

The main purpose of the tests in *Speakout 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* is to enable teachers to identify learners' strengths and weaknesses, and assess whether remedial teaching is necessary. It is also envisaged that the tests will give learners a sense of progress and achievement that will motivate them to continue learning. *Speakout 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* provides both teachers and learners with a comprehensive range of evaluation and testing materials.

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### Types of Test

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There is a two-page **Unit test** for each unit of the Upper Intermediate Students' Book. These tests contain seven or eight exercises which focus on the specific grammar, vocabulary and functional language covered in that unit. The tests are deliberately short, and are designed to give both teachers and students immediate feedback on their understanding and assimilation of the key language in each unit.

The four-page **Achievement tests** are placed at regular intervals, after every two units of the Students' Book. The Achievement tests are more extensive than the Unit tests and are designed to check both language and skills development in the previous two or three units of the book. In addition to grammar, vocabulary and functional language, the Achievement tests include reading, listening and writing sections.

The Achievement tests contain similar task types to those found in the Cambridge English main suite exams (Key, Preliminary, First and Advanced) and so can be used as an initial introduction to these exams. The four-page **Mid-course** and **End of course tests** build on the Achievement tests and are more extensive. They are designed to check the language and skills covered in each half of the Students' Book. They also contain task types from the Cambridge English main suite exams.

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### Test Administration

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The time allocation given for each test is approximate and will depend on the strengths and weaknesses of each class. The suggested timings are:

- Unit Tests: 30 minutes
- Achievement Tests: 90-120 minutes
- Mid and End of Course Tests: 90-120 minutes

The Listening sections of the Achievement and Mid-/End of course tests should be administered first. Play each recording twice. Students are then free to complete the rest of the test at their own pace.

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**Marking and Grading**

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Most tasks test specific points. Students have to give the correct answer to get full marks. However, flexibility is built in so that credit can be given to answers that are not wholly correct. For example, if a student makes a spelling mistake in a grammar question, half marks could be given at your discretion. The important thing is to be consistent with the awarding of marks for all students.

The following scale of grading is suggested:

Very good	A	90% +
Good pass	B	80-89%
Borderline pass	C	70-79%
Fail	F	Less than 70%

- accuracy and range of structures and vocabulary, including spelling:

5 marks

- task achievement (relevant information) and text organisation (linking of ideas at sentence and paragraph level):

5 marks

The Unit tests are designed to check that students have understood and retained the language input from the unit. They should help you identify students who are struggling, but you will find that most students who have completed all of the course material achieve a good pass on the test.

### Writing tasks

There are two writing tasks in each of the Achievement tests and Mid-/End of course tests. The first task is designed to test the writing sub-skills taught in the Students' Book, such as linking words. The second task allows students to express themselves more freely in a piece of extended writing.

The following assessment criteria are suggested when grading the final writing task:

### Speaking tasks

No specific oral tests for assessing students' speaking skills are included in the *Speakout 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* tests.

However, this can be done in the classroom in two ways: via ongoing assessment during freer speaking activities and/or formal assessment at regular intervals. Formal assessment can be carried out with students in groups of three. They can be given collaborative tasks, such as those provided in the *Speakout* sections of the Students' Book. Teachers can monitor each group separately and award marks out of 10 according to the following criteria:

- accuracy/range of language, including pronunciation:  
3 marks
- fluency: speed and level of hesitation, use of linking devices:  
3 marks
- interaction: turn taking, initiating, responding and maintaining the conversation:  
2 marks
- task achievement: conveying the message, coherence, the use of relevant language and completion of the task:  
2 marks

It is, of course, also possible to carry out one-to-one assessment of the students' speaking skills if time allows.

## Grammar

**1 Complete the second question so that it means the same as the first.**

- 1 Which company is he working for now?  
Do you know which company he's working for now?
- 2 How long did it take you to make their wedding cake?  
Can I ask \_\_\_\_\_?
- 3 Have you ever flown in a helicopter before?  
I was wondering \_\_\_\_\_?
- 4 Who gave you that beautiful necklace?  
Do you mind me asking \_\_\_\_\_?
- 5 What time does the film start on screen one?  
Could you tell me \_\_\_\_\_?
- 6 How much did you have to pay for your car?  
I'd be interested to know \_\_\_\_\_?

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**2 Underline the correct alternative.**

- 1 I haven't seen/didn't see any interesting wildlife documentaries on television recently, have you?
- 2 He 's studied/studied more so far this fortnight than he did/s done all year. I wonder what's brought on this sudden change?
- 3 Although she 's always loved/always loved reading, she only started/has started trying to write her first novel last month.
- 4 He 's worked/worked as a shop assistant for five years before he 's become/became a manager.
- 5 Can you believe that I've taken/took my driving test five times so far and still didn't pass/haven't passed it?
- 6 She's never been/was never one for sorting things out around the house and up to now, didn't even learnt/hasn't even learnt how to change a lightbulb!

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## Vocabulary

**3 Complete the phrases in the sentences.**

- 1 It is better not to talk to Eddie when he gets up until he's had at least one cup of coffee. You know he's not much of a morning person.
- 2 She's not shy but she likes to \_\_\_\_\_ herself to herself and spends a lot of her free time doing her own thing.
- 3 Richard's such a people \_\_\_\_\_ that I'm sure he'll make a wonderful teacher and maybe in the future, even a head teacher.
- 4 We always have great fun when we go out with Philip and Sheila. They're both such a good \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 What I love about Christopher is that he's so very sensible and down-to-\_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 No one was surprised when Mel said she was going to start her own software company. She's always been such a computer \_\_\_\_\_.

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**4 Match beginnings 1–6 with endings a)–h) to complete the sentences. There are two endings you do not need.**

- 1 The pressure of the exams had been really intense and after finishing the final one, I was so d
- 2 When the comedian asked me to come up onto the stage, I truly wished -----
- 3 When I heard I'd won the writing competition, I was completely over -----
- 4 I decided not to go to the party as I knew it would be -----
- 5 Although I was scared out of my -----
- 6 Although I was really nervous and was shaking like -----

- a) a leaf, my first jump from the diving board into the pool went well.
- b) impressed by the game I had played.
- c) the moon with happiness.
- d) ~~relieved that I started crying.~~
- e) my stomach turn with anxiety.
- f) wits, I knew I had to make it to the top of the mountain.
- g) awkward seeing Jim, my ex-boyfriend.
- h) the earth would swallow me up. I had never felt so embarrassed in my life.

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**5 Complete the sentences with the correct adjective or noun form of the verb in brackets.**

- 1 We were really *disappointed* when our flight was cancelled due to the strike. (disappoint)
- 2 One of the most \_\_\_\_\_ moments of my life was when I forgot my lines in the school play. (embarrass)
- 3 Jorge found it difficult to control his \_\_\_\_\_ when his computer crashed midway through the report he was writing. (frustrate)
- 4 Did you watch the first episode of that new travel documentary series on Japan? I'm sure you'd love it – it was \_\_\_\_\_. (fascinate)
- 5 Although the rest of the family were laughing at the comedian's jokes, it was clear from Mum's expression that she really was not at all \_\_\_\_\_. (amuse)
- 6 It was a \_\_\_\_\_ moment when we locked ourselves out of the car and realised we'd left our phones, coats and wallets inside. We were miles from anywhere and it was snowing. (worry)

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**6 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are three extra words you do not need.**

deals	deposit	cost	details	limited
sign	tips	trials	write	

- 1 You can get hold of some really good free *trials* of toiletry products if you know where to look online.
- 2 When we said that we wanted to take the flat, we were told we had to pay a non-refundable \_\_\_\_\_ to secure it.
- 3 Some of our more practical courses have enrolment due to the space and materials needed for each student.
- 4 My daughter's just asked me if she can up for a Flickr account so she can post all her favourite photos for her friends to see.
- 5 These days it's very common for restaurants to offer two-for-one \_\_\_\_\_ on their quietest night of the week.
- 6 I spent the first morning at my new job filling in my personal \_\_\_\_\_ on various forms given to me by the human resources department.

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**Function**

**7 Complete the conversation with a)–m) below. There are two options you do not need.**

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- A: Hello, I'd like to sign up for the jewellery making evening class you run.  
 B: OK. Can you <sup>1</sup> c a minute? I'll <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ if Lucy, our admissions officer for that course, is in.  
 A: Thank you.  
 B: ... Sorry to <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. I'm afraid that Lucy is currently in a meeting. Would you <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ back after 3p.m., or shall I take your details and ask her to phone you later?  
 A: Erm, I think it'll be best if I call her back later but thanks ever so much for your help.

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- A: Excuse me, <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ me when the choir sessions begin this term?  
 B: <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ me a minute. I'll just find out for you.  
 A: Thank you.  
 B: Hello again. Right, the term dates for that are 2 September until 15 December.  
 A: Ok, great, that's fine for me. <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ one more question, if <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you. <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ your help.  
 B: Certainly. Go ahead.  
 A: Well, I wanted to know if the auditions have already been held. I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it's too late for new members to sign up. It's <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ one of my friends also wants to join.  
 B: No problem at all, I'll just find out for you...

- a) I'm not keeping
- b) Bear with
- c) ~~hold on~~
- d) was wondering if
- e) can you tell
- f) have kept you
- g) I'm not holding
- h) just see
- i) I'd really appreciate
- j) I've got
- k) mind calling
- l) Keep with
- m) just that

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## Grammar

**1 Decide if the verb form should be present perfect simple (S), present perfect continuous (C) or if both are possible (B).**

- 1 I still can't believe that I B (work) as a teacher for over twenty years. It really doesn't feel that long.
- 2 Josh always leaves things until the last minute and (be) up all night revising for his final economics exam.
- 3 Lisa and Mandy (raise) money for the Royal National Lifeboat Association for over ten years now. It's their charity of choice.
- 4 So, how long (live) in France and why did you decide to move halfway around the world to live there?
- 5 I (feel) rather restless recently. I think I need to take a break and go travelling for a while.
- 6 Do you happen to know if Doug (start) his new job yet or not? I can't remember when he said his first day was.

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**2 Complete the sentences with the correct present perfect simple or present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets.**

- 1 Since we opened the gallery yesterday, we have sold (sell) over £2,000 worth of paintings – it's incredible!
- 2 Ding-Lun (love) always (love) drawing, so it's no surprise that she now wants to go to Art College and become an illustrator for children's books.
- 3 Please excuse the mess. We (repaint) the house all week and haven't had chance to clear everything up yet.
- 4 The development of electric wheelchairs (help) really (help) physically disabled people to become more independent and gain greater access to social facilities.
- 5 I can't believe you (sell) already (sell) most of the things you posted for sale on that website last night. What a great way to make some money from selling unwanted possessions.
- 6 Philip and Frank (interview) candidates since 9 o'clock this morning. They must be ready to take a well-earned lunch break by now.

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**3 Underline the correct alternative.**

- 1 Oh no! I don't believe it! My mobile phone 's been/was/is stolen!
- 2 Police say that the bank 's been/was/was being robbed in the early hours this morning.
- 3 Jim's too scared to leave the house. He's convinced he is/was being/'s being watched.
- 4 These days celebrities are/were/have been followed everywhere they go.
- 5 Customers who have recently bought a faulty washing machine have been being/are being/can be asked to call the company helpline.
- 6 If you finish the exam early, you were/can't be/are advised to check your answers carefully.
- 7 The builders told us that the extension could be/has been/should being finished by the weekend if the weather stayed dry.
- 8 The news said that three people are/have been/are being injured in a train crash.
- 9 Students are often surprised when we tell them mobile phones couldn't/shouldn't/cannot be taken into the exam room.
- 10 Generally speaking, most teenagers don't like to be/to being/to have been told what to do by their parents.
- 11 From next year we need to make some changes so that new students are being/are/should be given more support in their first term with us.

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## Vocabulary

**4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.**

- 1 Let's discuss why low economic growth results in a rise in unemployment. (economy)
- 2 The series focuses on the (ethics) issues relating to the genetic engineering.
- 3 Rapid (industry) growth has negatively impacted the environment.
- 4 Gandhi is considered to be the greatest leader in history. (politics)
- 5 One of the (globe) issues of today is how to stop companies from exploiting water sources needed by local communities.

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**5 Complete the words in the sentences.**

- 1 The athlete Usain Bolt has announced his plans to break his own 200-metre world record at the next World Championships.
- 2 Market analysts predict that there will be a dramatic **d**\_\_\_\_\_ in exports to the region over the coming months.
- 3 If you want permission to park in this area, you will need to contact your local council and apply for a parking **p**\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I was truly surprised that my mum didn't **s**\_\_\_\_\_ a thing. I thought she'd guessed about the surprise party I'd organised for her 60th birthday.
- 5 About a third of the Earth's land mass is classified as **d**\_\_\_\_\_ as it is very dry and gets less than ten inches of rain a year.
- 6 The family have decided to **a**\_\_\_\_\_ against the school's decision to exclude their teenage son for bad behaviour.
- 7 The new **r**\_\_\_\_\_ to be undertaken by the health authority will investigate the connection between mental health issues and behaviour.

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**6 Match beginnings 1–6 with endings a)–h).**

There are two endings you do not need.

- 1 A lot of companies are now opting to a
  - 2 The new software will help companies to keep track -----
  - 3 Many people believe that capital punishment is not an effective -----
  - 4 When we surf the internet, cookies are used to store -----
  - 5 More focus is needed on crime -----
  - 6 The government wishes to increase national security by assessing how -----
- a) ~~monitor how their employees use company equipment.~~  
b) effectively data is collected by police forces from all around the world.  
c) deterrent to serious crime.  
d) identify the individual responsible.  
e) of the internet sites their employees access during working hours.  
f) observation of social networking site usage at work.  
g) prevention if prison costs are to be reduced.  
h) information on the websites we access.

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**7 Put the letters in order to complete the sentences.**

- 1 One of the new police objectives is to reduce the illegal (liallge) copying of digital media.
- 2 Do you really think it's \_\_\_\_\_ (anoabersle) for the directors to receive bonuses on the same day that staff are being made redundant?
- 3 The new policy was considered \_\_\_\_\_ (anihultec) as it treated disabled people unfairly.
- 4 His increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ (suoguraeto) demands eventually led to him being fired from the football club.
- 5 The thriller I saw last night was so (ndibustirg) that I couldn't sleep at all afterwards.
- 6 Animal protection agencies are pushing for (siripeslebnro) dog owners who do not clear up after their animals to be fined.

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**Function**

**8 Complete the gaps with the words in the box.**

~~According~~ agree Basically  
convinced disagree extent Fair  
Personally point see suppose

- A: <sup>1</sup>According to an article I've just read, smartphones are making our society more disconnected and reducing communication.
- B: I <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. I mean, with a smartphone you can email, text, tweet and so on, so surely people communicate more now than ever?
- A: I see your <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ – they do make it easier for people to stay connected but I'm still not <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ that they're doing more good than harm. For instance, you often see children being ignored by parents who are totally preoccupied with their phones!
- B: Mmm... I <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ what you mean but I don't think that the phone itself is to blame. <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, it comes down to how we, as individuals, decide how to use it.
- A: Well, I <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ with that – at least to an <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ – but these phones are constantly evolving, with new apps to get people hooked.
- B: I <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ so, but you're not going to be able to stop technology from developing...
- A: <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ enough, but that doesn't mean we have to lose our social skills. <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, I refuse to get sucked into playing on pointless apps on my smartphone!

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## Upper Intermediate Unit test 2

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## Grammar

### 1 Underline the correct alternative.

- By the time Nigel *was arriving/arrived* at the party, everyone *ate/had eaten* and *was dancing/danced*.
- The boys *had been playing/played* in the garden for hours and when I *went/was going* to check on them, they *had kicked/were kicking* a football around and *laughing/laughed*.
- Ellen *was thinking/had been thinking* about going to Hawaii to visit her sister for some time, so when she *had lost/lost* her job and was given a generous redundancy package, she immediately *called/had called* her sister to let her know and then *was booking/booked* her flight.

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### 2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- If only we *had* the money to buy that house in the country – it was stunning! (have)
- I really wish they \_\_\_\_\_ me about that job. I just want to know if I've got it or not! (call)
- If only he \_\_\_\_\_ us the truth! I wonder why he didn't?
- I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ more about the range of creative jobs that exist when I was at school. I'm sure I'd be doing something else now if I had. (know)
- If only it \_\_\_\_\_ possible for us to take a year off work. I'd love to travel around the world and take a break from it all. (be)
- I wish your mother \_\_\_\_\_ us when she's planning on visiting instead of just turning up on our doorstep unannounced. (tell)
- If only we \_\_\_\_\_ a bigger garden. Then we would be able to grow all the fruit and vegetables we wanted! (have)
- I wish my students \_\_\_\_\_ there texting under their desks during class. If they carry on doing this, I'm going to have to confiscate their phones. (not/sit)
- If only I was \_\_\_\_\_ to work early today. Then I would be able to get to the concert in time. The problem is that I have a meeting at 4pm. (leave)
- I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ to help you move house. I had no idea you had so many books! (offer)
- If only I \_\_\_\_\_ that job in France. Now I have to decide if I want to start a new life there or not. (not/offer)

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## Vocabulary

### 3 Complete the sentences using one word from box A and one from box B. There are two extra words in each box.

#### Box A

bitten caught cloud goes  
if ~~ventured~~ when

#### Box B

coating comes do ~~gained~~  
lining make shy

- Julian's dad has always encouraged him to follow his dream of starting his own hotel and to give it a go, even though it was risky. He used to say: 'Nothing *ventured*, nothing *gained*'.
- Whenever I travel abroad, I always observe and follow what the locals do – after all, '\_\_\_\_\_ in Rome, \_\_\_\_\_ as the Romans do'.
- The last time Amanda gave Brian a helping hand, he took all the credit for her ideas and didn't even thank her, so when he said he needed help again yesterday, she decided to ignore him. After all, once \_\_\_\_\_, twice \_\_\_\_\_.
- Last week, Amy's boss told her he couldn't attend the annual conference as his wife was ill. She knew he'd expect her to give up her weekend and go instead of him but every \_\_\_\_\_ has a silver \_\_\_\_\_ as this year it was being held on the beautiful island of Fiji.
- When Vic broke her leg, Sandra was incredibly supportive and helped her in any way she could. I guess what \_\_\_\_\_ around \_\_\_\_\_ around, as last month Sandra wasn't well and Vic really looked after her.

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### 4 Put the letters in the correct order to complete the text.

As tradition dictated, at the end of the night, we all gathered around the fire for one of Uncle Phil's <sup>1</sup>*incredible* (enrlidebic) stories. We could instantly tell from the solemn and <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (neesint) atmosphere that descended, that tonight's story wasn't going to be one of the <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (soirhialu) ones he often told, which invariably had us all in fits of laughter. Instead, he shared the <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (noimgv) story of how his grandparents had met. It was quite a <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (tacmarid) story as they had first met during the war but had then been separated by circumstances. The most <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (lamakberre) part of the story was when he explained how they were eventually reunited.

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### 5 Underline the correct answer, a), b), c) or d).

- 1 Gavin admitted it was the initial two weeks that were the hardest when he gave \_\_\_\_\_ smoking.  
a) up      b) over      c) in      d) by
- 2 Tomás has got such a talent for languages! He only has to spend a few months in a country to pick \_\_\_\_\_ enough of the language to speak fluently to native speakers.  
a) out      b) up      c) off      d) on
- 3 We were all devastated when Fabrizia's grandmother passed \_\_\_\_\_ as she had always been at the heart of the family. We miss her very much.  
a) out      b) by      c) away      d) up
- 4 The problem that Louise is currently facing is that she's taken \_\_\_\_\_ a new role at work but still has to manage her old one at the same time until a replacement is found for her.  
a) out      b) in      c) off      d) on
- 5 When Dad told me he was going to take \_\_\_\_\_ hang gliding when he retired, I assumed he was pulling my leg. How wrong can you be?  
a) on      b) up      c) in      d) over
- 6 We've always supported our children and the decisions they've made, so when Lewis told us he wanted to drop \_\_\_\_\_ of university we just asked him what he planned to do.  
a) away      b) in      c) off      d) out
- 7 Jessie's always looked \_\_\_\_\_ his father, Walter, and is keen to follow in his footsteps and become an officer in the navy.  
a) up to      b) out of      c) away      d) up in

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### 6 Match beginnings 1–6 with endings a)–g).

There is one ending that you do not need.

- 1 A fun way to improve your English without really trying is to find the lyrics a
- 2 I'd suggest you refer to the instruction \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 In our last political studies seminar, we discussed an interesting online \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Our class would like to set up an online \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Miki's son loves Manga comics \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 I've never been into reading gossip \_\_\_\_\_

- a) ~~to some songs you like and to sing along to them.~~
- b) article that evaluated the pros and cons of immigration.
- c) magazines as it seems such a waste of time.
- d) manual when setting up your smart television.
- e) autobiography but written by a ghost writer.
- f) forum so we can talk about the various issues which affect us.
- g) and dreams of becoming an illustrator.

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### Function

#### 7 Complete the conversations with the words in the box. There are three extra words you do not need.

appeal   builds   character   creates enjoyed   for   into   of   on   stand that <del>thing</del> way   what
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A: The <sup>1</sup> thing I love about Bryce Courtney's books is the amount of historic detail that goes into every story. Have you read any of his books?

B: No, I can't say I have. I'm not really a big fan <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ fiction to be honest. I prefer reading about classic cars.

A: Do you? I never would've guessed! Personally, I can't <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ reading about car and bikes but, well, at least we know what we both enjoy!

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A: That was a great film, wasn't it?

B: Absolutely! What I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ most was the way the 3D special effects were used to draw you into it. That was awesome!

A: It certainly was! And I loved the <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the story <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ from the initial scene.

B: But <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't like was the way the film just suddenly ended. It didn't really feel like the plot had been brought to a proper close. You don't suppose they're planning a sequel, do you?

3

A: Have you finished reading the book I lent you last month?

B: Not exactly. You can have it back if you want. I'm finding it hard work and can't get <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it.

A: Really? Oh, I thought you'd enjoy it! I mean, I could easily relate to the main <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and really thought he'd <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to you too.

B: Sorry, but I'm not actually that keen <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ science fiction as a genre. I much prefer thrillers.

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## Grammar

### 1 Underline the correct alternative.

- On Fridays, we 'll usually stay/'re typically staying in and order a takeaway.
- As children, we didn't use/used to spend much time inside in the summer.
- When visiting Grandma, we would always be/being spoilt rotten and given lots of treats.
- In the holidays, we generally visited/were generally visiting my cousins in Devon.
- When Hannah was young, she had/would often climb the trees at the bottom of the garden.
- As a teenager, did you used/use to stay in at the weekend or go out with your friends?
- My ex-boyfriend always used/used always to criticise the way I looked and the clothes I wore.
- On Fridays, my dad is always buying/will usually buy fresh fish from the market.
- Leo wouldn't/didn't use to have much confidence in himself and hated talking in public.
- Mum's always forgetting/'d always forget to collect me from school. It's so annoying.
- People who park their cars here without a permit usually get/are usually getting fined.

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### 2 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- I expect Neil b late. He's never been very good at timekeeping, has he?  
a) is due      b) will arrive      c) arrives
- The plan is that we will stay with Ali in Cork for the first week as she's insisted we visit.  
a) 're going to      b) hoping to      c) will
- If Muse is playing at the festival, then I will definitely go this year.  
a) hope to      b) -      c) 'll
- The train to Edinburgh leaves London at 6.25a.m. so make sure you're there in time.  
a) leaves      b) might leave      c) will leave
- We're not sure where to go on holiday. We might visit Croatia as I've heard it's very beautiful.  
a) might visit      b) 're visiting      c) will visit
- Jo told me Hayley will birth next week so they're very excited.  
a) will      b) 's due to give      c) 's giving
- Ron will join the Air Force if he gets good grades in his exams. It's always been his dream.  
a) won't      b) 's hoping to      c) might be

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### 3 Cross out the unnecessary word in the sentences.

- The mechanic said he thinks our car will ~~to~~ be ready for collection by the end of the day.
- Sorry, I missed that – what did you say Tom's hoping might to do after he leaves school?
- We're definitely not going to miss the train. There's no way we can get to the station in time.
- Eve's thinking to of opening an art gallery in town if the bank agrees to a loan.
- I'm probably likely to be late home tonight as we have a meeting right at the end of the day.

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## Vocabulary

### 4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

chill focused ~~recharge~~ switches winding

- Whenever she's feeling exhausted from work, Sophie goes for a walk on the beach to recharge.
- Derek enjoys making controversial comments and loves switches people up.
- Janice's always really stressed – we need to help her find a way to just chill.
- When I'm painting, I'm so focused on what I'm doing that I lose myself in it.
- Sam really detests golf and always winding off the moment Ian starts talking about it.

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### 5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in CAPITALS.

- After viewing a delightful cottage in Wales, we instantly knew it was the property for us.  
**DELIGHT**
- Uncle Erwin's had a love of cars since he was a boy and now spends his free time tinkering with one he bought at auction.  
**CLASS**
- From the pictures in the brochure, you'd have no idea just how stunning the mountains were.  
**STUN**
- After ten weeks, Rob is making significant progress with his marathon training.  
**SIGNIFY**
- Carla was a bright student and no one was surprised when she achieved prestigious grades and was offered a prestigious scholarship.  
**EXCEPT**



**6 Underline the correct alternative.**

- 1 When we visited the Japanese island of Hokkaido, we were truly amazed by the beauty of the scenery/sceneries.
- 2 If you want my advice/advices, you should make sure you discuss this issue with your boss first thing tomorrow.
- 3 Lawrence was thoroughly impressed by the sports facility/facilities at the new leisure centre which had just opened in town.
- 4 The results of the town survey were used to gauge which mean/means of public transport was the most popular and why.
- 5 Bjarne has just moved into his own place, which is on the outskirt/outskirts of Malmö and only ten minutes away from where he works.
- 6 When we booked our holiday last year, we were given a comprehensive list of all accommodation/accommodations available in the area we would be visiting by the tour operator.
- 7 Police investigating the robbery were asking if anyone knew the whereabout/whereabouts of a blank clerk called John Smith.

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**7 Complete the words related to abilities.**

- 1 When Becky was pregnant she regularly went running and swimming in order to keep in g r e a t s h a p e.
- 2 Mariana loves watching comedy shows and laughing at jokes, so in her ad she said she was looking for a man with a g \_\_\_\_\_ s \_\_\_\_\_ o \_\_\_\_\_ h \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Peter has a very s \_\_\_\_\_ m \_\_\_\_\_ which, together with his superb analytical skills, has helped him become a great barrister and a force to be reckoned with.
- 4 Walt's very i \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to time-saving ideas for the home and is in the process of patenting his latest idea.
- 5 We weren't surprised to discover that Brandon was a hostage negotiator. He's so calm and c \_\_\_\_\_ -h \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Despite having worked as a psychologist for over thirty years, Martina admits it's impossible to truly u \_\_\_\_\_ h \_\_\_\_\_ n \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 John definitely has the computer k \_\_\_\_\_ -h \_\_\_\_\_ to fix any IT problems you are having. Shall I give him a ring?

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**Function**

**8 Complete the instructions on how to play the game 'tag' with phrases a)–k).**

- <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ f \_\_\_\_\_ it works is that you can have as many people playing as you like and the aim is for the person who is 'it' to tag (or touch) another person who then becomes 'it'.
- <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ first is that you decide as a group who is 'it'.
- <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 'it', this means you have to chase other people and try to 'tag' them so they become 'it'.
- <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you do is decide as a group on a safe zone: a place people can run to and be safe from being tagged.
- <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ who is 'it' and where the safe zone is, players get ready to start the game.
- <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is 'it' first gives everyone else a ten second head start to run and counts to ten.
- <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 'Go!' and start chasing people to try and tag them.
- <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ must do is run away from the person who is 'it' and try not to get 'tagged'.
- <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is 'it' gets close to another player, that person must try to run to the safe zone.
- <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, the game continues with the 'it' person tagging another person who then shouts, 'I'm it' and tries to tag someone else.
- <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ thing is to stop the game whenever you feel you want to or when people become tired or bored of it.

- a) If the person who
- b) If you are
- c) After you've decided
- d) They then shout
- e) The most important
- f) ~~Basically the way~~
- g) What the other players
- h) The next thing
- i) The person who
- j) What happens
- k) After that

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## Grammar

### 1 Complete the sentences with *a/an, the* or no article (–).

- Unfortunately, we usually only get to see my sister Pamela and her partner Stuart twice a year, as they live in Kirkwall, the capital of the Orkney Islands.
- a beautiful and romantic city of a Paris, which boasts a population of over twelve million inhabitants, is situated on a River Seine in a France.
- Where's a cat gone? I haven't seen it for hours. Is it in a garden or upstairs?
- I'm really sorry to tell you this but Uncle Horace is in a hospital for a operation. We should be able to go and visit him next week.
- Alina and Victor support a charities for poor and underprivileged.
- Christopher's been working seven days a week for a last six months. He's going to have a heart attack if he's not careful.
- My best friend and I decided to travel around Central America for a year after we left school. It was amazing!
- Did you know that in our solar system a Mercury is a closest planet to a Sun?

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### 2 Cross out the alternative that is **not** possible.

- If you ask Joanne nicely, she might/would 'll change her mind and accept your invitation.
- Unless/Providing/If there are no delays at the airports, I should be home by 9p.m.
- If you pay in cash, you get/will get/would get a five percent discount on the price of the car.
- Imagine you were to win/would win/won the competition, what do you think you would do next?
- If you tell them you work for the local radio station, you shouldn't/will/won't have any problems getting tickets.
- They won't/might not/wouldn't catch the 8.35 train unless they leave right now.
- If she gets lost, she should/'ll/'d stop and ask someone for directions.
- If you go to the sales today, you can/'ll/wouldn't get some great reductions.
- I might go/'d go/went to the gym every day if I had more free time.
- If/Suppose/As long as he asked her out, what would/did/should she say?

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## Vocabulary

### 3 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- I'm pleased to announce that newly introduced employee benefits have had a positive effect on staff morale.  
a) effect    b) harm    c) damage
- The new legislation has completely transformed the way in which companies must secure personal data.  
a) adjusted    b) transformed    c) enabled
- Surprisingly, it only took Jack a few weeks to adapt to his new role as area manager.  
a) enable    b) revolutionise    c) adjust
- Ian's current line of research is to determine the extent to which mobile phones harm the hearing of phone users.  
a) effect    b) harm    c) transform
- Clara has adapted to her new circumstances after only a matter of months.  
a) enabled    b) transformed    c) adapted
- It's hard to comprehend why so many people seem unconcerned about how their actions do damage to the environment.  
a) adapt    b) effect    c) damage

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### 4 Complete the words in the sentences.

- The communication breakdown occurred because neither side was prepared to make the first move in the negotiations.
- According to lead economists, the outlook for the country's economy is looking very stable for the coming year.
- The only real drawback of the proposed restructuring is that some staff will lose their jobs and have to be made redundant.
- The recent discovery of a new medicine capable of fighting major infections has been a radical boost for the team.
- The trick for keeping the business afloat during the worst of the recession was that employees would have to face a pay cut.
- The outcome of the review demonstrated that company protocol had not been adhered to during the negotiations.

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**5 Underline the correct alternative.**

- 1 A true entrepreneur has a real gift for spotting business opportunities and can always see/advertise a gap in the market.
- 2 When a rival company raised/launched an identical product to ours, we swiftly took legal action against them.
- 3 If you reduce/increase your prices, your profit margins will rise because you'll sell more units but at a lower price – it's all a question of economies of scale.
- 4 Jeff's company folded after the first year of trading, having failed to successfully promote/break into the market as a result of a poor marketing strategy.
- 5 When a leading sports personality agreed to endorse/dominate our new energy drink, we knew we'd hit the jackpot.
- 6 At our product meeting, it was suggested that we entered/set a more realistic time period for the production of our prototype.

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**6 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are three extra words you do not need.**

combine	come up with	developed
brilliant	go with	predictable
reject	struck	unrealistic

- 1 I knew my boss would reject my idea if I was the one to put it forward so I asked a colleague to propose it instead.
- 2 After much discussion, we decided to \_\_\_\_\_ Marta's proposal on how to market the new brand in Asia.
- 3 The idea of opening a themed restaurant based on Tolkien's literary creations \_\_\_\_\_ Josh in the middle of the night.
- 4 Mel's hadn't taken any of the practicalities on board when she came up the idea of climbing Everest without any support or training. It was a completely \_\_\_\_\_ idea and simply wasn't achievable.
- 5 Max's tutor was impressed with his project proposal and suggested he \_\_\_\_\_ his ideas further and created a business plan.
- 6 When told to tackle the company's high rate of staff turnover, Seb struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ a practical solution.

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**Function**

**7 Complete the conversation with the words and phrases in the box.**

be great if	could be	do you feel
grab me	How does	Let's go
my first choice	on the wrong track	
sounds like	Suppose	What about

- A:** So, how <sup>1</sup>do you feel about the two properties we've viewed today?
- B:** Well, I have to admit, the first one doesn't really <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and it wouldn't be <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ – that's for sure. I mean, it's a nice enough house but it's too far out of town and the public transport is almost non-existent, so I don't think it'd be practical for the children.
- A:** <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the second one, then? I know it's a bit small and needs a bit of work doing to it but it'd <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ we could fix it up and get an extension built.
- B:** Mmm... well, that's a great idea in theory but I think we're <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ here. Renovating a property and then extending it too would take a lot of time and cost a fortune. That <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ a real problem for us. <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ we simply look for a property that fits the bill, needs no repairs and is either closer to town or on a good bus route?
- A:** Ok, you're right. <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ with that idea and just carry on house hunting until we find the one we really want.
- B:** Perfect. <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the idea of expanding our search area sound?
- A:** That <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ a great idea! After all, if we're not finding what we like near Tonbridge perhaps we should broaden our horizons and also look around the Wells area...

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**Grammar**

**1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.**

- 1 When I was at school, girls had to wear a uniform with a shirt and tie. (have)
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ go to the party even though I promised I wouldn't be home late. (allow)
- 3 They \_\_\_\_\_ make their beds every morning but they never did. (suppose)
- 4 Karen \_\_\_\_\_ meet us tomorrow because she has to babysit for her sister. (not able)
- 5 Jim couldn't speak French but he communicate with sign language. (manage)
- 6 Sally's boss refused \_\_\_\_\_ her take time off to go to the dentist. (let)

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**2 Complete the sentences using one word from box A and one from box B in the correct form to match the meaning given in brackets.**

**Box A**

can have to must not  
not have to should ~~could~~

**Box B**

attend come go watch say ~~stay~~

- 1 When I missed the last train home, Alexia kindly said I could stay at hers. (permission)
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ to the bank at lunchtime but I couldn't face the queues. (weak obligation)
- 3 I'm sorry but I \_\_\_\_\_ the match tomorrow.  
I have to look after my mum. (lack of ability)
- 4 Eric's boss told him he \_\_\_\_\_ a course on health and safety. (strong obligation)
- 5 You \_\_\_\_\_ anything to Rebecca about this. It's a surprise. (prohibition)
- 6 If you don't feel like it, you \_\_\_\_\_ to the party with me. (lack of obligation)

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**3 Add one missing word to each sentence.**

*time*

- 1 In a years' <sup>v</sup>, I hope I'll have found a good job.
- 2 I'll be relaxing on the beach time tomorrow!
- 3 We'll have finished our exams next weekend.
- 4 In two weeks' time, I'll moved home.
- 5 At 10p.m. tonight, you be flying to France.
- 6 By 2020, we'll have retired and we'll playing golf every day!

**Vocabulary**

**4 Complete the sentences with words related to age.**

- 1 Joan's always looked very young for her age. She and her daughter often get mistaken for sisters!
- 2 Eric's grandfather loves recounting all the adventures he had when he was in his p\_\_\_\_\_ and travelling around Asia.
- 3 The discussion focused on whether sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds should be able to vote or whether they are too i\_\_\_\_\_ to do so.
- 4 The thing a lot of people don't realise is that the people they refer to as e\_\_\_\_\_ often do not feel that old themselves.
- 5 When Adam became a father in his thirties, he was m\_\_\_\_\_ enough to understand the responsibilities involved.
- 6 As people these days tend to grow older and retire later, the issue of age d\_\_\_\_\_ in the workplace has become a serious concern.

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**5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in CAPITALS.**

- 1 Lucy was told that her qualifications were irrelevant when it came to how she dealt with difficult customers.  
**RELEVANT**
- 2 Nigel always thought his way was the only way to do things and was totally \_\_\_\_\_ to listen to anyone else's ideas on how to tackle the company's financial problems.  
**WILL**
- 3 Rosie's business proposal was completely and showed a complete lack of any real understanding of the market.  
**LOGIC**
- 4 Jen's behaviour was often erratic and at times it was so \_\_\_\_\_ that I had no idea what she was going to do next.  
**PREDICT**
- 5 I think you may have \_\_\_\_\_ what Alex meant when he said you could do better. He was trying to be encouraging rather than critical.  
**INTERPRET**
- 6 Although Leo was somewhat \_\_\_\_\_ for the position, his work experience and personality more than made up for his lack of education.  
**QUALIFY**

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**6 Underline the correct alternative.**

- 1 We're really looking forward to/dreading/having our ups and downs about going on the Alaskan cruise, as it's always been our dream to see the Northern lights and we know it's going to be the experience of a lifetime.
- 2 Knowing that her Dad's condition would deteriorate filled Kat with complete and utter mixed feelings/despair/ups and downs.
- 3 Eve is always optimistic and usually sees the ups and downs/upbeat/bright side of any situation, however dire it may seem to the rest of us.
- 4 Irene was mixed feelings about/dreading/with despair the moment when she had to tell her parents that she'd failed to get the grades she needed to get into university.
- 5 On hearing she'd lost her job, Claire remained upbeat/on the bright side/with despair and decided that now was the time to go back to college.
- 6 Whatever happens in your life, it's best not to stay in a job which is going ups and downs/with despair/nowhere.

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**7 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).**

- 1 When Auntie Marjorie started c around on her new scooter, no one knew it was her.  
a) pushing      b) driving      c) riding
- 2 Anton's dream is to \_\_\_\_\_ his own catering company and to cook for the stars.  
a) keep      b) run      c) be in charge
- 3 During his university studies, Alex helped support himself by \_\_\_\_\_ a part time job.  
a) doing      b) making      c) running
- 4 When Patsy \_\_\_\_\_ make-up she never got asked for identification to get into clubs.  
a) dressed      b) put      c) wore
- 5 How often do you \_\_\_\_\_ for your neighbours' twins?  
a) take care      b) babysit      c) be in charge
- 6 I'm a real night owl, so now that I no longer live with my parents, I tend to \_\_\_\_\_ up late.  
a) hang      b) keep      c) stay

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**Function**

**8 Match gaps 1–11 in the conversation with a)–k) below.**

- A: <sup>1</sup> d there should be more apprenticeships available for school-leavers these days?
- B: Well, not really – I mean, <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ better if they go to university and get a degree? Isn't that what companies want these days?
- A: Yes, but anyone <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ university isn't necessarily right for everyone. Some people <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ want or need a degree and are more practically minded.
- B: True, but <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that a degree is the basic requirement for many professions?
- A: Mmm... It depends which ones you mean. I'm talking about jobs like electricians, engineers, that kind of thing. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ necessary too?
- B: Well, I guess so, but <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ get a degree first and then continue to do their professional training?
- A: I think you're missing the point. I think it's <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ only focus on academic strengths. Some school leavers are just not that way inclined. The biggest problem for school leavers today is the limited range of options available to them.
- B: So, <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is that there needs to be a wider range of options so if people don't want to go to university they can do some other form of training?
- A: Exactly! Just like it used to be when my parents were young. <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my parents was that having a practical skill or trade can offer an alternative route to more senior positions. It's just a different starting position for a career.
- B: Mmm... <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it makes sense to invest money in apprenticeships. Especially with the economy as it is...
- a) simply don't  
b) One thing I learnt from  
c) shouldn't people  
d) ~~Don't you agree that~~  
e) isn't it obvious  
f) surely it's  
g) I'm still not convinced  
h) a mistake to  
i) Surely these are  
j) what you're saying  
k) can see that

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## Grammar

### 1 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 I'd love to come to the café but I don't have *many/*  
*much* money – do you think you could you lend  
me some?
- 2 Although the event had completely sold out,  
*very few/a few* people actually turned up on the  
day because of the awful weather.
- 3 Whenever Marian and Sarah go on holiday  
together, they *every/each* decide on a particular  
activity that they want to do.
- 4 *Every/Few* student in our class was really relieved  
when they heard that they'd passed their final  
English exam.
- 5 Andrew has *quite a few/a good deal of* experience  
in dealing with irate customers from his time  
working in sales.
- 6 We can't go with you to see the film tonight but  
we'll definitely join you *each/another* week when  
there's less going on.
- 7 Have you seen Vincenzo's new sports car? He  
must have *plenty of/quite a few* money if he can  
afford a Bugatti and a Ferrari!
- 8 Robin's seen the film *Mad Max* a large  
*number/amount* of times. He says he loves it and  
will never get bored of watching it.
- 9 I'm afraid there's *very few/little* food left in the  
fridge, so we'll have to go and buy some on the  
way home from work tonight.
- 10 I had sent *a good deal of/several* emails to him  
and I was puzzled as to why I never heard back.
- 11 Will was genuinely surprised and admitted he  
had *a little/no* idea that we were planning  
a birthday party for him.

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### 2 Complete the reported sentences.

- 1 'Where did you go last night, Andy?'  
He asked *Andy where he'd been the night before.*
- 2 'Gino will help you if you ask him.'  
I told her .....
- 3 'Are they going to watch TV now?'  
She wanted to know .....
- 4 'Where have you been today?'  
We asked him .....
- 5 'Will it rain tomorrow?'  
I wondered .....
- 6 'Can you come shopping with me next week?'  
He asked me .....

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## Vocabulary

### 3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

costume dramas	current affairs programme
detective series	<del>game show</del>
sketch shows	soap opera

- 1 We thought Sean was pulling our leg when he told  
us he'd won £20,000 on the *game show* he'd been  
on the other week.
- 2 Carl has always been keen on  
so it was no surprise when he went into fashion  
design and got a job in the wardrobe department  
at the BBC.
- 3 Although it's on three times a week, Mary never  
misses an episode of her favourite  
and is always talking about her favourite  
characters and what's they've been up to. If you  
didn't know better, you'd think she was talking  
about real life!
- 4 Talib is really into comedy programmes and  
absolutely loves watching  
.....  
He says they make him laugh and he enjoys  
seeing how the different characters develop.
- 5 Keri's always enjoyed problem solving and has  
a keen interest in crime so for her, nothing beats  
a good .....
- 6 If you're into watching the news, then tune into  
our new ..... where we'll be  
discussing all the latest events.

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### 4 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 While walking around the Colosseum in Rome,  
Gerry had a strange sense of déjà vu – it turned  
*out/up* that he'd visited it with his family when he  
was only three years old.
- 2 Did you hear that they're planning on bringing *up/*  
*out* a newly illustrated edition of that book?
- 3 Seeing the old photo of my brother and I playing  
in my grandparents' garden took me straight  
*back/out* to my childhood days.
- 4 If anyone happens to come *by/across* a red leather  
purse with a set of keys in it, could they give me  
a ring, please?
- 5 Fortunately, we didn't need to pay out anything  
for the house repairs as it turned *out/up* that we  
were fully covered by our insurance policy.
- 6 Jean asked Derek to find somewhere else to stay  
as she couldn't put *him up/up* with his constant  
complaining any longer.

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**5 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).**

- 1 Alex persuaded Galina ..... the graduation ball with him.  
a) attending    b) for attending    c) to attend
- 2 Megan threatened ..... the police if Tom didn't leave her alone.  
a) calling    b) to call    c) at calling
- 3 Brian admitted ..... information from the company and selling it on to competitors.  
a) on stealing    b) to steal    c) to stealing
- 4 Oscar suggested ..... an earlier bus to make sure we would have plenty of time to get to the airport.  
a) to take    b) taking    c) for taking
- 5 Luca refused ..... until he knew I was feeling better and would be ok on my own.  
a) to leave    b) leaving    c) from leaving
- 6 Samantha accused Doug ..... in the maths exam.  
a) to cheat    b) of cheating    c) cheating

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**6 Complete the sentences with words and phrases related to the press.**

- 1 Mandy was over the moon when she was asked by the editor to write a regular f e a t u r e on fashion for one of the leading papers.
- 2 Uncle Bill said he only buys the Sunday paper so he can read the travel s ..... that comes with it.
- 3 I'm no longer surprised when the t ..... use celebrity scandals as their headline stories. Let's be honest, that's what sells their papers.
- 4 These days the majority of national newspapers appear to be clearly b ..... towards a particular political party.
- 5 Tony was thrilled when he discovered a first e ..... of his favourite book in a second-hand bookshop – it was such an amazing find!
- 6 Some people clearly understand how news stories can become distorted by s ..... when journalists and editors try to provoke public interest, but others just believe everything they read in the papers!

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**Function**

**7 Match gaps 1–11 in the conversations with phrases a)–k) below.**

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- A:** Now that I've got it home, I think I've made a terrible mistake buying this dress. I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it when that happens! <sup>2</sup> ..... as now I'm going to have to go back into town to take it back and get a refund...
- B:** Well, you've only got yourself to blame. After all, <sup>3</sup> ..... chose it and I did try to tell you it wasn't your style.
- A:** But I thought it went <sup>4</sup> ..... with the shoes I'd bought – at least, in the changing room. Oh well, I'll just have to take it back.

2

- A:** What <sup>5</sup> ..... the matter with you? You look like you've seen a ghost!
- B:** Not quite. But I did just see my boss at the beach – and she'd told me she was away all week at a marketing conference! <sup>6</sup> ..... outrageous!

3

- A:** Look, <sup>7</sup> ..... that Lucy took your coat. She's just not that kind of person! She would never steal from anyone.
- B:** Mmm... Sorry, you're right. It's a <sup>8</sup> ..... idea.
- I really shouldn't have jumped to conclusions.

4

- A:** Well, I had an amazing time at the gig last night and <sup>9</sup> ..... that I was invited backstage! Can you believe it?
- B:** Wow! That's <sup>10</sup> .....! You lucky thing! I wish I'd gone now.
- A:** So do I – you'd have loved it! It was <sup>11</sup> ..... cool night!

- a) on earth's
- b) completely ridiculous
- c) It is frustrating
- d) It's so
- e) ~~do hate~~
- f) the best thing was
- g) really well
- h) such a
- i) there's no way
- j) you're the one who
- k) absolutely incredible

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## Grammar

### 1 Match 1–6 with a)–f).

- 1 I would've missed my train d \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 If I hadn't fallen asleep, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 I would've become an engineer \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 I could've got you some cheese \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 If I'd bought the red dress, \_\_\_\_\_  
 6 If I'd saved more money, \_\_\_\_\_

- a) I would've worn it to the party.  
 b) I might have bought a better car.  
 c) if you'd told me you wanted some.  
 d) ~~if you hadn't given me a lift.~~  
 e) I would've heard the phone ringing.  
 f) if I'd had the chance to go to university.

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### 2 Find and correct the mistakes in the past conditional sentences below. Tick the correct sentences.

*have gone*

- 1 Sally would've ~~go~~ sailing if the weather hadn't been so rough.  
 2 If Jim hadn't missed his bus, I would never got to talk to him.  
 3 If Joe hadn't broken his leg, he had be skiing now.  
 4 You wouldn't need to book a hotel if your parents had bought that beach apartment.  
 5 Would you have helped me if I would have asked?  
 6 I would've answered the phone if I'd heard it ringing, but I didn't.

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### 3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Include *to* where necessary.

cancel get give improve keep let  
~~live~~ make meet share work

- 1 Can you imagine living on a tropical island?  
 2 It's far better \_\_\_\_\_ your possessions with others than \_\_\_\_\_ them for yourself.  
 3 When my boss made me \_\_\_\_\_ late last Friday, I had \_\_\_\_\_ my dinner plans.  
 4 We'd better \_\_\_\_\_ a move because we must to the airport by 7 o'clock.  
 5 Jenny tends \_\_\_\_\_ friends and go clubbing her hair down after a week at work.  
 6 If you want \_\_\_\_\_ your fitness level, you should \_\_\_\_\_ my gym instructor a call.

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## Vocabulary

### 4 Underline the correct word and add a preposition where necessary.

- 1 The officer assessed/postponed \_\_\_\_\_ the situation and weighed up the risks before giving his men the command to move forward.  
 2 They followed/arrived \_\_\_\_\_ their final decision after much discussion. It hadn't been easy choosing who to make redundant.  
 3 Following a spate of burglaries in the area, the police began to look/put \_\_\_\_\_ the goings-on in the area in more depth.  
 4 My grandfather always told me to stick/stay my principles, as they would guide me to make the right decisions in my life.  
 5 After three hours of careful deliberation, the jurors had yet to reach/evaluate \_\_\_\_\_ a decision as to their verdict.  
 6 Stealing her colleagues' ideas and presenting them as her own did/went \_\_\_\_\_ Jenny's principles, so she was disgusted when Chris did just that.

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### 5 Complete the compound adjectives.

- 1 Since the law on smoking changed, all public buildings have become smoke-free.  
 2 Timothy tends not to bother ironing his shirts as it is so t\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_ at the end of a working day and he has better things to do with his free time.  
 3 Pru's s\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_\_ lights really brighten up her garden at the end of a sunny day.  
 4 When a man with an o\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_ name called to book a room, I had to ask him to spell it.  
 5 The economic crisis hit the company so badly that they had to enforce a t\_\_\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_ pay freeze. The prospect of no pay rise for a whole year was a daunting one.  
 6 For Clive, surviving the accident was l\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_ and after he recovered from it, he gave up his job to travel the world.

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6 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are three extra words you do not need.

aggression	control	equality
fairness	generosity	greed
justice	power	threatening

- Gerry's always had a real sense of fairness and he makes sure every lad on the team gets a chance to play in each match.
- Karina was totally disillusioned by the court ruling and after that moment, believed there was no real in the world.
- As a nightclub doorman, Joel says he's used to having to deal with a lot of \_\_\_\_\_, especially at the end of an evening.
- When my aunt gave me her old car, as she was no longer able to drive, I was overwhelmed by her \_\_\_\_\_.
- Although the company publicly proclaimed they were advocates of \_\_\_\_\_, in reality women were rarely promoted.
- If corruption is ever to be overcome, the issue of \_\_\_\_\_, which is central to people taking bribes, needs to be addressed.

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7 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- I'd heard Kevin could be very \_\_\_\_\_, so I was quite surprised when he agreed to my proposal without any argument.  
a) indirect    b) supportive    c) confrontational
- Jerry would make a terrible diplomat. He's completely \_\_\_\_\_ and you could guarantee he'd always put his foot in it.  
a) focused    b) tactless    c) indirect
- Marielle's a very \_\_\_\_\_, down-to-earth person so you can always trust her judgement. She'll give you sound advice if you're having problems.  
a) sensitive    b) sensible    c) collaborative
- I thought it was very \_\_\_\_\_ of Janice to walk away when her friend Clara was clearly upset by the argument.  
a) direct    b) aggressive    c) unsupportive
- As there are only three of us in our department, we tend to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and work well as a team.  
a) direct    b) unfocused    c) collaborative
- It can happen that individuals who are \_\_\_\_\_ are not seen as being self-assured, but rather as being arrogant and overconfident.  
a) assertive    b) aggressive    c) confrontational

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## Function

8 Match gaps 1–11 in the conversation with a)–m) below. There are two phrases you do not need.

- A: Hello Andrew. Have you got a minute? There's something <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_ talk to you about.  
 B: Yes, of course. So, <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_?  
 A: Well, I hope you <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the wrong way but I wanted to talk to you about the radio in your office. I'm not sure it's a good idea to be listening to it at work.  
 B: Oh, really? I find it relaxing, myself.  
 A: Well, it <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, er, a few other members of staff have complained and said they sometimes find <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ distracting. Do you <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ coming from?  
 B: Right. Sure. Sorry, I had no idea.  
 A: Perhaps, it would make sense to take it home, you <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, and listen to it there. How <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_?  
 B: Um, well, that <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. I just <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ hurt that no one mentioned this to me directly. Do you <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ mean? I thought they enjoyed it and it helped create a more relaxing work atmosphere. Why didn't anyone say anything to me? ...

- would you feel
- know
- 's just that
- know what I
- what's up
- ~~I've been meaning to~~
- seems reasonable
- don't take this
- see where I'm
- feel slightly
- 'd feel better
- it a bit
- does that sound

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## Grammar

### 1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

leave make put ~~shout~~ stop ~~wake~~ work

- Do you remember waking up in the middle of the night and shouting 'goal!'?
- Sorry, I completely forgot \_\_\_\_\_ your letter in the post. I'll do it tomorrow.
- Will you go on \_\_\_\_\_ for them now you've been passed over for promotion?
- I do wish you'd stop \_\_\_\_\_ that terrible noise. It's giving me a headache.
- Do you ever regret \_\_\_\_\_ New Zealand to come and work here?
- Simon's tried \_\_\_\_\_ smoking a couple of times now but always ends up starting again when he gets stressed at work.

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### 2 Underline the correct alternative.

- Ivan is usually home by now. He must've / mustn't have got stuck in traffic.
- That old man might/can't have wanted some help carrying his shopping. Those bags looked heavy and now I feel bad that I didn't offer to help him.
- My bag could be/must've been stolen – I can't find it anywhere and I definitely had it with me.
- That missed call might've/couldn't have been from Naime as she was in an examination all afternoon and wasn't allowed to leave the room.
- Police say the robbers couldn't have planned/ must've been planning the raid for months as every detail had been considered.
- It could've/must've been fantastic to visit the Taj Mahal while you were in India. I envy you.
- Lee couldn't/must have stolen the money as he was away on holiday that week and besides, he's far too honest to have done such a thing.
- It could've rained/must've been raining heavily for hours. Look how much the river's risen!
- Neil can't have/must've got the job. He texted me an hour ago to say he wasn't in the mood for going out tonight.
- I can't remember exactly what time the invitation said – it couldn't/might've have been 8p.m. but I'm not sure.
- They could've been worrying/might've worried about us for ages! I told you you should've called them to tell them we'd broken down.

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## Vocabulary

### 3 Complete the sentences with words related to crime.

- Last night vandals caused thousands of pounds worth of damage when they broke into a library.
- An undercover operation found that b \_\_\_\_\_ was commonplace amongst officials.
- A 25-year-old man has been convicted of s \_\_\_\_\_ after a three-year campaign of harassment against his ex-girlfriend.
- Reports coming through reveal that the a \_\_\_\_\_ had only been released from prison a week prior to the fire.
- The k \_\_\_\_\_, who spoke with a strong accent, demanded that the ransom money be left at a specified location.
- A man has been found guilty of h \_\_\_\_\_ the government's secret database in order to obtain classified information.

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### 4 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- When Dean was accused \_\_\_\_\_ someone's house, he asked me to provide him with an alibi.  
a) of breaking into  
b) for breaking into  
c) with breaking into
- The company was heavily criticised \_\_\_\_\_ employment legislation.  
a) of cheating  
b) with stealing  
c) for not following
- Bad weather was blamed \_\_\_\_\_ long delays to the train service.  
a) of making  
b) for causing  
c) from employing
- The news said three women have been charged counterfeit passports.  
a) of accessing  
b) with selling  
c) for causing
- A local hero has been publicly thanked \_\_\_\_\_ a young couple from their blazing home last week.  
a) from rescuing  
b) with rescuing  
c) for rescuing
- As a child, Gina had always dreamed \_\_\_\_\_ a famous actress. It was only when she joined a drama club that she changed her mind.  
a) of becoming  
b) to becoming  
c) with becoming

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**5 Cross out the answer that is not possible, a), b) or c).**

- 1 The robber was said to have been b a security guard.  
a) posing as  
b) ~~fooling as~~  
c) pretending to be
- 2 It was discovered that the con artist had \_\_\_\_\_ the old lady into giving him her bank details.  
a) deceived  
b) tricked  
c) lied
- 3 Richard's not the gullible sort so when we heard he'd \_\_\_\_\_ a banking scam, we were all shocked.  
a) been taken in by  
b) been had for  
c) fallen for
- 4 The girl had \_\_\_\_\_ the money and run off with it before anyone had realised what had actually happened.  
a) picked  
b) snatched  
c) grabbed
- 5 I watched the magician closely but couldn't fathom out how on earth he'd \_\_\_\_\_ the boxes.  
a) intervened  
b) switched  
c) swapped
- 6 Kerry \_\_\_\_\_ while I lit the candles on his cake in readiness for the surprise.  
a) distracted Robin  
b) directed Robin  
c) diverted Robin's attention

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**6 Match sentences 1–6 with a)–f).**

- 1 When Ian noticed the shop was \_\_\_\_\_ c
  - 2 One of Daniel's phobias is of getting \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3 The police were incredibly quick to help us when our car broke \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4 Aaron first met his neighbours after he'd locked himself \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 The moment we heard Ryan had been run \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6 Although Pablo had been knocked \_\_\_\_\_
- a) down in the middle of the motorway.  
b) over, we rushed to the hospital.  
c) ~~on fire, he immediately called the emergency services.~~  
d) out, he remembered what his attacker looked like.  
e) stuck in a lift and having a panic attack.  
f) out of his flat and was waiting for his flatmate to come home.

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**Function**

**7 Complete the words.**

- A: Good morning. Ingleton Police Station.  
B: Oh, hello. I've been <sup>1</sup>mugged!  
A: Could you tell me when the <sup>2</sup>i\_\_\_\_\_ occurred?  
B: Just now.  
A: Could you be more <sup>3</sup>p\_\_\_\_\_, please?  
B: Erm, about five past three.  
A: And can you <sup>4</sup>p\_\_\_\_\_ where this took place?  
B: It was in Duke Street.  
A: Was it in the <sup>5</sup>v\_\_\_\_\_ of the Park entrance? We've had a few incidents there recently.  
B: Yes, actually it was.  
A: So, tell me <sup>6</sup>e\_\_\_\_\_ what transpired.  
B: Well, a man stopped me and asked me where the nearest bank was. <sup>7</sup>B\_\_\_\_\_ I realised what was <sup>8</sup>h\_\_\_\_\_, he'd grabbed my bag and run off down the road.  
A: He's probably got away by now. Do you think you could give me a <sup>9</sup>d\_\_\_\_\_ of what he looked like?  
B: Er, I'll try, but to be fair it all happened so <sup>10</sup>q\_\_\_\_\_ that I don't remember much. I only got a brief glimpse of his face but come to think of it, he did <sup>11</sup>r\_\_\_\_\_ me a bit of the singer Chris Martin.  
A: And what was he <sup>12</sup>w\_\_\_\_\_  
B: A black <sup>13</sup>h\_\_\_\_\_ – you know, one of the tops a lot of young people wear these days – and some sort of running or gym trousers – you know, grey <sup>14</sup>t\_\_\_\_\_ bottoms.  
A: OK. Now, do you remember anything else about him at all?  
B: Well, he looked as <sup>15</sup>i\_\_\_\_\_ he was a tourist and I remember he was holding a map. He asked me to show him where the nearest bank was on it, although to be honest I didn't <sup>16</sup>c\_\_\_\_\_ exactly what he said to me at first. It certainly didn't <sup>17</sup>c\_\_\_\_\_ my <sup>18</sup>m\_\_\_\_\_ that he was going to mug me.  
A: What did his face look like?  
B: I'm afraid I don't really know as he had his hood up and was wearing dark glasses. To be honest, after he stole my bag my mind went completely <sup>19</sup>b\_\_\_\_\_.  
A: Well, I'll need to <sup>20</sup>t\_\_\_\_\_ a formal <sup>21</sup>s\_\_\_\_\_ so if you think of anything else, please let me know.

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## Grammar

**1 Complete the sentences with a relative pronoun. If no relative pronoun is needed, write (-).**

- 1 My parents still live in the house where my sister and I were born.
- 2 The best book \_\_\_\_\_ I've ever read is *The Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver, won the Orange prize for it. If you haven't read it yet, I highly recommend you do so.
- 3 When I was a child, we had two dogs names were Prince and Lucky.
- 4 Do you remember the restaurant we went on our first date?
- 5 One of my twin brothers, \_\_\_\_\_ lives in the US, also has twin sons.
- 6 I only realised how late it was \_\_\_\_\_ I saw the street lights come on.
- 7 One of my classmates, \_\_\_\_\_ father is a teacher, is always getting into trouble.
- 8 She only realised that the water was freezing she jumped in the pool!
- 9 When we returned to Tenerife ten years after our first visit, we stayed at the same hotel, was right on the beachfront.
- 10 The first school \_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer went to was a small village primary in the village next to hers.
- 11 *100 years of solitude*, \_\_\_\_\_ was written by Gabriel Garcia Márquez, has been translated into over twenty-five languages.

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**2 Underline the correct alternative.**

- 1 As soon as he got her message, James rang Rosie, feared/fearing the worst.
- 2 Walking/Walked down the street, Susanna was surprised to see her husband ran/running towards her.
- 3 Surprised/Surprising by his unexpected proposal, Tatiana stood, stunned/stunning, gazing down at the glittering diamond ring.
- 4 The passengers involved/involving in the train crash were taken to hospital, hardly realising/realised what had happened.
- 5 Worrying/Worried by Elizabeth's reaction to his announcement, Patrick sat thought/thinking about what to do next.
- 6 The boys gazed at the wrapped presents under the tree, each secretly hoped/hoping that the biggest one was for him, but suspecting/suspected it wasn't.

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## Vocabulary

**3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are two words you do not need.**

controversial fast-paced gory  
~~gripping~~ hilarious stunning  
poignant thought-provoking

- 1 *The Usual Suspects* has a fantastic storyline that keeps you captivated throughout. It's definitely one of the most gripping films I've ever seen. I was on the edge of my seat!
- 2 Many theatre critics proclaimed *The Play That Goes Wrong* as absolutely \_\_\_\_\_, saying they hadn't laughed so much in years.
- 3 When Monty Python's film *the Life of Brian* first came out, it was considered to be highly \_\_\_\_\_ and was even banned in some countries.
- 4 Being squeamish and not liking the sight of blood, when I watched Tarantino's *Hostel* I remember spending most of the film hiding behind my hands as it was so \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 I've heard that the book *Habit* is a real page turner. Apparently, it's a \_\_\_\_\_ detective thriller that moves rapidly from one crime to the next. It's hard to keep up!
- 6 *The Sea Inside* is a calm, \_\_\_\_\_ film which gently builds to the main issue: an individual's right to choose whether to live or die. It's based on a true story.

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**4 Complete the phrases to do with the arts.**

- 1 The first production of *Princess Ida* was a s e l l - o u t, with all tickets snapped up within two hours of being put on sale.
- 2 His latest romantic comedy was dull, predictable and a complete and utter f \_\_\_\_\_ at the box office.
- 3 Qi Zhang's electrifying performance at the Albert Hall received r \_\_\_\_\_ r \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I've given up on acting in m \_\_\_\_\_ films in favour of more contemporary alternative cinema.
- 5 The ground-breaking interactive performance by artist Sharon Alman has c \_\_\_\_\_ a s \_\_\_\_\_ in the art world.
- 6 Despite the hype, the New Age ballet *Step Back* in Manchester is still a m \_\_\_\_\_ for dance fans. You really can't miss it!

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**5 Complete the sentences using one word from box A and one from box B. There are two extra words in each box.**

Box A

give leaps now <del>on</del> peace rough sick through
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Box B

bounds <del>on</del> quiet ready take tired then through
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- 1 The meeting went on and on for hours without any real decisions being made. It felt like a total waste of time.
- 2 I do wish Sheila would stop complaining about her boss. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and of having to listen to her moaning about him.
- 3 Mark, who comes from New Zealand, is an All Blacks fan \_\_\_\_\_ and . He travels to see all their international matches.
- 4 The band's first single was a bit \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ but now they've signed with a big label, their tracks will have a more professional sound to them.
- 5 Once Mirabel got the hang of the basic chords, her guitar playing came on in and \_\_\_\_\_ and in no time she was playing some of her favourite tunes.
- 6 Hugo loves going hiking on his own to escape the hustle and bustle of the city and enjoy some \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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**6 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).**

- 1 Lake Titicaca in South America has a maximum \_\_\_\_\_ of 80 km.  
a) deep      b) width      c) thickness
- 2 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the wall protecting the old city of Dubrovnik is between 1.5 and 3 meters.  
a) thick      b) thickness      c) widen
- 3 The road \_\_\_\_\_ before the bridge so you'll have to give way to oncoming traffic.  
a) highs      b) lengthens      c) narrows
- 4 The Blue Hole is a diver's paradise and reaches a \_\_\_\_\_ of over 400 feet.  
a) length      b) height      c) depth
- 5 The photo was \_\_\_\_\_ so the police could get a closer look at the woman's face.  
a) enlarged      b) thickened      c) widened
- 6 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Mammoth Cave in the National Park in Kentucky has been measured at over 650km.  
a) thickness      b) length      c) broad

## Function

- 7 Complete the tour guide's information with phrases a)–m) below. There are two extra phrases you do not need.**

Our next stop in Kent will be Deal Castle  
<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the 16<sup>th</sup> century by Henry VIII  
 and is located in the South East of England.  
 Situated at the narrowest point of the English  
 Channel, it is part of what had been a trio of  
 fortifications. It is the most spectacular of all  
 Henry VIII's castles due to its size, and was  
 where Anne of Cleves <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ before her  
 fateful trip to London to see Henry. At least  
 that's how <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The castle itself <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the Tudor Rose,  
 which was Henry's family's heraldic emblem  
 and it's <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ visiting to see this  
 remarkably shaped fortification. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, it  
 was constructed using stone from local  
 monasteries which Henry had seized. <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 not, before it came under the ownership of  
 English Heritage, it had been the official home  
 to the Captain of the Cinque Ports. These are a  
 series of coastal towns in Kent and Sussex that  
 once had great military importance due to their  
 close proximity to France. As <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, this  
 part of the country was often prone to  
 invasion, particularly from the French.  
 Ah, right, now we've just arrived, so could  
 make you sure you have all your personal  
 belongings with you? <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the bus and  
<sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the castle entrance. After our visit,  
 we'll <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and then stop for a spot of tea  
 at the café we can see on our left.

- a) retrace our steps
- b) the story goes
- c) Interestingly
- d) I'm sure you
- e) supposedly stayed
- f) you may know
- g) ~~which was built~~
- h) was restored by
- i) well worth
- j) Let's get off
- k) Believe it or
- l) was modelled on
- m) head over to

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### Listening

**1 Recording 1** Listen and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- 1 What does the woman complain about?
  - a) pesticides being used on the vegetables
  - b) the man not growing enough spinach
  - c) the price supermarkets charge for organic vegetables
- 2 What does the woman say about happiness?
  - a) It's impossible to define it.
  - b) To be happy, you must have family and money.
  - c) Your personality can give you a more optimistic attitude to life.
- 3 What were Sue's living arrangements when she first went to university?
  - a) She didn't live on her own.
  - b) She lived with a young family.
  - c) She lived independently.
- 4 What was the purpose of the demonstration?
  - a) to support ways to provide more energy
  - b) to show how strongly people felt about the government's proposal
  - c) to protect the local fishing industry and wildlife
- 5 Why is Ann looking to rent a room?
  - a) Her parents want her to settle down.
  - b) She wants to experience sharing a flat.
  - c) She thinks it will help her to get used to being back in London.
- 6 What was the best part of the flying lesson for Julie?
  - a) when the instructor took off
  - b) when she looked down as they were flying
  - c) when she flew the plane by herself

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**2 Recording 1** Listen again and write *true* (T) or *false* (F).

- 1 The man grows most of his own produce. T
- 2 The woman believes our lives are a collection of thousands of different moments all mixed up together. ----
- 3 Sue enjoyed playing the role of surrogate daughter. ----
- 4 The demonstrators are from the local area where the government wants to build the power station. ----
- 5 The woman returned to the U.K. because she could no longer stay in the U.S. ----
- 6 Julie thought the plane looked rather fragile. ----

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**3 Recording 2** Listen and match the people with what they have been doing recently. There is one extra answer you do not need.

- |           |             |                              |
|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Eric    | <u>...e</u> | a) starting a new job        |
| 2 Jade    | ---         | b) watching a lot of TV      |
| 3 Naime   | ---         | c) going for long runs       |
| 4 Anthony | ---         | d) working late              |
| 5 Harry   | ---         | e) <u>painting a boat</u>    |
| 6 Daniela | ---         | f) attending fitness classes |
|           |             | g) getting over an illness   |

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### Grammar

**4 Find and correct two mistakes in each sentence.**

- 1 Could you tell ~~to~~ me what time ~~is it~~ it is?
- 2 I've seen quite a few plays last month but most of them were really disappointed.
- 3 Three climbers have being reported missing. The rescue team must been looking for them now.
- 4 I'd be interested to knowing where do they work at the moment.
- 5 I've thought he was honest and law-abiding but he's just be arrested for fraud.
- 6 I'd like knowing why you were being late today.

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**5 Complete the second sentence with no more than five words so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in CAPITALS.**

1 I have to finish this by Friday.

**MUST**

This must be finished by Friday.

2 We haven't seen them for a year.

**LAST**

We haven't

3 Where have you been?

**MIND**

Would .....  
you've been?

4 Somebody's sending me spam emails every day.

**SENT**

Spam emails .....  
every day.

5 Could you help me with this?

**WONDERING**

I ..... help  
me with this.

6 He started renovating it three years ago and he hasn't finished it yet.



**FOR**  
He  
three years.

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**6 Complete the text with the correct answer, a), b) or c).**

The Californian government <sup>1</sup> b come up with an original way of <sup>2</sup> income: by allowing adverts <sup>3</sup> shown on car number plates. Electronic number plates that scroll adverts when a car is stationary <sup>4</sup> being developed. While the car is moving, the registration number <sup>5</sup> shown on the plate. However, when the vehicle <sup>6</sup> stopped for more than four seconds, say at traffic lights, the number could <sup>7</sup> replaced with a scrolling set of adverts. These <sup>8</sup> chosen by motorists and controlled from inside the car. The Californian government <sup>9</sup> to find ways to cut its budget deficit for many months and says it <sup>10</sup> reduced if this plan <sup>11</sup> into action.

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|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 a) will        | b) <u>has</u>     | c) is             |
| 2 a) to raise    | b) raise          | c) raising        |
| 3 a) to be       | b) being          | c) to being       |
| 4 a) is now      | b) now are        | c) are currently  |
| 5 a) is          | b) is being       | c) has been       |
| 6 a) is being    | b) 's been        | c) is             |
| 7 a) to be       | b) been           | c) be             |
| 8 a) 've been    | b) would be       | c) should being   |
| 9 a) 's tried    | b) 's being tried | c) 's been trying |
| 10 a) can be     | b) has been       | c) should being   |
| 11 a) is putting | b) will be put    | c) is put         |

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**Vocabulary**

**7 Underline the correct alternative.**

- My neighbour's not a people person/woman. She likes to keep it to/herself to herself.
- Leo is a self-confessed computer wit/geek and spends all his free time creating software.
- We were over/on the moon when we found out we'd been selected for the team.
- Rising unemployment is a global/domestic issue and doesn't just affect our country.
- The thought of eating insects made Joanne's stomach jump/turn.
- I was so embarrassed I wanted the earth to finish/swallow me up.
- Sioban decided to sign up/get in for evening classes at the local college.
- The project/record gained so much support that over £300,000 was raised.
- It's reasonable/outrageous that he's been paid twice as much as us but has done so much less.
- Police are appealing/suspecting for anyone who witnessed Friday's incident to come forward.

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**8 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.**

- Experts have projected (project) that there will be an upturn in the economy in the final quarter.
- It was totally (embarrass) having to sing in front of my workmates.
- After days without any news, Helen felt (frustrate) at not knowing what was going on.
- CCTV cameras may be a deterrent but they are also a (disturb) invasion of our privacy.
- The idea of living in the jungle for a month was something Bertram found totally (appeal). He simply had no interest in doing it.
- Olivia's (disappoint) was obvious as she read her exam results.
- If you want to enter the castle, you have to gain written (permit) from the king.
- Any (anxious) Sue may have felt about speaking to such a large crowd didn't show.
- Jamie's friends like him for his (spontaneous). He's always up for doing something on the spur of the moment.
- The plan was (ethics) and completely went against the company's moral stance.
- His behaviour was completely (respond) – luckily nothing serious happened.

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**Function**

**9 Match sentences 1–6 with a)–f) below.**

- According to the news, the price of petrol is going up again. b
  - Can you tell me if you have this in a size 8? -----
  - Sorry to be difficult, it's just that the TV in my room's not working either. -----
  - Take the case of this airport they want to build. Imagine the air pollution! -----
  - It's been shown again and again that passive smoking is bad for people. -----
  - You can get a diesel or petrol engine. -----
- a) Good point. But I'm still not convinced that banning it everywhere is the answer.  
b) ~~Yes, apparently it's going to rise by 20 percent over the next three months.~~  
c) OK, but isn't diesel cleaner than petrol?  
d) Certainly. I'll just go and check.

- e) I agree to a certain extent, but if the demand is there, what alternative do they have?
- f) Bear with me a minute. I'll just find out when the repair man can fix it.

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**10 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.**

far as I know Fair hold on I'd appreciate  
~~I'd like~~ I see me asking if you you mind  
 suppose there be you tell me

- a) looking to set up
- b) working with other residents in
- c) accessing clean water through

- A: Can I help you?  
 B: Yes, please. <sup>1</sup>*I'd like* to talk to someone about this toaster. I bought it last Friday.  
 A: Of course. Could <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ what the problem is?  
 B: Well, I switched it on and it didn't work. Would <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ any chance of a refund?  
 A: Can you <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ a minute, sir? I'll just call the manager. Oh, I'm afraid he's at lunch.  
 B: Well, as <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ I have the right to a refund.  
 A: <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ your point, sir, but we need to find out what's wrong with it first.  
 B: I <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ so. <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ it if you'd be quick, though. I have to go back to work.  
 A: Do you mind <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ dropped the toaster, sir?  
 B: Dropped it? Of course not!  
 A: <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ enough. However, it'll have to be sent back to the manufacturer.  
 B: But it only cost €9.99! This is ridiculous! Would <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ explaining why?  
 A: I'm sorry, sir, but it's company policy.

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**Reading**

**11 Read the text opposite and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).**

- 1 Matt Damon   c  .  
 a) is a well-known boxer  
 b) is the founder of *Water.org*  
 c) made his name as an actor
- 2 *Water.org* was set up to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) help people in urban areas  
 b) make money to buy clean water  
 c) help those lacking safe water
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ don't have clean sanitation globally.  
 a) 2.9 billion people  
 b) over 2.5 times the U.S. population  
 c) 4,000 people
- 4 Matt \_\_\_\_\_ work in Africa and Asia.  
 a) has seen 4,000 clean water projects  
 b) has seen for himself how clean water projects  
 c) has plans to see how clean water projects
- 5 The Board Guard slum \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) is home to 4 million inhabitants  
 b) is where Moina lives with her parents  
 c) is one place water aid has yet to reach
- 6 Moina is now \_\_\_\_\_ a community group.

**A world without clean water**

Hollywood actor, Matt Damon is world famous for his box-office hits such as the *Bourne* films but he is also a well-known humanitarian. Back in 2009, he co-founded *Water.org*, a non-profit organisation that provides the developing world with access to safe water and sanitation. Its aim still remains the same: to assist the 2.6 billion people worldwide that lack clean sanitation and the 1 in 9 people who lack access to safe water, many of whom live in rural areas. To put it into perspective, that's the same as two and a half times the population of the USA.

As Matt explains, 'Over 4,000 children in the developing world die from water-related diseases every day. After visiting project sites in Africa and Asia, I've seen the problem and the impact of safe water and in this day and age it's totally unnecessary that people die from a lack of clean water.'

Twenty-one-year-old Moina is one of the many thousands of people that *Water.org* has been helping over the years. Working as a housemaid, she lives in Board Guard slum in Dhaka, Bangladesh, with her husband and eight-month-old daughter, along with four million other people. Her husband is a rickshaw puller. As the slum has no access to safe water, Moina has to get her family's drinking water from a public source about a mile away. They have to pay \$1.45 a month to use it. It's not unusual for the water to run out before everyone in the queue has been able to fill their pots. She collects water twice a day and each trip takes her from one to two hours.

Moina uses a nearby pond for all other daily water needs, like bathing and washing clothes. The pond is contaminated by human and animal waste, as well as pollution. There are no sanitary toilets in Board Guard, only 'hanging latrines', which are basically sheets of cloth hung on bamboo poles for privacy.

Moina and her family have suffered from water-related illnesses, such as diarrhoea and jaundice, as well as various skin diseases. She is a young woman with tremendous energy and spirit, and is now working with other Board Guard residents who have formed a community-based organisation and applied for a small loan through *Water.org* to build a well and latrine. Moina's dream is to have access to clean water right by her home.

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### Listening

**1 Recording 3** Listen and match speakers 1–6 with the things that annoy them a)–g). There is one extra answer you do not need.

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| 1 John   | ---e--- |
| 2 Frank  | -----   |
| 3 Rose   | -----   |
| 4 Joyce  | -----   |
| 5 Graham | -----   |
| 6 Lexi   | -----   |

- people's unhygienic habits in public places
- the gap between the rich and the poor
- the damage caused to the environment by excessive waste
- being ignored by waiters and shop assistants
- ~~trying to get through to customer service assistants on the phone~~
- the way her husband behaves when driving
- being disturbed by the use of mobile phones on public transport and in other public places

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**2 Recording 3** Listen again and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- What drives John crazy?
  - being told to pay a bill online
  - being asked when his birthday is
  - being asked for the same information twice
- Why did Frank not enjoy the show he went to?
  - because he sat behind someone who was recording it
  - because he was distracted by another member of the audience
  - because he could only hear a tinny sound
- What does Rose hate the smell of?
  - stacks of dirty plates and dishes
  - street food like hamburgers
  - dirty clothes left on the floor
- How does Joyce channel her energy?
  - She works voluntarily to help others.
  - She campaigns against social injustice.
  - She donates some of her earnings to charities.
- What annoys Graham the most?
  - the excessive amount of packaging used
  - having to return unwanted post
  - the amount of waste from free newspapers
- Why does Lexi get scared in the car?
  - because other motorists drive too closely
  - because her husband overtakes cars too fast
  - because she fears for her husband's health

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**3 Recording 4** Listen and write *true* (T) or *false* (F).

- The Poisonwood Bible* is about a family who live in a small village in the United States. F
- The style of the book is unusual, as different characters narrate each chapter. ----
- The reader will gain a rich knowledge on a variety of aspects because of the different characters' interests. ----
- Nathan is only too aware of the difficulties he and his family may face. ----
- Nathan Price's attitude towards others results in the family being isolated in their new life. ----
- The speaker feels the book is so compelling you'll want to reread other books by the same author. ----

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### Grammar

**4 Complete the second sentence with no more than five words so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in CAPITALS.**

- I never smoked when I was young.  
**USE**  
I didn't use to smoke when I was young.
- Maria is very sociable and often talks to complete strangers.  
**WILL**  
Maria is very sociable and \_  
complete strangers.
- I regret I wasn't brought up by the sea.  
**WISH**  
I \_\_\_\_\_ brought up by the sea.
- He went to live in Italy in 2010. I met him in 2015.  
**LIVING**  
He \_\_\_\_\_ for five years when I met him.
- At first I found the work hard but it's getting easier now.  
**USED**  
At first I found the work hard but it now.
- I've given them some money in case they want to buy some sweets.  
**MIGHT**  
I've given them some money because some sweets.

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### 5 Complete the text with the correct answer, a), b) or c).

About a year ago, my wife and I <sup>1</sup> c the papers after breakfast. I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ just finished a very interesting article about niche holidays when she suddenly said, 'I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ thinking about having a different kind of holiday this year.' Until then, we'd always <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ chilled holidays on a sunny beach somewhere. It was obviously time for a change. As we both <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ train journeys, we decided to take the Orient Express to Venice, and loved it. Now there's a good chance our son <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ move to Shanghai for work. If he does, it's likely we <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a tour of China. Otherwise we might take a cruise up the Nile. I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ we'd been more adventurous when we were younger!

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|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 1 a) might read | b) will read   | c) <u>were reading</u> |
| 2 a) 's         | b) 'd          | c) 've                 |
| 3 a) 've been   | b) might being | c) 'm going to         |
| 4 a) had had    | b) had         | c) been                |
| 5 a) enjoy      | b) 'd enjoy    | c) have enjoyed        |
| 6 a) hoping to  | b) does        | c) will                |
| 7 a) 'd done    | b) 'll do      | c) 're doing           |
| 8 a) expect     | b) regret      | c) wish                |

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### 6 Correct two mistakes in each sentence.

- When I had was sixteen, I d used to think people over forty were old.
- If only he hadn't went out. He should've staying here.
- He's not used to study so hard. He wishes he wouldn't gone to university.
- We were laid by the pool when it was starting to rain heavily.
- Does she thinking of taking up a new sport or is she just playing tennis for the next ten years?
- Michelle and Jake were looking forward to the concert all year, so was glad they only had one more hour to wait!
- I wish Luke wouldn't playing his music so loud – he's been going to ruin his hearing!
- Although it's cheaper to fly, we'll probably taking a ferry to the Scilly Islands as it'll be more interesting and we might get even to see dolphins.
- Petra and Liz use to be best friends at university and would often spent their summer holidays working in the same café.

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### Vocabulary

#### 7 Match 1–7 with a)–h). There is one extra option you do not need.

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|---|----------|
| 1 We spent hours looking at the ancient                             | <u>h</u> |
| 2 My teacher said that I'd made significant                         | ----     |
| 3 After a really busy week at work, I love to just chill            | ----     |
| 4 You know, if you spent less time checking on social media         | ----     |
| 5 I think the university's website                                  | ----     |
| 6 When my husband went away on a conference, it gave me the perfect | ----     |
| 7 You shouldn't let him wind you                                    | ----     |

- out on my own at home. It's just so relaxing.
- facility to help determine your own needs.
- updates, you'd have more time to actually meet up with your friends.
- opportunity to relax and do absolutely nothing for a change.
- up so easily. Just ignore him; it's the best way.
- forum is a great place to get advice and share opinions on any number of things.
- progress over the last six months and should be proud of my achievements.
- remains of the old Roman city.

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#### 8 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are two extra words you do not need.

blockbuster breathtaking coating comes  
~~information~~ inspiring lining means  
remains scenery

- I'd been given so much information on the course that I didn't know where to begin.
- His last film was a \_\_\_\_\_ that made \$23 million at the box office in the first month.
- Always treat people with respect as, after all, what goes around \_\_\_\_\_ around.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ was so spectacular that we decided to take a break to enjoy it.
- My dad believes that every cloud has a silver . He's always very optimistic.
- The views from the cable car were absolutely – you could see the whole of the walled city and how the new city surrounded it.
- Fiennes' talk was so \_\_\_\_\_ it made you want to follow in his footsteps and venture out to explore the wildest parts of the world.
- The questionnaire asked us what \_\_\_\_\_ of transport we preferred taking for long journeys.

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**9 Underline the correct alternative.**

- 1 He set on/to/up his first business in 2013 and went on/for/by to become a billionaire.
- 2 Has someone switched on/by/off the air-conditioning? It seems to have got really hot again.
- 3 They checked through the contents for/by/of my luggage when I got to security control.
- 4 We'll have to stop at the service station or we'll run out of/with/over petrol soon.
- 5 There are a lot of issues to resolve but first we have to focus of/on/at those which are a priority.
- 6 They were brought up/in/down not to eat meat so they don't miss it.
- 7 Who would be the best person to advise me on/for/in how to invest my money?
- 8 I don't think I'll ever settle on/down/up. I like travelling too much.

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**Function**

**10 Complete the conversation with a)–m) below. There are two extra options you do not need to use.**

- A: Why don't we try the new Vietnamese restaurant? I <sup>1</sup> d they've done it out. It looks really interesting inside.
- B: Yes, I've heard about it <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
- A: Really? <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ myself. I think it's really tasty.
- B: I know what you mean – but <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and they seem to use it a lot. Nuts, too – <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
- A: OK, so what <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?
- B: Well, <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Pizzas are my favourite!
- A: Actually, I'm <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, especially lasagne.
- B: Ah, but <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that you can see exactly what you're eating!
- A: And <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is that it's cheap! So <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_!

- a) kind of food does appeal to you
- b) I'm not keen on coconut
- c) the food I like most is Italian
- d) ~~love the way~~
- e) let's go to the Italian restaurant
- f) flavour of the food is appealing to me
- g) but I'm not really into Asian food
- h) what I love about a pizza is
- i) I'm a big fan
- j) the thing I love about it
- k) I can't stand them
- l) what I don't like about
- m) quite keen on Italian food too

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**11 Complete the mirror questions using two words to check the underlined information.**

- 1 A: I think I need an external hard drive.  
B: Need a what?
- 2 A: Then you put this lead in the USB port.  
B: Put this lead  
?
- 3 A: The object is for your team to guess the name of the murderer.  
B: Guess the name  
?
- 4 A: What happens is that the paper jams if you don't put it in the tray properly.  
B: The paper  
?
- 5 A: This sauce is lumpy. Did you sieve the flour?  
B: Did I sieve  
?
- 6 A: Basically, the point of the exercise is to strengthen your abs.  
B: Strengthen  
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**Reading**

**12 Read the texts below and match questions 1–11 on page 4 with people A–C.**

**What books mean to them**

**A**

**Hugo Thompson** is an independent bookseller; rather a high-risk business nowadays, given competition from online bookstores like Amazon, and discounted books in supermarkets and large bookshop chains. However, Hugo's not complaining. His bookshop is in a delightful market town in Dorset, in the south of England, where many of the inhabitants believe in supporting their local shops. He has a loyal group of customers who regularly buy books from him. Furthermore, he's recently opened a small café in the shop, where customers can sit and leaf through books they like the look of over a latté and a slice of homemade carrot cake. He's not only made very good friends as a result, but his business is thriving.

**B**

**Marian Taylor** is an avid reader, particularly of historical fiction and biographies of British monarchs. However, she rarely buys new books these days. She's a retired nurse, and although she'd love to support the local bookshops, she can't really afford to now. Fortunately, Marian loves browsing in second-hand bookshops and charity shops, where she can buy two or three books for the price of a new one. Moreover, a friend of hers has introduced her to a local book group, which gets together every week to talk about books they've

chosen. They take it in turns to host the meeting,  
providing drinks and snacks for the others.  
Naturally, they often find chatting about their own  
lives even more interesting than the books!



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## Listening

**1 Recording 5** Listen to the radio interview and complete the sentences below with **no more than three words**.

- 1 The newspaper headlines have been rather alarming this week.
- 2 As we all know, as MRSA have been infecting hospital patients for a number of years now.
- 3 Hospital staff and visitors are now in the habit of with antiseptic gel when entering or leaving wards.
- 4 An increase in international tourism is believed to have caused the spread of highly resistant bacteria.
- 5 Unlike \_\_\_\_\_, antibiotics are generally only taken for short periods of time.
- 6 Alexander Fleming, the scientist whose penicillin made him famous, was aware of its drawbacks.
- 7 People often insist their doctors give them antibiotics when they have a cold, or cough.
- 8 If you stop taking antibiotics but don't complete the full course, you increase the risk of bacteria becoming \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 As this is a global problem, governments need to work with \_\_\_\_\_ to find new ways to fight these superbugs.

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**2 Recording 5** Listen to the radio interview again and write **true (T)** or **false (F)**.

According to Dr Reynolds:

- 1 Hospital hygiene has been greatly improved in the NHS. T
- 2 A new gene called NDM-1 increases the effectiveness of antibiotics. ---
- 3 Very few people now travel abroad for cheaper medical treatment, such as kidney transplants or cosmetic surgery. ---
- 4 Research into the development of new antibiotics is not cost-effective for pharmaceutical companies. ---
- 5 Drugs such as antibiotics tend to become ineffective after a short period of time. ---
- 6 Alexander Fleming advised that the use of antibiotics should be tightly controlled. ---
- 7 People wrongly believe that antibiotics are an effective cure against colds. ---
- 8 Our obsession with hygiene at home is reducing our capacity to fight off bacteria and making us resistant to antibiotics. ---

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## Grammar

**3 Find and correct two mistakes in each sentence.**

- 1 The highest mountain in the South America is the Aconcagua.
- 2 They'll probably have sleeping by now. You should phoned them tomorrow.
- 3 They missed last bus home but fortunately they were able get a taxi.
- 4 If we were to pay deposit on the house, when could we to move in?
- 5 If you'll get up at five, you'll be able to see sun rise over the ocean.
- 6 Come and have the lunch with us. Mum will have prepare it by now.

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**4 Choose the correct answer to complete the text, a), b), c) or d).**

There is no longer <sup>1</sup> d 'right' age for doing things – you just <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to be in reasonably good health. In the past, <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ people were supposed <sup>4</sup> 'act their age', which meant that if you were over twenty-five, you <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ go backpacking around the world, as people do now. If you <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, you were seen as rather eccentric. <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you were a teenager forty years ago, you <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ not have been allowed to watch TV or chat on the phone for hours, much less <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with your parents. People are now living longer, and many of the elderly are busy taking cruises and logging on to social networking sites. Who knows what we <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ doing in twenty years' time? How much more <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ life have changed?

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| 1 a) the   | b) –        | c) the      | d) <u>a</u> |
| 2 a) may   | b) should   | c) have     | d) can      |
| 3 a) the   | b) –        | c) a        | d) any      |
| 4 a) to be | b) to being | c) being    | d) to       |
| 5 a) won't | b) can't    | c) wouldn't | d) hasn't   |
| 6 a) would | b) do       | c) have     | d) did      |
| 7 a) As    | b) Since    | c) If       | d) Provide  |
| 8 a) has   | b) would    | c) was      | d) had      |
| 9 a) argue | b) argued   | c) argues   | d) arguing  |
| 10 a) are  | b) 'll be   | c) 've been | d) 'll      |
| 11 a) will | b) is       | c) will the | d) the      |

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- 5 Complete the second sentence with **no more than** five words so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in CAPITALS.

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- 1 The table was large but we finally got it through the door.

**MANAGED**

The table was large but we finally managed to get it through the door.

- 2 When I was young I often used to play outdoors.

**WOULD**

When I was young, I

- 3 I shouldn't have told her.

**SUPPOSED**

I  
her.

- 4 I can't drive until I'm 18.

**ALLOWED**

I  
until I'm 18.

- 5 You can have a party if you clean up afterwards.

**PROVIDED**

You can have a party

- 6 They won't be able to travel if they don't have a visa.

**UNLESS**

They won't be able to travel .....

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## Vocabulary

- 6 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 Try not to worry. Life is full of ups and drawbacks/downs. It'll all work out in the end.
- 2 The film didn't contain any surprises. It was very immature/predictable.
- 3 Once I turned fifty, I started experiencing age obligation/discrimination at work.
- 4 He saw/raised a gap in the market and exploited it.
- 5 The party was absolutely dreadful/crazy. Not only was the music terrible but no one was there!
- 6 It's not easy running/charging your own business with the economy as it is.
- 7 Sally was upbeat/dreading having to tell her mum that she'd failed the exam.
- 8 What's the minimum/mortal age if you want to ride a motorbike in this country?
- 9 The last time I visited the U.S., my nephew was just reaching/coming of age.
- 10 Unfortunately, the celebrity sportsman we had in mind wasn't interested in adjusting/endorsing our new sports drink.
- 11 I wish he wasn't so gloomy. He never looks on the light/bright side of life.

**7 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are three extra words you do not need to use.**

breakdowns breakthroughs criticises  
~~despair~~ immature mature  
 reject travelling unwilling

- 1 The thought that he was going to lose his job filled Daniel with despair as he knew it'd be virtually impossible to find a new one.
- 2 One of the greatest medical \_\_\_\_\_ of the twentieth century was the development of a vaccine against polio.
- 3 If you're \_\_\_\_\_ to run the distance, you shouldn't enter the race.
- 4 My boss always \_\_\_\_\_ everything I do and I've lost my confidence as a result. I feel that whatever I do, it's wrong.
- 5 If 17-year-olds are legally responsible enough to drive, then why are they considered too to vote?
- 6 I was told that \_\_\_\_\_ alone makes for a real life experience and it's so true.

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**8 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.**

- 1 Liane has always been great at dealing with unfamiliar (family) situations and seems to enjoy the challenges they create.
- 2 With all due respect, your ideas on how to manage staffing costs are completely \_\_\_\_\_ (logic) and make no sense at all.
- 3 I think you might have \_\_\_\_\_ (interpret) what I meant when I said I wanted more freedom. I was talking about work and my desire to set up my own business.
- 4 I'm ever so sorry but this plan is completely (real). Although it may look feasible on paper, in reality it's never going to work.
- 5 The creation of the internet has \_\_\_\_\_ (able) people to have access to a huge amount of information from all around the world.
- 6 The invention of electricity \_\_\_\_\_ (revolution) people's lives and has since developed into a necessity for those people who have it.

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## Function

9 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- 1 b he needs to look for a job.  
 a) Shouldn't b) Surely c) Doesn't  
 2 I think we should go \_\_\_\_\_ brighter colour walls this time. What do you think?  
 a) at b) for c) to  
 3 He can't decide whether or not to take the promotion. He's torn \_\_\_\_\_ his family and his career.  
 a) between b) from c) of  
 4 Would you \_\_\_\_\_ taking my mother on holiday with us this year?  
 a) accept b) consider c) agree  
 5 \_\_\_\_\_ we do more to help underprivileged children in our own society?  
 a) Don't b) Shouldn't c) Unless  
 6 \_\_\_\_\_ you see that he'll never change?  
 a) Don't b) Isn't c) If

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10 Complete the conversation with words and phrases a)–k) below.

- A: How does the idea of retiring <sup>1</sup> b you?  
 B: Retiring? But I'm only fifty-five!  
 A: Yes, but don't you <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ should take it easier? I think you work too hard.  
 B: So, what you're <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that I should stop working for the company!  
 A: I think we're on the <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ here. To be <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, I'm only trying to help as you *have* had problems with work this year, haven't you?  
 B: No! In fact, I have <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that I think I'm doing my job better than ever.  
 A: With respect, I'm afraid I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as sales have been falling steadily for the last year.  
 B: So, <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you think it's all my fault?  
 A: Well, <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, as the acting marketing manager, to a large degree, yes.  
 B: So in <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, you think I should resign?  
 A: Well, I certainly think it <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ better if you seriously considered early retirement.

- a) disagree g) would be  
 b) ~~strike~~ h) saying is  
 c) honest i) to say  
 d) other words j) wrong track  
 e) agree you k) actually  
 f) basically

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## Reading

11 Read the article. Underline true (T) or false (F) on page 4.

### Brain change

Do you frequently interrupt what you're doing to check your emails or text messages? Or find it difficult to concentrate on reading a long newspaper article, or a book? Do your children complain because you're too busy writing tweets or checking social media to play with them? It's likely that most people nowadays would answer 'yes' to at least one of these questions.

We are only a decade or so into the internet revolution but scientists are already engaged in a lively debate about the effect it is having on our brains. They say that multi-tasking is changing how we think and behave, and that our ability to focus on what we are doing is being damaged by frequent short bursts of information. According to recent research, these 'bursts' play to a primitive impulse in us to pay attention to new information. In the past, this would probably have meant danger nearby: a lion or some other kind of enemy. The equivalent nowadays is the ping of a new message or email, provoking a feeling of excitement that can become very addictive. Without it, people feel bored.

While many people think that multi-tasking makes them more productive, this has been shown to be false. Researchers say that heavy multi-taskers have more trouble concentrating and find it difficult to ignore irrelevant information. They also experience more stress. On the other hand, the use of technology can also benefit the brain in some ways. Web surfers are said to be better at finding information, while some videogames give users better visual coordination.

Generally speaking, no one would deny that mobile phones and computers have transformed life as we knew it. People have more freedom to work anywhere. The world has shrunk and computers can deal with boring daily tasks, giving us more free time to enjoy life. Nevertheless, we should also be aware of the dangers of these recent discoveries. The time may soon come when we will cherish our ability to be able to 'think for ourselves', of switching off the computer and reading a good book, of being human: in other words, of paying more attention to the people around us.

1	People can't read well nowadays.	<b>T/F</b>
2	Parents sometimes pay more attention to their mobile phones than to their children.	<b>T/F</b>
3	Scientists have been researching into the effects of the internet.	<b>T/F</b>
4	Exposure to lots of short texts makes it easier to concentrate on one thing.	<b>T/F</b>
5	People often feel bored when they receive new texts or emails.	<b>T/F</b>
6	People who do more than one task at a time work less effectively.	<b>T/F</b>
7	People who do a lot of multi-tasking are usually more stressed.	<b>T/F</b>
8	The use of technology can be very good for the brain.	<b>T/F</b>
9	The arrival of computers and mobile technology has had little impact on our lives.	<b>T/F</b>
10	People have less free time now.	<b>T/F</b>
11	The writer thinks that interaction with other people is less important than making new discoveries.	<b>T/F</b>

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- 1 These days many people c.
  - a) don't even read short newspaper articles
  - b) play with their children on social media
  - c) are unable to concentrate for long
- 2 Scientists believe that \_\_\_\_\_ is changing our brains.
  - a) our ability to multi-task
  - b) social media
  - c) how we now view danger
- 3 Research has shown that people are more likely to become \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) bored with messaging after a short time
  - b) addicted to modern means of communication
  - c) productive if they multi-task
- 4 People who frequently multi-task \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) may be prone to higher levels of stress
  - b) find it easier to dismiss useless data
  - c) are better able to focus on tasks
- 5 It has been found that some videogames \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) reduce levels of stress in individuals
  - b) aid eye to hand movement
  - c) improve people's ability to find information on the internet
- 6 In the future, we might \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) miss doing repetitive and boring tasks
  - b) wish we had more free time
  - c) miss having real human contact

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Hi Wendy,  
I've just heard that *Etherwood* is playing at the Okehart Festival in July! <sup>1</sup>*How about coming over to/I'd be most grateful if you* visit me so we can see them together? Tickets have just gone on sale so I'll get some as soon as you <sup>2</sup>*let me know if you're coming/accept my invitation*. Check out the festival website and tell me if you can make it or not. A few friends from college live near Okehart so <sup>3</sup>*the best idea/my preference* would be to stay at theirs. I'll get in touch with them and <sup>4</sup>*let you know/inform you* if that'd work. They may want to come with us to the festival. Is there anything else you'd like to do when you visit? <sup>5</sup>*I would be interested to/I'd be so happy* if you could stay a few days. I really hope you make it. <sup>6</sup>*I am looking forward to hearing/Can't wait to hear back* from you!

Lorraine

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- 1 Accept the invite
- 2 Give dates you can visit
- 3 Mention two things you'd like to do on your visit
- 4 Ask about the best way to travel there
- 5 Arrange to call your friend
- 6 Sign off

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## Listening

**1 Recording 6** Listen and match speakers 1–6 with statements a)–g). There is one extra answer you do not need.

- |         |         |
|---------|---------|
| 1 Liz   | ...c... |
| 2 James | _____   |
| 3 Kate  | _____   |
| 4 Sally | _____   |
| 5 Chris | _____   |
| 6 Lucy  | _____   |

- a) What's so interesting about scandals?  
 b) I'll never judge people on TV again.  
 c) ~~I don't bother buying a daily newspaper.~~  
 d) TV helps me feel good about life.  
 e) The news only focuses on the negative.  
 f) I get engrossed in late night TV.  
 g) I enjoy having more time to be active.

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**2 Recording 6** Listen again and write *true* (T) or *false* (F).

- 1 Liz has no time to read newspapers on weekdays. T  
 2 She very much enjoys spending the whole of Saturday reading tabloid papers.  
 3 James says business programmes get him down so he prefers current affairs ones.  
 4 He thinks it might be a good idea to see if not knowing about world affairs would improve his mood.  
 5 Kate now sees the restrictions in her life as a positive thing.  
 6 She really detests watching quiz shows and only watches them because her friends talk about them.  
 7 Sally is under the impression that some people in the news purposely do things to become newsworthy.  
 8 She believes that we need better role models for our children these days.  
 9 Chris underestimated how hard it was to answer quiz show questions correctly on TV.  
 10 He regrets not having more confidence in himself.  
 11 Lucy's glad she doesn't have to start work very early every day.

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## Grammar

**3 Correct the two mistakes in each sentence.**

- 1 I ~~had~~ would've lent you the money if you ~~have had~~ asked me sooner.  
 2 Don't apologise for put off your decision. There's a good deal in time and you really need to be sure.  
 3 There isn't a large amount in coffee left so please just have a few.  
 4 I hadn't have been so angry if you would have told the truth.  
 5 We don't get the chance meeting often so let's go out for dinner. It's still early and we've still got so many to talk about.  
 6 When I arrived home late, my husband asked me if I ate. When I said I hadn't, he told me he'll cook something for me.

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**4 Underline the correct answers, a), b), c) or d), to complete the text.**

People talk <sup>1</sup> a about the effect of TV on kids, but what about the rest of us? If you <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to ask most people how <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ time they spend watching television each week, I suspect you would <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ shocked. In many households, the television is on a good <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the time, although often no one will be watching. Take my sister yesterday for example. As soon as she got in, the television was turned on. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the time she just does it out of habit as she doesn't even seem <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to be watching it. I'm sure if it had been turned off, she <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ even have noticed the difference. But I do wonder how <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ people <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ manage if someone took their television away for a few days. I think very <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of us could live without it.

- |                   |             |           |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 a) <u>a lot</u> | b) a few    | c) plenty | d) lots of  |
| 2 a) were         | b) will     | c) are    | d) have     |
| 3 a) much         | b) many     | c) few    | d) a little |
| 4 a) being        | b) be       | c) to be  | d) been     |
| 5 a) number       | b) section  | c) much   | d) deal     |
| 6 a) All          | b) Hardly   | c) Most   | d) Many     |
| 7 a) to being     | b) being    | c) be     | d) to be    |
| 8 a) 's not       | b) wouldn't | c) won't  | d) can't    |
| 9 a) every        | b) many     | c) any    | d) all      |
| 10 a) will        | b) could    | c) won't  | d) would    |
| 11 a) much        | b) little   | c) few    | d) a few    |

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5 Complete the second sentence with **no more** than five words so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in CAPITALS.

1 'Let me buy you lunch, Hannah.'

**OFFERED**

Jack offered to buy lunch for Hannah.

2 'You really should relax more, Kim.'

**ADVISED**

Jan .....

3 'David's been driving my car without asking.'

**ACCUSED**

Ben .....

his car without asking.

4 'If I see you boys around here again, I'll call the police'.

**CALL**

Sue

if she saw the boys around there again.

5 I really don't like to stay at home all day when the weather's good.

**STAND**

I

at home all day when the weather's good.

6 Ted can pass the exam.

**CAPABLE**

Ted ..... the exam.

## Vocabulary

6 Underline the correct alternative.

1 Jen was incredibly *confrontational*/*supportive* when my son was ill and did lots to help me.

2 The construction company decided to *postpone*/*reach* the agreed start date until the bad weather had passed.

3 I want you to apologise and take *on*/*back* what you just said.

4 She's a very *sensitive*/*sensible* individual who can always be trusted to make the right decision.

5 It turns *out*/*on* that our new boss has known the owner for years and they went to the same college.

6 I *promise*/*insist* to help you with your packing if you come out to dinner with me tonight.

7 Do you tend *sleeping*/*to sleep* late at the weekend or prefer getting up early?

8 The man *admitted*/*agreed* having stolen the clothes from the department store.

9 It's important to stick *on*/*to* your principles if you want to be respected.

10 Some people will do anything to gain *control*/*power* of a situation.

11 Look, don't worry about finding a hotel. I can put you *down*/*up* at mine.

**7 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are two extra words you do not need to use.**

assertive circulation costume dramas  
 diplomatic ~~documentaries~~ four-storey  
 game show hand-made reality shows  
 sensationalism series soap operas  
 supplements

- 1 I often watch documentaries on TV as I love learning about history and nature.
- 2 Some people talk about the characters in TV ..... as if they know them personally.  
 Perhaps it's because they're on several times a week, so people get really involved.
- 3 I've never been into watching how 'normal' people behave, or misbehave, when they are constantly on camera on ..... I'd rather watch programmes with real actors!
- 4 Jane is very ..... and instinctively knows how to say things in a tactful way and in the right tone of voice so as not to cause any offence.
- 5 Tabloids tend to have a higher ..... than the quality newspapers, otherwise known as broadsheets, which are less popular but more informative.
- 6 The BBC has a global reputation for producing high quality, historical ..... such as *Pride and Prejudice* and *Mr Selfridge*.
- 7 Did you know that Lyn and Jed have just moved into a ..... property in the suburbs?  
 You really should visit them – it's an amazing place!
- 8 Christina only ever reads the travel and home in the weekend paper. She says it's because through her work as a journalist, she already knows the main news stories and likes to take a break from work.
- 9 It's incredible to think that over twenty of *Top Gear* have been made in the UK since it began way back in 1977.
- 10 Viewers may believe that being a contestant on a ..... is really easy, but having been on one myself, I can tell you that once the cameras start rolling, your mouth dries up and your mind goes blank.
- 11 Worryingly, it's ..... rather than good, honest journalism that seems to sell papers in this day and age.

## Function

### 8 Choose the correct alternative.

- A: Have you got <sup>1</sup>a minute/time?  
 B: Sorry?  
 A: There's something I've <sup>2</sup>meant/been meaning to talk to you about.  
 B: What's <sup>3</sup>matter/up? You look like you have something you want to say.  
 A: Well, look, I don't want you to get the <sup>4</sup>wrong/bad idea, but ...  
 B: But what?  
 A: It's <sup>5</sup>just/like that you always leave the kitchen dirty and don't help much around the house.  
 B: I often don't have time to clear up, to be honest.  
 A: Sure, but we're all busy too and sometimes the rest of us have to wash your things up, which isn't really fair. Do you see where I'm <sup>6</sup>coming to/coming from?  
 B: Sorry. I hadn't realised I was being selfish. You're right, I need to pull my weight – it is a shared house after all.

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### 9 Complete the conversation with a)–m) below.

There are **two** options you do not need to use.

- A: I'm <sup>1</sup>g that the concert has sold out. Why <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you remind me to get the tickets earlier?  
 B: But I <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you. I sent you a text!  
 A: Well, that's <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ helpful, is it? You know I hardly ever use my mobile.  
 B: <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ ridiculous! You're <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ who's always texting me!  
 A: No, I'm not!  
 B: That's <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_! How can you say that? Let's just take a look, shall we?  
 A: Ah ... hmm ... oh, I <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. It seems you really <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ me a text after all.  
 B: Well, no harm done. The good <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the band's doing an extra night and there are still tickets available. So there <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ we're going to miss out.  
 A: Brilliant – that's great news! So what are we waiting for? Let's go!

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| a) did send            | h) 's no way         |
| b) such a terrible     | i) That's absolutely |
| c) on earth didn't     | j) the one           |
| d) thing is            | k) <i>did</i> remind |
| e) not very            | l) imagine you did   |
| f) totally outrageous  | m) 'm so sorry       |
| g) <del>so</del> upset |                      |

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## Reading

### 10 Read the text and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c), for questions 1–6 on page 4.

Hi Marcela

I'm sorry I haven't been in touch for such a long time. I can't tell you what I've been through in the last few months. You might remember that I was thinking of applying to be on *My New Family* (I can't imagine what possessed me!). Well, it all went ahead. I sent in my application, went through various interview stages and to my surprise, I was accepted on to the show. I couldn't believe it. What had started out as a bit of a joke, turned out to be my worst nightmare. Before I knew where I was, it was too late to pull out.

As soon as I set foot in the *My New Family* house, I knew that I'd made the biggest mistake of my life. Imagine being stuck in a house together with complete strangers for twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. It was really difficult. You know how it is – the producers are really only interested in getting good viewing figures. They deliberately chose participants who were going to be controversial.

So there I was, a forty-year-old woman on national television, sharing my every waking moment with my new family and wishing I could be anywhere else. However, I decided to give it a go and try to get on with everyone. It was hard work, I can tell you. Some of them were very hard to like!

To be honest though, one of the worst things about the whole experience was sleep – or lack of it. Most of my fellow inmates were night owls and would stay up until the early hours just messing around. As you know, I'm never at my most alert late at night so I started to feel quite groggy after a few days of sleep deprivation.

To cut a long story short, I was voted out after the first week – probably because the viewers thought I was too boring. Well, I suppose I was. I didn't say or do anything outrageous so what was the point of being there?

I still have nightmares about it all and just hope things will get back to normal soon. Next time I have a crazy idea, please do something to stop me! Meanwhile, I've been asked to write about my mad media week for the local paper. Perhaps there is something in me that does rather enjoy being the centre of attention after all!

Love,  
Jasmine

- 1 Jasmine \_\_\_\_\_ Marcela what she's been doing lately.
  - a) is unable to tell
  - b) can't imagine telling
  - c) *has been too busy to tell-*
- 2 Jasmine \_\_\_\_\_ on the show.
  - a) was not expecting to appear
  - b) never regretted going
  - c) told lots of jokes
- 3 From Jasmine's point of view, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) her housemates were an interesting group
  - b) being confined in the house for a whole week was really difficult
  - c) living with complete strangers was good fun
- 4 Jasmine tells Marcela that she \_\_\_\_\_ family.
  - a) enjoyed getting to know her new
  - b) realised that she really missed her own
  - c) didn't really get on with all her new
- 5 Jasmine freely admits that she \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) enjoyed staying up as it gave her some space
  - b) probably didn't captivate the viewers much
  - c) was outraged at having to leave after a week
- 6 Jasmine is now \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) sharing her experiences in a newspaper article
  - b) relieved that her life has returned to how it was
  - c) happy not to be in the limelight

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- 11 Read the article again. Underline *true* (T) or *false* (F).**

- 1 Jasmine's had a very eventful time since she last wrote to Marcela. **T/F**
- 2 Jasmine now thinks she was mad to have put herself forward for *My New Family*. **T/F**
- 3 Jasmine could have changed her mind about going on the show at the last minute. **T/F**
- 4 The producers of the show are most interested in selecting people who will get on well with each other. **T/F**
- 5 Jasmine constantly regretted her decision to do the show while she was on it. **T/F**
- 6 It wasn't her housemates but the constant pressure of filming she found difficult. **T/F**
- 7 Jasmine admits she isn't a night owl. **T/F**
- 8 Coping with little sleep was the hardest part of being on the show for Jasmine. **T/F**
- 9 Jasmine was very surprised that she lasted through the first week. **T/F**
- 10 Jasmine found it went against her nature to behave outrageously so she didn't try to. **T/F**
- 11 Jasmine wants Marcela to join her if she gets the chance to do something out of the ordinary again. **T/F**

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## Writing

- 12 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box. There are two extra options you do not need to use.**

although	Despite	For	However
<del>so that</del>	so as not to	so as to	While

- 1 They asked for the deadline to be extended so that they had more time to complete the project.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ not having time to read the paper every day, I do enjoy listening to the news on the radio.
- 3 We have to agree with each other in public present a united front.
- 4 Jana refused to sell her story \_\_\_\_\_ she was offered a lot of money.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ some readers enjoy reading gossip, there are those who do not.
- 6 A lot of people would like to be rich and famous. , there are many drawbacks to fame.

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- 13 Write an informal article on the topic:**  
*How to reduce the stress in your life.*  
**Write 170–220 words.**

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**Listening**

**1 Recording 7 Listen and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).**

- 1 What is the purpose of *Crimewatch*?
  - a) to ask for the public's help to solve crimes
  - b) to show how not to become a victim of crime
  - c) to show the public how the police solve crimes
- 2 What did the man see?
  - a) a man entering his neighbour's house
  - b) a man leaving his house
  - c) a man leaving his neighbour's house
- 3 What did most people think of the play the woman went to see?
  - a) It was very good.
  - b) It was very bad.
  - c) It made you feel uncomfortable.
- 4 Why does the woman like Pompeii?
  - a) She enjoys eating and laughing with people.
  - b) She feels emotionally linked to the place.
  - c) She enjoys walking around the ruins.
- 5 What does the man think about modern art?
  - a) It is hard to decide whether it is good or bad.
  - b) Exhibitions are often disappointing and overrated.
  - c) People who visit the exhibitions are too critical.
- 6 What did the driver do?
  - a) He hit the cyclist but he didn't stop.
  - b) He drove off the road onto the grass.
  - c) He nearly hit the cyclist but he didn't stop.

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8 She can still vividly remember the ruins and what she saw there.

9 The man finds getting to see what is on display at exhibitions rather frustrating.

10 He wonders if others have the same thoughts as him when looking at modern art.

11 The cyclist had a narrow escape because the driver saw him at the last minute.

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**2 Recording 7 Listen again and write true (T) or false (F).**

- 1 Pickpockets focus more on regular commuters who look wealthy. F
- 2 Working in a team means pickpockets don't have to rely on speed to be successful.
- 3 The man was already awake when he heard something going on next door.
- 4 He wasn't fast enough to catch the intruder.
- 5 The woman doesn't trust glowing reviews.
- 6 She thinks some critics might make negative remarks for reasons other than the show.
- 7 The woman thinks her memorable place is a popular choice.

## Grammar

### 3 Underline the correct answers to complete the text, a), b) or c).

<sup>1</sup> b around the town the other day, I was struck by the amount of vandalism <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I noticed: graffiti at bus stops, smashed shop windows and the like. I don't remember there being so much rubbish on the streets <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I was young, either. I suppose I must <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ quite a sheltered upbringing because I never saw anything bad going on. But perhaps, it <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ have been that we cared more about our surroundings then. Now, according to our local paper, burglary is commonplace, <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ seems bizarre to me. People <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the police should know that they do stop <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with the local kids and take an interest in them, but the question is whether they have forgotten <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on crime prevention too.

- |                  |                     |                 |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1 a) To wander   | b) <u>Wandering</u> | c) Wander       |
| 2 a) that        | b) when             | c) where        |
| 3 a) which       | b) where            | c) when         |
| 4 a) had had     | b) had              | c) have had     |
| 5 a) can't       | b) could            | c) mightn't     |
| 6 a) that        | b) where            | c) which        |
| 7 a) criticising | b) criticise        | c) to criticise |
| 8 a) talk        | b) to talk          | c) talking      |
| 9 a) focusing    | b) focus            | c) to focus     |

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### 4 Correct the two mistakes in each sentence.

- The book ~~writing~~ written by Peterson ~~where~~ when he was living in France, became a best-seller.
- Merrill must have been at the party as I clearly remember to go to a concert with him that night.
- Dan, which seems a bit rough and ready, always stops helping anyone in trouble.
- To be married is about give and take, and, of course, listening, what is also very important.
- Philip, what dog is a real nuisance, always regrets to take it to the park.
- Guy must had forgotten that we had arranged to meet tonight as he's usually on time, if not early. I guess he could have delayed in the rush hour traffic.

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**5 Underline the correct alternative.**

- 1 His first novel, which/what was based on his early years in the Air Force, is full of interesting characters from a time gone by.
- 2 The dress wearing/worn by the princess in Cannes sold for \$250,000 at auction.
- 3 It might/couldn't have been the robber that I saw, but it was so dark I wouldn't be able to give a very accurate description of what he looked like.
- 4 To listen/Listening to him after the race, you'd think he'd won gold in the Olympics, not the village 5k!
- 5 Colin went on becoming/to become a well-known TV sports commentator after retiring from professional athletics.
- 6 It must/can't have been raining all day. Some of the photos I saw definitely had a blue sky in them.
- 7 We regret to inform/informing you that flight D305 to Riva has been cancelled due to bad weather.
- 8 Not getting the job was a huge disappointment. Which/What made it even worse was that Liam, who'd only been at the company for a year, got it instead of me.

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**Vocabulary**

**6 Match beginnings 1–7 with endings a)–h).**  
There is one extra ending you do not need.

- 1 The young girl was accused of ..... e
- 2 Police say that cases of identity .....
- 3 A local man has been officially praised for .....
- 4 Remember to be careful and never be taken .....
- 5 The way they do it is, one thief diverts .....
- 6 Peter's latest exhibition has received nothing but rave .....
- 7 I went inside to inform the bank that my card had got .....

- a) jumping into the river and saving the life of the toddler who'd fallen in.
- b) in by people coming to your house, claiming to be salesmen.
- c) your attention by asking for help, and the other runs off with your bag.
- d) theft have risen since internet transactions have become more commonplace.
- e) ~~shoplifting after the store detective found five CDs in her bag.~~
- f) stuck in the machine.
- g) robbed whilst walking down a side street.
- h) reviews from even the harshest critics.

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**7 Underline the correct answers, a), b) or c).**

- 1 The building was b fire so it had to be evacuated.  
a) in      b) on      c) by
- 2 Paul blamed his neighbour's son ..... damaging his car.  
a) for      b) at      c) of
- 3 When she turned up at the school reunion with a famous actor on her arm, she caused quite a .....  
a) deal      b) stir      c) mix
- 4 How can I apologise ..... something I didn't do?  
a) in      b) by      c) for
- 5 I'm ..... and tired of always being the one to do the washing up. Why don't you help out?  
a) ill      b) sick      c) through
- 6 We've always dreamt ..... travelling around the world when we retire.  
a) of      b) on      c) for
- 7 Fortunately, help was at hand when I broke on the motorway.  
a) off      b) up      c) down
- 8 The film was so thrilling that I was ..... the edge of my seat until the very end.  
a) at      b) in      c) on
- 9 The bus driver was cleared ..... dangerous driving and given permission to return to work.  
a) from      b) of      c) for
- 10 Ybeth is a hardworking student and since she started focusing more on her studies her school work has come on in ..... and bounds.  
a) jumps      b) skips      c) leaps

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**8 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjectives in the box.**

deep high long short thick wide

- 1 You can thicken the sauce by adding flour.
- 2 At almost two metres, Michael is definitely above average .....
- 3 These trousers are far too long for you. I will have to ..... them.
- 4 The council will have to ..... the road to create an extra lane in order to deal with the increase in traffic.
- 5 No one is certain of the ..... of the lake; we only know how long and how wide it is.
- 6 I'll have to buy another strip of material so I can these curtains and make them fit the taller windows in our new lounge.

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## Function

9 Complete the text with the words in the box. There are three extra words you do not need.

apparently As back built head  
If named surprising worth

Why don't we <sup>1</sup>head over to the cathedral now? It's well <sup>2</sup>..... visiting so I think we should go inside and have a guided tour. The guide is very entertaining as well as knowledgeable. The cathedral was <sup>3</sup>..... in the thirteenth century and can be seen for miles around. <sup>4</sup>..... you may already know, it has Britain's tallest spire and also, <sup>5</sup>....., Europe's oldest working clock, dating <sup>6</sup>..... to 1386.

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10 Complete the police interview with phrases a)–m) below. There are two extra options you do not need.

A: <sup>1</sup> e ?

B: Yesterday, when I was sitting in a café. <sup>2</sup>.....  
You see, I didn't want to leave it on the ground in case someone fell over it.

A: When did you realise that <sup>3</sup>.....?

B: When I wanted to buy <sup>4</sup>..... We'd been there for about half an hour, I suppose.

A: <sup>5</sup>..... then?

B: I told the waitress, who <sup>6</sup>.....

A: <sup>7</sup>..... suspicious?

B: Only a young girl <sup>8</sup>.....

A: What <sup>9</sup>.....?

B: She reminded me of my neighbour's daughter,  
<sup>10</sup>.....

A: <sup>11</sup>.....?

B: I'll do my best ...

- a) called the police
- b) Could you give me a description
- c) it all happened so quickly
- d) Did you notice anyone
- e) ~~When was your bag stolen~~
- f) What did you do
- g) another coffee for my friend
- h) who's about the same age and build
- i) it never occurred to me she'd gone
- j) did she look like
- k) it had gone
- l) It was on the back of my chair
- m) wearing a hoodie and jeans

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## Reading

11 Read the texts below and match people A–C with questions 1–6 on page 4.

### Places that change lives

#### A

When **Lucy Hopkins** took a gap year before going to university, she could never have imagined how life-changing it would be. She decided to go travelling with a few friends. After hours of research on the internet, they finally bought round-the-world tickets and started their adventure in Australia. First stop: Ayers Rock (in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Northern Territory) and a five-day camping trip, exploring the gigantic sandstone monoliths of the area. But it wasn't the natural wonders that captured Lucy's imagination – it was the history of the Aboriginal people who had lived there long before European settlers arrived. She decided to stay on after her friends left. She wanted to find work at the resort so she could learn more about the *Dreamtime*, the myths and legends of these extraordinary people. Much to her parents' concern, she has given up her college place and will reapply next year for a course in anthropology.

#### B

'It's never too late to follow your dreams.' So said fifty-year-old yachtsman, **Daniel Laws**, when we caught up with him recently. He'd just returned from a six-month trip sailing around the Caribbean and was looking forward to some creature comforts in his own home. When asked what had made him give up his job to take to the seas, he said that he'd fallen in love with the Indonesian island of Bali. He'd stepped off the plane one October afternoon, straight into a wall of steaming, tropical heat. One hair-raising taxi ride later, he found himself in a beachside 'bed and breakfast' looking out over seas of the deepest blue. He was hooked. From that moment on, he spent all his time either in or on the water and he promised himself that he would return when he had his own boat.

#### C

**Marek Lendl** has always been passionate about history, particularly the history of his city, Prague. As a child, he was taken out every Sunday by his grandfather, who taught him about all the buildings, castles, churches and ruins. They would spend hours visiting galleries and museums until Marek knew almost as much as his grandfather. He is now a city guide, taking round groups of foreign tourists, and it is thanks to this passion that he met Emma, an English journalist who was on holiday in Prague. They both joke about their first meeting, as Emma kept asking questions about all the buildings they were visiting. She says that it was because she wanted him to notice her and he just remembers being amazed that anyone could ask so much.

1 thinks it's never too late to do what you really want \_\_\_\_\_ B

2 has knowledge passed down to them from a family member? \_\_\_\_\_

3 has decided to study anthropology? \_\_\_\_\_

4 is really interested in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

5 went on a dangerous cab ride? \_\_\_\_\_

6 found a new interest? \_\_\_\_\_

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1	Lucy wanted to travel around Australia with friends.	<b>T/F</b>
2	She was fascinated by the natural beauty of the country.	<b>T/F</b>
3	She chose not to continue travelling with her friends when they left.	<b>T/F</b>
4	Her parents were not worried about her decision to change her study plans.	<b>T/F</b>
5	Daniel Laws was still at sea when he was interviewed.	<b>T/F</b>
6	There are some things he misses while he's out at sea.	<b>T/F</b>
7	He began sailing after he'd left his job.	<b>T/F</b>
8	Since his first visit to Bali, Daniel has bought himself a boat.	<b>T/F</b>
9	Marek's grandfather taught him all about his home city.	<b>T/F</b>
10	Marek currently works as a guide for visitors to the castle.	<b>T/F</b>
11	Emma thought that by asking Marek lots of questions, she'd get his attention.	<b>T/F</b>

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**13 Underline the correct alternative.**

- 1 Skilfully/Highly directed by Stephen Frears, the film captures the mood of the era perfectly.
- 2 The lead roles were *harshly*/sensitively acted by the young teen stars, which was impressive, given that it was their first major film.
- 3 Although the plot was intriguing, the film was let down by its poor special effects, which were *convincingly*/heavily criticised by reviewers.
- 4 *Widely*/Poignantly praised, the film went on to win eight Oscars.
- 5 In my opinion, Bardem played the role of a paraplegic very *highly*/convincingly in the film *The Sea Inside*.
- 6 With such an incredible film score, it was hardly surprising that the composer was so *highly*/harshly praised for the music he had written.

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- Setting
- Plot summary
- Recommendation

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### Listening

**1 Recording 8** What are these people talking about? Listen and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- 1 a) website forum  
b) drawing books  
c) e-book
- 2 a) pollution  
b) drought  
c) famine
- 3 a) speed cameras  
b) phone cameras  
c) CCTV cameras
- 4 a) a geek  
b) a people person  
c) a good laugh
- 5 a) an advertising slogan  
b) an advertising jingle  
c) an advertising campaign
- 6 a) being frustrated  
b) being adventurous  
c) being anxious

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**2 Recording 9** Listen to six speakers. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Cerys has always enjoyed dancing. ..F
- 2 It was a friend who suggested Cerys went to salsa classes. -----
- 3 Adam was far from overwhelmed by responses to his ad. -----
- 4 Adam's housemate does his fair share of the housework. -----
- 5 Sarah wishes she hadn't accepted the job overseas. -----
- 6 Sarah knew she'd never go back to Australia once she left. -----
- 7 Tamsin likes contemporary novels. -----
- 8 Tamsin has read *Jane Eyre* several times. -----
- 9 Rupert prefers to travel independently as he enjoys visiting unusual places. -----
- 10 Rupert admits it can be a little odd being one of only a handful of guests at a hotel. -----
- 11 Jane says she now uses her mobile phone regularly. -----

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### Grammar

**3 Complete the text with one word in each gap.**

I've never <sup>1</sup>been interested in having the latest gadgets, but Mark is just <sup>2</sup> opposite. He's a real geek and <sup>3</sup> recently taken to playing *Warzone* with his online friends. He <sup>4</sup> used to spend most evenings with me but now he <sup>5</sup> usually disappear for hours on end! I think I'm getting used to <sup>6</sup> spending more time on my own, but I do now <sup>7</sup> hope that I hadn't bought him a new laptop for his birthday. I <sup>8</sup> haven't hardly seen him since then! Mind you, I've taken up salsa and have <sup>9</sup> met lots of 'real' people! I'm hoping that will <sup>10</sup> make up all the difference.

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**4 Correct two mistakes in each sentence.**

- 1 Paul was has never pulled his weight around the house and is usually finding found on the sofa.
- 2 If you are liking good local food, you should going to *Pedros' Bistro*.
- 3 I would get to Berlin at 10a.m. provide there are no delays at the airport.
- 4 As the children, we would going fishing in the lake close to our family home.
- 5 Do you mind me to ask you as if you get more than thirty days paid holiday a year?
- 6 Where have you been? I'd been waiting for hours! I wish you tell me you were going to be late!

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**5 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).**

- 1 Fortunately, no one ..c.. injured in the fire.  
a) was being    b) will being    c) was
- 2 The concert was called off because too few tickets sold beforehand.  
a) had been    b) have been    c) were being
- 3 Mark gets to work late ..... he leaves before the rush hour begins.  
a) as long as    b) providing    c) unless
- 4 I don't think Maria ..... go travelling next year.  
a) will    b) might    c) is likely
- 5 We ..... live by the sea before we moved here.  
a) were used to    b) got used to    c) used to
- 6 I wish Lisa ..... more time working instead of texting friends.  
a) would spend    b) might spend    c) spends
- 7 Rob hates ..... told he's in the wrong.

- a) being      b) to being      c) to have been

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## Vocabulary

### 6 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 I was brought on/up by my grandparents for the first five years of my life.
- 2 Whereabouts/Whereabout did you say you'd put the car keys?
- 3 George is looking in/for great shape for the marathon. He's certainly been training hard.
- 4 Stop winding Lucy up/on. You know she's very sensitive to criticism. Just let her be!
- 5 The drive to my uncle's place gave us the pleasurable/perfect opportunity to enjoy some time alone.
- 6 We signed up for/by a year's subscription to *National Geographic* magazine.
- 7 Annie and Freddie live on the outskirt/outskirts of the village of Seltz.
- 8 The charity is appealing with/for donations to help those affected by the recent earthquake.
- 9 We'll have to take over/on more staff if we want to expand.
- 10 The manga/manual was so large it was impossible for me to understand even the most basic of company procedures in a day.
- 11 At the end of the day, it was a trade-off for/between lay-offs or wage cuts.

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### 7 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 Unemployment (employ) in the country has reached an all time high as a result of the recent economic crisis.
- 2 It's been said that the use of surveillance cameras in public spaces is an effective deterrent (deter) to criminals.
- 3 Ian's awkwardness (awkward) at meetings seems to be contagious as it makes me feel very uncomfortable too.
- 4 I'm so sorry about Jack's behaviour at the party - it was totally outraging (outrage) and frankly, quite embarrassing.
- 5 I could clearly see the disappointment (disappoint) on Anna's face as she heard that she'd come second in the poetry competition.
- 6 The mobile phone has certainly revolutionised (revolution) the ways in which people communicate. Some for the better, some for the worse.

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### 8 Complete the second sentence with **no more than** five words so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in CAPITALS.

- 1 Sorry John, but your proposal is completely unrealistic.  
**PRACTICAL**  
Sorry John, but your proposal isn't practical.
- 2 Where do you think of your best ideas?  
**UP**  
Where do you put best ideas?
- 3 Judy doesn't mix much with other students.  
**HERSELF**  
Judy isn't mixing with other students.
- 4 Kim and Lee were thrilled when we told them our news.  
**MOON**  
Kim and Lee were thrilled when we told them our news.
- 5 Before the parachute jump, I felt completely petrified.  
**WITS**  
I was petrified before the parachute jump.
- 6 There isn't any more sugar.  
**OUT**  
We've run out of sugar.

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## Function

### 9 Rewrite the sentences using the prompts in brackets.

- 1 Where's the nearest bank?  
(Could / tell)  
Could you tell me where the nearest bank is?
- 2 Help me with my luggage.  
(Would / mind)  
Would you mind helping me with my luggage?
- 3 Send me another copy of the contract.  
(I / grateful)  
I'd be grateful if you could send me another copy of the contract.
- 4 Tell me about the council's plans for developing the old bus station.  
(like / enquire)  
I'd like to enquire about the council's plans for developing the old bus station.
- 5 Can I make a reservation for this evening?  
(wondering / possible)  
Would it be possible to make a reservation for this evening?
- 6 Why has the course been cancelled?

(Can / tell)

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**10 Complete the conversation with the words in the box. There are two extra words you do not need.**

convinced disagree fair ~~favour~~  
make point suppose way

- A:** You know, I'm all in <sup>1</sup> favour of lowering the voting age to sixteen.
- B:** That does seem to <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ sense but don't you think some teenagers might be too immature at that age?
- A:** I see your <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ but surely only those who are mature enough to be really interested would actually bother to vote?
- B:** I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ so, but how would you encourage the rest of them to do so?
- A:** Well, the <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I see it, kids need to learn more about political systems and current affairs at school, as well as understand how their future decisions will help shape society.
- B:** I'm still not <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, but why don't we see what Jan thinks?

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**11 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.**

- 1** into / science / John / at / fiction / all / isn't  
John isn't into science fiction at all.
- 2** I / What / their / main / was / characters / liked / the / about / relationship  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 3** couldn't / I / into / mood / get / the / just / right  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4** I'm / the / of / big / a / not / classics / fan  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5** stand / people / I / interrupted / can't / being / by  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- 6** thing / is / hate / musicals / singing / The / I / about / the  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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## Reading

**12 Read the text and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c) on page 4.**

Hi Annie

Thanks so much for your newsy email – I'm glad you're enjoying your new job. How did you get on looking for new accommodation? Did you decide to find something on your own or are you sharing?

I guess it must be quite expensive if you want to be in town so you might not have much choice.

Quite a lot has happened here as well since I last wrote. I finally moved last month. You know I'd been looking to move out of the city centre, well, I found a lovely little house halfway between where I had been living and the coast. It's on the edge of the village so it's really peaceful, especially at night. And dark too, as there are no streetlights, so you can see the stars, which is amazing! I'm still getting used to being here but that's because I've always been a city girl.

Everyone has been very friendly though. You know, before I moved everyone was saying that I was crazy because villagers tend to keep themselves to themselves and don't welcome outsiders, but I can't tell you how kind everyone has been. Of course I was the hot topic of conversation for the first week or so but I guess that's to be expected in a small community. Both sets of next-door neighbours are friendly, but not too friendly, if you know what I mean.

The hardest thing for me to adjust to has been the change of pace in life here – I've found it difficult to slow down but I've learned to love it. You know what it's like in the city – everyone's in a rush all the time and it's hard not to join in somehow. Here, however, everything is much slower. It usually takes me an hour or so just to go to the post office by the time I've stopped a few times to chat to people!

Things are going well on the work front too. I wasn't sure how things would work out, but my boss was happy to let me work from home, so that's what I'm doing at the moment. I still have to go into the office once a week for meetings but I find I get far more done at home than in the office, as I'm not constantly being disturbed.

It's early days yet I know, but I really do feel very happy and settled here. I hope you can get some time off soon to come and visit, as I know you'll love it too and it will do you good. You can give me some tips on what to do with my huge garden! Let me know how you're getting on, and send me some photos if you get the chance. I want to see what your new haircut looks like!

Love

Hannah x

- 1 Hannah has received \_\_\_\_c\_\_\_\_.
  - a) bad news from Annie
  - b) news that Annie might not move
  - c) an informative email from Annie
- 2 Hannah explains that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) she's also got a new job
  - b) she's had a busy month
  - c) she knows a good place for Annie
- 3 Hannah was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) keen to keep a low profile to begin with
  - b) the centre of attention to begin with
  - c) completely ignored at first
- 4 Hannah loves how \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) relaxed life is where she lives
  - b) friendly people are at the post office
  - c) easy it's been to get used to her new pace of life
- 5 She now only \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) works one day a week
  - b) works part-time
  - c) has to go into the office for meetings
- 6 Hannah would \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) love to send Annie some photos
  - b) like Annie's advice on her big garden
  - c) like to visit Annie when she can

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- 12 Read the article again. Underline *true* (T) or *false* (F).**

- |   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| 1 It's likely that Annie will end up sharing a place with other people.           | <b><u>T/F</u></b> |
| 2 Hannah suddenly decided she wanted a change of scene.                           | <b><u>T/F</u></b> |
| 3 Hannah loves being able to appreciate the night sky.                            | <b><u>T/F</u></b> |
| 4 Hannah's house is right on the coast.   | <b><u>T/F</u></b> |
| 5 All Hannah's friends thought her move was a great idea and were jealous of her. | <b><u>T/F</u></b> |
| 6 Hannah likes her neighbours and says they give her space.                       | <b><u>T/F</u></b> |
| 7 The one thing Hannah really misses is the buzz of life in the city.             | <b><u>T/F</u></b> |
| 8 Hannah has a long walk to the post office from her new place.                   | <b><u>T/F</u></b> |
| 9 Although work's going well, Hannah had had doubts about how things would go.    | <b><u>T/F</u></b> |
| 10 Hannah finds that she's much more productive when she's working at home.       | <b><u>T/F</u></b> |
| 11 In a short period of time, Hannah already feels at home.                       | <b><u>T/F</u></b> |

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## Writing

**14 Underline the mistakes using the correction code. Then correct the mistakes.**

- 1 (sp) Dad is such an embarrassment on the dance floor.  
embarrassment
- 2 (p) If you knew you were going to be late why didn't you call?

3 (wo) I feel as though I'll never get this cold over.

4 (ww) I thought the documentary was really interested

5 (v) We lived in the same house since 2005.

**6 (gr)** I'll never get used to drive on the left.

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- 16 You've just started a new job in a new town. Write an informal email to tell your friends how everything is going. Use the prompts below to help you. Write 170–220 words.**

- what your new town is like
- your first day in the new job
- what you enjoy/don't like/are getting used to
- your boss/colleagues

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[illegible]

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## Listening

### 1 Recording 10 Listen and write true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Sharon is aggressive towards Ben. --F--
- 2 Sharon's really into discussing the political situation with Ben. -----
- 3 Lizzie tends to watch a lot of television. -----
- 4 Lizzie likes factual programmes. -----
- 5 Fred believes he was unfairly dismissed. -----
- 6 Fred wasn't expecting to lose his job. -----
- 7 Claire thinks the critics views were a fair reflection on the exhibition. -----
- 8 Claire was surprised when she heard others praising the originality of the exhibition. -----
- 9 Dan only ever listens to the news on his way to work. -----
- 10 Dan is embarrassed to admit that he enjoys a bit of gossip. -----
- 11 Toby says he looks forward to getting up every day. -----

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### 2 Recording 11 What are these people talking about? Listen and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- |                      |                |                   |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1 a) <u>stalking</u> | b) kidnapping  | c) mugging        |
| 2 a) pickpocketing   | b) shooting    | c) mugging        |
| 3 a) hacking         | b) tax evasion | c) identity theft |
| 4 a) shoplifting     | b) vandalism   | c) pickpocketing  |
| 5 a) kidnapping      | b) mugging     | c) pickpocketing  |
| 6 a) arson           | b) vandalism   | c) counterfeiting |

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### 4 Complete the second sentence with **no more than** five words so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in CAPITALS.

- 1 Were you able to get tickets for the final?  
**MANAGE**  
*Did you manage to get tickets* for the final?
- 2 It would be a good idea to wash your hands as dinner's nearly ready.  
**BETTER**  
..... your hands as dinner's nearly ready.
- 3 'I'm sorry I let you down, Maria,' said Paula.  
**APOLOGISED**  
Paula ..... her down.
- 4 Lisa isn't allowed to watch horror films by her parents.  
**LET**  
Lisa's parents ..... horror films.
- 5 I'm really tired because I stayed up late last night.  
**IF**  
I wouldn't be so tired ..... up late last night.
- 6 Although she's highly intelligent, Debs is also very modest.  
**DESPITE**  
Debs is very modest intelligent.
- 7 I'm sure you didn't see Liam yesterday because he's abroad at the moment.  
**HAVE**  
You ..... yesterday because he's abroad at the moment.

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## Grammar

### 3 Correct **two** mistakes in each sentence.

- 1 I remember ~~to see~~ **seeing** a man outside, but I didn't suspect him of ~~do~~ **doing** anything bad.
- 2 The policeman tried arresting the burglar, what was a dangerous thing to do, as he was armed.
- 3 I'm sure I will leave the country by the time you would read this letter.
- 4 Hayley wouldn't live in New Zealand right now if she had got a visa to work there.
- 5 You mustn't have seen Jason at the gym as he's being banned from that place.
- 6 If he listens to our advice, he won't be in the predicament he now finds himself in.

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### 5 Complete the text with **one** word in each gap.

I've never been <sup>1</sup>able to understand why so many people <sup>2</sup>..... obsessed with the ageing process. Whenever you turn on <sup>3</sup>..... television or flick through a magazine, <sup>4</sup>..... 'll see loads of advertisements for beauty products claiming to take years off you. Of course it <sup>5</sup>..... be great if I looked younger, but I do believe <sup>6</sup>..... when you feel good on the inside, you look good on the outside. I'd say that right now I'm the healthiest I've <sup>7</sup>..... been and I always wake up feeling energetic and focused. If I <sup>8</sup>..... asked to stop working, I'd refuse, because I look forward to getting up and going to a job I thoroughly enjoy. The last thing I feel like <sup>9</sup>..... now is retiring, as there are still so many things I want to achieve in my working life. Besides, I know my body <sup>10</sup>..... tell me

when it's time to stop working. Until then, I'll carry on.

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## Vocabulary

### 6 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 I was falsely *threatened/accused* of stealing money from the company.
- 2 Although I had nothing to hide, I still felt nervous when the *content/contents* of my bag were checked at customs.
- 3 Oscar dreams *off/for* becoming a famous Shakespearean actor when he's older.
- 4 Our company strategy is to *spot/grab* gaps in the market and then create products to fill them.
- 5 Burt was completely taken *in/over* by the fake pension scheme and had no idea he'd lose all his hard-earned money.
- 6 Lorna told her ten-year-old daughter she was too young to *put/wear* make-up.
- 7 Kelsey's *in/of* great shape considering he's now in his fifties.
- 8 My father always told me to *betray/stick* to my principles, no matter what was at stake.
- 9 I'm afraid I have some rather sad news. Your Aunt Alice passed *away/by* this morning in her sleep.

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### 7 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are **two** extra words you do not need.

autobiographies biographies hilarious  
incredible ~~predictable~~ shaking  
significant spontaneous swinging

- 1 I do wish that his films didn't always have such utterly *predictable* endings. You can always tell what's going to happen!
- 2 Seeing his comic act live was fantastic. His jokes and anecdotes were \_\_\_\_\_ and had us all in fits of laughter.
- 3 Kay loves being \_\_\_\_\_ and will often call me to suggest doing something fun right there and then.
- 4 Given they were only amateurs who'd started working on the play three months beforehand, I thought the performance was absolutely \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Although during the incident I hadn't felt scared, afterwards, I realised I was \_\_\_\_\_ like a leaf.
- 6 I have to say I'm not much into \_\_\_\_\_. I prefer it when the person themselves has written about their own life, not someone else.
- 7 I'd like to thank you all for staying late today. We've already made \_\_\_\_\_ progress and I'm sure we'll manage to meet the deadline.

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### 8 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 I'd like to have these holiday photos *enlarged* (large) so we can frame them and hang them up in the lounge.
- 2 I always enjoy reading the \_\_\_\_\_ (edit) pages of the Sunday papers to get a general idea of the main news items of the week.
- 3 Jack's \_\_\_\_\_ (mature) often lets him down. It's about time he faced up to the fact that he's no longer in his twenties.
- 4 What you're suggesting is completely (ethics) and I will not allow it. It goes against all my principles.
- 5 The development of satellite links has truly (form) our communication systems.
- 6 I really can't imagine Kevin being a centre manager. He's not really a people person and tends to be too \_\_\_\_\_ (confront) when it comes to dealing with conflict.
- 7 Arnold's finding it hard to get work because having invested so much into his education, he's now \_\_\_\_\_ (qualification) for a lot of the jobs he's been applying for.

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## Function

### 9 Complete the conversation by adding the words or phrases in the box to the phrases in bold. There are **two** options you do not need.

basically can is mean  
obvious on earth shouldn't ~~you~~

*you*

- A:** <sup>1</sup>**Don't ^ agree that** voting should be compulsory, like it is in Australia?
- B:** But <sup>2</sup>**why** shouldn't it be up to the individual? If we live in a democracy, it should be our choice whether we vote or not.
- A:** Why? <sup>3</sup>**Anyone see that** politics affects our daily lives.
- B:** <sup>4</sup>**But** we just let politicians get on with governing the country? They know what they're doing.
- A:** <sup>5</sup>**So what you're saying that** we as individuals have no need to vote really?
- B:** Absolutely. <sup>6</sup>**Isn't it that** very little actually changes in how the country is run even after we vote for different people or parties?
- A:** Well, clearly we'll have to agree to disagree.

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**10 Cross out the extra word in each sentence.**

- 1 Tom is always such a ~~so~~ helpful person, isn't he?
- 2 Why on the earth didn't you listen to me?  
I warned you it was a terrible idea to go ahead alone.
- 3 Actually, I so do know the answer to the question!
- 4 My neighbours are the ones who they looked after my house while I was away.
- 5 It's very completely insane to spend so much money on clothes every season.
- 6 There's no the way you could have met Paul before. He's only just arrived in the UK.

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**11 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.**

~~catch~~ go happen occur realise remind

- 1 I'm afraid I didn't catch the make of the car. It could have been a Renault.
- 2 It \_\_\_\_\_ to me that the young man was acting suspiciously.
- 3 My mind just \_\_\_\_\_ blank and I couldn't remember anything.
- 4 It all \_\_\_\_\_ so fast that I just froze.
- 5 She \_\_\_\_\_ me of my sister as they're both tall and blonde.
- 6 It was only later that I \_\_\_\_\_ the danger I'd been in.

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**Reading**

**12 Read the article opposite and complete the gaps with paragraph headings a)–k) below. There are two extra headings you do not need.**

- a) Surround yourself with things you love
- b) ~~Having the right attitude~~
- c) Accept times of sadness
- d) Spend time with happy people
- e) And most important of all...
- f) The power of laughter
- g) Forget numbers
- h) Take care of your health
- i) Don't feel guilty
- j) Remember simple pleasures
- k) Be a student

**Live long, keep healthy**

It is now no longer unusual for people to live well into their eighties or nineties, but few would wish to end their days suffering from ill health or loneliness.

**1** b

Here at *Healthy Ageing*, we believe that humour and a positive outlook play a big part in keeping us young, so we hope you will enjoy our humorous guide to growing old.

**2** \_\_\_\_\_

Don't worry about numbers connected to age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about those. That's what we pay them for, isn't it?

**3** \_\_\_\_\_

Continue to learn. Keep abreast of what's going on in the world. If you don't have one already, get a computer and teach yourself how to use it. Take up new hobbies. Get out into the garden. Join the local history society. Whatever it is, use your brain because if you don't, your brain will give up on you.

**4** \_\_\_\_\_

Be careful about the company you keep. Avoid negative people. They bring you down and make you feel depressed. Seek out positive people.

**5** \_\_\_\_\_

Laughter works in more ways than you can imagine. Did you know that laughter dissolves tension, stress, anxiety, irritation, anger, grief and depression? Laughter releases endorphins that boost the immune system so make sure you start seeing the funny side.

**6** \_\_\_\_\_

Take time to listen to the birds. Sit back and watch the clouds. Go to a café and just simply watch the world go by.

**7** \_\_\_\_\_

Everyone goes through ups and downs in their lives. It's how you deal with the difficult times that counts: cry if you need to and then just move on.

**8** \_\_\_\_\_

Whatever that might be: family, pets, keepsakes, music or plants, for example. Your home is your refuge so make it a special place.

**9** \_\_\_\_\_

If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If you can't improve it by yourself, be sure to ask for professional help.

**10** \_\_\_\_\_

Enjoy your pleasures, and don't reproach yourself. Go shopping, go abroad. If you have the money, enjoy it. Life is for living.

**11** \_\_\_\_\_

Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity. It's good for you; it's good for them. Don't be afraid to be open with your emotions. We hope that you've enjoyed reading these tips. Please let us know what keeps you young at heart.

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- Types of transport available
- Timetables
- Cost/type of tickets
- Routes

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Total:	100
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### Unit test 1

- 1: 2 ...how long it took you to make their wedding cake  
3 ...if you'd ever flown in a helicopter before  
4 ...who gave you that beautiful necklace  
5 ...what time the film starts on screen one  
6 ...how much you had to pay for your car
- 2: 2 's studied, 's done 3 's always loved, started 4 worked, became 5 I've taken, haven't passed 6 's never been, hasn't even learnt
- 3: 2 keep 3 person 4 laugh 5 earth 6 geek
- 4: 2h) 3c) 4g) 5f) 6a)
- 5: 2 embarrassing 3 frustration 4 fascinating 5 amused 6 worrying
- 6: 2 deposit 3 limited 4 sign 5 deals 6 details
- 7: 2h) 3f) 4k) 5e) 6b) 7j) 8a) 9i) 10d) 11m)

### Unit test 2

- 1: 2S 3C 4B 5C 6S
- 2: 2 's/has (always) loved  
3 've/have been repainting  
4 has (really) helped  
5 've/have (already) sold  
6 have been interviewing
- 3: 2 was 3 's being 4 are 5 are being  
6 are 7 could be 8 have been  
9 cannot be 10 to be 11 are
- 4: 2 ethical 3 industrial 4 political 5 global
- 5: 2 decrease 3 permit 4 suspect  
5 desert 6 appeal 7 research
- 6: 2e) 3c) 4h) 5g) 6b)
- 7: 2 reasonable 3 unethical 4 outrageous  
5 disturbing 6 irresponsible
- 8: 2 disagree 3 point 4 convinced 5 see  
6 Basically 7 agree 8 extent  
9 suppose 10 Fair 11 Personally

### Unit test 3

- 1: 1 had eaten, was dancing  
2 had been playing, went, were  
kicking, laughing  
3 had been thinking, lost, called, booked
- 2: 2 'd/would call 3 'd/had told 4 'd/had known 5 was/were 6 would tell  
7 had 8 wouldn't/would not sit  
9 able to leave 10 'd/had (never) offered 11 hadn't/not been offered
- 3: 2 When, do 3 bitten, shy 4 cloud, lining  
5 goes, comes
- 4: 2 intense 3 hilarious 4 moving  
5 dramatic 6 remarkable
- 5: 2b) 3c) 4d) 5b) 6d) 7a)
- 6: 2d) 3b) 4f) 5g) 6c)
- 7: 2 of 3 stand 4 enjoyed 5 way  
6 builds 7 what 8 into 9 character  
10 appeal 11 on

### Unit test 4

- 1: 2 use 3 be 4 generally visited  
5 would 6 use 7 always used  
8 will usually buy 9 didn't  
10 's always forgetting 11 usually get
- 2: 2a) 3c) 4a) 5a) 6b) 7b)
- 3: 2 might 3 not 4 to 5 probably
- 4: 2 winding 3 chill 4 focused 5 switches
- 5: 2 classic 3 stunning 4 significant  
5 exceptional
- 6: 2 advice 3 facilities 4 means  
5 outskirts 6 accommodation  
7 whereabouts
- 7: 2 good sense of humour 3 sharp mind  
4 inventive 5 cool-headed  
6 understand human nature  
7 know-how
- 8: 2j) 3b) 4h) 5c) 6i) 7d) 8g) 9a)  
10k) 11e)

### Unit test 5

- 1: 2 The, --, the, -- 3 the, the 4 --, an  
5 --, the 6 a, the, a 7 --, a, --  
8 --, the, the
- 2: 2 Unless 3 would get 4 would win  
5 will 6 wouldn't 7 'd 8 wouldn't  
9 went 10 As long as, did
- 3: 2b) 3c) 4b) 5c) 6c)
- 4: 2 outlook 3 drawback 4  
breakthrough  
5 trade-off 6 outcome
- 5: 2 launched 3 reduce 4 break into  
5 endorse 6 set
- 6: 2 go with 3 struck 4 unrealistic  
5 developed 6 come up with
- 7: 2 grab me 3 my first choice  
4 What about 5 be great if  
6 on the wrong track 7 could be  
8 Suppose 9 Let's go 10 How does  
11 sounds like

### Unit test 6

- 1: 2 wasn't allowed to 3 were  
supposed to  
4 won't be able to 5 managed to  
6 to let
- 2: 2 should've/have gone 3 can't watch  
4 had to attend 5 mustn't/must not  
say  
6 don't/do not have to (come)
- 3: 2 I'll be relaxing on the beach **this**  
time tomorrow!  
3 We'll have finished our exams **by**  
next weekend.  
4 In two weeks' time, I'll **have**  
moved home.  
5 At 10p.m. tonight, you **'ll/will** be  
flying to France.  
6 By 2020, we'll have retired. We'll  
**be** playing golf every day.
- 4: 2 prime 3 immature 4 elderly  
5 mature 6 discrimination
- 5: 2 unwilling 3 illogical 4  
unpredictable  
5 misinterpreted 6 underqualified
- 6: 2 despair 3 bright 4 dreading  
5 upbeat 6 nowhere
- 7: 2b) 3a) 4c) 5b) 6c)

- 8: 2f) 3k) 4a) 5e) 6i) 7c) 8h) 9j)  
10b) 11g)

### Unit test 7

- 1: 2 very few 3 each 4 Every  
5 a good deal of 6 another  
7 plenty of 8 number 9 little  
10 several 11 no
- 2: 2 Gino would help her if she asked  
him.  
3 if they were going to watch TV  
then/at that time.  
4 where he'd/had been today/that  
day.  
5 whether/if it'd/would rain  
tomorrow/the next/following day.  
6 if I could go shopping with him  
next/the following week.
- 3: 2 costume dramas 3 soap opera  
4 sketch shows 5 detective series  
6 current affairs programme
- 4: 2 out 3 back 4 across 5 out  
6 up with
- 5: 2b) 3c) 4b) 5a) 6b)
- 6: 2 supplement 3 tabloids 4 biased  
5 edition 6 sensationalism
- 7: 2c) 3j) 4g) 5a) 6d) 7i) 8b) 9f)  
10k) 11h)

### Unit test 8

- 1: 2e 3f 4c 5a 6b
- 2: 2 ~~got~~ **have got**  
3 ~~had~~ **would**  
4 ✓  
5 ~~would have had~~ **'d**  
6 ✓
- 3: 2 to share, to keep 3 work, to cancel  
4 make, get 5 to meet, to let  
6 to improve, give
- 4: 2 arrived at 3 look into 4 stick to  
5 reach 6 went against
- 5: 2 time-consuming 3 solar-powered  
4 odd-sounding 5 twelve-month  
6 life-changing
- 6: 2 justice 3 aggression 4 generosity  
5 equality 6 greed
- 7: 2b) 3b) 4c) 5c) 6a)
- 8: 2e) 3h) 4c) 5l) 6i) 7b) 8m)  
9g) 10j) 11d)

### Unit test 9

- 1: 2 to put 3 working 4 making 5 leaving  
6 to stop
- 2: 2 might 3 must've been  
4 couldn't have  
5 must've been planning 6 must've  
7 couldn't 8 must've been raining  
9 can't have 10 might've  
11 could've been worrying
- 3: 2 bribery 3 stalking 4 arsonist  
5 kidnapper 6 hacking
- 4: 2c) 3b) 4b) 5c) 6a)
- 5: 2c) 3b) 4a) 5a) 6b)
- 6: 2e) 3a) 4f) 5b) 6d)
- 7: 2 incident 3 precise 4 pinpoint  
5 vicinity 6 exactly 7 Before  
8 happening 9 description 10 quickly  
11 remind 12 wearing 13 hoodie  
14 tracksuit 15 if 16 catch 17 cross  
18 mind 19 blank 20 take  
21 statement

### Unit test 10

- 1: 2 (-) (that/which), who 3 whose  
4 where 5 who 6 when 7 whose  
8 when 9 which 10 (-) (that/which)  
11 which
- 2: 2 Walking, running  
3 Surprised, stunned  
4 involved, realising  
5 Worried, thinking  
6 hoping, suspecting
- 3: 2 hilarious 3 controversial 4 gory  
5 fast-paced 6 thought-provoking
- 4: 2 flop 3 rave reviews 4 mainstream  
5 created (a) stir 6 must-see
- 5: 2 sick, tired 3 through, through  
4 rough, ready 5 leaps, bounds  
6 peace, quiet
- 6: 2b) 3c) 4c) 5a) 6b)
- 7: 2e) 3b) 4l) 5i) 6c) 7k) 8f) 9j)  
10m) 11a)

### Achievement test 1 (Units 1–2)

- 1: 2c) 3a) 4b) 5c) 6c)
- 2: 2T 3F 4F 5T 6T
- 3: 2c) 3a) 4g) 5b) 6f)
- 4: 2 I've seen I saw, disappointed  
**disappointing**  
3 ~~being~~ **been**, ~~been~~ **be** looking  
4 ~~to knowing~~ **in knowing/to know**,  
where ~~do they work~~ **they are**  
**working**  
5 ~~I've~~ **I** thought, ~~be~~ **been**  
6 ~~knowing~~ **to know**, ~~being~~
- 5: 2 seen them since last year.  
3 you mind telling me where  
4 are being sent to me  
5 was wondering if you could  
6 's/has been renovating it for
- 6: 2c) 3a) 4c) 5a) 6c) 7c) 8b)  
9c)  
10a) 11c)
- 7: 1 herself to 2 geek 3 over 4 global  
5 turn 6 swallow 7 sign up 8  
project  
9 outrageous 10 appealing
- 8: 2 embarrassing 3 frustrated  
4 disturbing 5 unappealing  
6 disappointment 7 permission  
8 anxiety 9 spontaneity 10  
unethical  
11 irresponsible
- 9: 2d) 3f) 4e) 5a) 6c)
- 10: 2 you tell me 3 there be  
4 hold on 5 far as I know 6 I see  
7 suppose 8 I'd appreciate  
9 me asking if you 10 Fair 11 you  
mind
- 11: 2c) 3b) 4b) 5a) 6b)
- 12: 2F 3F 4F 5T 6F 7F 8T 9F  
10T  
11T
- 13: 2 ~~waited~~ **waiting**  
3 ~~already have~~ **have already**  
4 no comma after *engineer*  
5 ~~get in touch with~~ **contact**  
6 ~~attention~~ **attention**

14: (sample answer) [171 words]  
 Hi Maria,  
 Hope all is well with you. Thanks for your email and glad things are working out with the new job. You sound a lot happier now.  
 On the subject of jobs, I'm not enjoying mine very much at the moment. We've got a new boss – and I can't stand him! He treats me as if I don't know what I'm doing. It's extremely irritating, as you can imagine. No doubt he's jealous of my experience but it makes it hard to feel motivated. I've actually been thinking of giving it all up and finding something else. I could try talking to him, I suppose, though he'd probably see that as a sign of weakness. What do you think? If you have any suggestions, I'd be happy to hear them!  
 I know you had a pretty hard time in your last job.  
 Anyway, that's enough of my problems. I'll give you a ring at the weekend. Maybe we could fix up a game of squash on Sunday?  
 Cheers,  
 Marielle

### Achievement test 2 (Units 3–4)

- 1: 2g) 3a) 4b) 5c) 6f)  
 2: 2b) 3b) 4a) 5c) 6c)  
 3: 2T 3T 4F 5T 6F  
 4: 2 will often talk to  
 3 wish I'd/had been  
 4 'd/had been living in Italy  
 5 I'm getting used to  
 6 they might want to buy  
 5: 2b) 3a) 4b) 5a) 6c) 7b) 8c)  
 6: 2 hadn't ~~went~~ **gone** out, should've ~~staying~~ **stayed**  
 3 to ~~study~~ **studying**, ~~wouldn't~~ **hadn't** gone  
 4 ~~laid~~ **lying**, ~~was starting~~ **started**  
 5 ~~Does~~ **Is** she thinking, ~~playing~~ **going** to play tennis  
 6 ~~were~~ **had been**, ~~was~~ **were**  
 7 ~~playing~~ **play**, ~~been~~

- 8 ~~taking~~ **take**, ~~get even~~ **even get**  
 9 ~~use~~ **used**, ~~spent~~ **spend**  
 7: 2g) 3a) 4c) 5f) 6d) 7e)  
 8: 2 blockbuster 3 comes 4 scenery  
 5 lining 6 breathtaking 7 inspiring  
 8 means  
 9: 1 on 2 off 3 of 4 out of 5 on 6 up  
 7 on 8 down  
 10: 2g) 3i) 4b) 5k) 6a) 7c) 8m) 9h) 10j) 11e)  
 11: 2 in where? 3 of who? 4 does what?  
 5 the what? 6 my what?  
 12: 2C 3A 4C 5B 6C 7A 8C 9B 10A 11B  
 13: 2T 3F 4T 5F 6T  
 14: 2 seems 3 however 4 In  
 5 unfortunately 6 Moreover  
 7 Furthermore 8 Unsurprisingly  
 9 contrast 10 conclude 11 eventually  
 15: (sample answer) [171 words]  
 When I was made redundant from my job as a sales manager last year, I thought it was the end of the world. I'd worked for the company since I left school. I'll never forget seeing the letter on my desk telling me I was losing my job. I was totally shocked. Fortunately, I had savings in the bank so didn't have to worry about not being able to paying the bills for a while. However, I'm really into sailing and had been saving for years to buy a new boat and sail around the world. I didn't want to give up my dream. I searched for other jobs online and sent off about two hundred application letters. Two weeks later, I'd had ten rejection letters. Determined not to give up, I phoned my friends and asked for advice. One of them suggested setting up my own business. That was the turning point. Now I have a successful boat hire business. As the saying goes: *Every cloud has a silver lining.*

### Achievement test 3 (Units 5–6)

- 1: 2 superbugs such  
3 cleaning their hands  
4 and medical  
5 medication for heart conditions  
6 discovery of 7 sore throat  
8 drug-resistant  
9 (global) pharmaceutical companies
- 2: 2F 3F 4T 5F 6T 7T 8F
- 3: 2 ~~have~~ **be**, ~~phoned~~ **phone**  
3 **the** last bus, able **to** get  
4 pay **a** deposit, ~~to~~  
5 ~~you~~ **if you** get up, see **the** sun  
6 ~~the~~ lunch, ~~prepare~~ **prepared**
- 4: 2c) 3b) 4d) 5c) 6d) 7c) 8b)  
9a)  
10b) 11a)
- 5: 2 would often play outdoors  
3 wasn't supposed to tell  
4 am/'m not allowed to drive  
5 provided you clean up afterwards  
6 unless they have a visa
- 6: 2 predictable 3 discrimination  
4 saw 5 dreadful 6 running  
7 dreading 8 minimum 9 coming  
10 endorsing 11 bright
- 7: 2 breakthroughs 3 unwilling 4 criticises  
5 immature 6 travelling
- 8: 2 illogical 3 misinterpreted 4 unrealistic  
5 enabled 6 revolutionised
- 9: 2b) 3a) 4b) 5b) 6a)
- 10: 2e) 3h) 4j) 5c) 6i) 7a) 8f) 9k)  
10d) 11g)
- 11: 2T 3T 4F 5F 6T 7T 8T 9F  
10F  
11F
- 12: 2a) 3b) 4a) 5b) 6c)
- 13: 2 let me know if you're coming  
3 the best idea 4 let you know  
5 I'd be so happy  
6 Can't wait to hear back
- 14: (sample answer) [187 words]  
Hi Lorraine,  
It's great to hear from you and how exciting that Etherwood are playing at Okehart! I've never been to that

before so of course, I'd love to come!  
How could I miss that!?

Well, I think the best dates for me to visit are 13–21 August. Work's usually quieter then but I'll check if it's ok and get back to you. Hope these dates are good with you. Not sure what the best places to visit are near yours (I'm sure you have a better idea!) but I've heard there's a fantastic beach not far away and I'd love to go there. I'm also curious about that cool internet café in town that you've talked about before.

Anyhow, what's the best way to get to yours? Is it easier to get a train to London and then another one to your town? Or are there direct buses? I'll have a look online but let me know if you have any bright ideas. If my car wasn't being fixed, I'd drive!

Well, have to go now as it's dinner time. Get in touch soon!

Wendy

### Achievement test 4 (Units 7–8)

- 1: 2e) 3g) 4a) 5b) 6f)
- 2: 2F 3F 4T 5T 6F 7T 8T 9T  
10F  
11T
- 3: 2 ~~put~~ **putting**, ~~in~~ **of**  
3 ~~in~~ **of**, ~~few~~ **little**  
4 ~~hadn't~~ **wouldn't**, ~~would have~~ **had**  
5 ~~meeting to meet~~, ~~many~~ **much**  
6 ~~ate~~ **had eaten**, ~~'H~~ **'d**
- 4: 2a) 3a) 4b) 5d) 6c) 7d) 8b)  
9b)  
10d) 11c)
- 5: 2 advised Kim to relax more  
3 accused David of driving  
4 threatened to call the police  
5 can't stand staying  
6 is capable of passing
- 6: 2 postpone 3 back 4 sensible 5 out  
6 promise 7 to sleep 8 admitted  
9 to 10 control 11 up
- 7: 2 soap operas 3 reality shows  
4 diplomatic 5 circulation  
6 costume dramas 7 four-storey



- 8 supplements 9 series  
10 game show 11 sensationalism
- 8: 2 been meaning 3 up 4 wrong  
5 just 6 coming from
- 9: 2c) 3k) 4e) 5i) 6j) 7f) 8m)  
9a)  
10d) 11h)
- 10: 2a) 3b) 4c) 5b) 6a)
- 11: 2T 3F 4F 5T 6F 7T 8F 9F  
10T  
11F
- 12: 2 Despite 3 so as to 4 although  
5 While 6 However
- 13: (sample answer) [178 words]  
Do you find yourself running through the day with never enough time to finish all the things on your to-do list? Are you the kind of person who gets stressed at the first sign of pressure? Well, here are some tips to help you relax and calm down. First of all, when you wake up, take a few deep breaths and try to clear your mind. Make a list of all the things that you need to do during the day – in other words, prioritise. And don't forget that a healthy mind needs a healthy body so make sure that you eat regular meals and drink lots of water throughout the day. Having breakfast is important so don't skip this, whatever you do. One of the most important lessons I learned was that it's ok to say 'no' so when you feel that you're being asked to do too much, just practise saying 'no'. Start making these small changes and I'm sure you'll soon notice the difference. So, what are you waiting for? Take a deep breath ...

### Achievement test 5 (Units 9–10)

- 1: 2c) 3a) 4b) 5b) 6c)
- 2: 2F 3T 4F 5T 6T 7F 8T 9T  
10T  
11F
- 3: 2a) 3c) 4c) 5b) 6c) 7a) 8b)  
9c)
- 4: 2 ~~must~~ **can't**, ~~to go~~ **going**  
3 ~~which~~ **who**, ~~helping~~ **to help**  
4 ~~To be~~ **Being**, ~~what~~ **which**  
5 ~~what~~ **whose**, ~~to take~~ **taking**  
6 must ~~had~~ **have**, have **been** delayed
- 5: 2 worn 3 might 4 Listening  
5 to become 6 can't 7 to inform  
8 What
- 6: 2d) 3a) 4b) 5c) 6h) 7f)
- 7: 2a) 3b) 4c) 5b) 6a) 7c) 8c)  
9b)  
10c)
- 8: 2 height 3 shorten 4 widen 5  
depth  
6 lengthen
- 9: 2 worth 3 built 4 As 5 apparently  
6 back
- 10: 2l) 3k) 4g) 5f) 6a) 7d) 8m)  
9j)  
10h) 11b)
- 11: 2C 3A 4C 5B 6A
- 12: 2F 3T 4F 5F 6T 7F 8T 9T  
10F  
11T
- 13: 2 sensitively 3 heavily 4 Widely  
5 convincingly 6 highly
- 14: (sample answer) [214 words]  
Based on the diary accounts of an ambitious chambermaid who started working for a rich French couple at the beginning of the twentieth century, *Diary of a Chambermaid* is the story of a beautiful young woman whose arrival brings disruption to the wealthy family she's come to work for. Her looks attract unwanted attention from her master, whose wife has a keen eye and keeps strict order in the household she runs. Working under such pressure and with little freedom given to domestic servants within the household, the main

character Célestine (sensitively played by Léa Seydoux) becomes intrigued by Joseph, the gardener and his mysterious behaviour. Avoiding seduction from the master, his son and their wealthy neighbour, Célestine seeks the help of Joseph and as their friendship grows, he shares his plans to steal from the master and his wife so he can leave. Although she agrees to be his accomplice, the plan fails and leads to a set of convincingly real situations where Célestine must make life-changing decisions. Director Benoît Jacquot manages to avoid too much sentimentality and to surprise the viewer with the dramatic ending. The underlying message of the film, despite some clichés, is poignant and I would certainly recommend this film to anyone who enjoys world cinema and French classics.

### Mid-course test

- 1: 2c) 3c) 4a) 5b) 6b)  
 2: 2F 3F 4T 5F 6F 7F 8T 9T 10T 11F  
 3: 2 the 3 has 4 used 5 'll/will 6 spending 7 wish 8 've/have 9 met 10 make  
 4: 2 ~~are liking~~ **like**, ~~going~~ **go** 3 ~~would~~ **will**, ~~provide~~ **providing** 4 ~~the~~ children, ~~going~~ **go** 5 ~~to ask~~ **asking**, as if 6 ~~I'd~~ **I've**, ~~tell~~ **'d/had told**  
 5: 2a) 3c) 4a) 5c) 6a) 7a)  
 6: 2 Whereabouts 3 in 4 up 5 perfect 6 for 7 outskirts 8 for 9 on 10 manual 11 between  
 7: 2 deterrent 3 awkwardness 4 outrageous 5 disappointment 6 revolutionised  
 8: 2 come up with your 3 keeps herself to herself 4 were over the moon when

- 5 scared out of my wits  
 6 run out of sugar  
 9: 2 Would you mind helping me with my luggage?  
 3 I'd be grateful if you would/could send me another copy of the contract.  
 4 I'd like to enquire about the council's plans for developing the old bus station.  
 5 I was wondering if it would be possible to make a reservation for this evening.  
 6 Can you tell me why the course has been cancelled?  
 10: 2 make 3 point 4 suppose 5 way 6 convinced  
 11: 2 What I liked about the main characters was their relationship.  
 3 I just couldn't get into the right mood.  
 4 I'm not a big fan of the classics.  
 5 I can't stand being interrupted by people.  
 6 The thing I hate about musicals is the singing.  
 12: 2b) 3b) 4a) 5c) 6b)  
 13: 2F 3T 4F 5F 6T 7F 8F 9T 10T 11T  
 14: 2 comma missing after **late**  
 3 ~~get this cold over~~ **get over this cold**  
 4 ~~interested~~ **interesting**  
 5 We **have**/'ve lived  
 6 ~~drive~~ **driving**  
 15: (sample answer) [187 words]  
 Hi everyone  
 I hope you're all well and enjoying the summer. It doesn't seem possible that it's August already, does it? Well, I moved to Brighton a month ago and I'm now renting a small flat near the sea. It's quite expensive but I didn't want to share with anyone because of the last experience I had – you remember that guy who just wanted to sleep all day long! I'm on the second floor and I can just about see the sea from my bedroom window, which is fantastic.

The job, however, is another thing! I guess it's too early to tell but I'm finding it quite hard to settle in. My colleagues haven't been very friendly but I don't think they realise how hard it can be to move to another country and do everything in a foreign language. Luckily my boss is quite patient and he can speak German so that helps when there's something I don't understand. The job itself seems very interesting but there's a lot to learn, obviously. Anyway, I miss you all and send my love.  
Please write back soon.  
Brigitte

### End of course test

- 1:** 2F 3F 4T 5T 6F 7F 8F 9F  
10T  
11F
- 2:** 2a) 3c) 4a) 5b) 6a)
- 3:** 2 ~~arresting~~ **to arrest**, ~~what~~ **which**  
3 ~~eave~~ **have left**, ~~would~~  
4 ~~live~~ **be living**, ~~had~~ **hadn't**  
5 ~~mustn't~~ **can't**, ~~being~~ **been**  
6 ~~listens~~ **'d/had listened**, ~~won't~~ **wouldn't**
- 4:** 2 You'd/had better wash  
3 apologised to Maria for letting  
4 don't let her watch  
5 if I hadn't stayed  
6 despite being highly  
7 can't have seen Liam
- 5:** 2 are 3 the 4 you 5 'd/would 6 that  
7 ever 8 was/were 9 doing  
10 will
- 6:** 2 contents 3 of 4 spot 5 in 6 wear  
7 in 8 stick 9 away
- 7:** 2 hilarious 3 spontaneous 4 incredible  
5 shaking 6 biographies 7 significant
- 8:** 2 editorial 3 immaturity 4 unethical  
5 transformed 6 confrontational  
7 overqualified
- 9:** 2 why **on earth**  
3 Anyone **can** see that  
4 But **shouldn't**  
5 So what you're saying **is** that  
6 But isn't it **obvious** that
- 10:** 2 the 3 so 4 they 5 very 6 the
- 11:** 2 occurred 3 went 4 happened  
5 reminded 6 realised
- 12:** 2g) 3k) 4d) 5f) 6j) 7c) 8a) 9h)  
10i) 11e)
- 13:** 2T 3F 4T 5F 6T 7T 8F 9F  
10F  
11T
- 14:** 2b) 3c) 4b) 5a) 6b)
- 15** (sample answer) [184 words]  
London has an excellent network of buses and underground trains (also known as the Tube) so you will be able to travel around the whole city easily. Ask at the hotel reception for a bus or Tube map.  
Tickets:  
If you are visiting London for the day, it's worth buying a travel card. These can be bought at any Tube station and at some shops and newsagents (just look for the sign). They will allow you unlimited travel for the day.  
If you are staying for longer, you should invest in an Oyster Card which acts like a credit card. Basically, you put money on the card in advance and you swipe it when you use the Underground or a bus. Don't forget to swipe the card twice for each journey though (at the beginning and at the end), or you will be charged more than you expect.  
Taxis:  
Taxis are very expensive but if you do need to take one, make sure that you only use black cabs, the licensed London taxis, unless your hotel says they can organise a minicab for you.

**Recording 1:      Achievement Test 1, Listening exercises 1 and 2****1****M = Man                  W = Woman**

**M:**                  OK, that's the eggs and cheese. Let's go over to the vegetable section. I need some organic spinach.

**W:**                  Organic? That's a bit expensive, isn't it?

**M:**                  Yeah, I suppose so. But it's healthier. They don't use pesticides and stuff.

**W:**                  How do you know? I think it's a rip-off. Just to get people to spend more money.

**M:**                  I know what you mean. I've actually started growing my own veggies. I don't grow spinach or broccoli though – so that's why I buy it here.

**W:**                  Fair enough. Maybe I should try growing my own stuff as well.

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**I = Interviewer****W = Woman**

**I:** ... and you've had such a fascinating life. Are you happier than five years ago, do you think?

**W:** Difficult to say really. I mean, how do you measure happiness? The way I see it is, um, well, life is a series of events – or not so much events – just moments really. Every day is full of hundreds, even thousands, of separate moments, don't you think? Some are very nice, um, like getting home from a long day, maybe sitting in the garden, admiring the beautiful flowers. Obviously there are those marvellous, more momentous events that make you feel really happy – you know, a new baby in the family, or getting a pay rise! And then of course there are the not so good moments – like opening your bank statement! And of course, much, much worse things. But more importantly, talking about happiness – I think it has a lot to do with your personality, really. Having a positive attitude to life. I think I'm very lucky because I've always been quite an optimistic person; I tend to look on the bright side of things – like my dad really. He just accepts what life brings.

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**Jo:** So did you live at home then, Auntie Sue? When *you* were at university?

**Sue:** No, no – in those days, they encouraged us to move away from home – to learn to be more independent I suppose. I remember how excited I was to leave home. I couldn't wait to live on my own and be a real grown up! Though, to be honest, it didn't turn out exactly as I'd hoped!

**Jo:** Why? What happened?

**Sue:** Well, some first year students lived in college rooms on campus. They had their own rooms and everything. But I wasn't so lucky. I was put in lodgings with an old couple who didn't have any children. Basically they were expecting me to be a surrogate daughter I think - and spend weekends and evenings with them. It was pretty awful!

**Jo:** And did you spend time with them?

**Sue:** I did try a bit at first – but honestly, it was so boring. I ended up sleeping on friends' floors in college at weekends and had a great time, of course! Mind you, it must have hurt the old couple's feelings. I'm not very proud of that I must say – but what could I do? I was young!

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**N = Newsreader****C = News correspondent**

**N:** ... and finally here's our environmental correspondent Jack Richardson, to give us the latest update on the demonstration outside Parliament this morning.

**C:** Thank you, Helen. Yes, 10,000 demonstrators have been here since the early hours in reaction to the government's proposal to build a nuclear power station on the west coast.

People have come from all parts of the country, both supporters of the proposal, and those environmental and anti-nuclear groups who oppose it. Supporters say it would be the answer to the country's energy problems, while opponents argue that not only will it endanger wildlife but also destroy the local fishing industry. The Keep Nuclear Out organisation has collected 50,000 signatures and will present their petition to the Minister for the Environment at three o'clock this afternoon. Now back to Helen in the studio.



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**Mark:** Now that you've seen the flat, let's have a coffee, shall we?

**Ann:** Yes, I'd love one. Thanks Mark.

**Mark:** So where have you been living until now?

**Ann:** New York. I've just got back – well, two months ago. I was doing a job placement with Reuters, you know, the news agency.

**Mark:** That sounds good. I love New York.

**Ann:** Yeah, me too. But my visa ran out so I had to come back. I've been staying with my parents – they're great. But to be honest, I've been having terrible culture shock since I got back to London. I just can't seem to settle down again.

**Mark:** Tell me about it. I felt exactly the same when I got back from my gap year. You have so many new experiences when you're away; it's really hard to adjust when you get back.

**Ann:** Totally. That's why I want to get my own place. I need to move on, I think.

**Mark:** Good thinking. Um, do you mind my asking how long you'd want the room for?

**Ann:** No, of course not. Actually, I was wondering if you'd consider a six-month let. One of my best mates is moving down here next September and we're planning to get a flat together.

**Mark:** Six months would suit me fine. I'm not sure what my plans are – but I'm thinking of changing my job and working abroad again.

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**Dad:** Hi Julie – you're back! So, how did it go?

**Julie:** It was wicked, Dad. Absolutely great!

**Dad:** Come on, sit down. I want to hear all about it – everything!

**Julie:** Well, first of all, when I got to the airfield, I checked in at reception and they told me what was going to happen. Then I was introduced to the instructor. He was so nice. Really relaxed and friendly – so I began to feel a *bit* less nervous! But when I saw the plane I nearly ran away!

**Dad:** Why?!

**Julie:** It was so small and light - it looked as if it would break up if you touched it!

**Dad:** But you did get in it, didn't you?

**Julie:** Of course I did! Anyway, then he showed me all the controls and what was what and after that we took off! Well, actually *he* took off! That was pretty awesome! What an amazing sensation, flying up over the fields and trees, and looking down at the tiny cars and people below. But I guess the most exciting bit was when I got to steer the plane on my own. Wow! I couldn't believe how easy it was. And much more fun than driving a car!

**Dad:** Don't tell me you want to be a pilot then?

**Recording 2: Achievement Test 1, Listening exercise 3****1**

**Jade:** Hi Eric. How are you doing?

**Eric:** I'm fine thanks, Jade. I've been really busy but I'm taking a break today.

**Jade:** Sounds a great idea. What have you been up to, then?

**Eric:** Well, you know my cousin's a boat builder. I've been helping him paint the boat they've just finished building. It's a lot trickier than you'd think, especially getting the underneath part done.

**Jade:** I'm sure it is. No wonder you want a break! So what are you going to do today then?

**Eric:** I was thinking of kayaking along the coast. Do you fancy joining me?

**Jade:** Umm... I'd love to but I don't think I can. I've been going for a lot of long runs recently and I've hurt my leg, so I ought to be resting it really. I was thinking of just relaxing on the sofa at home.

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**Naime:** Good to see you, Anthony. How's your week been? It seems to have gone really quickly, doesn't it?

**Anthony:** Does it? Well, it's been a quiet one really – too quiet in fact. I haven't actually done much at all. But then I have had flu so I've been stuck in bed. It was so boring!

**Naime:** For someone as active as you, that must've been awful. So, how are you feeling today then?

**Anthony:** Er... I'm still feeling a bit tired but I just needed to get out of the house and get some fresh air. I was beginning to go crazy! How about you? What've you been doing this week?

**Naime:** Well, I started my new job at Cranwell's, so it's been a really tough week. My poor brain is quite exhausted with all the new information it's been given, but I think it's going to be a great place to work. Everyone seems really friendly and the office's got a lovely atmosphere...

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**Harry:** Hey there, Daniela. Wow – you look amazing!

**Daniela:** Thanks Harry! What a surprise to see you here!

**Harry:** Well, I thought it was time to get myself in shape. I've been spending far too much time on the sofa watching sitcoms and soap operas. My body's been telling me it needs some exercise so I've just joined.

**Daniela:** Fantastic! You'll love it here. There's so much to do.

**Harry:** Have you been coming here for a long time? I didn't know you were a member.

**Daniela:** Oh yeah, I've been coming here for classes for over a year now. I absolutely love doing circuits and spinning. They really get your body working and your heart pumping.

**Harry:** Spinning? What's that?

**Daniela:** Well, it's on these special bikes and you do all sorts of routines to music. It's a fantastic way to lose weight and get fit.

**Harry:** Mmm... I think I'm going to have to try that. It sounds like just what I need!

**Recording 3: Achievement Test 2, Listening exercises 1 and 2****1**

**John:** Oh, I suppose I get irritated by the usual things – you know, waiting in queues, rude waiters, expensive gas bills, that sort of thing. One thing that makes me really furious though is when I have to phone my phone company or bank or something, to ask for information or make a complaint. There's nothing more frustrating than having to listen to the endless lists of instructions. You know, press one if you want to pay a bill, press two if you have a problem, press three if you want to check your balance, and so on. It drives me crazy! And you often have to key in your birthday and account number on the phone pad – and inevitably, when you do finally get to speak to a real person, they ask you to repeat all the same information!



**Frank:** What really annoys me most is, well, what I suppose you could call ‘bad manners’. The worst thing is on public transport. You know, when you’re on the bus or train, and people talk on their mobile phones – really loudly! I usually like to read on the train on my way to and from work, and it's just so irritating to have to listen to people telling their friends all about what they did the night before, or whatever. It's just *so* intrusive. And if it's not that, there's someone next to you with an MP3 player, listening to music. It's great for them – they hear the real thing. But all *you* hear is that tinny, buzzing kind of noise from their earphones! The other thing is, I wish people would switch off their phones in the cinema and the theatre. The other day, I went to see a show, and there was a girl in front of me taking photos with her mobile. I couldn't concentrate on the music – unbelievable!

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**Rose:** Don't laugh, but you know one of the things that really annoys me? People who spit in public – like footballers. You see them spitting all the time when you watch a game on telly. Ugh, disgusting! I mean, why do they have to do it? I bet they wouldn't do it in their own homes. I know I do have a bit of a thing about cleanliness and hygiene. You know, I can't stand seeing piles of dirty washing up in the sink – or my kids throwing their clothes on the floor when they take them off. Another thing that really upsets me is people eating in the streets, especially late at night. They come out of the clubs or pubs, and then go and buy fish and chips or hamburgers, and eat them on the bus, or walking along the road. It's so ugly – and the smell is awful. I mean, I'm not *obsessed* about hygiene or anything – I just like everything to be clean and tidy.

**Joyce:** I try not to get annoyed with things any more – it's not worth it. It doesn't change anything, and you just get upset and stressed out. My philosophy now is, if things annoy you so much then try and do something constructive about them. I used to get really *furious* about all the injustice in the world – the gap between the rich and the poor, the famines and droughts, hunger and poverty, etc. I'd hear about these top executives earning millions in salaries and bonuses, and just wanted to scream. And these premier league footballers, for example, earning more money in a week than most people see in their lifetime! So I decided to do some voluntary work. I've been helping out at the local refugee centre, and I also help to cook meals for the homeless and the elderly. At least it channels my energy and makes me feel better about life. I wish I'd started it years ago.

**Graham:** I just wish there wasn't such a terrible waste of paper everywhere. I get so annoyed. The packaging on food and things is bad enough, but that's nothing compared to the amount of junk mail we get all the time. Hardly a day goes by without getting useless letters from banks and catalogues of products you don't want. I have to take at least two black bin bags of paper to be recycled every week. And then there's all the free newspapers they hand out in the streets. You see them left on buses, and tubes and trains – or thrown on the ground, littering the town. It's outrageous. When I think of all the trees that had to be cut down to make the paper, it makes me so angry! No wonder the environment is in such a mess.

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**Lexi:** Well, I don't usually let things get to me. I'm quite a patient person on the whole. But I do worry about my husband when we're in the car together. He gets really annoyed with other motorists all the time. It could be anything really – for instance, if a car drives too closely behind us, or if somebody takes a bit longer than usual to start driving off when the traffic lights turn green, or if a car overtakes at a hundred miles an hour on a country road. I drive myself and I do realise that all these things are very irritating – and often dangerous. But Dan – that's my husband – goes completely mad. He starts shouting and banging his fists on the steering wheel. And when his face goes all red, I get really scared he might have a heart attack! To be honest, I try to avoid going out with him in the car. I get too stressed out – and *extremely* irritated!

**Recording 4: Achievement Test 2, Listening exercise 3**

While there are lots of books I'd recommend, one of my all time favourites has to be *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. At the heart of the story is an American family of six that move out to live in a small village in the Belgian Congo. If you're wondering if it's a religious book because of its title, I can tell you it's not – although the central character in the book, Nathan Price, is a missionary, which is the reason he moves the family to Africa.

The book itself makes for an interesting read for a number of reasons. Firstly, the characters are developed in such a way that you get to know each one of them individually. It's quite an unusual writing style, but each chapter is narrated by a different female character; so you have Nathan's wife and their four daughters, two of whom are twins, each giving their own perspective on their experiences over a thirty-year period. As each character has a different area of particular interest, such as nature, language or cultural rituals, the reader gains a deeper understanding of all that happens as events unfold in each narrative.

Their situation is not an easy one and they have no support because Nathan has gone against the advice of the mission he works for and decided to take this step into the unknown by himself. He thinks he is invincible and seems not to consider the dangers he puts himself and his family in.

Throughout the book he stubbornly refuses to admit he is ill-prepared for their new life and naively insists that his way is the only way to live, failing to see the reality of the conditions which the people of the village must manage. He is also an angry individual who rules his household through fear and expects his family, as well as the villagers he now comes into contact with, to obey him – whatever the cost. This results in hostility in an already dangerous place.

Not only is this book compelling because of the development of the main characters and the relationships that exist between them but also because of the other areas of interest which are built in. By reading this story, you will learn much about the instability of the political situation in the Belgian Congo and its history. It is not an easy read, as there are tragedies to be faced and freedom to be gained but as you turn the final page, you might, like me, feel so attached to the story that you start reading it again from the very first page – this time with a greater understanding.



**Recording 5: Achievement Test 3, Listening exercises 1 and 2****I = Interviewer    D = Dr Reynolds**

**I:** Hello and welcome to our weekly broadcast of *Science and Discovery*. Our topic today is antibiotics – or rather the *future* of antibiotics. And to discuss it with us today, we have Dr Amanda Reynolds, medical researcher and specialist in infectious diseases. Good afternoon, Dr Reynolds. Thank you for joining us.

**D:** Thank *you*. It's a pleasure to be here.

**I:** Dr Reynolds, the headlines in the newspapers this week have been rather alarming. They seem to suggest that antibiotics will no longer work ten years from now. But haven't scientists been saying this for a long time? Is this latest development really any different?

**D:** Well, it's all part of the same process really. As we all know, superbugs such as MRSA have been infecting patients in our hospitals for quite a number of years now. And we are all aware that hospital hygiene has been massively improved by the NHS as a result. Now most hospital staff and visitors clean their hands with antiseptic gel almost automatically when they enter and leave the patient wards.

- I:** Yes, you're right. So can you tell us more about this latest development, Doctor?
- D:** Basically it was the discovery of a new gene called NDM-1. Professor Tim Walsh, from Cardiff University discovered that NDM-1 makes some bacteria highly resistant to almost all antibiotics. And worse still, it's becoming very widespread.
- I:** Do they have any idea where it's come from?
- D:** They say it's due to the increase in international travel and medical tourism.
- I:** Sorry, *medical* tourism?
- D:** Yes, many people go abroad for medical treatment now because it's much cheaper. For example, some infected British patients in Britain travelled to India for treatments. For example, kidney transplants, cosmetic surgery and so on. And they came back with the NDM-1 bacteria.
- I:** So are new antibiotics being developed to fight it?
- D:** Well, antibiotic research is very difficult. And it's also not very profitable for pharmaceutical companies. People usually take antibiotics for only very short periods of time, while medication for heart conditions, for instance, are usually fairly long-term.

Apart from that, resistance to the drugs makes antibiotics useless after a while –

so researchers have to start all over again. Interestingly, Fleming

himself warned us about this about 80 years ago!

**I:** Really? You mean *Alexander* Fleming, the scientist who first discovered penicillin in 1928?

**D:** Yes. He said that resistance *would* happen and suggested the use of antibiotics should be *very* carefully restricted.

**I:** I'm amazed! That certainly hasn't happened though, has it? People want antibiotics to cure everything, including colds, coughs and sore throats.

**D:** Exactly. We do try to explain to patients that antibiotics are useless against viral complaints like colds. But people often *beg* for them so as to get on with their normal lives more quickly. It's often hard for doctors to resist.

**I:** Yes, I can imagine. I think I've been guilty of that myself! But seriously, what is the outlook for antibiotics, do you think?

**D:** I wish I could be more optimistic. Better hygiene is the key thing here, not only in hospitals but at home. Things like keeping your kitchens and cooking areas clean, washing your hands before meals, and so on.

- I:** Right – and campaigns in schools and on the TV to support it?
- D:** Absolutely. And the second thing is to use antibiotics more sparingly and more carefully. Many people stop taking them once they start feeling better – and don't complete the full course. This is dangerous because it can create even more drug-resistant bacteria. And last but not least, there's the issue of global health. This is not just a British problem. It's worldwide. It's *vital* that world governments get together with global pharmaceutical companies. They urgently need to fund more research to discover new ways of fighting these superbugs.
- I:** Dr Reynolds, thank you very much for coming here today.

**Recording 6: Achievement Test 4, Listening exercises 1 and 2****1**

**Liz:** To be honest, I don't normally buy a paper during the week because I know I won't have time to read anything but the headlines. I prefer to do that online and then buy a newspaper at the weekend when I know I'll have the time to sit down and actually read it. I can't think of anything better than getting the Saturday paper. I run down to the local shop, buy a trashy tabloid and one of the broadsheets and then I get comfy on the sofa and go through all the supplements – except the sport. I like everything, even the cartoons and the crossword puzzles.

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**James:** Ever since I can remember I've been interested in current affairs so I always make a point of watching at least one news or documentary programme a day. Mind you, I have to admit that it's a pretty depressing business on the whole. You end up feeling so powerless after half an hour of doom and gloom. If it's not a financial crisis, it'll be something environmental but then again, I suppose good news just doesn't sell, does it? I do think it's important to be aware of what's going on in the world. But then again, if I'm honest, I don't suppose my life would be any different if I didn't know what was happening around the world. Perhaps I should experiment and do without the news for a week or so. I wonder if it would make me happier ...

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**Kate:** I must be the only girl in my class who isn't allowed a TV, computer or mobile phone in their room. At first I was really upset because I thought I was missing out on so much – all my friends seem to be on social network sites 24/7 - but now I think it's good to be different! Mum and Dad let me choose a couple of programmes to watch after school once I've done my homework. As I can't stand soap operas, I tend to avoid that kind of stuff and instead I'll watch quizzes and some sitcoms. It's good to watch *some* of the same programmes as your friends, because then you know what they're talking about. But then there are lots of other things to do with your friends too – swimming, tennis, all sorts of things going on after school – as well as homework, of course!



**Sally:** I can't understand it myself. Why is everyone so obsessed by celebrity? Who cares who did what? I sometimes think that some of these so-called stars deliberately do stupid or risky things just so they can get into the news. Let's face it, what would the tabloid journalists write about if they didn't dig up gossip about the rich and famous? If I want to read some serious news, I'll always get a 'proper' paper. You know you'll find real news – not just who's run off with who. I think that buying those gossip magazines just encourages everyone to behave worse. I mean, it's not the way you'd want your friends to be, is it? And what kind of example is that for our children? It's hard enough raising a family today as it is, without having all this celebrity stuff getting in the way.

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**Chris:** One of the scariest things I've ever done was appear on television. You know what it's like when you're at home and shouting the answers at the TV ... well, I figured it would be pretty easy to make a bit of money by going on a quiz show. Man, was I wrong! Each time I was asked a question, I kept thinking of all the millions of viewers out there and I just froze. I couldn't answer even the easiest of questions. The memory of it now makes me feel quite ill. It was terrifying! And so embarrassing. Everyone must have thought I was really thick. Perhaps if I hadn't been quite so confident beforehand, I might have done better. And when I watch those shows now and see someone looking blank, I know how it feels.

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**Lucy:** Recently I've got into the really bad habit of watching television until the early hours. I've always been a bit of a night owl so I don't find it hard to stay awake but I have to say I'm starting to suffer a bit. The problem is that all the really interesting stuff is on quite late. I'm not sure why that is. I mean, most of us have got to get up in the morning, haven't we? And once you've started watching, you can't stop halfway through, can you? I mean you'd spend all night wondering what happened in the end. I've got hooked on one of those brilliant American series and when it's finished I find it hard to wind down and get to sleep. Luckily I don't start work until ten so I can usually pull myself together by then though I need several cups of coffee to get me going.

**Recording 7:      Achievement Test 5, Listening exercises 1 and 2****1**

Have you ever seen that TV programme called *Crimewatch* ... you know, the one where they ask members of the public to phone in if they have any new evidence or information regarding unsolved crimes? Well, yesterday they showed a reconstruction of a gang of pickpockets who have recently been operating on public transport in the centre of London. Apparently there are loads of them who all work together. Quite frightening really to see how quick they are and of course they tend to target tourists as they usually have the most stuff on them ... cameras, credit cards, cash, mobile phones, that kind of thing. Doesn't do much for our reputation, does it? Well, I suppose you just have to be really careful when you're on public transport, or anywhere in a crowd ...

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Well, I knew something was up when I heard noises coming from next door. I'd been trying to get to sleep for ages but as soon as I heard the noise I was wide awake. It was the sound of someone hurrying down the stairs. I knew it couldn't have been the neighbours as they were still away so I got up and pulled back the curtain. It was pretty dark outside as a couple of the streetlights aren't working. Still, there was enough light to see what was going on ... and there he was, cool as a cucumber, carrying a big bag over his shoulder. I'd guess he was around twenty, certainly no more than twenty-two or twenty-three, wearing the usual gear, you know, hoodie so you can't see the face, tracksuit bottoms and trainers. For a moment I just stood there. Actually, I seriously thought about going over and trying to do something, but of course, he might have been carrying a knife ...

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If I read a rave review of a film or play, or even a book, I tend to be a bit sceptical. I like to make up my own mind and perversely, if the review is really terrible, I might be more tempted to go and see for myself. I always wonder if the person writing the review was in a bad mood that day – or perhaps they think it's funnier to be rude about something. The last play I went to see was, in the main, well received and deservedly so. The staging was very creative and the acting was superb. My only criticism, and it's a minor point really – it just went on a bit too long and the seats were pretty uncomfortable. But perhaps that's more of a criticism of the theatre than the play, when you come to think of it.

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Memorable places? I've got loads, but if I had to choose one in Europe, I guess it would be the ruins at Pompeii. It sounds like a funny sort of choice in a way, but it's a place where the past seems incredibly close to you. You can almost reach out and touch it. When you walk around that place, you can't help but be struck by the poignancy of it. People still sitting, eating, laughing, going about their daily business and then, without any warning, they're engulfed by volcanic ash as Vesuvius erupts. Judging by the way things have been excavated, the inhabitants can't have had any time to run ... how terrifying is that? I don't know, but for some reason, I can still see everything so clearly and I was there roughly twenty years ago, if not more.



Modern art? I don't know what all the fuss is about. Hype, hype and more hype. So, you queue for ages to get tickets for the latest must-see exhibition and when you get inside, you wonder why on earth you bothered. First of all, it's usually incredibly crowded, so it's difficult to see what's on display – you almost have to queue up to see each painting. And then, listening to the people wandering through the gallery, I often think we must be looking at completely different things. I know that art appreciation is subjective but honestly ... or maybe I'm just too old to understand what makes a good picture these days. Or could it be that people are afraid to say what they really think? Perhaps they're all standing there like me thinking, 'What a load of nonsense!'

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It's all a bit of a blur to be honest but when I think about it, it could've been a lot worse. I was riding my bike back from college when a car came up behind me. I was going straight ahead but the driver wanted to turn left ... he didn't bother to indicate and I guess he can't have seen me as if he had done, he'd have stopped. Anyway, luckily for me, there was a narrow strip of grass by the side of the road and without thinking, I just threw myself off my bike and on to the grass. And would you believe, he didn't even stop to see if I was OK! Each time I see those adverts on TV – you know, the ones where they show drivers how easy it is to miss cyclists – well, I think of that driver and I hope they're watching! It's changed my attitude to cycling – I'm much more cautious. I really don't take any risks.

**Recording 8: Mid-course Test, Listening exercise 1****1**

I've signed up to quite a few connected with environmental issues. I try to post my comments before I start work otherwise it can all get too time-consuming. That's the drawback I guess, but used wisely, they're a great tool.

**2**

To be honest I don't think the solution is sending in loads of food. Year after year these countries suffer such terrible tragedies but in so many cases the food doesn't get delivered to the people who are starving and in any case that's just a short-term fix.

**3**

I read somewhere that during an average working day you can be caught on film up to 300 times! How is that possible? And what's the point?! There aren't enough people to go through all the footage and what evidence is there to suggest that crime figures have fallen in areas where they've been installed?

**4**

Most of my colleagues are OK but unfortunately I have to share my office with someone who must be the world's greatest bore when it comes to computers ... on and on and on he goes. I'm sure I could walk out of the room and he'd still carry on!

**5**

There's a new ad on TV and I just can't get the tune out of my head. I find myself singing it to myself when I'm on the bus, walking along the road ... something will set me off and that's it. Really irritating but I suppose it shows just how powerful advertising is though, ironically, I couldn't tell you what the ad is actually for.

**6**

Well, if you don't try you'll never know will you? I've always been a bit of a risk taker especially when it comes to work. I can't think of anything worse than being stuck in a dead-end job doing the same thing day in, day out. There are so many interesting things to do and as they say ... nothing ventured, nothing gained.

**Recording 9: Mid-course Test, Listening exercise 2****1**

**Cerys:** I'm not really one for dancing. I mean, I love listening to music and doing the odd bit of toe tapping but that's pretty much as far as it goes, or at least that's what I'd have said a year ago ... but now ... well! My neighbour persuaded me to go along to salsa classes at the local community centre a few months ago ... she didn't want to go alone so I agreed, somewhat reluctantly I must say, but once I'd got over the initial embarrassment, I just loved it. The rhythms, the moves and apart from anything, it's a really good workout.

**2**

**Adam:** I started renting this apartment about two years ago and just recently decided to advertise for a flatmate. I got loads of answers to my ad as this flat's right in the city centre. Obviously I couldn't interview everyone so I narrowed it down to people I thought would fit in well with my lifestyle and I have to say I've been very lucky. Jack keeps himself to himself most of the time and certainly pulls his weight when it comes to all the household stuff, which is perfect as I'm quite particular about things.

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**Sarah:** There aren't many things I'd change if I had my time again, but if I could turn back the clock, I think I'd have stayed in Australia when I had the chance. I was offered a really good job in Sydney during my gap year but decided not to take up the offer as I'd already got a place at uni for that autumn. At the time I remember thinking that I could always go back but somehow life just got in the way!

4

**Tamsin:** I've always loved the classics, much more than current fiction, so I'd say my favourite book has to be *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë. I first read it when I was at school and was struck by the passion in the writing. The book had everything ... adventure, love, hate, despair ... I guess I was probably too young to appreciate it all when I read it the first time but now that I'm an adult, it's a book I have often returned to. It's just the perfect read for a winter's afternoon curled up by the fire.

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**Rupert:** I'm not a great fan of package holidays so tend to go off the beaten track to look for the more remote, unspoilt places on our planet and Lake Baikal in Siberia is one such place! I went last winter and spent a few days on the shore of that incredible lake. I was pretty much the only person staying in the hotel as far as I could make out so it was quite eerie in some ways. The lake was starting to freeze over so the views were breathtakingly beautiful ... definitely a place to go back to.

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**Jane:** ... without a doubt, the mobile phone. I can't think of anything more annoying than sitting on the train listening to everyone's inane conversations. I always sit in the 'quiet' carriage where people aren't supposed to listen to their MP3 players or use their phones but that doesn't seem to stop anyone. Mind you, even though I hate them, I have to confess I finally succumbed and bought a mobile last year but only because I was going travelling and everyone wanted me to get one in case of an emergency. And now I'm back, I never bother to switch it on...I'm not sure I even know how to use it properly any more!



**Recording 10: End of Course Test, Listening exercise 1****1**

**Sharon:** A lot of my friends have a problem with Ben because he can be so confrontational when he thinks he's right, which he does pretty much most of the time. I try and calm him down, but he won't listen and just tells me *I'm* being too aggressive. Honestly! I mean, it can actually be quite unpleasant sometimes, especially when we start talking about politics.

**2**

**Lizzie:** I've just finished watching the most amazing wildlife programme on penguins. It was the last in the series, but hopefully they'll do another one so we can find out what's happened to those fabulous little creatures. I'm not really a great fan of TV, but I do love documentaries like these ... the perfect combination of entertainment and education with the 'Oh aren't they cute' factor.

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**Fred:** Not that I'm cynical or anything, but I can't help thinking I've been the victim of age discrimination. You only need to look around the office to see that I'm by far the oldest member of the team, so I guess it was only a matter of time before I got called in to see the boss. He came up with all the usual excuses, but at the end of the day we both knew why I had to leave.

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**Claire:** I'd have been a bit annoyed if I'd had to pay for the tickets, but as they were free I can't really complain, though to be honest, the exhibition was hardly the must-see that the reviewers said it was. Maybe I missed the point, but I can't see how huge, metallic balls hanging from the ceiling represent life in the twenty-first century. Mind you, I wasn't alone in my views judging by the comments I overheard as we were walking around.

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**Dan:** I don't really have much time to read the papers during the week, though for some reason I do normally buy one on my way to work. I tend to get my information from the radio as I listen to the news when I get ready in the morning. At the weekend, when I've got more time, I love to get a couple of papers, usually a tabloid for all the celebrity gossip. I'd never admit to it though! And, of course, a broadsheet for the editorials and serious news.

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**Toby:** I can't remember the last time I managed to get a good night's sleep. I've never been particularly good in the mornings, but now I feel distinctly groggy. I've started waking up just before the alarm goes off and I just lie there with that familiar sense of dread. Maybe it's because I'm not really enjoying my job any more.

**Recording 11: End of Course Test, Listening exercise 2****1**

You honestly don't believe it'll ever happen to you. OK, if you're a famous celebrity or something, but I'd consider myself a pretty normal kind of woman so I really don't know why that guy got so obsessed. At first it was the odd letter but then the phone calls started ...

**2**

It was so stupid really and I should've known better. The oldest trick in the book ... when you're trying to get on to a crowded bus so you push forward and then bang, you look down and your wallet's gone ...

**3**

The first I knew of it was when my bank called me to see whether I'd been out of the country at all in the last couple of months. Apparently there'd been some unusual transactions on my credit card, so obviously someone had managed to get hold of my details and was pretending to be me.

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I wouldn't have believed it possible if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes. And she was almost arrogant about it as she put the cans straight into her bag. I don't know whether they'll have caught her on CCTV, but it was pretty stupid if you ask me.

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It was about seven in the evening and not even dark. I heard my neighbour shouting outside, so of course I ran out to see what was going on. The two guys ran off when they saw me, but Jack was badly shaken, as you can imagine.

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The police think that it was started deliberately and I must say it does seem a bit strange that there have been five fires at the same industrial estate in as many months. Luckily no one was hurt, but still, what a waste.