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.

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| costume dramas current affairs programme detective series ~~game show~~ 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.

**1**

**A:** Now that I’ve got it home, I think I’ve made a terrible mistake buying this dress. I 1e    it when that happens! 2           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, 3          chose it and I did try to tell you it wasn’t your style.

**A:** But I thought it went 4          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 5          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! 6          outrageous!

**3**

**A:** Look, 7          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 8          idea.   
I really shouldn’t have jumped to conclusions.

**4**

**A:** Well, I had an amazing time at the gig last night and 9          that I was invited backstage! Can you believe it?

**B:** Wow! That’s 10          ! You lucky thing! I wish I’d gone now.

**A:** So do I – you’d have loved it! It was 11          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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