

1.3 Read the text again and find words which match these definitions.

- 1 a strong state which is unlikely to change or fail (paragraph 1)

- 2 trustworthy and reliable (paragraph 2) _____
- 3 not favouring one side in a disagreement (paragraph 3)

1.4 Now complete these sentences using words and phrases from 1.2 and 1.3.

- 1 Adults often have to perform a balancing act between looking after their children and caring for their ageing parents.
- 2 Money from parents often _____ between what students can earn and what they need to pay out.
- 3 My best friend is thoroughly _____. She's always there when I need her.
- 4 My brother and I never really got on very well. We were constantly _____.
- 5 Parents and grandparents provide the _____ which children need in their early years.
- 6 Parents should not take sides in their children's disputes. They should remain _____.

V Vocabulary note

The usual form of nouns from phrasal verbs is: verb + particle:

Communications broke down between the parties.

There was a breakdown in communication.

The rocket is due to lift off at 5.30 this afternoon.

Liftoff is at 5.30 this afternoon.

Another form these nouns take is: particle + verb:

The disease broke out in the poorest part of the city. The outbreak started in the poorest part of the city.

Here are some more examples:

set out / from the outset, take in / this year's intake, cry out / a public outcry

1.5 Which of these verbs from paragraphs 4 and 5 have similar meanings? Use the text to help you.

appease appreciate doubt erode impart inform
instil question recognise soothe teach weaken

appease - soothe

1.6 COLLOCATION Which of the adjectives in each box CANNOT replace the word in italics in the sentence below it? Why?

- 1 idyllic troubled traumatic turbulent

The siblings have some behavioural problems which are thought to result from their *difficult* childhood.

An idyllic childhood does not cause problems.

- 2 middle-class privileged tough sheltered

My *comfortable* upbringing meant there were a lot of survival skills for me to learn when I left home.

- 3 close-knit dysfunctional loving supportive

I'm lucky to have a *strong* family, who'll always be there for me.

- 4 committed solid stable uneasy

They told me that the success of their marriage came from their *secure* relationship.

- 5 concerned distraught pushy worried

I was met at the hospital by my *anxious* parents, who suddenly seemed very old and fragile.

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Friends

2.1 Read these quotes about friendship. Put a (✓) if you agree. Put a (X) if you disagree.

- 1 'A true friend is one who overlooks your failures and tolerates your successes.' (Doug Larson) _____
- 2 'You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.' (Dale Carnegie) _____
- 3 'Few friendships would survive if each one knew what his friend says of him behind his back.' (Blaise Pascal) _____

2.2 Complete this email to a radio programme with words from the box.

advice conflicts contribute go into partnership ruin

My friends and I would like to (1) go into business together. I think it would be an exciting opportunity, but I am reluctant because of potential (2) _____ that may (3) _____ our relationships. Does anyone have any words of (4) _____ about doing business with friends? I'd also like some suggestions on how we should structure our business (5) _____, given that all of us will be making a different cash investment and can (6) _____ in a range of different ways.

2.3 ▶ 47 Four people called the radio show to give their advice. How many of them do you think will advise *against* going into business with friends? Listen and check.

2.4 ▶ 47 Listen again and match the speakers with the advice they give (a–d).

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| Speaker 1 _____ | a warns against business partners who get upset easily. |
| Speaker 2 _____ | b suggests including people who are not friends in the business. |
| Speaker 3 _____ | c advises against endangering a friendship for the sake of profit. |
| Speaker 4 _____ | d stresses the importance of written plans and legal documents. |

2.5 Match the phrasal verbs in *italics* with their definitions.

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| 1 If business partners <i>fall out</i> , the business may suffer. | a become less close over time |
| 2 We really don't want to <i>mess up</i> our relationship. | b begin to feel romantic love for |
| 3 It looks like my brother and his friend have <i>broken up</i> . | c disappoint or fail someone |
| 4 My father <i>fell for</i> my mother the first time they met. | d end a romantic relationship |
| 5 Real friends will never <i>let you down</i> . | e argue and be on bad terms |
| 6 They used to be best friends, but they've <i>drifted apart</i> . | f create problems, damage |

2.6 Complete the sentences with a noun from the box.

break-up falling out letdown

- 1 We had such high expectations of her, so this kind of behaviour is a real _____.
- 2 The news of the _____ of the star's marriage was all over the papers.
- 3 They had a terrible _____. I don't think they'll be speaking to each other for a while.