

Workbook Unit 2

2.1 Vocabulary

- 1 Complete the sentences with family words.
- 0 I used to go out with Grace. She's my ex-girlfriend.
- 1 Fiona is my daughter's daughter's daughter. She's my _____.
- 2 I was married to Graham for four years before we divorced. He's my _____.
- 3 After my mum and dad got divorced, my dad married Joan. She's my _____.
- 4 Chris and I have the same father but different mothers. He's my _____.
- 5 My parents aren't religious, so I don't have any _____.
- 6 I married Paul. Carl is Paul's son by his first wife. He's my _____.

- 1) great granddaughter
2) ex-husband
3) stepmother/stepmum
4) half brother
5) godparents
6) stepson

- 1 BLESS
- a The priest gave his _____ to the newlyweds.
- b In England, when someone sneezes, it's polite to say, '_____ you.'
- 2 MASS
- a I've never met anyone with such a _____ family!
- b There are three _____ at the church on Sundays: 7 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- 3 CHILD
- a Only _____ inevitably miss out on the pluses of having brothers and sisters.
- b Do you have to be so _____? Grow up!
- 4 RECEIVE
- a My nephew works as a _____ at the Grand Hotel.
- b My brother's band often play at birthday parties and wedding _____.
- 5 DISTANT
- a I've only met her once. She's a _____ relative.
- b The huge _____ between London and Auckland means flights take almost twenty-four hours.

- 1a) blessing
1b) bless
2a) massive
2b) masses
3a) children
3b) childish
4a) receptionist
4b) receptions
5a) distant
5b) distance

Globally successful lawyer Amal Alamuddin marries ... an actor

Amal Alamuddin, a high-profile barrister in international refugee and human rights law, has made the unusual move for a professional in her field of marrying an actor. Alamuddin and her husband, whose name is George, were married in Venice, not by a priest, but by the couple's friend Walter Veltroni, the ex-mayor of Rome. The ¹_____ was watched by the ²_____ and ³_____ families of the bride and groom, as well as close friends. It was followed by a luxurious ⁴_____ at the seven-star Aman hotel. With several hundred people on the guest list, this was certainly not a small ⁵_____. Lasting several days, the celebrations gave guests the chance to make the most of beautiful Venice and visit its galleries, museums, chapels and ⁶_____.

- 1) ceremony
2) immediate/extended
3) extended/immediate
4) reception
5) gathering
6) shrines

4 Complete the text with the missing words. The number of letters is given in brackets.

On Tony's last night of freedom, his wife ⁰put (3) on a party for him at Hotel La Siciliana. Friends and 'business partners' ¹_____ (8) him with gifts and relatives ²_____ (4) a fuss of him. Brothers, uncles and cousins reminded him 'what a guy' he was and that 'two years is nothing, Tony!' Sisters and aunts with lumps in their ³_____ (7) and tears in their eyes checked constantly whether he was hungry or thirsty.

After dinner, Tony stood at the head of the table, raised his glass and ⁴_____ (8) a toast. He thanked his wife and family for the party and told them how much he would miss them. Then, addressing his many 'associates', he reminded them, 'Though I'll be away for a few years, gentlemen, don't ⁵_____ (4) sight of the fact that I am, and will continue to be, the Boss.'

- 1) showered
2) made
3) throats
4) proposed
5) lose

Complete the pairs of sentences with the words in bold.

0 **concert, party**

- a On 23 October Ether Music Club is putting on a rock **concert** featuring local bands.
b Are we putting on a **party** to celebrate Mum's fiftieth birthday?

1 **frog, lump**

- a Do you happen to have a mint or a throat sweet? I've got a _____ in my throat.
b Though it was Sarah's decision, she still had a _____ in her throat as she told Sam it was over.

2 **motion, toast**

- a I'd like to propose a _____ to love, life, health and happiness.
b Parliament proposed a _____ yesterday to ban advertising on buildings in the city centre.

3 **fool, fuss**

- a Joseph made a complete _____ of himself trying to break-dance at the graduation ceremony.
b Miss Haverstock's former students made a _____ of her new baby when she brought him into class to say hello.

4 **count, sight**

- a It's easy to lose _____ of the fact that your problems are minor compared to what some young people have to cope with.
b Fay had lost _____ of how many lessons she'd skipped. According to her report, it was twelve.

5 **gifts, praise**

- a Leon was showered with _____ by the local newspapers after raising nearly £5,000 for charity.
b Ellie was used to being showered with _____ by her generous boyfriend.

- 1a) frog
1b) lump
2a) toast
2b) motion
3a) fool
3b) fuss
4a) praise
4b) gifts
5a) sight
5b) count

- 1 A: The girls are really **spoilt** by their dad. If Mum says *no*, they go ask Dad, knowing he will probably say yes.
B: I know. I think both parents should try to give out the same message. It may be tricky sometimes, but it's **w**_____ the **e**_____ in the long term.
2 A: Eve just loves being the **c**_____ of **a**_____. She was actually pleased when she broke her arm because of the fuss that everyone made of her.
B: I know. It's like it was the **h**_____ of her year! I can't see anything exciting about having to wear a plaster for six weeks.
3 A: The travel agent told me that seeing the Northern Lights was a **o**_____ in a **l**_____ **e**_____. Never to be forgotten, she said.
B: And?
A: Well, we paid hundreds of pounds, walked for hours and sat in the freezing cold for two nights without seeing so much as a single star. Not exactly the **t**_____ of my **l**_____. I mean, I've had more fun asleep!

- 1) worth the effort
2a) centre of attention
2b) highlight
3a) once in a lifetime
3b) time of my life

Choose the correct options.

- 1 We're only inviting the *extended* / **immediate** family. To be honest, we couldn't afford to pay for all those cousins, nieces and nephews.
2 The *mass* / **reception** began with a toast before a lovely dinner, which was followed by a live band.
3 Spirit houses are small **shrines** / *blessings* to the protective spirit of a place outside houses in Thailand.
4 This government has lost sight **of** / *for* the mood of the nation it serves.
5 We always make a *fool* / **fuss** of Grandma on her birthday. This year we are taking her to the theatre and then for fish and chips. That's what she loves!
6 All the mums (and some of the dads) had *frogs* / **lumps** in their throats as they watched their little ones in the school play.
7 Though it may be difficult to run regularly, it's worth the **effort** / *attention* in terms of fitness.
8 Nathan had the *highlight* / **time** of his life at the snowboarding camp.
9 Seeing Germany beat Brazil at the World Cup final in Rio de Janeiro was a once in a *life* / **lifetime** experience.
10 Many *spoilt* / **only** children wish they had a sibling.

2.2 Grammar

Past Perfect Simple and Continuous

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Match the sentence halves. There is one extra ending. Then complete the sentences with the Past Perfect Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 0 Beth was embarrassed because she had put on (put on)

1 Dan couldn't order his new trainers online because they _____ (run out)

2 Lee never found his phone. It _____ (fall)

3 Jill couldn't claim her lottery win because someone _____ (steal)

4 John wasn't allowed in the pool because he _____ (not bring)

5 Kyle _____ (never/use) a washing machine before

6 I wish we _____ (not book)
- h

a

c

b

e

d

g

- a of his size.

b the winning ticket out of her handbag.

c out of his pocket while he was lying on the grass.

d and had no idea how they worked.

e a swimming cap.

f the car from his dad.

g cinema tickets for 5 p.m. We won't have time for dinner.

h odd socks by mistake that morning.

- 1) had run o
- 2) had fallen
- 3) had stolen
- 4) hadn't brought
- 5) had never used
- 6) hadn't booked



2 Complete the texts with the verbs in the box.

had been cycling had been had been feeling
had been looking forward to had done (x2)
~~had eaten~~ had failed had he set off
hadn't worked

- 1 Avril's face was a funny green colour. She said she had eaten a whole tub of ice cream an hour earlier and ^b _____ sick ever since. When I asked why she ^c _____ that, she said she ^d _____ a test at school and needed cheering up. Clearly, her plan ^e _____.

2 Jack ^a _____ to school for ten minutes when he noticed how quiet the streets were and finally realised it was Saturday. Why on earth ^b _____ for school on a Saturday? It ^c _____ a long and stressful week and he ^d _____ the weekend all week. His family were going to laugh when they found out what he ^e _____.

- 1b) had been feeling

1c) had done

1d) had failed

1e) hadn't worked

2a) had been cycling

2b) had he set off

2c) had been

2d) had been looking forward to

2e) had done

3 Complete the sentences with the Past Perfect Simple or Past Perfect Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 0 a When we finally landed, the plane had been flying (fly) for fourteen hours.

b When we finally landed, the plane had flown (fly) over 5,900 miles.

1 a Charles and Kitty _____ (live) together for twenty years when they finally got married.

b Charles and Kitty _____ (know) each other for most of their lives when they finally got married.

2 a Vladimir _____ (sneak) out of the house at night for months before he was finally caught.

b Earlier that night, Vladimir _____ (sneak) out of the house without waking his parents.

3 a Before he was forced to resign, the minister _____ (receive) illegal gifts on several occasions.

b Before he was finally caught, the minister _____ (receive) illegal gifts for more than a year.

4 a The security guard _____ (sleep) for hours when the office was broken into.

b The security guard was fired because he _____ (sleep) through the burglary.

- 1a) had been living

1b) had known

2a) had been sneaking

2b) had sneaked

3a) had received

3b) had been receiving

4a) had been sleeping

4b) had slept

4 Complete the text with the Past Perfect Simple or Past Perfect Continuous form of the verbs in the box.



always/start correctly/predict do
go off hear look forward love
put up receive snow wait

George and Gina ⁰had been waiting for Christmas for roughly 364 days. Ever since they were children, they ¹ _____ everything about the festive season, especially Christmas dinner. And George and Gina ² _____ early. By the end of each summer they ³ _____ most of their Christmas shopping and by late October they ⁴ _____ their tree. Their friends ⁵ _____ Christmas cards in early November for as long as they could remember.

This year the weather forecasts ⁶ _____ a white Christmas – George and Gina's absolute favourite. Ever since they ⁷ _____ this, they ⁸ _____ to Christmas even more than ever. When George opened the curtains on Christmas morning, he was greeted by a winter wonderland. Unfortunately, when he went downstairs, he discovered it ⁹ _____ so much that the electricity ¹⁰ _____. Christmas dinner was a cold ham sandwich eaten in a dark room next to an unlit tree.

- 1) had loved

2) had always started

3) had done

4) had put up

5) had been receiving

6) had correctly predicted

7) had heard

8) had been looking forward

9) had snowed

10) had gone off

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

5 Choose the correct options.



- 1 He had attempted / had been attempting the problem 100 times before he finally solved it.

2 By midnight, all the guests had left / had been leaving.

3 Claire was given full marks in the speaking test. She had revised / had been revising all week long.

4 When the police checked the drivers involved in the accident, they discovered that one of them had drunk / had been drinking.

5 Ryan left the room after the exam had finished / had been finishing.

6 They had planned / had been planning the wedding for months when he discovered she was actually in love with someone else.