

Level 3

GCC Noncredit ESL Verbal Assessment

These are examples of questions you are going to have on your verbal assessment at the end of the semester. Answer each question in a complete sentence.

1. Used to +Verb

*Answer the questions using **used to** plus a verb.*

- a. Where did you live in the past that you don't live now?
- b. What did you do as a child that you don't do as an adult?
- c. What did you eat before that you don't eat now?
- d. What did you use to look like when you were a teenager?

2. Modals for Advice

*Give advice for the following situations using **should**, **ought to**, or **had better**.*

- a. My neighbors are very noisy. I don't know what to do.
- b. Joe just got a traffic ticket but doesn't have the money to pay it. What should he do?
- c. Anna doesn't speak English very well. What do you advise her to do?

3. Modals for Conclusion or Possibility

*Answer the questions using **must** to show conclusion.*

- a. Rob lives in a mansion in Beverly Hills and drives a Jaguar. What can you conclude?
- b. Susan is buying baby clothes and thinking about names for a baby. What do you think is happening?

*Answer the questions using **could**, **may**, or **might** to show possibility.*

- c. Paula hasn't eaten since last night. How do you think she feels?
- d. George isn't in class today. Where is he?
- e. How old is the president of the United States?

4. Gerunds and Infinitives

Answer the questions using the indicated verb plus a gerund or an infinitive.

- a. Tell me about a place you would like to visit.

- b. What would you like to do tomorrow?
- c. What have you always wanted to learn?
- d. What do you need to do next year?
- e. What do you look forward to doing every weekend?
- f. What is something you can't stand doing?

5. Phrasal Verbs

Answer the questions using the indicated phrasal verb.

- a. When you go out, do you leave the lights on or do you turn them off?
- b. How often do you run into classmates outside of school?
- c. When you borrow something, do you give it back right away or do you keep it for a while?
- d. Who have you heard from recently?
- e. How many shoes do you usually try on before you buy a pair?

6. Special Expressions with Gerunds and/or Infinitives

Answer the questions with the indicated expression and a gerund or an infinitive.

- a. What was the hardest thing for you to get used to when you came to the United States?
- b. What are you used to doing now that you weren't used to doing as a child?
- c. What are you supposed to do when there is an earthquake?
- d. What are students supposed to do in class?
- e. What do you suppose you will do after you finish taking ESL classes?
- f. What are children allowed to do? What are children *not* allowed to do?

7. Connectors (Conjunctions)

*Answer the questions using **and**, **but**, or **or**.*

- a. What are two of your favorite colors?
- b. Tell me something that you like but your husband (or wife or friend) doesn't like.
- c. Tell me where you like to go and where you don't like to go.
- d. What are three things that you might wear on the weekend?

*Answer the questions using **because** or **because of**.*

- e. Why are you learning English?
- f. Why did you choose to study at the Garfield Campus?

*Finish the sentence using **so**.*

- h. I study hard . . .

*Finish the sentence using **if** or **whether**.*

- i. I can learn English well . . .
- j. I don't know . . .

*Finish the sentence using **although** or **even though**.*

- k. I go to school . . .
- l. I moved to the United States . . .

8. Future Continuous

- a. What will you be doing next weekend?
- b. What will members of your family be doing a year from now?
- c. What time will you be eating dinner tomorrow?

9. Adverbs of Indefinite Time

- a. What have you already done today?
- b. Tell me two things you want to do but haven't done yet this year.
- c. Tell me two things that you don't eat anymore.
- d. Tell me two things you haven't done yet today that you are still going to do.

10. Present Perfect

- a. How long have you lived in the U.S?
- b. How long have you studied English?
- c. What kind of food have you never eaten?
- d. Tell me about something you have always disliked.
- e. What have you always believed in?
- f. What is something you've always wanted to own?

11. Present Perfect Continuous

- a. What have you been doing lately?
- b. How long have you been living in your present apartment or house?
- c. How long have you been taking classes at GCC?