Integrated exercises

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## 1. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence before it

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| 1 | I really don’t want to see him again. | I have no |
| 2 | I want you to hand the report in tomorrow. | The report is |
| 3 | You can’t join the army because you aren’t sufficiently fit. | You aren’t fit |
| 4 | He was very worried that he would arrive late. | He was anxious not |
| 5 | Right now I’m afraid I can’t give you an answer. | I am not |
| 6 | The government closed the borders with the aim of catching the criminals. | In order |
| 7 | Closing the office was something the manager decided this morning. | The manager made |
| 8 | I learnt that Amanda was going to marry Ronald, which was surprising. | I was |

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

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| 1 | I’m not disappointed, I never really expected …. (pass) the test. |  |
| 2 | Please don’t hesitate …. (call) if you have any problems. |  |
| 3 | The doctor recommended … (avoid) strenuous activity for the first few weeks. |  |
| 4 | The sales team aims … (exceed) its target by at least five per cent this year. |  |
| 5 | I don’t suppose you happened … (notice) where there was a cash machine there? |  |
| 6 | How on earth do they justify … (keep) three dogs in such a small flat? |  |
| 7 | We’d better hurry up; I’d hate … (arrive) late. |  |
| 8 | Despite all the rejections, Dave’s continuing … (apply) for every vacancy he sees. |  |

## 3. Complete the letter with suitable forms of words from the box below.

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| Dear Mum and Dad,  So my first week at university is over! No lectures this morning so I thought I’d drop you a line to let you know how things are going.  I’m glad (1) … that everything has worked out fine in the hall of residence. I remembered (2) … for a room as far away from the lifts as possible (they really are noisy) and they found me a nice comfortable one on the second floor. The room’s not very large and I was a bit shocked (3) … that ten people have to share one bathroom. And it’s a good thing you recommended (4) … my own portable TV set from home as the one in the TV lounge is permanently tuned to the sports channel. There’s also a little kitchenette on our corridor, so if I feel like (5) … something for myself rather than eating in the canteen then that’s no problem.  I think (6) … in a place like this is going to be a lot of fun. There are two other girls from my course here and I plan (7) … friends with them so that we can help each other with the course work. Everyone else seems very nice.  As Monday was the first day it was devoted to administration, which involved (8) … lots of forms. I got my student I.D. card and the timetable for this term. I’ve got a personal tutor and he’s arranged (9) … me next week. The course coordinator persuaded me (10) … some extra courses which should be interesting. On Tuesday I managed (11) … a bank account and I deposited my student loan cheque. I tried (12) … the cheque but the bank said I will have to wait for it to clear. So I’ll have to delay (13) … books and things until next week.  My first few lectures proved (14) … really fascinating. The lecturers really seem (15)… what they are talking about. Still, there’s a lot of work to do and I can’t help (16) … if I’ll be able to keep up with it all, especially with all the distractions here. There are so many clubs and societies, it’s incredible. I’m hoping (17) … the parachuting club, I’ve always fancied (18) … how to do that!  Well, I’d better stop now, I’m going (19) … my first seminar this afternoon, so I’ve got some preparation to do.  Anyway, I promise (20) … again soon,  Love to everyone,  Charlotte |

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# relative clauses

## 1. Complete the following article by writing each missing relative pronoun or adverb in the space provided. Use only one word for each space

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| **Jack of Hearts**  *Jack of Hearts* is a new six-part drama series which comes to our screens this week. It has been given the prime Wednesday evening 9.30 slot, (1) … shows that the network has faith in its latest creation. The first episode opens to a scene (2) … a young man is being chased. He stops at a phone box and makes a desperate call. This call wakes up a man (3) … most viewers will recognize as Keith Allen – the slightly sleazy unshaven Cockney (4) … characters are usually less than wholesome. This time, however, he is on the right side of the law, playing a probation officer with a complicated professional and personal life, both of (5) … form the main themes of the series. The writers have managed to find a different angle on his personal problems. At the center of these problems is his stepdaughter, for (6) … he attempts to keep the household together. His relationship with the girl’s mother, (7) … seems to be a bad-tempered, grumpy woman, is further compromised later in the series (8) … she joins the staff of a college at (9) … she meets a former lover. Thus the ground is prepared in this first episode for a series (10) … may help to lift British summertime TV out of its regular slump. |

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## 2. this article has too many relative clauses in it. Change the underlined parts so that you don’t use a relative clause. The first one has been done for you.

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| **Controversial school to close**  Brockenhurst School, which opened as an educational experiment in 1974, is to close this summer. All the teachers (1) who are currently employed by the school will be relocated to other schools in the area (2) which have staff vacancies.  Brockenhurst was founded by (3) Sir Patrick McDonald, who comes from Inverness, at a time when new educational theories were welcomed by the establishment and experiments in education were supported. However, in recent years, such initiatives have been frowned upon as successive governments have urged a ‘back-to-basics’ approach.  The school currently employs 28 teachers, (4) all of whom come from the holistic school of education. Most of the teachers have been at the school for at least 15 years. There are approximately 780 students (5) who are of different ages at the school, and they will all transfer to schools in the region. Staff (6) who are currently living at the school will be found alternative housing by the local council.  Sir Patrick was the first person (7) who was informed of the government’s decision and he passed the bad news on to staff and students at a meeting (8) which was held last week. Sir Patrick, who is 62, has decided to take early retirement. Although Sir Patrick himself was unavailable for comment, a spokesperson for the school told us, ‘we are all very sorry about the closure. For over 25 years we have run an establishment (9) which has been dedicated to making learning a rich and enjoyable experience. All the staff and students (10) who have been participating over the years will agree that this is a sad day not only for the local community but for education in this country as a whole.’ | (1)  (2)  (3)  (4)  (5)  (6)  (7)  (8)  (9)  (10) |

## 3. Complete the article with an appropriate relative pronoun or adverb (if necessary) and a phrase from the box. Use each phrase once only. Write the letter of each phrase (A-I) in the spaces (1-8)

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| **Pronouns** | **Phrases** |
| who | A raise huge amounts of money |
| whose | B only the privileged can take part |
| whom | C most of us can only dream about |
| where | D activities are as diverse as |
| which | E she was able to raise so much |
| why | F women hire private jets to go shopping |
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| **Women who rule New York**  There is another world in New York beyond the tourist attractions and the high-rise blocks (1) … . It’s a world (2) … and pay several thousand dollars for a dress (3) … . These are women for whom one of the modern-day necessities is having a personal car and driver in New York, (4) … . These women, however, are not only interested in designer clothes and facelifts, but they are also serious philanthropists, many of (5) … for charity. Brooke Astor, for example, is a 97-year-old socialite (6) … to charitable causes in the last 40 years. This ‘Queen of New York Society’, (7) … visiting elementary schools and attending charity dinners, has raised $4 million in one evening alone. In an explanation of (8) …, she admits that she tries to stimulate competition amongst her wealthy and famous guests. This is a rarified life in (9) … , but which does a lot of good for the less fortunate. | | | |
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# conjunctions and prepositions

## 1. For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence, but using the word given

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| 1. Malcolm’s teeth were bothering him again, even though he had recently visited the dentist. (despite) |  |
| 2. Very little of the remaining stock sold, despite the low prices in the sale. (even though) |  |
| 3. The ailing magazine tried introducing several new features. Nevertheless, circulation continued to drop. (although) |  |
| 4. In spite of her insistence that all was well, I knew that something was wrong. (fact) |  |
| 5. The Scots won the battle, even though they had a far smaller force. (despite) |  |
| 6. Despite the fact that the critics hated it, Archer’s latest book was well received by the public. (being) |  |

## 2. Six of these sentences contain a mistake in word order or formality. Tick the two correct sentences and correct the mistakes in others.

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| 1. I think that I did quite well in the computing exam. It was more difficult than though I expected. |  |
| 2. We were expecting a basic but pleasant apartment. On the contrary, what we got was little more than a hovel. |  |
| 3. Strictly no pets are allowed in the hotel rooms. Guide dogs for the blind may be permitted with prior permission from the management, mind you. |  |
| 4. Julian’s just had a shocking cold. It didn’t last long, still. |  |
| 5. Office supplies may be ordered as necessary. However, all orders must be copied to the Accounts Department. |  |
| 6. I know you’d like us to be godparents to little Emily. We’d rather all the same not. |  |
| 7. That new kid at the nursery is a right little pain. He really gets on your nerves. Nevertheless, we’ve got to do our best by him. |  |
| 8. Writing more than the required number of words will not attract a higher mark. You may be penalized for failing to follow on the other hand the rules. |  |

## 3. Complete each gap in the text with a conjunction or preposition from the box

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| But – despite – despite – even though – however – however – nevertheless – on the contrary – though – whereas – while - yet |

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| **The Elgin Marbles**  The Elgin Marbles are statues which date back to the 5th century BC. Although they were created in Greece and were located there until the late 18th century, they are now exhibited in the British Museum, London.  The statues used to be in Athens (1) … they were bought in 1799 by the Englishman Lord Elgin, who wanted to bring them back to Britain as part of his personal art collection. (2) … , on the sea voyage back to England, the ship carrying them was sunk and the ‘Marbles’ were temporarily lost. It would be an incredibly expensive operation to recover them.  (3) …, Elgin did so, and (4) … he was a very rich man, he placed himself in enormous debt. (5)… his own desires, he had to sell the Marbles to the British government to recover his losses and they were housed in the British Museum, where they have remained ever since.  In recent times, (6)…, the statues have become the subject of debate between Britain and Greece and, indeed, among British historians and archeologists. (7)… the Greek authorities have requested the return of the Marbles on many occasions, the request has always been refused. There are arguments on both sides. Some people believe that it would be foolish to return them, valid (8) … the Greek request may be, because of the pollution that is affecting the Parthenon and the possibility of earthquakes in Greece. Restored to the Parthenon, the Marbles could be exposed to damage, (9) … they are safe in the British Museum.  Of course, there are equally compelling arguments for their return, especially on the moral level. It cannot be denied, (10) … the material safety the statues enjoy in Britain, that they are part of the Greek heritage. Many people also refute the argument that Athens would not be a safe place for them. (11) …, they claim that if the statues were returned to Greece, a new state-of-the-art building would be constructed to house them, where they would be both safe and in their rightful environment. Furthermore, the British authorities have long used the argument that works of art should not be subject to ‘ownership’, but should be kept where they are accessible to most people.  (12)… in the past they have returned a number of cultural artefacts from other civilizations to their origins.  The argument continues, and is likely to do so for some time in the future. |

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## 4. Complete the following article with the most appropriate prepositions. The preposition may consist of more than one word.

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| **End of the road**  It was late afternoon when we drove (1) … the little town. We had driven (2) … 400 kilometres in the morning and most of it had been (3)… thick fog. We were tired and decided to find a hotel – we didn’t know how far it might be to the next town. We parked, got (4) … the car and stretched – a walk would be very welcome. We left our luggage (5) … the car boot and walked (6) … the already empty car park to a narrow but fast-flowing stream. A five-minute stroll (7) … a tree-lined avenue (8) … the stream took us (9) … the town square. It was a beautiful old square with a fountain (10) … the middle and arcades (11) … three sides. We looked up at terraces of interesting-looking restaurants (12) … the arcades and then back down at entrances to fascinating little shops (13) … them.  We had no idea where to look for a hotel or a pension in this sleepy town, so we walked (14) … an old man sitting (15) … a bench by the fountain. He pointed us in the direction of a narrow alleyway and told us we’d find the best hotel (16) … the little road. It seemed unlikely, but we followed his advice and sure enough, (17) the other end of the alleyway, (18) … two picturesque old houses, was a sign saying ‘hotel’. Just (19) … the hotel, (20) … the other side of the street, was a house covered in the most colourful flowers, and I immediately hoped that we might be able to see the house from our bedroom window. (21) … the hotel reception, a cool, dark room with a bar (22) … one corner, we asked about a room. Our satisfaction was complete when we realised that even the best room in the hotel was (23) … $50.  We looked at the room, decided to take it and went down to the lounge, where we stopped for a delicious cappuccino. Soon dusk was falling, so we handed the room key (24) …. the receptionist and told him we’d be back with our luggage in ten minutes. As we walked (25) … the narrow streets, we discussed what we would do the next day and how long we’d stay in the little town. Imagine our horror when we arrived (26) … the car park to find it completely empty – our car and all of our luggage had been stolen! |

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## 5. In most of the lines of the following text, there is one word or phrase missing. For each line 1-14, indicate where the world should be and write the missing word in the spaces on the right. Some lines are correct.

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## 6. Prepositions are missing from the following three stories. Use the prepositions in the box above each story to fill the gaps.

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| **A bad explorer**  A man (1) … Kentucky, USA, had a dream that would take him away from the rolling hills of his home state. The dream: to row (2) … the icy Bering Strait (3) … Alaska and Russia, (4) … a bathtub! Unfortunately, the dream was not completely fulfilled. (5) … the explorer, ‘I took four gallons of peanut butter along, but (6) … the morning of the fourth day, it had gone solid. (7) … late afternoon, although the sun was still high, the sea went rather thick. Next morning, I was frozen in.’ No problem. He abandoned the bathtub and walked (8) … land. |

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| **Some stupid thieves**  (9) … the town of Vang, Norway, a group of professional thieves were carrying out a carefully planned robbery. Everything was going (10) … clockwork. They broke into a company (11) … night, located the safe and set up some explosives that would blow the door of the safe off, allowing them to get the money inside. After setting the fuse, they ran (12) … the next room, crouched (13) … the wall and waited for the explosion. It came a few seconds later. The safe door was blown off. So was the roof. In fact, the entire building collapsed, trapping the robbers, still crouching in the next office, (14) … the rubble of the destroyed building. There had been just one problem they had not foreseen: (15) … money, the safe had been filled (16) … dynamite. |

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| **Self-help crime prevention**  A Western businessman living (17) … Japan had been warned (18) … pickpockets in the Tokyo subways. These notorious thieves operated (19) … the crowded rush hour. They had a habit (20) … grabbing wallets just as the subway doors were closing, leaving the victim helpless (21) … the train while they disappeared with the loot.  One morning the businessman was (22) … his usual subway stop when the train pulled in. He got on, and sure enough, just as the train doors were about to close, he felt a man rub (23) … him. In a panic, the businessman reached for his wallet. It was gone! He looked up as the doors began to close and saw that a man had just gone (24) … the train. The man was looking at him triumphantly.  Thinking fasts, the businessman pushed his hands (25) … the closing doors and grabbed the thief’s jacket. The doors closed, with the thief still (26) … the platform but (27) … the lapels of his jacket trapped (28) … the tight grip of the businessman. As the train began to pull away, the expression (29) … the thief’s face changed. He began screaming as he ran (30) … the platform with the train. Finally, he held onto a post and his lapels tore away from his jacket. As the train moved (31)… the tunnel, the businessman was satisfied that at least he had frightened the thief.  When he reached his office, he called his wife to get his credit card numbers so he could cancel them. ‘But honey’, she said, ‘I’ve been waiting to call you. You left your wallet (32) …. the dressing table when you went to work today.’ |

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# Phrasal verbs

## 7. Complete the sentences. Use two words each time.

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| 1 | Keep … the edge of the pool. You might fall in. |  |
| 2 | I didn’t notice that the two pictures were different until Tanya pointed it … me. |  |
| 3 | I asked Dan if he had any suggestions about what we should do, but he didn’t come … anything. |  |
| 4 | I’m glad Sarah is coming to the party. I’m really looking …. seeing her again. |  |
| 5 | Things are changing all the time. It’s difficult to keep … all these changes. |  |
| 6 | I don’t want to run … food for the party. Are you sure we have enough? |  |
| 7 | Don’t let me interrupt you. Carry … your work. |  |
| 8 | Steve was very happy with his job until he fell … his boss. After that, it was impossible for them to work together, and Steve decided to leave. |  |

## 8. Complete each sentence using a phrasal verb that means the same as the word in brackets.

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| 1 | The football match had to be … because of the weather. (cancelled) |  |
| 2 | The story Kate told wasn’t true. She … . (invented it) |  |
| 3 | A bomb … near the station, but no-one was injured. (exploded) |  |
| 4 | Paul finally … an hour late. (arrived) |  |
| 5 | Here’s an application form. Can you … and sign it, please? (complete it) |  |
| 6 | A number of buildings are going to be … to make way for the new road. (demolished) |  |
| 7 | I’m having a few problems with my computer which need to be … as soon as possible. (put right) |  |
| 8 | Be positive! You must never … ! (stop trying) |  |