

## UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMS - *Selectividad*: 2012-2014

### VOCABULARY

- Synonyms:  
To stay= to remain; To run away= To escape; present= gift; concern= worry; dangerous= risky= unsafe; to depart= to set off= to leave; unwell= ill=sick; unhappy= sad= miserable; link= connection; to respond= to reply= to retort; help= aid= assist; important= relevant= remarkable; to look into= to investigate= to inspect= to research; average=standard; trend= tendency= current fashion; obsolete= out of date; in fact= actually; track= way= path; real= genuine; quarrel= dispute=verbal fight= argument; fortunate= lucky; fair= blond; to be present at= to attend; to go on= to continue; scared= terrified= alarmed; polite= respectful; aim= goal; skills= abilities; to reduce= to shorten= to diminish; to pursue= to chase; worthwhile= rewarding= sufficiently important= valuable;
- Specific vocabulary: Groom; widower; crowd; health; wealth; scare; device; shy; to set up; development; to assume; famine; to look after; to stare; distress; distrust; budget; damage; deposit; likely; achievement; challenge; to fulfil; duty; famine; humankind; evidence; to provide; otherwise; to afford; to overcome; guest; somehow;
- Derivative words: Propose- proposal; strong-strength; specify- specific; death-deathly; receive- receipt; apply-application; long- length; lose-loss; trouble- troublesome;
- Opposite words: Deaf-hearing; wealthy- poor; safe-endangered; noisy-noiseless; polite-rude; certain- unclear

## ACTIVE / PASSIVE

1. The custom of Halloween was brought to America in the 1840's by Irish immigrants.
2. People believed Wallis was worried about royal etiquette.
3. A solution to the problem has been found.
4. She is designing a special dress for me. (Causative Passive)
5. Children are forced to get married at an early age all over the world.
6. It is believed that Leonard Maull was crazy.
7. Scientists believe that mobile phones are dangerous to our health.
8. The agricultural camps were excellently organised by the Ministry of Farming.
9. The plumber wasn't paid when he finished.
10. The best artist in the country painted his grandmother's portrait. His grandmother had... (causative passive)
11. I was bullied at school when I first came to the UK
12. She has always been considered as a beautiful person by her parents.
13. The passport can be collected from the pilgrim's office.
14. Many schools are buying ebooks.
15. Their body hasn't been delivered. Nobody...
16. Scientists have developed a new computerized system for lie detection.
17. Mona Lisa is the feminine version of Da Vinci himself. Mona Lisa is said...
18. Tea is grown in India.
19. We believe antibiotics were discovered by Fleming at the beginning of the 20th century.

## CONDITIONALS

1. If I didn't know my neighbours....
2. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you, I wouldn't put up with that.
3. If they had played more then,...
4. If she hadn't written to me,...
5. If all deaf children had trained dogs,...
6. If my car was stolen,...
7. I could have passed the test if you...
8. If I had more money,...
9. I can't buy the new iPad. I don't have enough money. If....

## RELATIVE CLAUSES

1. Wallis wanted to have a life of luxury. He was very poor as a child.
2. My friend comes from Singapore. Her name is Alisha.
3. This is a place. Shakespeare was born here.
4. Nada must also have an opportunity to live her own life. She lives in Yemen.
5. Hearing dogs are trained to alert children. They also help them to improve behaviour.
6. TV networks usually broadcast horror movies. Most teenagers like them.
7. Have you met the girl? She's going out with Ted.
8. "Lie to me" was a TV series about a team of specialists. They found out the truth by analysing body language.
9. This is the story of a man. His wife is losing her money.
10. Ann was the seventh Duchess of Bedford. She introduced traditional afternoon tea.
11. Fleming was a physician. He discovered that mould prevented the growth of bacteria.

## REPORTED SPEECH

1. “Did Michael try to call me yesterday?” he said.
2. Nada asked, “Don’t they have any compassion?”
3. “All my life I have had a temper and I got into fights at school and university”, Mary said.
4. “We don’t worry if people spend too much money”, the director said.
5. “Steve, be careful with that knife”, Linda said.
6. She asked him: “Did you go to the museum yesterday?”
7. “Don’t bother me now, please”, my sister said.
8. “Take this umbrella as it is raining heavily”, he advised.
9. My friends suggested\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the cinema.

## TENSES

1. By the end of next year, her sleep disorder \_\_\_\_\_ (disappear) completely.
2. I've been playing chess for 30 years. I started...
3. Speech therapies \_\_\_\_\_ (improve) considerable since they were originally developed.
4. Mary's tutor spoke to her after several students \_\_\_\_\_ (complain) about her.
5. By the time the police arrested Jack, he \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) nearly \$2000 from his boss.
6. If you had seen that spider, you \_\_\_\_\_ (run away) as well.

## MAKE QUESTIONS FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS

1. The Jack-o-Lantern custom probably comes from Irish folklore
2. Her father died when she was five months old
3. It brings together people of different ages and backgrounds.
4. He always hated Mrs. Henderson.
5. There are two new students in my class.
6. She criticized Nabokov's novel.
7. He goes to the gym twice a week.
8. I am going to take French lessons three times a week.
9. I did all I could to prevent that marriage.
10. He sprinted for the cash with about 50 other people.
11. Some health professionals point out that many cancers take at least 10 years to develop.
12. Mr. Dean's secretary told her that she had been given the job.
13. I met a strange man at my friend's door.
14. Eight students on average are bullied a week.
15. She has been waiting for Mark all day.
16. Tom learnt Spanish when she was a child.
17. Most pilgrims walked with the people they met.
18. Steve Jobs died on October 5th 2011.
19. The rockets will transport 70 tons of equipment to the moon.
20. Ann was terribly sorry about her mistakes .
21. Tea first appeared in England in the 17th century.

## ORDER THE WORDS

1. Want/ to / you/ ¿ / say/ what / do / me.
2. Him / not / to / I / promised / offend.
3. Football / to / he / too/ old/ / play / is/ ?
4. Wait / to / for / it / is / the / useless / bus
5. Seeing / I / looking / to / am / forward / you
6. You / waiting / been / long / / how / for / have / me
7. Printed / she / her / got / book, / yesterday / new
8. Tuna / yesterday / we / delivered / our / had / pizza

## OTHER GRAMMATICAL POINTS

1. The more you drive, the \_\_\_\_\_ driver you'll become.
2. The athlete ran so fast that we won easily. He was such...
3. You ought to spend more time with you children this year.  
You had better.....
4. It is too expensive to travel abroad. Travelling abroad isn't  
...  
5. His parents let him \_\_\_\_\_ to the party.
6. Would you let me \_\_\_\_\_ your car?
7. It's possible that he hid some of the money. He may....
8. George stopped \_\_\_\_\_ (smoke) two years ago.
9. The judge made him \_\_\_\_\_ (apologise) to his victims.
10. He is looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_ (read) your letter
11. The party was so noisy that I couldn't sleep. It was such...
12. I wasn't used to \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) next to strangers.
13. She used to let me \_\_\_\_\_ one of her books every month.
14. They should \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) us something at yesterday's  
meeting.
15. I can't drink this tea. It's too cold. This tea isn't.....
16. It is possible that your little brother hid your phone. Your  
little brother may.....

## CONNECTORS

1. She was not young or beautiful. The Prince fell in love with her.
2. Clients share their own abilities and knowledge. They want to help and be helped.
3. Even though the car was very expensive, she bought it. In spite of...
4. It's snowing. She wants to go for a walk.
5. Our time is limited. We can do wonderful things.
6. Ebooks are quite cheap. People still buy traditional books.

## PREPOSITIONS WITH VERBS AND ADJECTIVES

- Depend on
- Look up a Word
- Dream of travelling
- Agree about the new rules
- Differ from the rest
- Run away
- Prevent her from getting married
- Run out of fuel
- Complain about her trip
- He has been married to his wife
- Look into = investigate
- Look after children
- Dream of walking along the way of St James
- Look like your brother
- I can't think of an answer. I give \_\_\_\_\_
- To be bad \_\_\_\_\_ drawing
- He broke \_\_ (into) \_\_ the house and took all the money.
- English people are very fond of drinking tea

## COMPOSITIONS

1. What is your favourite celebration of the year?
2. What do you think are the most important things in life?
3. How could you contribute to a time bank or any other volunteering project?
4. Write about something funny that happened to you or someone you know.
5. Where would you like to travel? Give reasons.
6. What kind of prize would you like to win? Explain.
7. Do you think some sports are better than others? Why?.
8. Which invention or inventions have changed the world the most, and why?
9. Should teenagers decide about their own future alone or guided by their parents?
10. Does money bring happiness?
11. Computers, mobile phones, game consoles,... What is your favourite technical device?
12. Describe your ideal husband, wife or partner.
13. Discuss the importance and problems of animals in modern urban societies.
14. What experiences would you like to live before you are old, and why?
15. Tell a story or legend you know. Give it a title.
16. Do you think school life is stressful? Explain
17. Would you live in a foreign country? Explain why.
18. Do you think learning other languages is important nowadays?. Why?
19. Could you live for four weeks without TV, the Internet, video games or your mobile?
20. Advantages and disadvantages of going to university.
21. Do you like reading or watching movies? What kind of stories do you prefer?
22. Advantages and disadvantages of eating fast food. Discuss.
23. What is the biggest lie or fantasy you have ever been told?

24. Describe one of the school trips you have ever been on.  
What interesting things did you see or do?
25. Some British and American traditions have become popular in Spain nowadays. Discuss.
26. Do animals contribute to make our lives easier or better?  
Explain.