1, Phrasal verbs used in speaking English

clam up:

catch up:

groof off:

figure out:

bone up

2, a ten-year-old boy

a boy is ten years old.

The boy is a ten-year-old(n.)

A ten-year-old boy is sitting on the couch.

The boy sitting on the couch is ten years old.

The boy sitting on the couch is a ten-year-old.

3, take over :

4, creep up on sb  
 1. to move slowly nearer to sb, usually from behind, without being seen or heard  
 Don’t creep up on be like that!

2. to begin to effect sb, especially before they realise it.   
5. in spite of = despite

6. be of   
 be of use = be useful