

Practice

1 Look at sentence A and B in each pair. Tick (✓) those which are grammatically correct and cross (X) those which are incorrect. In some cases both sentences are correct.

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| 1 A Cost is the chief factor. | B The cost factor is chief. |
| 2 A This is the principal argument. | B This argument is principal. |
| 3 A He had an ashamed feeling. | B He felt ashamed. |
| 4 A That's a ridiculous idea. | B That idea is ridiculous. |
| 5 A The village has a local post office. | B The village post office is local. |
| 6 A It was sheer madness. | B The madness was sheer. |
| 7 A You have a ready dinner. | B Your dinner is ready. |
| 8 A He had an alone sensation. | B He sensed he was alone. |
| 9 A We're building an indoor pool. | B The pool we are building is indoor. |
| 10 A You have very alike children. | B Your children are very alike. |
| 11 A That was a silly comment. | B That comment was silly. |
| 12 A She's a mere beginner. | B That beginner is mere. |
| 13 A Those are afraid people. | B Those people are afraid. |
| 14 A We have maximum security here. | B Here the security is maximum. |
| 15 A He's my ill brother. | B My brother is ill. |

2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Choose the correct words in *italics* in this article. If both options are correct, choose both.



RESULTS OF a recent survey of international air travellers have revealed huge discrepancies in the levels of (1) *comfort and service provided* / *provided comfort and service* at many leading airports around the world.

A (2) *staggered* / *staggering* 75 percent of those interviewed felt that airports were failing to provide a (3) *relaxed* / *relaxing* and efficient environment. Airports in the UK and the United States came in for particular criticism. Fewer than one in ten people were fully (4) *satisfied* / *satisfying* with the service at leading airports in these countries. Airports in continental Europe received (5) *alike* / *similar* negative feedback. Perhaps the enormous growth in passenger numbers

in recent years is the (6) *underlying problem* / *problem which is underlying*.

By contrast, airports in the growing economies of south-east Asia and the Pacific have received far higher satisfaction ratings. Many of the (7) *involved researchers* / *researchers involved* noted that these airports, which are generally more modern than their equivalents in the West, offered (8) *enhanced* / *enhancing* check-in facilities and (9) *pleasant somewhere* / *somewhere pleasant* in which to wait for flights.

With regard to the issues which most annoyed people, the lack of children's facilities and wireless Internet access were two of the (10) *concerns which were main* / *main concerns*. Another was the way in which airports deal with flight delays. The better airports have found ways to cope with this, ranging from television lounges to children's activity areas. (11) *Delayed* / *Delaying* passengers seem to appreciate small details such as comfortable seating and the availability of a wide range of refreshments – anything to relieve the (12) *boredom utter* / *utter boredom* of waiting for a delayed flight. (13) *Affected passengers* / *Passengers affected* were less likely to complain if their children were (14) *amused* / *amusing* and they were able to find inexpensive cafés and restaurants. The airports which came out worse seemed to have (15) *aloof staff* / *staff who were aloof*, with little interest in communicating with passengers.