting part of town!
£800/mth. Earliest moving date: 30 July. Email cathys@homeplus.com.

2. For rent: A furnished 2- bedroom flat on Garden Lane in a quiet, safe area. Internet included (but not other util.). A 30-minute drive to Main St. and the university campus.
1,000/mth. Avail. immed. Call Douglas at 565-4323.

1. Apt. 1 is available sooner.	true	false
2. Apt. 2 has higher rent.	true	false
3. Apt. 1 is in a less busy part of the city.	true	false
4. From apt. 2, it takes half an hour by car to get to campus.	true	false
5. Apt. 2 includes all utilities.	true	false

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Answer Key

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

2.
1. available
2. nervous
3. surprised
4. by
5. left

3.
1. furnished
2. relaxing
3. immediately
4. heat
5. amazing

4.
1. younger
2. better
3. more difficult
4. worse
5. funnier

5.
1. cheapest
2. slowest
3. faster
4. as
5. most expensive

6.
1. Stephen has the biggest bedroom
2. Walking is less tiring than running.
3. Kids aren't as big as adults.
4. That was a confusing presentation.
5. What is the least interesting subject?

7.
1. the exam is → the exam
2. as → than
3. annoyed → annoying
4. hotly → hot
5. well → good

8.
1. true
2. true
3. false
4. false
5. false

9.
1. false
2. true
3. false
4. true
5. false