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## Vocabulary

### Globalisation

- 1 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

brain drain   brand   clash   corporation  
global financial crisis   goods   immigration  
local produce   mass   multi-ethnic  
non-native speaker   standard of living  
**sweatshop**   way of life

- You shouldn't buy shoes from that company. They're only cheap because they use sweatshops in the third world.
- Coca-Cola is a best-selling drinks \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jade and Phil moved to the country for a simpler \_\_\_\_\_.
- I like living in a \_\_\_\_\_ society. It's interesting to learn about other cultures.
- The unification of the two countries led to a \_\_\_\_\_ of cultures.
- The government offered new benefits to doctors, to try and slow the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Despite the recession, sales of electrical \_\_\_\_\_ have actually increased.
- He works for a big multinational \_\_\_\_\_ which has offices in South East Asia, Europe and South America.
- The government has tightened its \_\_\_\_\_ policy by placing a limit on the number of visas issued.
- There are now more \_\_\_\_\_s of English than people who speak it as a first language in the world.
- Have you been to Salivar's? It's a restaurant that only uses \_\_\_\_\_.
- The new government's policies were responsible for a much higher \_\_\_\_\_ than the previous government's.
- \_\_\_\_\_ emigration from Mexico at the turn of the last century brought increased diversity to the USA.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the last decade caused many banks to collapse.

## Vocabulary

### Urbanisation

- 2 Match the words and phrases in A with the words and phrases in B to complete the sentences.

A

availability   green  
high-rise   residential  
**shanty**   sky-high  
urban


B

areas   belt  
buildings   of housing  
property prices   sprawl  
towns

- Due to mass migration into the capital, the outer areas of the city soon became shanty towns.
- You can't use your car horn after 10 p.m. in \_\_\_\_\_.
- The limited \_\_\_\_\_ meant that Dylan and Sue were finding it hard to find somewhere they could afford.
- Surrounded by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the capital city, the park is very popular with locals.
- Being surrounded by \_\_\_\_\_ here, we don't get much natural light in the day.
- \_\_\_\_\_ in the city have led many to look for cheaper places in the countryside.
- There are strict limits on building on \_\_\_\_\_ land outside the city.

## Listen and read

### City or country?

- 3a  1.1 Listen to and/or read some comments that people made following an online radio discussion programme. Where does each listener think is better: the city (C), the country (CO) or it depends (D)?

b Which listener:

- thinks travelling by bus or train is a bad thing? C
- talks about how much more space you have in the country?
- mentions children playing outside?
- feels that it depends on where you can find work rather than on what you prefer?
- mentions interaction with other people?
- criticises people who live in the city?
- thinks the country provides a good social life?
- mentions moving to the country in the future?



# City or country?



**A**

I've lived in a big city here in Brazil for the last ten years, but I was brought up in the country. I much prefer living in a big conurbation like this as I think it teaches you tolerance. In your day-to-day life, you come into contact with a whole host of different types of people, and you get to understand their situation a lot better than if you lived a closed off, more sheltered life in the country.

**Fernanda, Brazil**

**B**

Country for me, every time. Here, we have space to live our lives like real people. I can go for a walk in the fresh air, my dog has plenty of space to run around in and we can see the stars at night. What you city folk don't understand is that we don't have to live on top of each other, and were never meant to.

**Stuart, UK**

**C**

It's much cheaper to live in the country. In terms of property prices, for the same amount as a one-bedroom apartment in New York, I could afford a four-bedroom house with a garden and a pool here. And that's just the start. My grocery bill is much cheaper, as are eating out and entertaining. I can afford to drive a car, so I don't have to rely on public transport, either. All in all, it's a better quality of life here.

**Anthony, USA**

**D**

If you want any kind of social life, then you have to live in the city.

**Adalene, Paris, France**

**E**

In my country, it's often a case of necessity. In the countryside, the air is clean and fresh, it's much more polluted in the cities, so that's a benefit of living rurally, but there just isn't any work there. For me, quality of life depends on finding work. Since I'm an engineer, this has to be the city for now.

**Henu, Indonesia**

**F**

I would say any discussion of whether one is better than the other just oversimplifies the issue. When I was little, for example, I used to love living in the country. I could go and play for hours in the fields and forests near where we lived. In the summer holidays, I would go out with friends on our bikes and only come back for dinner. But as I got older, I found there just wasn't enough to do, and it was pretty dull, so I moved to Toronto, which is much more exciting. I can see myself moving back to the country when I'm older and I want to settle down and maybe have kids myself. So surely it depends more on your age than anything else?

**Chris, Canada**

**G**

People talk to each other more in the country. In the village where I live, every time you leave your house you'll see one of your neighbours, and we always stop and say 'hello', and have a chat. Not only that, but we have regular get-togethers, such as the village barbecue, in the summer. You really feel part of a community, and you just don't get that in the city.

**Cathy, Ireland**

**H**

I have two small children, and wouldn't dream of bringing them up in the city. Every day, the news is full of reports of children going missing, violent attacks, robberies, and the like. It seems to me that you can't go out of your front door in the city without facing some kind of danger. No, it's much better to bring up children in the country, where they can play outside without fear.

**Graham, Sydney, Australia**





## Continuous verb forms

- a** Choose the correct alternative to complete the article.
- b** 1.2 Listen and check.
- 5** Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.
- 1 'Have you got any plans for the summer?'  
'Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ (*we're spending*) (we / spend) a couple of weeks at my uncle's house in the mountains.'
  - 2 Shall we ring your parents to say why we're late?  
They must \_\_\_\_\_ (get) worried.
  - 3 How can we decide on where to spend our holiday if \_\_\_\_\_ (you / constantly / change) your mind?
  - 4 Are you going home already?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (I / hope) you'd give me a hand with the washing-up.
  - 5 Stuart \_\_\_\_\_ (forever / devise) ridiculous schemes which he thinks will attract more business.
  - 6 Let's call Patrick. He might  
\_\_\_\_\_ (know) the answer.
  - 7 This isn't really a good time to phone him. He might \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on his assignment.
  - 8 I find it very annoying that you  
\_\_\_\_\_ (always / compare) my cooking to your mother's.
  - 9 Excuse me. My friend and I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (wonder) if you'd mind having your photograph taken with us.
  - 10 You really must \_\_\_\_\_ (make) more of an effort to make friends.

## J12 meeting opens

Over the last few hours, hundreds of delegates from all over the world <sup>1</sup>**are arriving / arrived / ~~have been arriving~~** for the J12 meeting of leading industrialised nations, which this year <sup>2</sup>**had been taking place / is taking place / took place** in the quiet Canadian mountain resort of Kanalgirrie. The President of the J12, Bernard Leroy, <sup>3</sup>**has been delivering / has delivered / will be delivering** the opening address when the conference opens tomorrow morning. The Canadian police, who <sup>4</sup>**are preparing / have been preparing / prepared** for the event since late last year, <sup>5</sup>**are taking / take / took** huge precautions to avoid the violence which <sup>6</sup>**has been marking / marked / was marking** last year's summit in Berlin. They <sup>7</sup>**have thrown / have been throwing / throw** an 18-kilometre security cordon around the area, and last night they <sup>8</sup>**are not allowing / have not been allowing / were not allowing** anyone to pass through – including journalists who usually <sup>9</sup>**are having / have / were having** full access to the delegates. From tomorrow, police <sup>10</sup>**have also been blocking / were also blocking / will also be blocking** all mobile phone signals – to prevent bombs being triggered by remote control, a police spokesman <sup>11</sup>**has said / said / was saying** last night. 'The politicians here seem <sup>12</sup>**to be isolating / to isolate / to have been isolating** themselves from the free press,' said one journalist. 'There's no doubt that governments <sup>13</sup>**are becoming / become / were becoming** more and more security conscious and less and less concerned with personal freedom. It <sup>14</sup>**gets / 's getting / will be getting** harder and harder for us to gain access to the people who, over the next few days, <sup>15</sup>**are making / have been making / will be making** decisions which will affect all our lives ... and that's something that should concern us all.'





## 6 Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

- 1 I **expect** / **have expected** / **am expecting** / **was expecting** you're wondering why I asked you all here today. Well, let me explain ...
- 2 'Is something the matter? You look worried.'  
'No, I **think** / **thought** / **have thought** / **'m thinking** about how to tell my parents the bad news, that's all.'
- 3 From the shopkeeper's puzzled expression, I could see that James **has** / **had** / **was having** / **is having** a lot of difficulty making himself understood.
- 4 We **admire** / **have admired** / **are admiring** / **were admiring** the painting on the staircase as we came up. Is it a portrait of your grandfather?
- 5 Look at that! I haven't worn these jeans for nearly eight years and they **still fit** / **still fitted** / **are still fitting** / **were still fitting** perfectly!
- 6 There **appeared** / **appears** / **is appearing** / **was appearing** to have been a mistake in processing your order, Mr Phillips. We do apologise.
- 7 I **see** / **saw** / **'m seeing** / **was seeing** the chief executive this afternoon – is there anything you want me to say to her?
- 8 Of all the players you have played against, who is the one you **admire** / **are admiring** / **were admiring** / **have been admiring** the most?
- 9 As you can see, I **weigh** / **have been weighing** / **'m weighing** / **was weighing** the flour on my kitchen scales as it's very important to have the right quantity ... there we are, 100 grams exactly.
- 10 I'm sorry, but I **don't see** / **didn't see** / **am not seeing** / **wasn't seeing** how we can get all this work done by next Tuesday.
- 11 An adult goliath beetle **is weighing** / **weighs** / **was weighing** / **weighed** between 70 and 100 grams – the same as an apple!
- 12 I don't know why everyone **is** / **was** / **is being** / **was being** so irritable today. They're not normally like this.
- 13 When **are you thinking** / **do you think** / **have you been thinking** / **were you thinking** you'll be able to get the work finished?
- 14 The good news is that Pamela **expects** / **has expected** / **is expecting** / **will be expecting** a baby early next year.

## Grammar

### Introducing points in an argument

7a Read the text below about global tourism. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as an effect of the increase in tourism?

- 1 poor working conditions
- 2 ecological damage
- 3 unemployment



Tourism is the world's biggest industry. In 2010, there were just over a billion tourists worldwide; this number is expected to rise to 1.6 billion by 2020. With improved transport, cheaper flights and increased leisure time, many of the countries of the developing world are rapidly becoming tourist meccas. Since the 1960s, mass tourism has become increasingly specialised, encompassing sporting and adventure holidays as well as ecological tours. Although the tourist industry employs more than 235 million people worldwide, the benefits of tourism are not always felt at a local level, where jobs are often low paid and menial. Unregulated growth of tourism is also causing both environmental and social damage.

b Complete the sentences with the information in the text.

- 1 The main consideration is whether the growth of tourism actually helps people.
- 2 One explanation for the growth in tourism is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Another reason for the growth in tourism is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 The most worrying problem of increasing tourism might be that \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Another issue is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 A further drawback is \_\_\_\_\_.



## Writing

### Linking words and phrases

- 8 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

as if as well as finally however such as  
whatever which yet

- The group's first two albums were hugely successful. However, the third album, *Cloudburst*, was much less well-received.
- Whatever kind of music you like, you'll find something to please you on this album.
- Her face was pale and ill-looking, so she had been without sleep for several days.
- These days, few people remember Bill Haley. His place in the history of music is assured.
- He has toured with many of the world's best-known singers, including Miley Cyrus and Elton John.
- Like her recent hit *Harvest Moon*, the new album includes three songs she wrote herself.
- The Rolling Stones' latest tour, which begins in Toronto next month, is rumoured to be their last.
- The audience had waited nearly two hours: when the band finally appeared, the reception was not entirely friendly.

## Language live

### Varieties of English

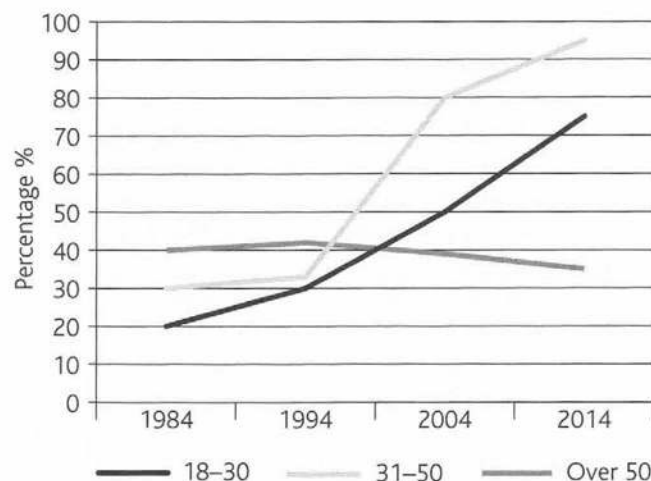
- 9 1.3 Listen to the words and phrases pronounced first with a standard English accent, then with American and Australian accents. What differences do you hear? Practise saying the one you prefer.

- |                       |                                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 way of life         | 7 brand                            |
| 2 brand new           | 8 ethnic diversity                 |
| 3 multi-ethnic        | 9 in the past                      |
| 4 mass-produce        | 10 apart from that                 |
| 5 a clash of cultures | 11 cultural values                 |
| 6 society             | 12 conflict arising between people |

## Writing

### Useful phrases for report writing

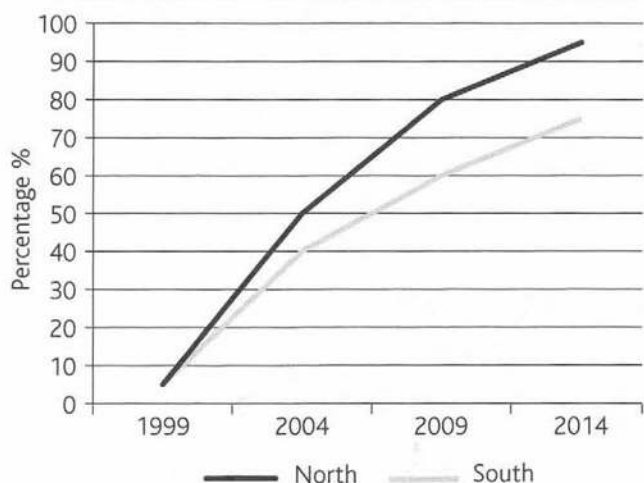
- 10a Look at the graph, which shows the percentage of the population of Moreovia who owned a car by age group over a 30-year period. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?



- The vast majority of people aged 31-50 now own a car. T
- About 20 percent of people over 50 owned a car in 1984. F
- Very few people between 18-30 owned a car in 2004. F
- It's obvious that people over 50 had higher incomes than those under 30 in 1994. F
- Evidence suggests that people over 30 have higher incomes than those under 30 and therefore are more likely to own cars. F
- It is generally true that most age groups saw an increase in car ownership over the whole period. F

- b Write a summary of the graph below, which shows the percentage of households with an Internet connection in Moreovia. Use the expressions in the box and from exercise 9a.

A small/significant minority (of) ...  
It seems/appears that ... Many/Not many (of) ...  
The (vast) majority of ...





## Vocabulary

### Feelings

1a Find 13 adjectives for describing feelings in the word square.

A	M	O	R	T	I	F	I	E	D	E	D	X	O
E	L	P	S	S	H	R	S	T	I	K	S	H	V
W	L	P	G	I	D	E	S	P	E	R	A	T	E
O	I	N	S	E	C	U	R	E	E	R	P	D	R
U	N	S	R	H	R	I	F	N	J	F	P	C	J
N	D	R	D	E	E	K	G	V	E	A	R	A	O
D	I	S	I	L	L	U	S	I	O	N	E	D	Y
U	F	T	S	P	I	Y	R	O	T	B	H	T	E
P	F	K	G	L	E	F	R	U	J	S	E	K	D
F	E	P	U	E	V	S	G	S	O	O	N	D	G
C	R	O	S	S	E	G	O	W	P	I	S	V	D
D	E	N	T	S	D	B	T	F	S	U	I	E	W
I	N	T	E	F	E	T	J	B	T	G	V	D	Q
O	T	S	D	E	V	A	S	T	A	T	E	D	Y
P	S	H	A	T	T	E	R	E	D	T	E	D	X

b Complete the definitions with the correct adjectives from exercise 1a.

- 1 mortified extremely offended, ashamed or embarrassed
- 2 c angry or annoyed
- 3 e wanting something that someone else has
- 4 i not feeling confident about yourself or your situation in life
- 5 d in a very bad situation, almost without hope
- 6 d unhappy because you have lost your belief in something
- 7 a worried or nervous about something that is going to happen
- 8 h unable to look after yourself or unable to control your situation
- 9 s very tired or deeply upset
- 10 d extremely shocked and sad
- 11 d very annoyed or upset by something that is not acceptable
- 12 o extremely happy about something
- 13 i not interested in someone or something

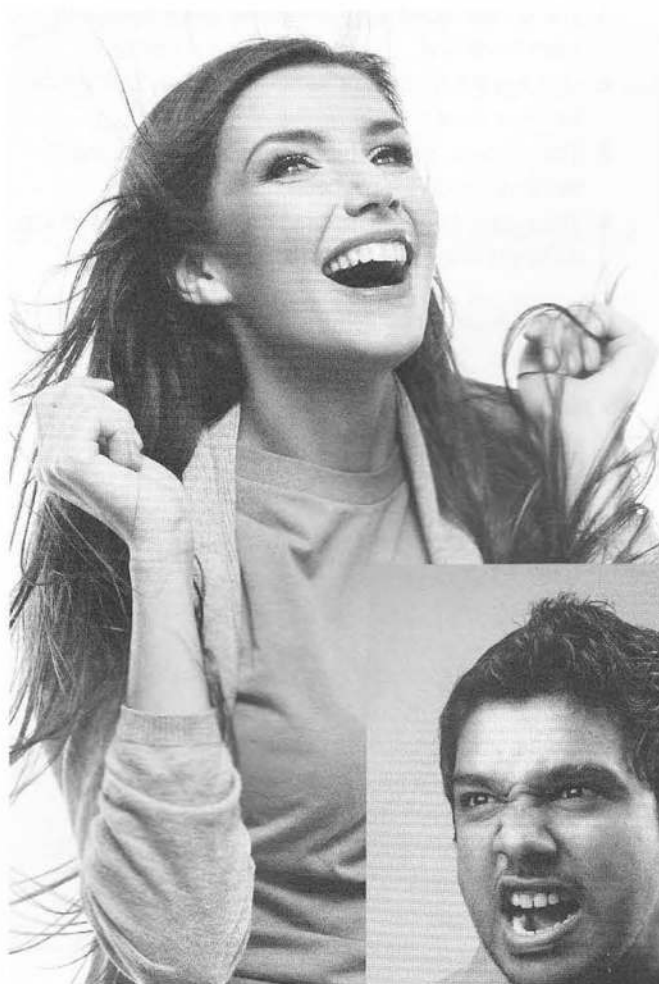
## Pronunciation

### Word stress

2a Circle the option with the correct stress marked.

- 1 a desperate      **b desperate**
- 2 a insecure      b insecure
- 3 a relieved      b relieved
- 4 a devastated      b devastated
- 5 a mortified      b mortified
- 6 a apprehensive      b apprehensive
- 7 a disgusted      b disgusted
- 8 a envious      b envious
- 9 a disillusioned      b disillusioned
- 10 a indifferent      b indifferent
- 11 a overjoyed      b overjoyed
- 12 a ashamed      b ashamed


b  2.1 Listen and check.





## Listen and read

### A tale of two countries

3a  2.2 Listen to and/or read the extract from the autobiography. Which sentence best summarises the text?

- 1 The writer suffered from culture shock when he lived in Russia, but is fine now.
- 2 The writer suffered from culture shock at first in Russia, and in reverse when he returned to England.
- 3 The writer didn't suffer from culture shock in Russia, but suffered it when he returned to England.

b Listen to and/or read the extract again. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 London didn't feel like home for the writer when he returned. T
- 2 During his last two months in Russia, the writer had been feeling sorry for himself because he wanted to return to London.
- 3 The weather in London is less extreme than in Russia.
- 4 Living abroad helped the writer increase his awareness of cultural differences.
- 5 The writer found Russian people to be open and friendly at first.
- 6 He thought Ludmilla's family were only being nice because they'd drunk vodka.
- 7 The problem on the bus in Russia was that the writer shouldn't have been reading.
- 8 The writer felt embarrassed on buses twice, but for different reasons each time.

c Find words or phrases in the text that mean:

- 1 longer than normal (para A) elongated
- 2 something that increases your awareness of a place or situation (para B)
- 3 using very few words in a way that seems rude (para B)
- 4 to be covered or wrapped in something (para C)
- 5 to show your true feelings openly (para C)
- 6 to be so interested in something that you don't notice anything else (para D)
- 7 showing a complete lack of respect for someone (para D)
- 8 to return to your normal routine (para E)

## A tale of two countries

- A The first thing that struck me was that everything was so *small*. The roads were really narrow, and the traffic weaved its way between tall, thin buildings, which looked like they'd been squeezed into the street like wafers in a chocolate biscuit. The elongated, red, double-decker buses snaked carefully between the avenues and main roads, picking up and dropping off their fares like ants on their way to fulfilling their daily purpose, whatever that might be. It felt really strange, as though I was looking at the world through odd-coloured spectacles – although I was seeing the same, familiar street corners and places that I'd known for most of my life, this time they didn't *feel* familiar.
- B It was so different to how I'd expected it to be. I'd loved most of the two years I'd spent in Volgograd, in the south of Russia, but in those last few months I'd realised that what made me enjoy it was partly – and it was a large part – the knowledge that I'd soon be returning home, to the family and friends I knew and loved, and the milder (though still often awful) weather London had to offer. The time I'd spent on the steppe had been a real eye-opener as far as experiencing a different culture was concerned. When I'd first arrived, fresh off the plane at Sheremetyevo Airport in Moscow, I'd been all too eager to make friends, and went out of my way to be polite wherever I could. Most of the time, my attempts to strike up conversation were met with icy stares and brusque, one-word replies. I'd started to think that Russians were a cold people, and I was unlikely to ever make any new friends.
- C 'I think you're not having a good time here' was how Ludmilla, the secretary at the school where I was working, invited me for dinner with her family. 'You will come for dinner with my family on Sunday, I won't take no for an answer.' I was so relieved. When I turned up, flowers and wine in hand, I was enveloped in warm handshakes, inviting hugs, warm laughter and murmurs of 'ochen priyatna' (*very pleased to meet you*). The meal was eaten, a few toasts were drunk and by the end we were discussing our deepest wishes, fears and hopes for the future. Whether that was partly due to the vodka we drank, I'm not sure, but I do know it was largely because Russians are actually warm, friendly people, but just too proud to wear their hearts on their sleeves with people they don't know.
- D Another thing I'd learnt about Russians is the way the men show their respect for women, both young and old. One day, I had a rather unfortunate incident on the bus. I'd been sitting there, minding my own business, deeply engrossed in the book I was reading, when I started to notice a quiet murmuring all around me. I looked around, and noticed how the people to my left and behind me were looking across at me with disdain and whispering to each other. In front of me was a young woman, looking at me in disgust. Just when I was about to ask, in my broken (at that point crippled, in fact) Russian if something was wrong, a man in front of me got up and offered his seat to the young woman, whose face transformed in an instant to an angelic smile as she accepted, and sat down. I had been so ashamed I got off at the next stop and walked the extra six blocks home.
- E Now, back in London, this place that used to feel like home but now looked somewhat artificial, I had suddenly found myself in the same position. There I was on the bus, and a smartly-dressed, young woman got on. Looking round, I noticed with a panic that there were no other seats free. Proud of what I'd learnt, I eagerly leapt to my feet and offered my seat. When she looked surprised and told me she was 'OK, thanks', I was mortified. I felt like a balloon that had deflated prematurely, and I instantly blushed bright red. Once more, I got off early and walked. It was going to take a while to get back into the swing of things.



## Grammar

### Perfect verb forms

#### 4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- Chris has been talking (talk) to that girl for ages. I wonder what it is that's so interesting.
- The woman at the party seemed to recognise me, though I couldn't remember \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) her before.
- If you don't hurry up, they \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) all the food by the time we get there.
- Bill \_\_\_\_\_ (be) depressed ever since he lost his job last year.
- Suzanne \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) for just a few weeks when she had her first accident.
- Nearly half a million people are believed \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) their homes as a result of the disaster.
- Although it was my first visit for many years, I was surprised by how much the city \_\_\_\_\_ (change).
- It's very hard for me to comment, never \_\_\_\_\_ (read) the book myself.
- Ramsey never revealed to the police where he \_\_\_\_\_ (hide) the money.
- Life \_\_\_\_\_ (be) much quieter since Tomas left home.
- What's the matter with Katya? She \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) on her bed all day, staring out of the window.
- Next week is my first anniversary: I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in this department for exactly a year.
- They ought \_\_\_\_\_ (check) the weather forecast before setting out on such a dangerous journey.
- The roads were all flooded: it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) heavily for nearly ten hours.
- So far today, I \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) over 30 emails. How will I get time to answer them all?

#### 5 Complete the sentences with the Present perfect simple or continuous form of the verb in brackets.

- Apparently, Robert has had (have) an accident – he's on his way to hospital right now.
- How long \_\_\_\_\_ (you / look) for a new job?
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the phone to ring all morning. I can't stand it any more!
- \_\_\_\_\_ (you / ever play) baseball?
- I know why Julian looks so tired – he \_\_\_\_\_ (work) too hard recently.
- Neil \_\_\_\_\_ (never do) anything like this before in all the time I've known him.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) videos for over three hours now: it's about time you found something else to do.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (never see) Carla looking so depressed.
- It's no secret that Steven and Monika \_\_\_\_\_ (see) each other for several months now.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to get in touch with Jerry all morning, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) any luck yet.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (never understand) why people aren't prepared to queue up in a civilised manner.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the taxi for the last twenty-five minutes. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (it / not arrive) yet?

#### 6 Complete the text with the correct perfect form of the verb in brackets.

### Fancy that!

A horse and a sheep were walking past a bar one sunny day. 'Fancy a cold drink?' said the horse. 'I 1've been pulling (pull) a cart all day, and it's thirsty work, I can tell you.' The sheep 2 (sit) in a field all afternoon, with no protection from the sun: the only thing he 3 (have) to drink all day was filthy water. 'I know what you mean,' he said. 'I 4 (think) about a cold glass of cola since about 12 o'clock.' So they went inside. The horse ordered two colas and reached over for the menu. 'I fancy something to eat as well,' he said. 'I 5 (eat) ten sacks of oats so far this week, and I'm just about sick of them. I don't think my owner 6 (hear) of a balanced diet.' 'Too right,' said the sheep. 'I need a change, too. I fancy a burger. 7 (you / try) the burgers here?' The horse replied that it was the first time he 8 (eat) there, too, but he decided to have the same, with extra cheese. Then he remembered he 9 (not go) to the lavatory all day, and he needed to go urgently. 'Any idea where the lavatory is?' he asked his friend. 'No, I don't.' Just then, a dog who 10 (sit) at a nearby table came over and said, 'Please forgive me, but I 11 (listen) to your conversation, and I can tell you that the lavatory is downstairs, on your left.' The sheep turned to the horse with an amazed look on his face. 'Fancy that! I 12 (never see) a talking dog before!'





## Vocabulary

### Advertising and emotions

- 7 Replace the words in bold with the correct form of the words and phrases in the box.

aspirations    backfire    **benefits**  
deliberately set out to    differentiating factors  
heavily regulated    monitor people's responses  
pamper yourself    peer group    subtly flatter

- 1 The company has come in for criticism lately over misleading consumers about the **advantages** of their product.  
\_\_\_\_\_ *benefits* \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Since the events of 2010, the extreme sports industry has become **strictly controlled**.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 A lot of brands help to reinforce stereotypes about 25–30-year-olds and their **people who are within the same age range, social class, etc.**  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Why not **give yourself something that you want and that makes you feel happy and special** and book a weekend away at Greensleeves health spa? You know you deserve it.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The advertising campaign stating this food could help you lose weight **had the opposite effect to what was intended** when new research showed it actually contained 70 percent sugar.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 The field researchers **carefully watched how people reacted** to the different samples.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 The judge ruled that there were enough **things which make something not the same as something else** between the two gadgets for there not to have been a breach of patent law.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Dylan knew that the best way to get what he wanted from his boss was to **gently praise** him on his recent work.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9 The company was fined \$5 billion after it was discovered that they had **made plans to do something on purpose, not by accident** mislead customers about the health benefits of their new product.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Pamela had **a strong desire** of one day becoming the first female president of her country.  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Grammar

### Cleft sentences

- 8 Put the words in the correct order to make cleft sentences.



- 1 to do / must / is / we / What / stay calm / all try .  
\_\_\_\_\_ *What we must all try to do is stay calm.* \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 started / the demonstrators / It / who / the trouble / wasn't .  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 only / It / last week / that / was / she finally / got in touch .  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 like / we / about Australia / What / the marvellous / is / weather .  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 that / only / you can park / after 6.30 / It's / for free / here .  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 do / should / now / is / What / get / rest / you / plenty of .  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 I realised / It / I got home / only / that / I'd picked up / was / the wrong coat / when .  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 like / is / living / traffic / here / the awful / What / I don't / about .  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9 a barbecue / having / suggested / wasn't / It / who / me .  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10 annoys / is / really / What / to us / you lied / the way / me .  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Wordspot

### Idioms with *laugh*, *cry* and *tears*

9 Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.

bored to tears    burst into tears    burst out laughing  
close to tears    crying her eyes out    floods of tears  
~~laughed my head off~~    no laughing matter  
shoulder to cry on    the last laugh



- 1 When I saw the photos of my father as a teenager, I laughed my head off. He looked so ridiculous with long hair.
- 2 People don't always take the problem of athlete's foot seriously, but it's \_\_\_\_\_, I can tell you.
- 3 After the break-up of his marriage, Dario's best friend was always there when he needed a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Petra had expected her father to be angry or upset when he saw her hair dyed orange; instead he \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 I don't usually get emotional watching films, but at the end of *The Lion King*, my daughter and I were in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 As a child, Eva was often teased because she was so skinny. But she certainly had \_\_\_\_\_: she's now a millionaire supermodel.
- 7 As Irena received her gold medal, she unexpectedly \_\_\_\_\_. The emotion of victory had finally caught up with her.
- 8 The show was far too long: from the expression on people's faces, it was clear that many of the audience were \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 Many people at the funeral were crying openly. Even those who didn't know her seemed to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 It was heartbreaking to see the little child \_\_\_\_\_ because her doll was broken.

## Writing

### Plot summary

10a Read the plot summary. Which paragraph:

- 1 describes how the story makes you feel? C
- 2 introduces the story? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 discusses the ending? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 describes the story? \_\_\_\_\_

### The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared

A

One of the best books I've read this year is called *The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared*, by Jonas Jonasson, which was recommended to me by a friend. It's a fictional tale, and the main story is set in Sweden. It tells the story of Allan Karlsson, the protagonist, as he goes on a journey across the country, leaving a trail of chaos behind him. It also tells the story of his earlier life in parallel.

B

The story opens as Allan is about to celebrate his 100th birthday at the retirement home where he lives. Despite his age, he is both physically and mentally alert, and so he decides to climb out of the window and 'disappear'. He gets hold of a suitcase full of money, and ends up being pursued by both drug dealers and the police. On his way across the country, he teams up with people he meets on the way, and we learn about their interesting – and rather odd – lives. There are several subplots throughout the story, which involve Allan's earlier life, including meeting President Truman, Winston Churchill, Mao Zedong, and how he invented the atom bomb. Little by little, you realise that he was actually behind some of the most important events of the twentieth century.

C

It's an unapologetically hilarious book, which makes you laugh out loud in places. Some of the events are beyond belief, but it's enjoyable nonetheless, and very heartwarming, and you'll very quickly fall in love with the main characters. But behind the comedy, it leaves you with a feeling that anything is possible, and we are all truly in charge of our own destinies. As the protagonist himself says, 'Anything can be achieved through the power of positive thinking'.

D

I won't give away the ending completely, but suffice to say it all ends happily. Both the drug dealers and the police eventually catch up with Allan, but as to what happens when they do, well, you'll have to read the book for yourself and find out.

b Add one word to the phrases below to make useful phrases for a plot summary.

- 1 It's set in ...
- 2 It tells story of ...
- 3 Story opens as ...
- 4 There several subplots.
- 5 Little little, you realise that ...
- 6 It makes you laugh loud.
- 7 It's heartwarming ...
- 8 It leaves you a feeling that ...
- 9 I won't give the ending ...
- 10 It ends happily.

c Choose a story that you have read recently. Write a plot summary with four paragraphs, following the model in exercise 10a.



## Vocabulary

## Money and enterprise

- 1 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

bankrupt	break even	bribes	broke	fee
pension	priceless	ransom	stingy	tip
went bust	worthless			

- 1 The waitress was so rude, and the service so slow, that we decided not to leave a tip at the end of the meal.
- 2 I just couldn't believe my eyes when I saw the £2,750! that my lawyer had charged me ...
- 3 The Star of Africa, belonging to Queen Elizabeth II, is the largest cut diamond in the world and is regarded as utterly priceless.
- 4 Unfortunately, many of the 'authentic' autographs bought and sold on the Internet are not genuine, and as such are completely worthless.
- 5 Despite being one of the richest men in the USA, Texas oil billionaire H.L. Hunt was so stingy he refused to buy lunch: he always brought his own sandwiches to meetings!
- 6 The company has not done so well this year. I don't think we'll make a profit, but if we are lucky, we may break even.
- 7 Now they've retired, my grandparents only have their pension to live on.
- 8 The young man was released by the kidnappers when his family agreed to pay a ransom of \$100,000.
- 9 K.P. Internet Services, which has been making huge losses over the last three years, finally went bankrupt last month.
- 10 At the time of his arrest, the former company director was homeless and completely went bust.
- 11 The city mayor is at the centre of a scandal in which he is accused of accepting bribes from local businessmen.
- 12 My brother had a building company, but when wood prices went up, his business broke.

## Listen and read

## Mobile affluenza clinics

- 2a 3.1 Listen to and/or read the article on 'mobile affluenza clinics'. Which of the following things are mentioned in the article?

- 1 A description of what affluenza is ☒
- 2 The benefits of affluenza ☐
- 3 Symptoms of affluenza ☐
- 4 A list of celebrities who suffer from affluenza ☐
- 5 Practical advice for dealing with affluenza ☐
- 6 Criticism of the project ☐

- b Listen to and/or read the text again and choose the correct answer, according to the article.

- 1 The aim of the clinics is to:
  - a make people more aware of the situation.
  - b find a cure for 'affluenza'.
  - c help rich families educate their children.
- 2 The term *self-perpetuating spiral* (line 24) means:
  - a something which makes you more selfish.
  - b it only affects rich people.
  - c a situation which makes itself worse.
- 3 One of the 'symptoms' of affluenza is:
  - a being very confident.
  - b high cholesterol.
  - c thinking you deserve the latest consumer goods.
- 4 What does *this* in line 41 refer to?
  - a the 'symptoms'
  - b affluenza
  - c donating money
- 5 Jitesh Chopra says that:
  - a the advice isn't realistic.
  - b he works too many hours.
  - c we don't need to change the way we live.





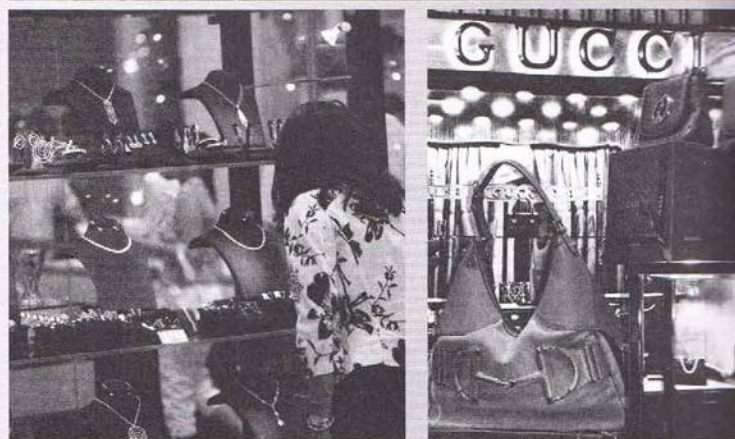
# Mobile affluenza clinics

The Delhi-based charity End Affluenza Now has this week launched a fleet of 'mobile affluenza clinics', with the aim of reaching out to India's emerging middle classes in order to educate them about the perils of what is seen as a very 21st-century 'disease'. The organisation hopes that by likening the condition to a disease, bringing it out into the open, naming it and generally de-mystifying it, they can help raise awareness of what they argue is one of the widest-reaching 'afflictions' of our time.

So what is 'affluenza'? The organisation describes it as a form of extreme materialism, resulting in the need to accumulate wealth and consumer goods at a scale which is out of control. In its most extreme form, it's known as 'sudden-wealth syndrome' and often experienced by people who have made or won large amounts of money (such as lottery winners). Many sufferers feel that their financial success leaves them with an empty feeling, which can only be fulfilled with the accumulation of more wealth, which in turn becomes a self-perpetuating spiral. In the past, it was only a concern for the very richest levels of society, but in a country where the average salary has risen by 14 percent over the last decade (18 percent for IT professionals), combined with a push towards aggressive marketing by the world's major brands into this 'promising' new economy, it now affects an estimated 40 percent of the population.

'Symptoms' of the disease include workaholism, or finding more and more of your time consumed by a job you hate, low self-esteem, an addiction to chaos, aiming to buy consumer goods which you derive little or no satisfaction from, and a false sense of entitlement.

Sceptics argue that the country has far more pressing issues to deal with than this. 'It's ludicrous that time and resources are being spent on these pathetic issues, when there are people in different parts of the country struggling to feed their families every day, or without access to clean drinking water,' says Shriya Dutta, a community outreach worker. 'Perhaps those worried about



whether they can afford that new 50-inch TV should think about donating some of that money to more worthwhile causes.'

The organisation's strategy with the mobile clinics is twofold. Firstly, they hope to raise awareness of the problem and its effects. Secondly, they aim to offer practical advice in order to help families reclaim fulfilment with their 'real lives'. This advice includes, among other tips, using cash or debit cards rather than credit cards to limit spending, keeping records of what you spend, and using them in order to form realistic budgets, planning shopping trips to avoid impulse buys, and following the 'three Rs' – Reuse, Repair, Recycle.

Reactions so far have been mixed. While some have found the advice a useful antidote to the inescapable daily bombardment of big-brand marketing, others are less hopeful. 'It's all very well them telling us to work less,' says Jitesh Chopra, a systems analyst from Mumbai, 'but if I don't put in the hours, then someone else will, and before I know it, I'll be out of a job. What's needed is a more wide-reaching change, that cuts to the heart of society as we know it.'



## Grammar

### Time and tense

- 3 Read the joke about Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson. Write one example of each verb form in the table. Which verb form is not included?

	Simple	Continuous
Present		
Present perfect		
Past		were having
Past perfect		
Future		
Future perfect		

### Elementary, my dear Watson

Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson were having a camping holiday in the countryside. On their final evening, they decided to go to bed as soon as they had finished their simple meal, as they were leaving early the next morning. Some time later, Watson woke up. He saw his friend was lying awake, staring at the stars. He had obviously been doing this for some time.

'Watson,' said Holmes, 'I have been studying the stars for the last ten minutes and I have just made a brilliant deduction. Before I tell you what it is, look up at the stars and tell me what **you** see.'

Watson thought for a moment. 'Well, the stars are shining brightly, which means it will probably be a wonderful day tomorrow.'

'No, not that,' said Holmes. 'Try again.'

'Let me see ... I observe that the Moon is at an angle of 65 degrees, and will be setting in approximately one hour. I therefore deduce that the time is approximately 2.25 a.m.'

'No, not that either,' said Holmes. 'Try again.'

'Um ... in another five hours, we will have been on holiday for exactly one week.'

'You idiot, Watson. Some thief has stolen our tent!'



- 4a Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 According to this, the next train doesn't leave (leave) till 10 o'clock. What shall we do?
- 2 Don't forget to pick up all your belongings before you \_\_\_\_\_ (leave).
- 3 In the opening chapter, Pip, the hero of the novel, \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a terrifying encounter with a convict.
- 4 Santa Rosa man \_\_\_\_\_ (deny) tax charges. (Full story page 2.)
- 5 A hamburger \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) into a bar. The barman says, 'Sorry, we \_\_\_\_\_ (serve) food.'
- 6 So it is with great pride that I \_\_\_\_\_ (declare) this supermarket open.
- 7 We're determined to enjoy the game, whether or not our team \_\_\_\_\_ (win).
- 8 And Foster

(smash) that ball into the net ... love—40!

- 9 The next person who

(shout out) will receive a punishment. Please put your hands up!

- 10 The police

(be) to introduce a new identity card scheme.



- b Match the sentences in exercise 4a with the uses of the Present simple below.

- To talk about past situations in newspaper headlines. 4
- To talk about the past when we tell a joke, relate the story of a film, book or play.
- To refer to an action which happens at the moment of speaking.
- To describe or commentate on a present action.
- To describe future events which are programmed or timetabled.
- To refer to the future after time conjunctions such as *if*, *when*, *before*, *as soon as*, etc.
- After relative pronouns such as *who* and *where*.
- In subordinate clauses introduced by *as*, *than* and *whether*.



## 5 Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

- 1 If I **had** / **have** / **will have** a bit more time, I'd be delighted to help.
- 2 Do you ever wish you **listened** / **'d listened** / **'ve listened** to all the advice you were given?
- 3 Suppose we **took** / **'d taken** / **'ve taken** a taxi to the airport. How much would it cost?
- 4 What if I **was to** / **were to** / **am to** tell you that you've been chosen to appear on TV?
- 5 Sally and I just **wanted** / **have wanted** / **are wanting** to thank you for all your support.
- 6 Anybody would have done the same if they **are** / **had been** / **were** in my position.
- 7 It's time you **face up** / **will face up** / **faced up** to the truth. She's not coming back.
- 8 I **am wondering** / **was wondering** / **have wondered** if you'd like to go out with me some time.
- 9 I'd rather you **don't make** / **hadn't made** / **didn't make** rude comments about my cooking.
- 10 Imagine you **can** / **could** / **'d been able** have a date with anyone in the world ... who would it be?
- 11 **Has there been** / **Was there** / **Were there** anything else I can get for you, madam?
- 12 If I **knew** / **know** / **'d known** how ungrateful Joe would be, I'd never have agreed to help him.
- 13 I wish I **can** / **could** / **will be able** understand what he's singing about, but I don't know a word of Spanish.
- 14 I'd sooner we **leave** / **left** / **'d left** as quickly as possible, if you don't mind.

## 6a Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Kay told me ... a
- 2 Kay tells me ... g
- 3 Whenever I see him, ... e
- 4 When I saw him, ... f
- 5 I just happened to be passing, ... c
- 6 If I happen to be passing, ... d
- 7 Whenever I happen to be passing, ... b
- 8 People hundreds of years ago believed ... h
- 9 A few people still believe ... i
- 10 Scientists proved many years ago ... j

- a I can't help laughing.
- b I drop by and see her.
- c I'll drop by and see you.
- d so I thought I'd drop by and see you.
- e that the Earth isn't flat.
- f the Earth was flat.
- g you were having a barbecue this evening.
- h you're having a barbecue this evening.
- i I couldn't help laughing.
- j the Earth is flat.

## b 3.2 Listen and check.

## Grammar

### Inversion with negative adverbials

#### 7a Correct the sentences below, paying attention to the negative adverbials.

- 1 Under no circumstances people should approach the criminal as he is highly dangerous.  
Under no circumstances should people approach the criminal as he is highly dangerous.
- 2 Only then I noticed that something was missing.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Rarely I have witnessed such enthusiasm.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Seldom the economic outlook has looked so gloomy.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Not only you lied to me, you also stole my money.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 No longer women expect men to provide for them economically.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Not once he said 'thank you' for all the help I gave him.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Never before so many people have participated in a TV game show.  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### b 3.3 Listen and check.



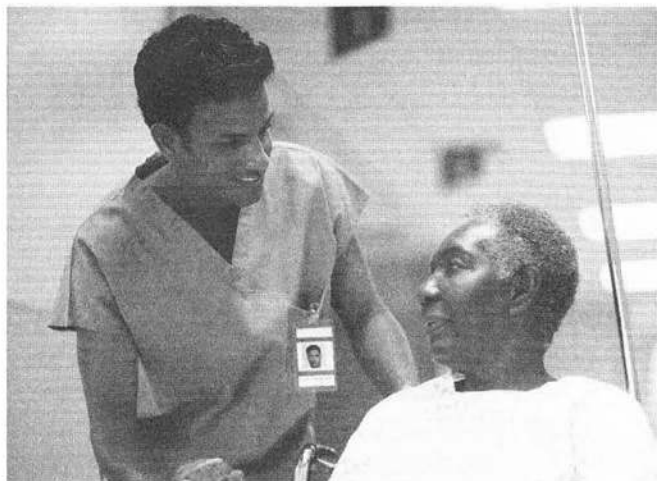
## Wordspot

### worth

- 8 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

a day's worth    for what it's worth    not worth  
prove your worth    worth a quick look    worthless  
worthwhile    worth your while

- We've only got a day's worth of milk left.
- Have you seen Gavin's new website? It's not brilliant, but it's \_\_\_\_\_.
- If you want to earn your team's respect, you'll first have to \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'm afraid this is not an original. It's \_\_\_\_\_.
- Let's walk. It's \_\_\_\_\_ taking the bus.
- I'm happy to share my opinion, \_\_\_\_\_.
- If you work for us, we'll make it \_\_\_\_\_.
- Nursing doesn't pay very much, but it's a really \_\_\_\_\_ profession.



## Language live

### Describing quantities

- 9 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

dash    dozens    enormous    handful  
overwhelming    pinch    sum    while

- Latest reports show that dozens of people have been injured in the train crash.
- Can you look after the baby for a \_\_\_\_\_?
- Just add a \_\_\_\_\_ of lemon juice. Delicious!
- Lara was left a huge \_\_\_\_\_ of money.
- I thought Chris was on a diet? Did you see the \_\_\_\_\_ portion of pasta he had for lunch?
- Hmm ... it needs a \_\_\_\_\_ of salt, I think.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ majority of people in my country support the President.
- Only a \_\_\_\_\_ of people protested.

## Writing

### Summarising statistics

- 10a Replace the words in bold in the sentences with words in the chart with the same meaning, referring to the figures given.

Adjectives	Nouns	Adverbs	Verbs	Other phrases
big slight dramatic	an increase a decrease a rise a fall a drop	steadily dramatically significantly slightly <del>sharply</del> threefold respectively	rise fall go up double	In contrast, By far the biggest/ smallest

- (5,600 → 32,650)  
Sales have **gone up dramatically**. risen sharply
- (A 24% → 19%; B 76% → 62%)  
A and B have fallen by 5% and 14% **in that order**.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (200 → 600)  
Income has risen **300 percent**. \_\_\_\_\_
- (57 → 52 → 47 → 42)  
The exchange rate has dropped **at the same rate** over the last four months. \_\_\_\_\_
- (3,476 → 3,484)  
Sales have seen **a small rise**. \_\_\_\_\_
- (A 10 → 5; B 5 → 10)  
A has halved. **In the opposite way**, B has **increased by 100 percent**. \_\_\_\_\_

- b Use the information in the table below and the phrases in exercise 10a to write a short text describing sales of computers and mobile devices between 2012 and 2014.

Sales of computers, mobile phones and tablets 2012–2014 (millions)			
	2012	2013	2014
PCs and notebooks	341	305	289
Ultrabooks	9.7	20	39
Tablets	120	201	276
Smartphones	220	234	236
e-book readers	76	76	76
<b>Total</b>	<b>766.7</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>916</b>



# 04 SELF-HELP

## Vocabulary

### Self-improvement

1a Complete the definitions with the words and phrases in the box.

acupuncture a detox programme a religious retreat  
'boot camp-style' training counselling hypnotherapy  
laser treatment meditation T'ai Chi  
voluntary work

- 1 hypnotherapy putting someone in a semi-conscious state to treat emotional or physical problems
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ emptying your mind of thoughts and feelings, in order to relax completely or for religious reasons
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ not eating specific foods or only drinking special liquids for a short time, thought to remove harmful substances from your body
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ a form of exercise which involves extremely slow movements, which trains your mind and body
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ a type of surgery using a beam of light
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ giving advice and support to someone after talking to them
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ a period of time which people spend praying or studying religion in a quiet place
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ doing an unpaid job, because you want to, and to help others
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ treating pain and disease by inserting special needles into parts of the body
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ a fitness programme run in the style of the military



b Which of the activities in exercise 1a would you recommend to each of these people?

- 1 someone who wants to 'give something back' to the community voluntary work
- 2 someone who wants to feel closer to God \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 someone who wants to lose weight and become physically fit quickly \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 someone who's been eating a lot of junk food and feels ill \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 someone who has a crippling fear of heights \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 someone who has poor eyesight, but doesn't want to wear glasses or use contact lenses \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 someone who has suffered a traumatic experience such as losing a loved one \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 someone who needs to think clearly in order to make an important decision \_\_\_\_\_



## Pronunciation

### Schwa

2a Underline the schwa sounds (/ə/) in each word.

- |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 laser                   | 9 vegan                   |
| 2 marathon (2 sounds)     | 10 perspective            |
| 3 acupuncture             | 11 voluntary              |
| 4 endurance               | 12 overwhelmed            |
| 5 physical                | 13 yourself               |
| 6 forward                 | 14 broaden                |
| 7 hypnotherapy (2 sounds) | 15 superficial (2 sounds) |
| 8 counselling             | 16 horizons (2 sounds)    |

b 4.1 Listen and check. Practise saying the words.



## Vocabulary

### Fitness

- 3 Complete the advertisement with the correct form of the words and phrases in the box.

fitness app    manageable targets    metabolic rate  
motivated    nutritional information    personal trainer  
~~put on~~    rigorous training programme    tone up

### Discover a new you with Jutrain

**Are you feeling unfit?** Have you been steadily <sup>1</sup> putting on weight over the holiday season? Perhaps you need to <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ your muscles?

Jutrain offers the complete training and weight loss programme, at an affordable price. This <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is different from all the others out there, as it offers all the services other apps offer for a one-off payment. No monthly subscription fees or in-app purchases.

When you start using Jutrain, we'll ask you to complete a comprehensive questionnaire and record your exercise and the <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ about what you eat. From this, we'll work out information such as your optimum time for exercise, your <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, and recommended daily calorie intake. We'll then put you in contact with a real <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (yes, an actual human being!) who will set you <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ based on what you're <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ by.

Or, if you want to go that extra mile (or miles), he/she can put you through a <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in order to reach your full potential. So what are you waiting for? Download Jutrain today, and say hello to leaner, fitter, healthier you!

## Grammar

### Patterns with comparatives and superlatives

- 4a Complete the text with the correct form of the adjective in brackets.

### Summer hazards

For city dwellers in the summer months, the <sup>1</sup> hotter (hot) it gets, the <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (great) the danger from air pollution. But did you know that eating strawberries is one of <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (easy) ways of resisting air pollution? They are rich in pollution-busting ellagic acid ... and what could be <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (nice) than a delicious bowl of strawberries on a hot summer's day? There's nothing <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (bad) than an attack of sunburn ... so no one should go out into the sun without plenty of factor 30. But the more fruit and vegetables you eat – particularly mangos, sweet potatoes, carrots and apricots – the <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (resistant) your skin becomes to the sun's harmful rays. And <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (good) thing about this form of sun protection is that it tastes a lot <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (good) than sun cream, too! What could be <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (good) for cooling off than an afternoon at the swimming pool? But be careful – the more time you spend in the water, the <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (likely) it is that you'll be exposed to water-borne bacteria, which can cause ear and throat infections. If you're in and out of the swimming pool every few minutes, Xylitol, a natural sweetener from a birch tree, is among <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (effective) protectors – and you can buy it in chewing-gum form – so the more you chew, <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (healthy) you'll be!

- b  4.2 Listen and check.

## Wordspot

### Body idioms

- 5 Complete the sentences with the appropriate part of the body.


- The police seem to be turning a blind eye to his activities.
- I tried not to laugh, but I couldn't keep a straight \_\_\_\_\_.
- He won the final \_\_\_\_\_ down.
- I just can't get my \_\_\_\_\_ round these instructions.
- Is that true or are you pulling my \_\_\_\_\_?
- Last year when my mum died, Nadya really listened to me. She was a real \_\_\_\_\_ to cry on.
- It was a \_\_\_\_\_-raising experience: I was terrified!
- I offered my cat some biscuits, but she turned her \_\_\_\_\_ up at them.
- Busy? I'm up to my \_\_\_\_\_ in it.
- Daniela cooked us a \_\_\_\_\_-watering meal.
- As the big moment approached, I could feel butterflies in my \_\_\_\_\_.
- 'How's your lovely wife?' I asked David ... and remembered they'd just got divorced. I'd put my \_\_\_\_\_ in it as usual.
- Oh no! I've dropped it. I'm all fingers and \_\_\_\_\_ today.
- It was a \_\_\_\_\_-rending speech – everyone was very moved.





## Listen and read

### Staying young

- 6a  4.3 Listen to and/or read the extracts about the things four people do to stay young. Match the people with the activities.

- 1 sport \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 learning a language \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 travelling \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 having good friends \_\_\_\_\_

- b Listen to and/or read the extracts again. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 People generally live twice as long now as they did at the start of the 20th century. T
- 2 Hungarian is difficult because of the number of words it has. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Richard would like to study Hungarian in a class at school. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Agata's friends are all younger than she is. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Agata says your attitude to life is important. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Mike runs shorter distances than he did in the past. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 For Mike, the physical benefits of exercise are more important than the mental ones. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Before she went to Rome, Clara had never visited another country. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Clara thinks it's easier to travel when you're younger. \_\_\_\_\_

- c Find words or phrases in the extracts that mean:

- 1 difficult (para A) tough
- 2 a way of describing how far a car has travelled, used here to refer to age (para B) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 your general attitude to life (para B) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 a really positive feeling (para C) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 absorb your surroundings (para D) \_\_\_\_\_

70 is the new 60, so they say, and with average life expectancy more than double what it was just over 100 years ago, there's no escaping the fact that we are now living longer. But there are some people who take that even further, proving that age really is no limit to what you can achieve. Meet some people who think they've found the secret to staying young.

A



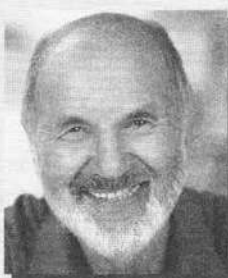
Örvendek! Pleased to meet you! A few years back, I went on a sightseeing holiday to Budapest, and I instantly fell in love with this beautiful city. I loved everything about it – the history, culture, people. So I decided to try learning the language. It was really tough at first, as Hungarian is very different from most other European languages in the way words are formed and the grammatical cases, so I was learning quite a lot of rather new concepts. But I've kept it up, and nowadays I use online video chat to have lessons twice a week with a teacher based in Hungary. She's quite strict with me and sets me regular homework (it's like being back at school again sometimes!), but it's great and keeps my mind active. I also think I've proved that it's never too late to learn something new! **Richard, 71**

B



For me it's all about the company you keep. I have a great group of friends, all of whom are 'young'. By that I don't mean they have fewer miles on the clock than me (in fact the opposite is true), but that they simply have a fresh attitude to things. You won't ever hear any of them say things like 'I'm too old for that' or 'you wouldn't catch me doing that at my age'. We all share the same outlook – that it's there for living, so we get together every week and try something new. Last week we went bowling, and this week we're going to try paintballing! You can look back at what's happened to you over the years, or you can look ahead at the years to come. I choose the latter. **Agata, 67**

C



It sounds obvious, I know, but the best way to stay young and healthy is exercise. I started running in my late fifties, and I still run now, but not as far as I used to. I go twice or three times a week and usually manage about three kilometres. I love it – it's like a lifeline for me. My doctor says I have the metabolism and physical fitness of a 50-year-old, but it's not just that it keeps my body in shape and working, it's what it does for me mentally, too. The buzz you get when you get the blood moving round the body like this is when you feel truly alive, and I think that's the same whatever your age is. My advice to other people my age would be to get outside and get moving, even if it's only a short distance each day. **Mike, 69**

D



When I retired a few years ago, I'd never been abroad. I'd always wanted to visit Rome, and try Italian food in Italy. I'd heard so much about it from my children and it sounded wonderful, so a couple of years back, I thought 'What the heck!' and booked a two-week holiday. Needless to say I had a great time. I loved everything about it – the sights, the food, the people, the feeling of immersing yourself in another culture. Well, since then, I've 'caught the bug', as they say, and I've been all over Europe. The only thing that holds me back is my pension. I love travelling and I think this time of life is a great time to do it. There's less pressure to get to see all the places you think you have to, and more time to relax and soak up the atmosphere. My dream now is to visit somewhere further afield. I'd love to visit Japan, for example.

**Clara, 68**



## Grammar

### Adjectives

#### 7 Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box.

afraid alive alone asleep drunk  
drunken frightened ill live lone  
mere only sheer sick sleeping

- Since his wife died nearly twenty years ago, Walter has always lived alone.
- 'We were lucky to get out of there \_\_\_\_\_,' said 20-year-old Sandra Hewlett after her dramatic rescue.
- Mr Livingham denied accusations of \_\_\_\_\_ behaviour at the awards ceremony. 'I only had two glasses of wine all evening,' he told journalists.
- Prices are still very low if you go to the right place: you can even get a three-course lunch for a \_\_\_\_\_ €3!
- Maria felt so happy, she wanted to laugh and sing from \_\_\_\_\_ joy.
- Mother Teresa spent many years working with \_\_\_\_\_ children in India.
- The transportation of \_\_\_\_\_ animals from one country to another remains a controversial issue.
- Her innocent expression and wide eyes gave her the look of a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ animal.
- Henry gently placed his \_\_\_\_\_ baby daughter into her cot.
- Who knows whether the assassination was the work of a \_\_\_\_\_ gunman, or if there were others involved?
- It's often said that Emiko's \_\_\_\_\_ fault was a tendency to be over-generous.
- It was 3 a.m. by the time we got home. Not surprisingly, everyone in the house was \_\_\_\_\_.
- As a child, I was always \_\_\_\_\_ of the dark and had to sleep with the light on.
- Tim has had to leave work early. He said he was feeling \_\_\_\_\_.
- It was clear that many of the football supporters who started the violence had been in the bars all day and were very \_\_\_\_\_.



#### 8 Combine the words in brackets to form a suitable compound adjective to complete the sentences.

- The combination of loud music and flashing lights can produce a trance-like (trance like) state.
- In a \_\_\_\_\_ (bad temper) second half, one player from each side was sent off by referee Ramirez.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ (new appoint) head of Dookia telephones is expected to announce a new series of redundancies soon.
- After the riots, the streets of the city were filled with the wrecks of \_\_\_\_\_ (burn out) cars.
- I've never tried any complementary therapies, but I think one should always be \_\_\_\_\_ (open mind) about such things.
- The only jobs available are \_\_\_\_\_ (bad pay) and require few qualifications.
- One of the aims of KitchenKraft is to make kitchen installations as \_\_\_\_\_ (use friend) as we possibly can.
- It was only a \_\_\_\_\_ (light heart) comment, and certainly not meant to give offence.
- Police are interviewing a \_\_\_\_\_ (44 year old) over the disappearance of the teenager, Mandy Jones.
- Do you know who that \_\_\_\_\_ (long hair) boy is? He's absolutely gorgeous, isn't he?
- The song was originally written by a \_\_\_\_\_ (little know) Brazilian songwriter called Eliane Baza.
- From the airport, it's a \_\_\_\_\_ (40 minute) car journey to the centre of town.

#### 9 Make the opposite of the words and phrases with the prefixes in the box.

anti- dis- in- mal- mis- multi-  
over- pre- sub- un- under

- overcooked undercooked
- post-industrial \_\_\_\_\_
- complete \_\_\_\_\_
- understand \_\_\_\_\_
- well-adjusted \_\_\_\_\_
- honest \_\_\_\_\_
- important \_\_\_\_\_
- pro-American \_\_\_\_\_
- monolingual \_\_\_\_\_
- underpaid \_\_\_\_\_
- tropical \_\_\_\_\_



- 10** Complete the encyclopedia entries by forming an adjective from the word in brackets. Make any necessary spelling changes. (Use a good learner's dictionary to help you.)

### neon

<sup>1</sup> colourless (colour), <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (odour) gas. Chemical symbol **Ne**,  
<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (atom) number 10. Tubes containing neon are used in  
<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (electricity) signs: it gives off a <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (fire)  
 red glow.

### Neruda, Pablo (1904–1973)

Chilean poet. Among his most famous <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (literature)  
 works is the epic poem *Canto General* (1950). He also served in the  
<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (diplomacy) service and was awarded the Nobel Prize  
 for literature in 1971.

### nervous breakdown

popular term for a reaction to overwhelming <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 (psychology) stress. There is no equivalent in <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (medicine)  
 terms. Someone suffering may become unusually <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 (anxiety) in <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stress) situations.

### nettle

stinging plants with oval, tooth-edged leaves. The <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 (green) leaves are slightly <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (poison) and can cause a  
<sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (pain) irritation on the skin.

### Newark

largest city and port of New Jersey, USA. It is an important  
<sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (commerce) and <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (finance) centre and  
 the <sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (administration) centre of Essex County. It is also a  
 large producer of <sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (electricity) equipment.

- 11** Cross out the two adverbs of degree which cannot combine with the adjective in capitals.

1	absolutely	really	a bit	quite	extremely	GOOD
2	very	absolutely	totally	really	slightly	FANTASTIC
3	really	not very	completely	extremely	a bit	INTERESTING
4	absolutely	slightly	quite	a little	utterly	PERFECT
5	rather	really	absolutely	utterly	quite	TALL
6	quite	pretty	rather	100 percent	totally	RIGHT

## Writing

### A short news article

- 12** Put the paragraphs A–E on the right in the correct order to make a news article about a local awards ceremony.

1 B 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_

- 13** Write a news article about a local event in your area. Include the following:

- What the event is.
- Where it is.
- Why it is special.
- Who is involved.

### A

June's husband had applied to the committee after seeing the awards ceremony last year. They accepted the application, and arranged a task which saw her climb a metal tower 200 metres high, and paint a small bell at the top. The panel said that she had shown great courage and determination in facing the challenge, and that she set a great example to others with similar fears.

### B

Local businesswoman June Page was last night celebrating conquering her fear of heights in the only way she knew how – with a helicopter ride. June was this year's winner of the Move any Mountain awards, a yearly event which celebrates people who have managed to overcome fears and phobias, both rational and irrational.

### C

The ceremony itself was a great success, and helped raise several thousand pounds for a local charity. The evening ended with a standing ovation for June.

### D

She was awarded the prize for how she had managed to overcome her crippling fear of heights. Taking to the stage to collect her award, she thanked the committee for their help and support over the last year, and said, 'Now it's official. I'm no longer scared of heights!' The awards committee seeks out people with fears and phobias which affect their daily lives, and presents them with challenges in order to help them overcome their fears by confronting them head on.

### E

Other finalists at the event included Dylan Moore, who tackled his fear of confined spaces by spending an hour in an elevator, and Claire Dowling, who spent a day at the local kennels in order to face her fear of dogs.

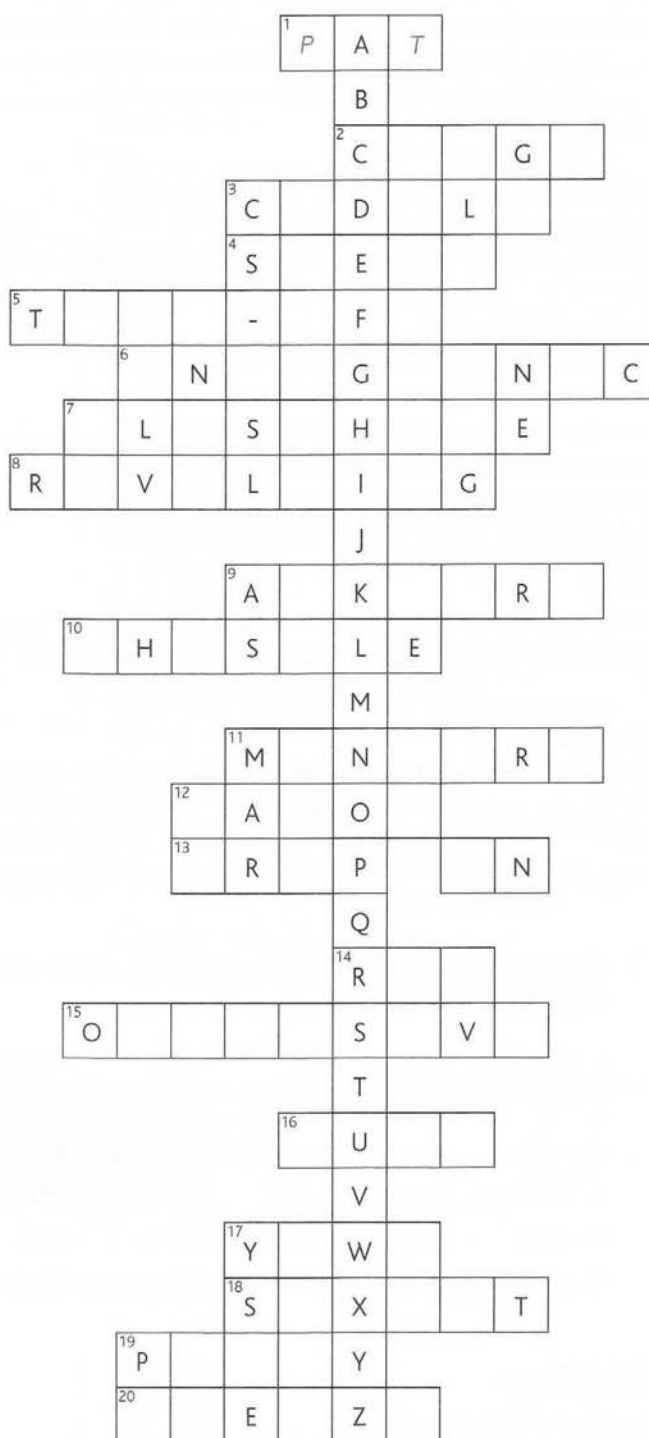


## Vocabulary

## Polite social behaviour

1 Use the clues to complete the grid. The number of letters and part of speech are given in brackets.

- 1 to touch someone lightly (e.g. on the back) with the palm of your hand (3, verb)
- 2 to suddenly push air out of your throat with a short sound (5, verb/noun)
- 3 to hold someone or something very close to you with your arms around them (6, verb/noun)
- 4 to use offensive words, e.g. when you are angry (5, verb)
- 5 something which makes you lose interest in something or someone (4, 3, noun)
- 6 dirty and likely to make people ill (10, adjective)
- 7 to use religious or holy words in a way that offends people's religious beliefs (9, verb)
- 8 extremely unpleasant (9, adjective)
- 9 difficult, embarrassing or inconvenient (7, adjective)
- 10 to make a high or musical sound by blowing air out through your lips (7, verb)
- 11 ways of behaving in a social situation – they can be good or bad (7, noun)
- 12 something that cannot be mentioned or discussed (5, noun/adjective)
- 13 to visit someone without arranging it first (4, 2, verb)
- 14 to argue in an angry way (3, verb/noun)
- 15 showing no awareness of other people's feelings (9, adjective)
- 16 not polite, likely to offend people (4, adjective)
- 17 to open your mouth wide because you are tired or bored (4, verb/noun)
- 18 discriminating against one sex in favour of the other (6, adjective)
- 19 overly persuasive (5, adjective)
- 20 expect people to say *Bless You!* or *Gesundheit!* when you do this (6, verb/noun)





**2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in exercise 1.**

- 1 One of the members of the audience seemed to be deliberately asking awkward questions – I must say I found some of them very hard to deal with!
- 2 The shop assistants in that shop were so \_\_\_\_\_, it put me off buying anything.
- 3 It was so smoky in the kitchen, I couldn't stop \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Thomas, stop picking your nose! It's \_\_\_\_\_!
- 5 I'm never going back to that restaurant again! The waiters were so \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 After a night without sleep, it was very difficult to stop myself \_\_\_\_\_ in class the following day.
- 7 Sex, religion and death are often considered \_\_\_\_\_ subjects when it comes to class discussions.
- 8 I hate to say it, but nice as Ryan is, when he starts going on about himself, it's a bit of a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 Although he was angry, it was silly of Keith to \_\_\_\_\_ at the referee. Fortunately for Keith, I don't think the referee heard him!
- 10 I've always thought that parents should make it a priority to teach their children good \_\_\_\_\_: how they behave in public is so important.
- 11 My dog is very friendly and loves it if you \_\_\_\_\_ him on the head.
- 12 I don't like that comedian. I find a lot of his jokes about religion quite \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13 I'm sorry ... I seem to have caught a cold and I just can't stop \_\_\_\_\_.
- 14 Warren's so \_\_\_\_\_. He didn't wash his hands after going to the toilet.
- 15 It's definitely \_\_\_\_\_ of you to insist that the new secretary has to be female.
- 16 If you want the dog to come to you, you'll need to say its name and \_\_\_\_\_.

- 17 I think Fran and Carlos are going to split up. When I saw them yesterday, they were \_\_\_\_\_ in the street.
- 18 Sorry I'm late, I \_\_\_\_\_ to see Abby on the way home.
- 19 I've missed you so much. Come here and give me a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 20 The church says it finds the film of Christ's life offensive. It contains \_\_\_\_\_.

## Vocabulary

### Image

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

bad hair day    Botox injections    charisma    fashion victim  
flattering portrait    image consultant    inner beauty    make-up artist  
overdressed    personal trainer    posture    style makeover


- 1 Before running in the election, Paola hired an image consultant to help ensure she looked her best for the cameras.
- 2 Paris looked ten years younger after having her \_\_\_\_\_. All the wrinkles on her face had disappeared.
- 3 When he saw everyone else wearing jeans and trainers, Adam realised he was \_\_\_\_\_ for the staff party.
- 4 Looks don't really bother me. I'm much more interested in someone's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Nothing was going right for Angela that day. She'd washed her hair at the gym, then realised she'd left her brush at home and the hairdryers weren't working. Now her hair was frizzy and crazy. She was having such a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 It's important to learn how to sit with good \_\_\_\_\_ if you have a desk job.
- 7 The \_\_\_\_\_ won an Oscar for her work on the characters in the film. Everyone agreed that she had made the aliens' faces look extremely lifelike.
- 8 I've decided to hire a \_\_\_\_\_ at the gym I go to. Otherwise I'm never going to motivate myself to get fit.
- 9 Have you seen the new painting of Princess Alexia? I have to say it's an extremely \_\_\_\_\_. Her nose is half its normal size!
- 10 Toshi has so much \_\_\_\_\_. It's hard not to like him as soon as you meet him.
- 11 For my mum's 50th birthday, we paid for her to have a \_\_\_\_\_. New clothes, new haircut and new look. She loved it!
- 12 May's such a \_\_\_\_\_. If you told her it was trendy to wear your clothes inside out, I bet she'd do it.





## Listen and read

### Nosey questions

4a  5.1 Listen to and/or read the text below. Where do you think it comes from?

- 1 a book giving advice for people visiting the UK for the first time
- 2 the advice column of a teenage magazine
- 3 a book of humorous articles
- 4 a book of advice about social etiquette

### Nosey questions

If someone you know asks you nose questions, then you are not obliged to answer if you don't want to. Here it is more important that you have some polite brush-off\*, but it is still not rude for you to refuse and it would be rude for the other person to press you.

If you think they shouldn't have asked the question ('How much money do you earn?', 'Are you pregnant yet?', 'Are you and John still in love?'), then I strongly recommend looking very shocked and saying 'I can't believe you just asked me that!' and either leaving them to stumble out of it or moving on yourself to another, perhaps related, subject. If they try to press you, as opposed to defending themselves lamely and saying 'I was just interested ...', then you can keep the shocked look and say 'I'm not telling you that' with as much emphasis as you like on the 'you'.

But what if the question isn't quite so unforgivable? You don't want to answer it ('How much did you pay for that?', 'Are you having a relationship with him?', 'Where did you buy that?' – these are strictly subjective examples, by the way: you can decide for yourself what questions go into what categories). Or supposing the really awful question came from someone you don't feel you can be too hard on (elderly relative, boss). Then you need a more smiling response: 'I can't possibly tell you that' or 'I'm not telling anyone that' or 'Wouldn't you like to know?' or 'That's none of your business'. Any of these, if said with a cheerful face, should get you out of it. As ever, if people press, then they have lost the right to a polite answer. Some people really don't understand why you won't tell them. 'But I'd tell you,' they say. You must just answer 'I never tell anyone that kind of thing' until they get the message. But you must stand firm, because otherwise they'll never learn and will keep expecting you to tell them your innermost secrets. There is certainly never any need to tell your secrets just because someone else told theirs.

There are questions that seem perfectly reasonable – 'Are you planning to move?', 'Are you going to go back to work?', 'Are you going on holiday this year?' – but if answered truthfully might lead to minefields or unexpected (and maybe unwanted) revelations of bankruptcy, pregnancy, redundancy, divorce, etc. Here you are free to tell white lies and say 'We don't know / haven't decided yet / haven't really thought about it'. Looking vague and serene and changing the subject is the key here. You generally find that people did leap to conclusions, but they were the wrong ones ('I was convinced that meant you were getting married, not splitting up') and nothing to worry about. If the question was reasonable, then it's polite to embarrass the asker as little as possible – they were probably only making conversation in the first place.

\*a clear sign that you don't wish to speak to someone

b Read the text again. Circle nine nose questions and underline ten suggested answers.

c Are these sentences true (T) or false (F), according to the text?

- 1 You should only avoid answering nose questions if they truly shock you. F
- 2 There are no strict rules about how nose a question is.
- 3 When questions aren't so nose, you should use a facial expression when responding.
- 4 You should be more polite if people become pushy.
- 5 Sometimes people aren't aware that a question is nose.
- 6 If you answer a nose question, it's unlikely that people will ask you any more.
- 7 If someone shares personal information with you, it's important that you reciprocate.
- 8 Pretending you misunderstood the question is another strategy.





## Grammar

### Modals and related verbs

#### 5 Complete the text with the phrases in the box.

am unable to    are able to    are sometimes  
I feel it is necessary to    is not the correct thing to  
~~it's advisable to~~    perhaps you are    refuses to  
will possibly

#### Neither a borrower nor a lender be

Borrowing and lending money is a sticky subject. Where large sums of money are concerned, <sup>1</sup> it's advisable to always try to be businesslike about it, but <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ warn you that such transactions <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ absolutely fatal to friendships. Always consider the worst scenario, 'What if I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ pay her back? What if she <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ repay me?' If you <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, borrow from a bank. It's much less embarrassing, even though it <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ cost you a bit more. With some well-placed flattery to your bank manager, <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ able to even get a good rate. However, nowadays this really <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ do.

#### 6 Rewrite the sentences with the correct form of *ought to*, *need to* or *have to*.

- The restaurant accepted dollars, so it wasn't necessary to change our money.  
The restaurant accepted dollars, so we didn't have to change our money.
- It would've been a good idea for us to check the train times before we set out.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- It's not necessary to book tickets in advance. You can just turn up on the day.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- It was unnecessary for you to take so much trouble, but thanks anyway!  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Was it necessary for you to pay for the whole week, or can we pay day-by-day?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Your suit should be cleaned as soon as possible.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- It wasn't necessary to pay for our meals. They were included in the price of the holiday.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- It would be a good idea for you to buy some mosquito repellent for your holiday.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you think it's advisable for us to take some food for the journey?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- It's not necessary to get a visa if you're only staying for a week.  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary

### Communication

#### 7 Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

- It's been great talking to you, but I really must go and circulate / **make eye contact** so I can say hello to everyone.
- Vaughan was so surprised when he realised that Beyoncé was sitting on the next table that all he could do was **sweat** / **gabble** nervously about the food.
- Laura's so rude. She always **cracks** / **talks** over you if she wants to speak, and has to dominate every conversation.
- Justin was acting cool and **uncomfortable** / **nonchalant**, but inside he was terrified.
- Our first date went really well. He **cracked** / **giggled** lots of jokes and I laughed loads.
- That was an awful performance. The actor in the main role just looked really **at ease** / **stiff** the whole way through.
- I thought I would feel at ease giving the speech, but as soon as I got up there and saw all those people, I just **asked** / **dried up**.
- After they had been chatting for a while, they realised that it was time to stop making **small talk** / **eye contact** and get down to business.

## Grammar

### Patterns with abstract nouns and relative clauses

#### 8 Complete the sentences with *why*, *where* or *which*.

- Nobody really knows the reason why Teresa decided to cancel the wedding.
- Recently, there have been a number of cases \_\_\_\_\_ our security measures have proved ineffective.
- The 1990s was a period in \_\_\_\_\_ being computer-literate became more and more important in the job market.
- I absolutely loved the film *Angry Sky*. The part \_\_\_\_\_ the hero returns home had me in floods of tears!
- I am not at all satisfied about the way in \_\_\_\_\_ our complaint was dealt with.
- I really can't see \_\_\_\_\_ children shouldn't be allowed in the garden.
- It was one of those situations \_\_\_\_\_ nobody can really be blamed.
- Nobody can be completely sure about the extent to \_\_\_\_\_ people are influenced by what they read in the newspapers.
- Things with our neighbours have got so bad, we've reached the point \_\_\_\_\_ we've thought about moving house.



## Writing

### Asking people to do things

9a Complete the chart with the phrases in the box.

~~I just wanted to ask you a quick favour.~~  
 I am writing to request your help.  
 Could I possibly ... ?  
 I'd be very grateful if you would lend me ...  
 I would, of course, be willing to ...  
 As you are no doubt aware, ...  
 I can ...  
 As you can see, ...  
 Kind regards,  
 If you're up for it, ...  
 If you're willing to take part, ...  
 Cheers,

Informal	Semi-formal	Formal
<i>I just wanted to ask you a quick favour.</i>	Could you help me out?	
	Would you mind if I borrowed ... ?	
	I'm happy to ...	
	As I'm sure you know ...	
	If you can help, ...	
	Many thanks,	

b Write an email for one of the following situations.

- Write to a friend in another country, explaining that you're going to visit their city and asking if they can put you up for a few days. Offer them something in return.
- Write to the colleagues in your team, asking if anyone has a sound system you can borrow for your party at the weekend. Offer to pick it up and return it.
- Write to the director of a local language school, asking if they can offer a scholarship to one of the employees in your company.

## Language live

### Getting people to do things

10a Put the words in the correct order to complete the conversations.

1 A: Please, I really need your help with this.

B: *then / Oh, / all right* . But you owe me!

*Oh, all right then.*

2 A: *wonder / help me / I / if / you / able / to / might / be* .

I'm looking for last year's tax returns.

B: Yes, of course. They're over there, in the third drawer down.

3 A: *in / of / something / middle / the / you / Are* ?

B: No, it's fine. How can I help?

4 A: *should / see / I / why / don't / I give Sarah my teddy bear.*

B: Because that's what nice sisters do.

5 A: *really, / I / a / really / big / ask / favour / Can* ?

Can you give me a lift to the airport?

B: Sorry, my car's being serviced.

6 A: *minute / me / If / just / with / bear / you'll / a / for , I'll be able to help.*

B: OK, no hurry.

b  5.2 Listen and check.


c Which of the speakers in exercise 10a do the following things?

- |                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| 1 interrupt someone      | <u>3</u> |
| 2 ask for help           | ___      |
| 3 refuse to do something | ___      |
| 4 ask someone to wait    | ___      |
| 5 agree to do something  | ___      |



## Listen and read

### Distance learning

1a  6.1 Listen to and/or read the article. Then complete the article with these sentences.

- a the first cable TV channel exclusively devoted to documentaries and nature programmes
- b 'Lessons' consisted of copying short passages of the Bible in shorthand
- c Each student was assigned a tutor who discussed the coursework over the phone

b According to the article:

- 1 who first had the idea of teaching shorthand by correspondence?

*Sir Isaac Pitman*

- 2 who took the idea of correspondence courses to the United States?

- 3 what three methods were originally used for coursework by the Open University?

- 4 what entry qualifications are required to do a course at the Open University?

- 5 what type of programmes are shown on the Discovery Channel?

- 6 what programme attracted the most viewers ever for a TV documentary?

c Are these sentences true (T) or false (F), according to the article?

- 1 Distance learning has only been around for a few years. F
- 2 The first distance learning courses had a different name.
- 3 Sir Isaac Pitman's course started in the United States.
- 4 Open University students never got to meet their tutor in person.
- 5 You have to be over a certain age to study at the Open University.
- 6 The Open University is the largest university in the world.
- 7 When it started, there was no other channel like the Discovery Channel.
- 8 Many people believe the Discovery Channel only provides mindless entertainment.

## Distance learning

**distance learning** *n* [U] a method of study that involves using electronic means (computers, Internet, etc.) to receive and send work rather than going to a school or university

Knowledge, according to the proverb, is power. And in this electronic age, more and more of our information is gained not in the classroom, but via media such as the Internet, DVD and cable TV ... all of which are playing a key part in the distance learning revolution. Here are three figures in this key educational change which is transforming our lives in the 21st century.

### The Pitman shorthand system

Those who think that distance learning is a relatively new idea might be surprised to learn that English educator, Sir Isaac Pitman, had the same idea – only then they were called correspondence courses – more than 150 years ago. Taking advantage of the development of a reliable postal system in 1840, Pitman began teaching shorthand\* by mail to thousands of students who did not have time to attend school. <sup>1</sup>     , and posting them to Mr Pitman to be corrected. His brother, Benn Pitman, introduced the idea to the United States, and the Pitman shorthand system – which has been adapted to fifteen other languages – is still one of the most widely used shorthand systems in the world.

\*a system for writing down what people are saying using special signs to represent words, letters and phrases

### The Open University

When it was established in 1969, the Open University offered courses via mail, with the back-up of regular TV and radio programmes shown outside normal broadcast times. <sup>2</sup>     , and in group sessions in the evenings or at weekends.

Thirty years on, the Open University has expanded to include the Internet, video-conferencing, satellite broadcast and email. There are no entry qualifications or admission interviews, and anyone over the age of 18 can follow one of their courses. It is now Britain's largest single teaching institution, with more than 200,000 people studying its courses every year, with another 16,000 in other countries around the world.

### John Hendricks and the Discovery Channel

After a successful career in university education, John S. Hendricks entered the TV business and launched the Discovery Channel – <sup>3</sup>      – in June 1985. Today, the company's programmes reach over 150 million subscribers in more than a hundred countries. In an age where competition for TV audiences has never been tougher, the Discovery Channel's high-quality, educational approach continues to defy those who believe that TV is only about mindless entertainment. The BBC programme *Walking with Dinosaurs* became the most-watched documentary in TV history when it was shown on the Discovery Channel in 2000.

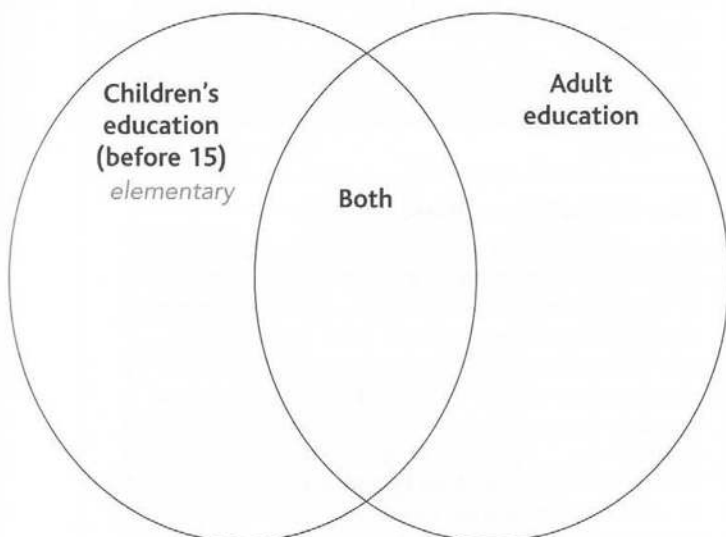


## Vocabulary

### Education

- 2 Complete the diagram with the words and phrases in the box.

academics    coursework    degree    elementary  
grades    graduation ceremony    junior school  
lecture    marks    nursery school    primary  
professor    seminar    timetable    undergraduate  
vocational



## Vocabulary

### Learning

- 3 Match the words and phrases in A with the words in B to complete the sentences.

A	B
build	achiever
got the	hang
high	long
make	negative
put	shattered
	illusion
	impact
	in
	run
	self-esteem
	sense

- The project was a success because of all the effort Clara put in.
- Focusing on things you're good at can help \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.
- I know it seems unfair now, but in the \_\_\_\_\_ it will do you good.
- The government's increased investment actually had a \_\_\_\_\_ in some areas.
- Employees found the new system difficult to navigate at first, but they soon \_\_\_\_\_ of it.
- The first few pages \_\_\_\_\_ any \_\_\_\_\_ I had that this was going to be an easy book to read.
- Most people struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ of the complicated new government regulations.
- I was never a \_\_\_\_\_ at school. I always got average grades.

## Grammar

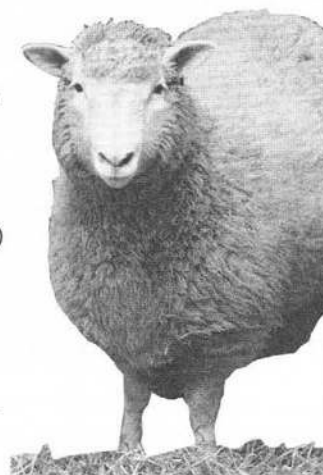
### Use and non-use of the passive

- 4a Complete the text with the correct passive form of the verb in brackets.

### Back from the dead? Scientists closer to cloning Tasmanian tiger

Around the world, hundreds, if not thousands, of species of animals <sup>1</sup> are threatened (threaten) with extinction ... but the latest scientific developments could mean that one day even extinct animals <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (bring back) to life using DNA technology. The last-known Tasmanian tiger died in a zoo in Hobart, Australia, in 1936. Fifty years later, the species <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (declare) extinct. But in 1999, a research project into DNA cloning <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (set up) at the Australian Museum in Sydney, and now, high quality DNA <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (extract) from a baby tiger which <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (preserve) in a jar of alcohol since 1866. According to scientists, there is now a chance of the Tasmanian tiger <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (resurrect) using techniques similar to those which <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (use) to create cloned sheep in the 1990s. If undamaged DNA <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (recover), it could <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (insert) into the empty egg of a related living species, such as a Tasmanian Devil.

However, the technology for the final stage of cloning – where the Tasmanian tiger's DNA <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (place) into a Tasmanian Devil host which <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (strip) of its own genetic material – is still <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (develop). 'It's a very significant breakthrough,' said Professor Michael Archer, Professor of Zoology at the University of New South Wales. 'Although there's still a lot of work <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (do), there's now a real possibility of Tasmanian tigers <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (released) into the wild.'



- b 6.2 Listen and check.



- 5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

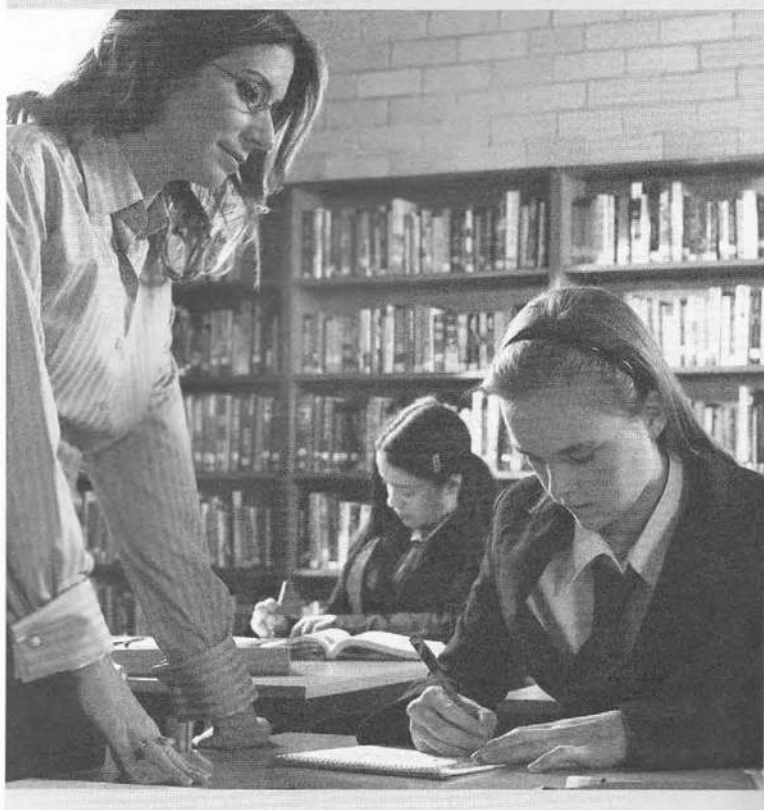


- 1 The marriage between singer Frankie Martin and the actress Lorna Reed was supposed to be (suppose / be) the perfect match, but in fact it only lasted a year.
- 2 The killer \_\_\_\_\_ (believe / escape) in a stolen car which was later found abandoned.
- 3 During the 1960s, this kind of furniture \_\_\_\_\_ (consider / be) the last word in style and good taste.
- 4 The former champion \_\_\_\_\_ (not think / consider) a comeback at present.
- 5 American TV star Hope de Loris \_\_\_\_\_ (rumour / spend) \$1.4 million on a lavish new home ... for her pet dog!
- 6 New crime figures released by the government \_\_\_\_\_ (expect / show) a dramatic rise in offences committed by young people.
- 7 Actor Mel Donnelly insisted that his remarks \_\_\_\_\_ (not intend / cause) offence, and he offered his full apologies to the audience.
- 8 Raimondo's new sponsorship deal with Badidas \_\_\_\_\_ (report / be) worth \$9 million over the next six years.
- 9 The police were taking no risks, as the man they were looking for \_\_\_\_\_ (know / be) armed and dangerous.
- 10 The Foreign Minister \_\_\_\_\_ (allege / be) involved in extreme left-wing politics during his student days in the 1970s.
- 11 Although he was admitted to hospital late on Thursday, the 82-year-old actor's medical condition \_\_\_\_\_ (not understand / be) life-threatening.
- 12 The getaway car which police have found by the side of a main road \_\_\_\_\_ (assume / be) stolen the previous day.

- 6 Cross out 12 words which are unnecessary or incorrect to improve the style of the newspaper article.

## Bananas and Bach Diet has been Approved for Exam Pupils

Pupils who have been enrolled for exams at a Nottingham school will be fed a diet of bananas and classical music. Teachers at Kensal Green Girls' School hope their students' brain power will be increased by the special regime. When she was interviewed on local television, head teacher Sarah Weaver said, 'Every girl will be given a banana on exam mornings to help them get their brains into gear.' Soothing classical music – which is played at low volume through concealed speakers – is believed to calm candidates' nerves and put them in a relaxed frame of mind as they enter the examination hall. The experiment – which is based on similar techniques used in US universities – is likely to be imitated in other Nottingham schools if it is found to be successful. ●





**7** Complete the sentences with the correct form of *get* or *have* and the words in brackets.

- 1 I'm sorry about the meal ... I forgot I'd put it in the oven and I think it got burnt (burnt).
- 2 Can't you ever drive anywhere without us                      (lost)?
- 3 Nobody seemed to care about the abandoned car in front of the house. In the end, we had to pay                      (it / removed).
- 4 We had only been driving across country for a few miles when the van                      (stuck) on the muddy track.
- 5 There's someone at the door. If I were you, I                      (dressed) and see who it is.
- 6 Right, everybody ... it's 8.30 and I think you'd agree that it's time we                      (started).
- 7 It took us nearly an hour, but in the end we managed                      (the piano) up the staircase.
- 8 If you don't make some attempt to conceal your jewellery, there's a good chance that it                      (stolen).
- 9 Ali had high hopes of winning the tennis tournament, but in fact he                      (beaten) in the very first round.
- 10 No matter how carefully I pack my suitcase, my shirts always seem                      (creased).
- 11 TV presenter Mary-Anne Pickford and her rock star boyfriend Jay Djanga are rumoured                      (engaged) during their romantic holiday in Greece.
- 12 I think Michelle's at the hairdresser's. She's probably                      (hair / done) right now.
- 13 You can't go to a formal party dressed like that. You'd better                      (changed).

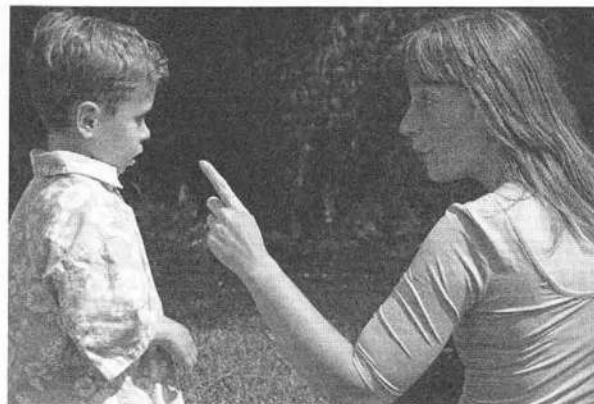


## Grammar

### Particles which modify meaning

**8a** Complete the sentences with the particles in the box.

around    away    down (x2)    off    on  
out (x3)    to    up (x2)



- 1 Where have you been? How many times do I have to tell you not to wander off without telling me?
- 2 It took a minute or so for the laughter to die                     , allowing Martin to resume his speech.
- 3 Lisa is going to give                      programmes to members of the audience as they come in.
- 4 It's Anoushka's responsibility to lock                      when the school closes at 9 o'clock.
- 5 If you want to write                      us, our website address is [www.mtv.com](http://www.mtv.com).
- 6 Despite the torrential rain, the band played                     , and the audience clapped and cheered.
- 7 It's time someone had the courage to speak                      and reveal who is responsible for this appalling situation.
- 8 The bus didn't leave for another three hours, so we had nothing to do but wait                      getting bored.
- 9 When I lost my wallet, the police officer took                      all my details, but they never contacted me again!
- 10 Although Donna was quite shy to begin with, after a few minutes she was chatting                      quite happily.
- 11 Our company is sending                      sample copies to thousands of potential customers.
- 12 When I went to New York, I looked                      some old school friends who live there now.

**b** **6.3** Listen and check. Practise saying the sentences.



## Writing

### Teaching a practical skill

9a Match instructions 1–8 for changing your computer memory with pictures A–H.

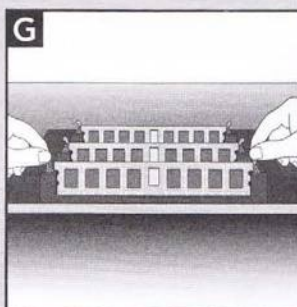
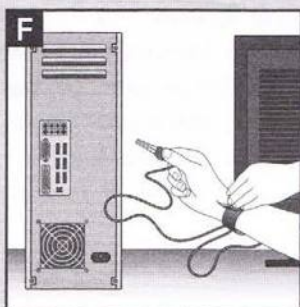
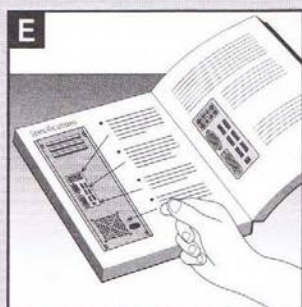
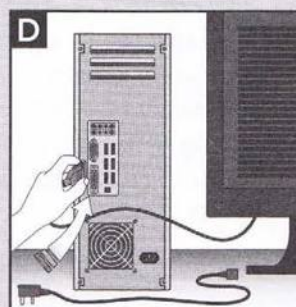
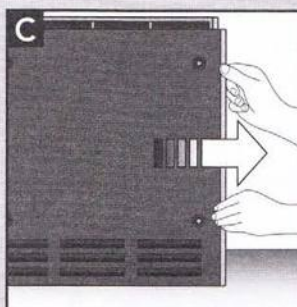
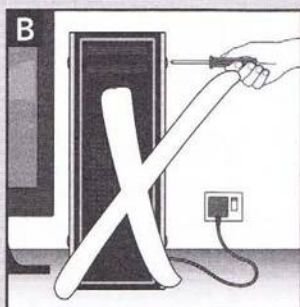
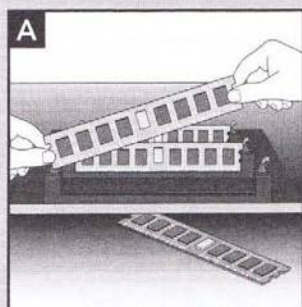
b Put the instructions in the correct order.

3 — — — — —

c Write a set of instructions for something you know how to do.  
Use the phrases in bold in exercise 9a. Indicate useful illustrations.

## How to replace your computer memory

- 1 **Whatever you do, don't** open the computer while it's plugged in. Check that you've unplugged all the cables, then remove the screws on one side of the computer with your screwdriver. B
- 2 Locate the memory and unclip it on both sides. **Be very careful not to** touch any of the other components. —
- 3 **First of all**, find out exactly what type of memory is compatible with your computer. **To do this, you should** check the specifications in your computer manual. —
- 4 Replace the old memory with the new one. **Check that** you've inserted it the right way round. Clip it securely into place. —
- 5 **Replace** the side of the computer and screw it back on. **Reconnect** all the cables, and start the computer. Your new memory is ready to use. —
- 6 **At this point, you should** be able to slide the side off carefully. Don't force it. —
- 7 Before you open the computer, **the first priority is to** put on an anti-static wrist strap. **Make sure you always** wear one of these when you open a computer. —
- 8 Buy the memory you'll need **in advance**. Look online for special offers. —



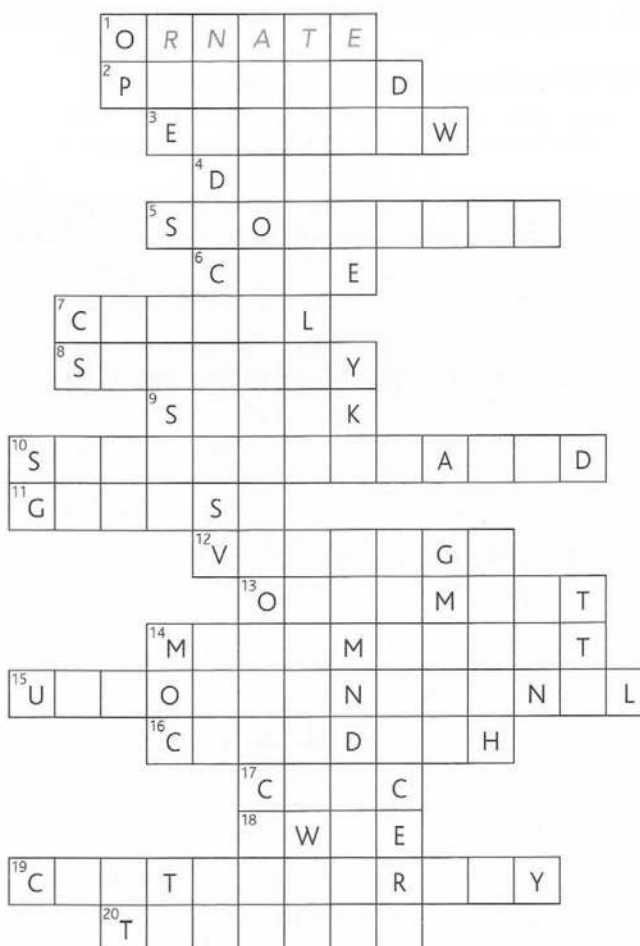


## Vocabulary

## Descriptive adjectives

1 Use the clues to complete the grid. The number of letters and part of speech are given in brackets.

- 1 with a lot of decoration, especially with many complicated details (6, adjective)
- 2 with small holes in it to let you wear jewellery (7, adjective)
- 3 the line of hair above your eye (7, noun)
- 4 to change the colour of your clothes, hair, etc. using a liquid or powder (3, verb)
- 5 a low, fast car, often with a roof that can be folded back (6, 3, noun)
- 6 pretty and attractive-looking (4, adjective)
- 7 not formal (6, adjective)
- 8 dirty and untidy (7, adjective)
- 9 very plain, with little or no colour or decoration (5, adjective)
- 10 with a confident, fashionable and expensive appearance (13, adjective)
- 11 very brightly coloured in a way that is unpleasant to look at (6, adjective)
- 12 old, but high quality (7, adjective)
- 13 an object in the home which is there because it is attractive rather than useful (8, noun)
- 14 using very simple ideas or patterns (used of rooms or interiors) (10, adjective)
- 15 not following the usual rules of how people normally think, dress, behave, etc. (14, adjective)
- 16 silly, makes you seem younger than you are (8, adjective)
- 17 a French word used in English to mean fashionable and expensive (4, adjective)
- 18 very pretty or perfect, in a way which is silly or unpleasant (4, adjective)
- 19 belonging to the present time (12, adjective)
- 20 a type of casual shoe, originally worn for playing sports (7, noun)



## Vocabulary

## Extreme fashion

2 Complete the descriptions with the words in the box.

ankle socks    cloak    jumpsuit    leggings  
platform shoes    ponytail    shoulder pads    wig

- 1 Some superheroes wear this on their back. cloak
- 2 These are very tight trousers. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 These were popular in the 1980s.  
People wore them in suit jackets. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Hair tied together at the back of the head. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Something that covers your whole body. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Wearing these makes you taller. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 If you want to change your hairstyle very  
quickly, you'll need one of these. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 You wear these in your shoes and they  
only cover your feet. \_\_\_\_\_



## Grammar

### Adding emphasis with auxiliaries and inversion

- 3a Change the phrases in bold to give them more emphasis. Use the word in brackets, and an appropriate inversion or auxiliary.



- 1 A: I just met Carla in the street ... and that was fifteen minutes ago. **She talks** (really + auxiliary) <sup>1</sup>*She really does talk* a lot. I thought she'd never stop!  
B: Yeah, she **goes on** (certainly + auxiliary) <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ a bit, that's true.
- 2 A: **It's hot** (certainly) <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ out there! It must be 35°. **I am glad** (inversion) <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ we've got a fridge full of nice, cold ... Huh? WHERE ARE THEY?  
B: Ah, yes, I meant to tell you about that. I had some friends over earlier and we all got a bit thirsty. **I apologise** (really + auxiliary) <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. I'll get some more later.
- 3 A: You'll never guess who I met at work today.  
B: Who?  
A: Whitney Spearmint. **She looked** (auxiliary + inversion) <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ gorgeous!  
B: **I think** (really + auxiliary) <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ it's about time you stopped inventing stories about meeting pop stars, Martin. After all, you are nearly 30 and you work in a Post Office.
- 4 A: **I've got** (inversion) <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ news for you!  
B: What is it? What is it?  
A: Well, you know that prize draw you entered ...  
B: I've won! And you lent me the money for the ticket. Listen, **I appreciate** (really + auxiliary) <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ what you did ... I'll never forget it.

- b 7.1 Listen and check.

## Pronunciation

### Emphasis with auxiliaries and inversion

- 4a 7.2 Listen to the conversations. Is the auxiliary verb underlined stressed (S) or unstressed (U)?

- |  |          |
|--|----------|
| 1 A: <u>Am</u> I pleased to see you!   | <u>U</u> |
| B: Why? Where <u>have</u> you been?  | <u>S</u> |
| 2 A: Ow! That's my foot!   | _____    |
| B: Oh dear, I <u>am</u> sorry, I didn't see you there.                               | _____    |
| 3 A: Ali <u>does</u> make me angry sometimes.  | _____    |
| B: Yes, he definitely <u>can</u> be annoying.  | _____    |
| 4 A: What <u>do</u> you want to do tonight?  | _____    |
| B: Do you mind if we stay in? I really <u>am</u> tired.                              | _____    |
| 5 A: Why <u>did</u> you say that? You don't have to pretend you like Kate's cooking. | _____    |
| B: But I really <u>do</u> like it!   | _____    |
| 6 A: <u>Did</u> you ask Ania out then?   | _____    |
| B: Yes, and she said 'no'. <u>Do</u> I feel embarrassed now.                         | _____    |

- b Practise saying the conversations.

## Wordspot

### look, sound and feel

- 5 Find a word/words to complete the sentences or answer the questions.
- According to the proverb, what should you do before you leap? look
  - If you're feeling happy and optimistic, you're feeling on top of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - What kind of look might you give someone to show you are angry or disapproving? \_\_\_\_\_
  - If you express your feelings about something angrily, you sound \_\_\_\_\_ about it.
  - Artificially-created noises which are used in the theatre are called sound \_\_\_\_\_.
  - You call someone who closely resembles a celebrity a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - If you feel both positively and negatively about something, what kind of feelings do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Someone who watches or observes an event is an \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The recorded music for a film is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - What phrasal verb means to respect or admire? look up to
  - What are phrases or slogans often used by journalists and politicians? \_\_\_\_\_



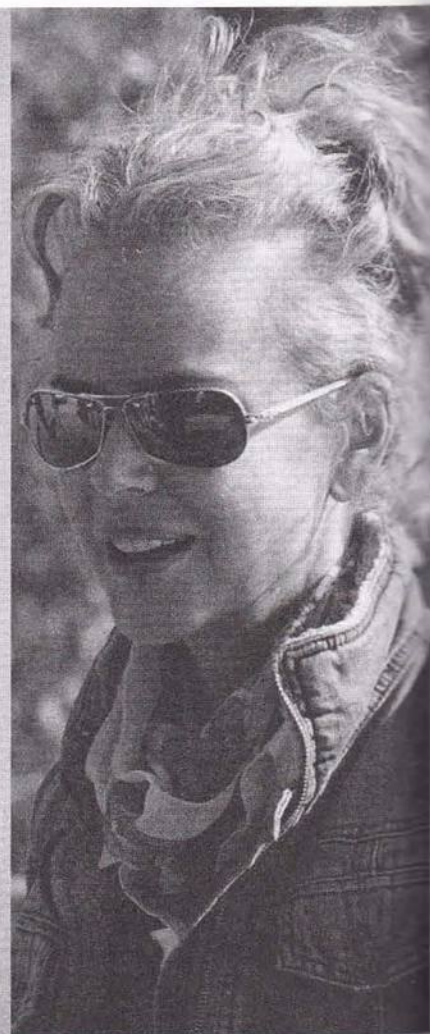
# Nicole Kidman

- A A single working mother in her mid-thirties, Nicole Kidman could have either slipped into career apathy or forged ahead stubbornly. It will surprise no one that she opted for the latter, and quite spectacularly so. As she carved out a new persona, complete with both feminist and romantic overtones, not to mention a major image overhaul, the world took the courageous actress to its heart. Almost by default, the divorcee became an inspirational role model for women everywhere.
- B Setting out to prove the point that she could get along just fine without her famous husband, yet admitting on occasion that she was struggling to cope, Nicole's frankness was refreshing and appealing in equal measure. She never stopped giving interviews and her gradual acceptance of her new life could be clearly traced as the year progressed.
- C After eleven years of wearing flat shoes to avoid towering over Tom Cruise, the statuesque star famously charmed her public by gleefully giggling 'I can wear heels now!' when quizzed on the benefits of being single. Suddenly she became a style icon for a new generation.
- D Clothes shopping with girlfriends was now one of her favourite pursuits. But Nicole's

sartorial tastes hadn't actually changed all that much from the days she spent trawling round flea markets\*. 'I think clothes are creative. It's wonderful when someone like John Galliano has the ability to change the way people think of clothes or how they dress on a global level. Fashion is incredibly relevant. There's something admirable about boldness, because with boldness comes the opportunity to fail. But it's becoming harder now, because when you fail, people judge it so severely.'

- E A practical mum, Nicole is a 'bike shorts and sloppy joe' person around the house. 'It's like leading two different lives,' she jokes. 'I have my life, then I have this sort of fantasy life – going to premieres and putting on make-up and beautiful dresses.'
- F Thanks to all the extra exposure with *Moulin Rouge!*, *The Others* and also her very public divorce, Nicole's eclectic taste in clothes, her paleness and her long-legged figure have become fashionable, something which she finds most amusing. 'Believe me, my body is only OK,' she laughs. 'I get by, but it's not great. I have a boy's body, and I would rather look like a girl. *Moulin Rouge!* was all about corsets and padding.'

\*markets where old or used goods are sold



## Listen and read

### An extract from a biography

- 6a 7.3 Listen to and/or read the extract from Nicole Kidman's biography. Which period in her life is the extract taken from?

- 1 a time when she suffered from depression
- 2 before she was famous
- 3 just after she separated from her husband
- 4 just after she got married

b Which paragraph deals with:

- 1 her feelings about clothes and fashion? D
- 2 how she dealt with the media in the period after her divorce? \_\_\_\_
- 3 how she feels about being a style icon? \_\_\_\_
- 4 how the public reacted to her after her divorce? \_\_\_\_
- 5 the positive aspects of becoming single? \_\_\_\_
- 6 the difference between her public and private lives? \_\_\_\_

c Circle the correct answer.

- 1 What did she change after she got divorced?
  - a her career
  - b the way she looked
  - c the way she spoke
- 2 How did she talk about her divorce to the media?
  - a She was often angry about it.
  - b She criticised Tom Cruise.
  - c She was honest about how she felt.
- 3 Why didn't she wear heels when she was married?
  - a She didn't want to be taller than her husband.
  - b Her husband didn't like them.
  - c They used to go for long walks.
- 4 What does she say about clothes?
  - a She thinks it's important to dress well.
  - b She thinks fashion isn't very important.
  - c She only likes the clothes of one designer.
- 5 What does she say about going to premieres?
  - a She dresses casually.
  - b The best bit is dressing up.
  - c It almost doesn't feel real.
- 6 What does she say about her body?
  - a She loves her long legs.
  - b She thinks it's normal, not exceptional.
  - c She wishes she looked more like a boy.



## Grammar

### Adverbs

7a Read the joke. Then put the adverbs and adverbial phrases in the box in the correct place.

angrily      definitely never      desperately  
for a few moments      honestly  
on October 11th last year  
on the 12th, 13th and 14th of October      three times

angrily  
The judge looked angrily at the prisoner in the dock.  
'So you admit breaking into Carla's Fashion Store?' he said.  
'Yes, Your Honour. But I can say I haven't done anything like this before, and it will happen again. I only did it because my wife needed a new dress.'  
The judge looked at his case notes.  
'I see. So why then did you break into the store again?'  
'Because my wife made me change the dress.'

b 7.4 Listen and check.

8 The Press are interviewing Candice de Berg about her latest film, *Star Time*. In the interview, replace the sentences with the adverb of probability closest in meaning.

Almost certainly      Conceivably      Definitely  
Definitely not      Most likely      Possibly      Probably  
Undoubtedly

- A: Will you be making any more films in England?  
B: It's possible – I'm not sure yet. (1 Possibly)  
A: Has this been a fun film to work on?  
B: This is definite. (2 Definitely)  
A: Do you think you will work with director Martin Biggins again?  
B: This is 90 percent certain. (3 Almost certainly)  
A: Would you say that Biggins is good to work with?  
B: There is no doubt about this. (4 Definitely)  
A: Will you be returning to London in the near future?  
B: This is likely to happen. (5 Probably)  
A: Do you think your role as a single mother in *Star Time* will attract a lot of controversy?  
B: This is probable. (6 Possibly)  
A: Would you like to direct films one day?  
B: I can imagine that happening, but it's not very likely. (7 Conceivably)  
A: There are rumours that you are romantically linked with co-star Harry Blunt. Are they true?  
B: There is absolutely no chance of this. (8 Definitely not)

9 Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

- It was nearly 1 o'clock, and we were **desperate** / **desperately** trying to contact my family to tell them where we were.
- Something smells **good** / **well**. What's for dinner?
- The mining company had to dig **deep** / **deeply** underground in order to extract the remaining coal.
- I have to admit that Ellen does look very **good** / **well** in her black dress.
- We'll only get the contract if we all work extra **hard** / **hardly** over the next few weeks.
- It's a pity you didn't complete the course. **Still** / **Already**, I imagine you learnt quite a lot from it.
- You'd better give Tom and Barbara a ring to tell them we might be a bit **late** / **lately**.
- As I sat down, someone I'd never seen before waved to me **friendly** / **in a friendly way**.
- Many people think – **wrong** / **wrongly** I believe – that a change of government will have a positive effect on the economy.
- Although oil prices have risen considerably, this has **already** / **yet** to be reflected in the price of petrol.
- The presidential candidate walked **free** / **freely** among the crowds, smiling and shaking hands.
- I was expecting the delivery on Friday: it's now Tuesday and it **still** / **yet** hasn't arrived.

10 Complete the sentences with the adverbs in the box.

badly      bitterly      deeply      highly      painfully  
profusely      rightly      smoothly      technologically  
together

- The children clubbed together to buy their mum a weekend away for her 50th birthday.
- It's highly unlikely that United are going to stay up this season.
- Despite her nerves, Zena's presentation went smoothly and her boss was impressed.
- I tried to have a word with her about her work, but she reacted bitterly and stormed out of the office.
- The teacher was highly appalled that not one student in the class had done their homework.
- At that time, the country as a whole wasn't as technologically advanced as its neighbour.
- All you can do is apologise badly and hope she forgives you.
- The president found the allegations of the affair highly embarrassing.
- In the interview, Jamie became highly aware that he should have prepared more carefully.
- People complained badly when the singer arrived on stage two hours late.







## Vocabulary

### Characteristics and behaviour

- 1 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

chatterbox    cracking jokes  
fussy    grumpy    highly strung  
irritable  
keep themselves to themselves  
laid-back    neat freak  
outspoken    overbearing    sulk

- 1 Kay seems unusually irritable today – everything seems to upset her!
- 2 A \_\_\_\_\_ is very friendly and keen to talk.
- 3 When we moved into the area, it wasn't easy to get to know our neighbours: people tend to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Children often \_\_\_\_\_ because they are angry or resentful about something.
- 5 A \_\_\_\_\_ likes to keep things tidy.
- 6 A \_\_\_\_\_ person is always relaxed and doesn't seem to worry about things.
- 7 It's impossible to feel down when Darren's around. He's always \_\_\_\_\_ and making everyone laugh.
- 8 McCall was a \_\_\_\_\_ manager, famous in the company for his short temper and ability to make everyone feel uneasy.
- 9 A \_\_\_\_\_ person is bad-tempered and complains a lot.
- 10 My mother can be a bit \_\_\_\_\_ at times, she needs to know everything I'm doing and everywhere I'm going.
- 11 Ms Smallwood is an \_\_\_\_\_ critic of the government's plans for education reform.
- 12 A \_\_\_\_\_ person is too concerned about small, unimportant details.

## Grammar

### Describing typical habits

- 2 Rewrite the sentences with the prompt and the word in brackets.



- 1 A good friend is someone who:
  - always stands by you in a crisis. (will)  
will always stand by you in a crisis
  - continues to phone you even when there's no real news. (keep)



- 2 A bore is someone who:
  - frequently talks about their boring hobbies! (always)  
\_\_\_\_\_!
  - often doesn't notice when other people aren't interested. (tend)



- 3 When I was eleven, my best friend and I:
  - usually walked home from school together. (used)  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - always took each other's sides if there was an argument. (would)



- 4 My least favourite teacher at school:
  - often criticised me in front of the other students. (always)  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - often treated the girls better than the boys. (tended)  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - repeatedly lost his temper with the students. (kept)  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Grammar

### Infinitives and -ing forms

- 3 On special occasions, people often make toasts beginning *Here's to ...*. Complete the toasts below with a suitable gerund/present participle or infinitive form.



#### Here's to ...

- 1 **an old friend** – someone who remembers all the secrets of our youth, but is discreet enough not to mention (mention) them.
- 2 **babies** – they make our days shorter, nights longer, the past forgotten and the future worth \_\_\_\_\_ (live) for.
- 3 **happiness** – the only thing which is increased by \_\_\_\_\_ (share).
- 4 **my husband** – who buys football tickets six months in advance, but waits until Christmas Eve \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) Christmas presents.
- 5 **my darling wife** – since I met you, I have known what it is to love someone, and what it means for that love \_\_\_\_\_ (return).
- 6 **my parents** – for \_\_\_\_\_ (spoil) me ever since I was a little baby. Please feel free to continue.
- 7 **our second marriage** – we are so fortunate \_\_\_\_\_ (give) a second chance at happiness.
- 8 **success** – it takes time \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a success, but time is all it takes.
- 9 **true love** – which we find not by \_\_\_\_\_ (look for) a perfect person, but by \_\_\_\_\_ (find) an imperfect person and \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) their faults.
- 10 **your retirement** – and while you're sitting at home with nothing to do, think of us all at work – we're sure \_\_\_\_\_ (do) the same.

- 4 Complete the sentences with a preposition (if necessary) and the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 When I was young, my mother always made me say sorry for pulling (pull) my sister's hair.
- 2 Don't be afraid \_\_\_\_\_ (call) us if there's anything else you need.
- 3 As a politician, James is very good \_\_\_\_\_ (avoid) questions which are potentially embarrassing.
- 4 We're only here for a few days, so we're keen \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) as many historic sites as we can.
- 5 If you're travelling to India, it's probably not worth \_\_\_\_\_ (pack) anything warm.
- 6 It's been a terrible experience for Andrew. Naturally he's anxious \_\_\_\_\_ (return) home as soon as possible.
- 7 Your test results have finally arrived, and I'm sorry \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) you that the news isn't good.
- 8 I'd never felt anxious \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) until the day when we were caught in an electrical storm.
- 9 When I looked into the office, Jill was busy \_\_\_\_\_ (write) her report.
- 10 At one point, it was quite difficult for people from the West \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) China.
- 11 Because the phone line was so bad, it was difficult \_\_\_\_\_ (make out) what Tim was saying.
- 12 It's very good \_\_\_\_\_ (see) your grandmother looking so well.
- 13 Ever since I forgot my lines in a school play, I've been afraid \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) in public.
- 14 For anyone who is keen \_\_\_\_\_ (ride), there are organised pony trips every afternoon.
- 15 I'll be very interested \_\_\_\_\_ (see) what the critics say about his latest film.
- 16 I don't understand why you won't wear a hat. Aren't you worried \_\_\_\_\_ (get) cold?
- 17 At the age of 17, I became interested \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) about Buddhism.
- 18 It's still very windy, and the weather is unlikely \_\_\_\_\_ (change) for the next few days.





**5 Match the sentence halves. Then write four grammatically correct sentences.**

1 Herbert is in prison, but he doesn't like life in jail.

He likes the idea	about escaping.
In fact, he's already made several attempts	escaping.
He and his cellmates often have arguments	of escaping.
He'd probably have difficulty	to escape.

- a He likes the idea of escaping.  
 b \_\_\_\_\_  
 c \_\_\_\_\_  
 d \_\_\_\_\_

2 Mayor Bloodstone would like to introduce a new traffic scheme in Kenton. However, not everyone agrees with his plans.

He has plans	of introducing a new traffic scheme.
He's likely to have trouble	about introducing a new traffic scheme.
Not everyone sees the advantages	to introduce a new traffic scheme.
Many members of the public have doubts	introducing a new traffic scheme.

- a \_\_\_\_\_  
 b \_\_\_\_\_  
 c \_\_\_\_\_  
 d \_\_\_\_\_

3 Ali has decided to continue his studies abroad.

Ali's parents are convinced of the importance	about finding the right place to study.
His parents are giving Ali the opportunity	finding the right place to study.
Ali's having a few problems	of studying abroad.
Ali has to make some difficult decisions	to study abroad.

- a \_\_\_\_\_  
 b \_\_\_\_\_  
 c \_\_\_\_\_  
 d \_\_\_\_\_

**6 In the sentences below, only three of the verbs are grammatically possible. Cross out the two verbs that are incorrect.**

- It was my father who \_\_\_\_\_ me to ride a motorbike.  
 a allowed      b attempted      c encouraged  
 d persuaded      e prevented
- She \_\_\_\_\_ me for causing the accident.  
 a accused      b blamed      c condemned  
 d criticised      e suspected
- Did they \_\_\_\_\_ you go upstairs?  
 a ask      b see      c let  
 d make      e permit
- Did you \_\_\_\_\_ Frank to make that phone call?  
 a advise      b ask      c hear  
 d remember      e remind
- We \_\_\_\_\_ travel by bus.  
 a daren't      b had better      c need  
 d regretted      e would rather
- The authorities \_\_\_\_\_ people from travelling abroad.  
 a criticised      b discouraged      c forbid  
 d prevented      e stopped
- We can't \_\_\_\_\_ everyone to take part.  
 a force      b invite      c let  
 d make      e tell
- James \_\_\_\_\_ talking to her.  
 a has forgiven me      b has stopped      c prevented  
 d remembers      e saw me
- He \_\_\_\_\_ to be left alone.  
 a asked      b begged      c ordered  
 d persuaded      e would like
- He \_\_\_\_\_ for taking the money.  
 a apologised      b regrets      c thanked her  
 d criticised her      e admits
- We \_\_\_\_\_ them unloading the van.  
 a asked      b heard      c saw  
 d thanked      e watched
- The police are \_\_\_\_\_ people to stay at home.  
 a advising      b not letting      c making  
 d urging      e warning
- Robbie is being \_\_\_\_\_ for causing trouble again.  
 a accused      b blamed      c criticised  
 d prevented      e punished
- I \_\_\_\_\_ to ask my parents for more money.  
 a daren't      b had better      c need  
 d told him      e would like
- Who \_\_\_\_\_ you to drive?  
 a asked      b let      c stopped  
 d taught      e told



- 7 Complete the text with the gerund or infinitive of the verb in brackets.

### More time online means less sleep

There's no doubt that over the past decade, social media has opened up a whole new world of communication, as well as a wealth of new possibilities for <sup>1</sup> meeting (meet) people and making contacts. However, <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (use) it too much appears <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a negative effect on how we sleep. A recent study among young adults in the north of England shows that people who use social media a lot have more problems <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep).

The survey, conducted as part of a TV documentary, asked one thousand 20–25-year-olds <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (keep) a record of how often they posted messages and commented on other people's posts, and to then answer a series of questions about their sleep patterns. Those participants who posted more than twenty-five times a day were found <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a much higher rate and variety of sleep problems.

It's thought that this trend is linked to the rise in ownership of mobile devices, which people often use in bed. As Kasey Griffiths, one of the participants in the research, recounts, 'One time I went to bed with my phone, and went onto a site, commenting on a friend's post. I think he misunderstood my message and we ended up <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a bit of a row. By the time we had explained and made up again, it was 4 a.m.' Other people in the survey reported <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) woken up by alerts, then not being able to get back to sleep after <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (reply).

'Part of the problem is the method of communication,' explains Ted Wells, the producer of the programme. 'It's often more difficult <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (express) yourself online than it is face-to-face. This means that the problems in already stressful relationships are often made worse.'

## Wordspot

### just


- 8 Write the meaning of the word *just* in the sentences.

a short time ago    exactly (x3)    in a moment  
only (x3)    really (for emphasis) (x2)

- 'Is the air-conditioning on too high for you?'  
'No, it's just right, thank you.' exactly
- I'll just go and see what's happening. I won't be long. \_\_\_\_\_
- I'm sorry, but this just isn't good enough. You'll have to do it again. \_\_\_\_\_
- Let's take shelter under this tree till the rain stops. I'm sure it's just a shower. \_\_\_\_\_
- They were just sixteen when they got engaged. \_\_\_\_\_
- You've just missed him. He'll be back later this afternoon. \_\_\_\_\_
- That's just what I was going to say! \_\_\_\_\_
- I'm just fed up with your constant moaning! Cheer up, will you? \_\_\_\_\_
- We've got just enough time to get to the station ... if you hurry up! \_\_\_\_\_
- It just takes patience, that's all. \_\_\_\_\_

## Listen and read

### Daggers drawn

- 9a  8.1 Listen to and/or read the text written by Sally Magnusson, a journalist and broadcaster. Which of the following sentences best describes how she feels?

- She wishes her daughter would do more housework.
- She wishes her sons would behave more like traditional boys.
- She wishes her daughter would behave less like a traditional girl.

- b Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- Sally has five boys and one girl. T
- The boys are happy to do their share of the domestic chores. \_\_\_\_\_
- Her daughter likes doing the washing-up. \_\_\_\_\_
- Sally likes doing the housework. \_\_\_\_\_
- Sally started out determined to bring up all her children in the same way. \_\_\_\_\_
- She has never allowed her sons to have toy weapons. \_\_\_\_\_
- The little girl is very keen to join in with her brothers' games. \_\_\_\_\_
- Sally thinks that there will be fewer problems when her children are in their teens. \_\_\_\_\_

## Grammar

### Compound phrases

- 10 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

achievement    ambition    desire    fear    lack  
love    need    sense    tendency    total

- The player has a burning desire to win.
- The complete \_\_\_\_\_ of progress in the peace talks has led to a deep \_\_\_\_\_ of frustration.
- Finally completing my university degree after so long gave me an enormous sense of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jo was never promoted due to her lack of \_\_\_\_\_.
- We must overcome our \_\_\_\_\_ of failure.
- One of the things that makes Philip so hard to work with is his \_\_\_\_\_ to be in total control, which leads to a \_\_\_\_\_ to be over-critical of others.
- Tom's \_\_\_\_\_ of adventure found no expression in the daily routine of life on the farm.
- We must attribute the fact that he didn't score a single point to his \_\_\_\_\_ lack of self-confidence.



# Daggers drawn

My daughter was singing as she polished the furniture. I hadn't asked her to polish the furniture. I never do. But where one brother is happiest with the computer, one with a football and one with a model car, her idea of bliss is a can of Spring Fresh and a duster. Where have I gone wrong?

While the boys have to be nagged, bribed or tricked into doing their infinitesimal share of the household chores, and can't be seen when they think they're finished, she's up on a chair with the washing-up liquid before you can say 'dishes', scrubbing at pans as if her life depended on it.

Being a bit of a tomboy myself, and not too hot on the domestic skills, I used to argue till I was blue in the face that the differences between men and women were all about upbringing and expectations. Nobody could have approached motherhood with a grittier determination that all children would be treated the same, not channelled along some pre-ordained path. Boys would be offered soft toys to cuddle, girls would play with cars and trains. I would breed the New Men and female engineers of the future.

I dare say there are indeed small boys and girls who do such things, but not mine. The hubris awaiting me was a family in which every politically incorrect stereotype in the book is rife.

Ten years ago, as I gazed at my first-born in his cradle, I fantasised about the gentle soul he would be. No guns or nasty aggression for this little peach blossom. He would be taught to turn away wrath with a swift word. He would grow up to be Secretary General of the United Nations.

The fantasy sustained me until he was about two, when he proudly presented me with his first model – a rifle. Later on, at playgroup, he and his pals daily assassinated each other. In the garden, he and his brother began doing such heart-stopping things with sticks that in the end I bought them a couple of plastic swords.

We went downhill fast. A decade and three more sons after those early children, we now house an arsenal of swords, rifles, water pistols, bows and arrows, hatchets, daggers and tanks that would be the envy of the British Army. Not so long ago, we were all nearly arrested when a most life-like revolver in our luggage caused a security scare at Heathrow Airport.


And what of my daughter, the lone sandwiched sister? She plays all the boys' games because she has to. You'll find her from time to time teetering around the house in plastic high heels, with a handbag (pink) in one hand and a shotgun in the other, and she can manage a tolerable dribble down the left wing when they need someone to make up the numbers for football. But her heart is not really in it. She would much rather be drawing or writing or cutting out stars or polishing shells or – dear heavens – cleaning the bathroom while waves of boys surge and roar around her.

I finally faced up to the fact that boys and girls are simply born different on the day, a few years ago, when I was hanging out the washing and gave her and the next brother up a couple of clothes pegs to play with. He shot me with his. She cradled it in her arms and sang it a lullaby.

But I won't give up. I'll continue to try and treat them equally and expect the same of them. And by the time they're all in their teens, I imagine they'll all be equally impossible to get to do anything. But right now, nature is wearing down nurture. Equality is hard work.

## Pronunciation

### Stress in compound phrases

11a  8.2 Listen to the pairs of compound phrases. Is the stress pattern the same (S) or different (D)?

- |                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| 1 a a sense of achievement       |          |
| b a lack of ambition             | <u>S</u> |
| 2 a an ability to read your mind |          |
| b a sense of fun                 | —        |
| 3 a a need to show off           |          |
| b a need for reassurance         | —        |
| 4 a a fear of rejection          |          |
| b a love of adventure            | —        |
| 5 a a sense of security          |          |
| b a tendency to worry            | —        |
| 6 a a sense of achievement       |          |
| b a love of adventure            | —        |

b Listen again. Practise saying the phrases with the correct stress pattern.

## Writing

### An announcement

12a Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

- He would be excellent from a publicity **(point)** / **type** of view, because ...
- As far as her experience is **concentrated** / **concerned**, she'll have a lot of useful advice to give.
- We feel that she will be an invaluable **member** / **partner** of the team, because ...
- For us, he was **clearly** / **smoothly** the best person to speak to schools.

b Read about The Bright Sparks Project. Choose the best person for the job. The person you write about can be real or invented. Write an announcement, stating:

- who you have chosen.
- what they have achieved.
- why they would be suitable.

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• **The Bright Sparks Project** is a national campaign aimed at providing inspirational role models to young people. Part of this campaign involves appointing a Bright Sparks 'Ambassador', whose job it will be to visit schools around the country and give talks about something they have achieved against the odds. They will need to be a charismatic speaker as well as being prepared to follow a busy schedule of talks. It is hoped that the campaign will generate a lot of media attention.

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## Vocabulary

## Describing future developments

- 1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in capitals.
- Representatives of the medical profession vowed to resist the government's plans for healthcare. **RESISTANCE**
  - Any short-term benefits need to be balanced against its \_\_\_\_\_ in the long term. **SUSTAIN**
  - Although they produced much higher quality video than cassettes, Laserdiscs never really \_\_\_\_\_ on in the long term. **CATCH**
  - With its \_\_\_\_\_ design, the company's new smartphone is expected to be very popular. **REVOLUTION**
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ of newly industrialised countries has changed the way we view world order. **EMERGE**
  - The increase in e-book sales has \_\_\_\_\_ the publishing industry. **TRANSFORM**
  - The government is expected to outline new measures to boost economic \_\_\_\_\_ in the coming years. **GROW**
  - The ruling party has become much more \_\_\_\_\_ in recent years. **POPULARITY**
  - You need to \_\_\_\_\_ to survive in today's changing labour market. **ADAPT**
  - With its recent success in becoming the host of two major international sporting events and its general economic growth, Brazil is currently seen as an \_\_\_\_\_ market. **EMERGE**



## Grammar

## Future forms

- 2 Choose the options which mean the same as the phrases in bold.
- There are probably no tickets left now, but I'm **willing to try**, if you like.
    - I'll try
    - I'm going to try
    - I try
  - What I don't understand is why Helen **refuses to speak** to him.
    - doesn't speak
    - won't speak
    - isn't going to speak
  - All the plans have been made for our flight to Jamaica.**
    - We'll fly to Jamaica.
    - We fly to Jamaica.
    - We're flying to Jamaica.
  - The meal will be over** by the time we get there.
    - They'll finish eating
    - They'll be eating
    - They'll have finished eating
  - I intend to be a lot more careful** next time I drive abroad.
    - I'm going to be a lot more careful
    - I shall be a lot more careful
    - I'm being a lot more careful
  - They'll be in the middle of their meal** at 8 o'clock, so I'll phone now.
    - They'll eat
    - They're going to eat
    - They'll be eating
  - Would you like me to** do the shopping?
    - Am I going to
    - Will I
    - Shall I
  - Hmm ... let me think ... **I've just decided to cook** the meal if you go to the shops.
    - I'll cook
    - I'm cooking
    - I'm going to cook
  - I'm not worried about making a fool of myself. **I'm prepared to dress up** if you want.
    - I'm dressing up
    - I'm going to dress up
    - I'll dress up
  - The new season **is timetabled to begin** in September.
    - begins
    - is beginning
    - will be beginning



- 3 Complete the newspaper cuttings with the words in brackets.

### New press regulatory body

A new organisation to deal with complaints against the press <sup>1</sup> is due to be established (due / be / establish), the government announced today. Following the publication of a report into the conduct of the journalists, the new body <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (due / start) work in early 2017.

### Pirovsky to return to USA

Controversial film director Ray Pirovsky <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (verge / return) to the USA 25 years after fleeing the country to escape criminal charges. Los Angeles police <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be / drop) the charges against Pirovsky, making his return a virtual certainty.

### Presidential victory in referendum

President Marref <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (set / win) a landslide victory in a national referendum to grant him a five-year extension to his rule. Opinion polls indicate that approximately 85 percent of voters <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (likely / vote) 'Yes' in next week's poll.

### Work on bridge link stopped again

Work <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (about / stop) once more on a 5-km-long bridge across the Straits of Messina, connecting the island of Sicily to the Italian mainland. Cancelled in 2006 and then restarted in 2009, the project <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be / shut down) due to lack of available funds.

### Peace deal to end civil war

The government and the rebels are <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (point / reach) an agreement to end their 20-year civil war. The two sides <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be / sign) a temporary ceasefire which allows a degree of autonomy for those regions ...

- 4 Complete the text with the words and phrases in the box.

was about to say      was going to be      was to be  
were going to be      were leaving  
were on the point of      were supposed to      would



### Florence Bell

Florence Bell was born on the first day of 1910. As one of eight children, she left school at the age of 14. 'In those days, young girls <sup>1</sup> were supposed to help their mothers around the house,' she remembers.

She was never terribly keen on school anyway: 'It was very strict,' she says. 'I remember the headmistress bringing us all into her study, as we <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ school the next day. She said this <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the worst day of our lives ... I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ "No, it isn't, it's the best!", but I decided to keep quiet. You couldn't afford to be cheeky in those days.'

At the age of 16, she met Leslie Parsons, the man who <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ later become her husband. After becoming engaged in 1928, they <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ getting married in 1930, when Leslie lost his job and the wedding had to be postponed. 'We always knew things <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hard,' said Florence. 'Finding a job was very difficult in those days.' It was eight years before Leslie and Florence could finally afford to marry: soon afterwards, they moved into the small terraced house in North London which <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ their home for the next sixty-five years. Neither of them ever had any desire to move.

'Yes, I've enjoyed it on the whole. The only thing is, if I came back, I'd have a bit more money.'



## Grammar

### Describing current trends

5a Match phrases 1–8 with their opposites a–h.

- 1 ~~get better~~
- 2 deteriorate
- 3 increase
- 4 rapidly
- 5 blurred
- 6 longer and longer
- 7 more and more (+ plural noun)
- 8 more and more (+ adjective / uncountable noun)

- a clear
- b decrease
- c ~~get worse~~
- d fewer and fewer
- e improve
- f shorter and shorter
- g less and less
- h slowly

- 1 c    2       3       4     
 5       6       7       8

b Rewrite the sentences with the opposite of the phrases in bold.

- 1 This type of car is becoming **more and more** popular.  
*This type of car is becoming less and less popular.*

- 2 The standard of teaching seems to be **getting better**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 The town's importance is **slowly increasing**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 **More and more** people are taking holidays abroad.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- 5 We have **less and less** time to ourselves these days.  
 \_\_\_\_\_


- 6 Julio's English seems to be **slowly improving**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- 7 The difference between the two groups is becoming **clearer and clearer**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- 8 The days are getting **longer and longer**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## Listen and read

### 5 ways parents can use technology

6a  9.1 Listen to and/or read the text. Then choose the correct option.

The text discusses:

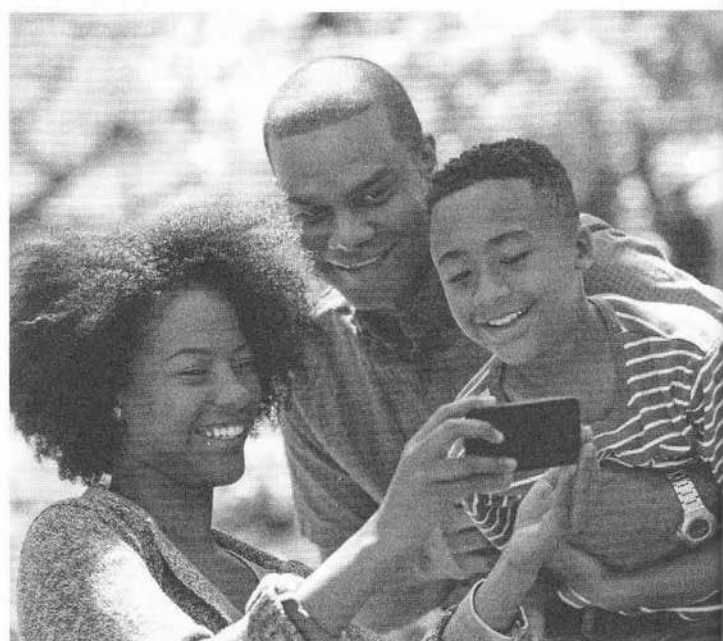
- 1 ways in which technology can help parents bring up their children.
- 2 ways in which parents can share ideas with other parents.
- 3 both.

b Match headings a–e with paragraphs 1–5.

- a Use the Internet to develop critical thinking skills
- b ~~Take control of passwords~~
- c Don't be alone
- d Make the most of smartphones
- e Embrace video

c Are these sentences true (T) or false (F), according to the text?

- 1 Technology brings both benefits and dangers for children. T
- 2 Children should be able to change the wi-fi password after they've done their chores.
- 3 Video chat can make up for family being a long way away.
- 4 Children won't want to respond to text messages if they're out with friends.
- 5 Finding useful things on your child's phone with them is a good opportunity to spend time together.
- 6 The Internet is never a reliable source of information.
- 7 One disadvantage of technology is that it can make parents feel isolated.





# 5 WAYS PARENTS CAN USE TECHNOLOGY

Parents are often warned of the perils of modern technology for their children. Not only do they need to make sure children stay safe online, limit the amount of time they spend playing video games, as well as screen time in general, but also avoid falling into the 'communication trap', whereby kids start to favour written over oral communication. While these are all real concerns, very little is said about the benefits technology can bring to parents themselves. Although many core values and aims are the same, modern parenting often requires a different approach than it did for our parents' generation. It's not about completely changing the game, but there are a few ways in which tech-savvy parents can use modern technology to their advantage.



## 1 *Take control of passwords*

One way of ensuring the kids help with housework is to change the household wi-fi password every morning (or the night before). Give your children a list of simple chores to do before they can have access to it, e.g. make the bed, take the rubbish out, etc.

## 2

Video chat can be an excellent way of keeping in touch with the extended family, especially if they live on the other side of the world. It's unlikely that grandparents will be there for every school performance, or when that tooth comes out, but with video chat they'll be able to see it. Rather than your child telling them over the phone, they can show them over the Internet.

## 3

Texting is a great way to stay in touch with teenagers while they're out with friends. A simple 'How's it going?' can be much less invasive than a phone call, and easier for them to respond to, especially if they want to avoid the embarrassment of mum or dad checking up on them when they're with friends. And that's not to mention the benefits of maps, taxi apps, etc. Taking time to look for and download apps with your child is a great way to spend some time together in an activity which he or she will find motivating, too.

## 4

There's a wealth of information out there on the Internet, but not all of it is reliable. Set your child simple tasks, by picking up on rumours they've heard (about celebrities, for example) and asking them to see if they can find at least three sources which say the same thing. Ask them to tell you which they think is most reliable, and why. Developing these skills will go a long way in helping prepare your child for today's modern world.

## 5

It can be easy to feel isolated as a parent sometimes, especially when it's 'them against you'. Luckily, nowadays there are a myriad of forums and online communities out there which can help you with both moral and practical support. Sometimes you won't even need to join a community, and can often find discussions on quite complex subjects with a simple Internet search. The important thing to remember is that you're not alone, and technology makes this more possible than ever before.

## Wordspot

### way

### 7 Complete the sentences.

- 1 It's coming. It's on its way.
- 2 If something is blocking you, it's \_\_\_\_\_ the way.
- 3 This is the wrong *λεη* \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 MOVE! Will you please get \_\_\_\_\_ of the way!
- 5 I want a much bigger one. This is way \_\_\_\_\_ small!
- 6 If you take extra trouble, you go \_\_\_\_\_ of your way to do something.
- 7 She's determined to have her \_\_\_\_\_ way.
- 8 If you're lost, you can always \_\_\_\_\_ the way.
- 9 ... but some people prefer to try and \_\_\_\_\_ the way themselves!
- 10 If you go first, you \_\_\_\_\_ the way.
- 11 You shouldn't get lost if you \_\_\_\_\_ the way.
- 12 This is the wrong *υεω* \_\_\_\_\_!



## Language live

### Explaining technical problems

8a Complete the conversation with the correct form of the words in the box.

back up   blank   ~~crash~~   external   hold down  
install   reboot   reset   throw up   turn  
update

A: Hey, Rick.

B: Hi, Olga, thanks for coming over. I'm having terrible trouble with my laptop. Do you think you can help?

A: I don't know, I can try. What's wrong?

B: Well, it's <sup>1</sup> crashed. The screen's <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and it's making a weird noise.

A: Yes, I can see. Have you tried <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it off and on again?

B: No, I wasn't sure if I could. Won't that damage it?

A: Yes, you're right. It might not be a good idea. OK, let's try <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 'Alt', 'Ctrl' and 'Delete' ... No, nothing. Hmm ... have you <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ any new software recently?

B: Yes, well, this morning it <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ an error message, saying that I needed to <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the operating system. I did that, then it asked me to <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it, so I did that, too. Then this happened.

A: Oh dear. Have you <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ all your files to an <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hard disk?

B: No, why?

A: It looks like a problem with your hard drive. The only thing we can do now is <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the computer. It means you might lose everything though.

B: Oh dear.

b 9.2 Listen and check.

9 Do the phrases describe a problem (P) or an action (A)?

- 1 You need to update the operating system. A
- 2 The screen is blank. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 You should back up all your files to an external hard disk. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Have you tried turning it off and on again? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 My tablet's crashed. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 You'll need to reboot the computer after you've installed the software. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 It's just thrown up an error message. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Hold down 'Alt', 'Ctrl' and 'Delete'. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Let's reset the computer. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 It's making a weird noise. \_\_\_\_\_

## Writing

### Demanding urgent action

10a Complete the email of complaint with phrases a-j.

- a This I duly did
- b In summary
- c ~~I am writing concerning~~
- d I am very dissatisfied with the level of service
- e meet my request in full
- f As a consequence
- g I was advised to
- h I look forward to hearing from you
- i Unfortunately
- j After a further phone call

Dear Ms Bowen

Further to our telephone call this morning regarding process number DT574319, <sup>1</sup> I am writing concerning the recent problems I have had changing the data plan on my mobile phone contract. <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I have received.

Three weeks ago, while away on business, I called customer service in order to change the data plan on my phone, as I needed to access my email and had already exceeded my monthly allowance. I therefore wanted to increase my allowance in order to avoid incurring higher charges. After confirming the new plan, <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ click on the service message I would receive and then restart the phone.

<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, but it made no difference. When I checked my statement online, I realised I was still being charged at a premium rate. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, I was advised that the change had taken effect and to disregard the online statement. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, when I received my phone bill at the end of the month, I saw that my allowance still hadn't been changed.

<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, after two lengthy calls to customer service, I am still faced with an unfairly enormous phone bill, and have been unable to use the data connection for fear of incurring charges again. <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, I would like you to immediately send me a new bill with charges for data use dropped.

I hope that you will be able to <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as I would very much like to be able to recommend this service to friends and colleagues in the future.

<sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as possible.

Kind regards,  
James Hughes

b Write an email demanding urgent action for a problem you have. Include the following information and some of the phrases in exercise 10a.

- Say why you are writing.
- Give a history of the problem.
- Summarise the problem from your side.
- State what action is requested.
- Refer to a positive outcome for both sides.



## Vocabulary

## Truth and lies

1a Answer the questions with a word beginning with the letter shown.

- 1 What B means false, or intended to deceive people (adjective)? bogus
- 2 What B is how you speak if you tell the truth even if it upsets others (adverb)? blatantly
- 3 What C means to get money by telling people something which is false (verb)? con
- 4 What C means to be unfaithful to your partner (phrasal verb)? cheat
- 5 What E means you make something much bigger or more important than it really is (verb)? exaggerate
- 6 What E is the reason people give for having done something wrong (noun)? excuse
- 7 What F is a small, unimportant lie (noun)? fibre
- 8 What F is a document, painting or bank note which is not real, but intended to deceive people (noun)? fake
- 9 What G means to escape without punishment (phrasal verb)? go
- 10 What G is malicious talk about other people (noun)? gossip
- 11 What H is an elaborate attempt to make people believe something that isn't true (noun)? hoax
- 12 What Hs do you tell when someone needs to realise some unpleasant facts about themselves (noun, plural)? hints
- 13 What O is a formal and serious promise you take, e.g. in a court of law (noun)? oath
- 14 What P is lying under O (noun)? perjury
- 15 What Rs are pieces of information being passed around which may or may not be true (noun, plural)? rumours
- 16 What S means to make something more widely known and is often used with Rs in question 15 (verb)? spread
- 17 What T means that you have been lied to and deceived by someone else (phrasal verb)? tricked
- 18 What Ts are stories which you tell the teacher to get others into trouble (noun)? tricks
- 19 What T means to make a formal statement in a court of law (verb)? testify
- 20 What W is the colour of lies which are told to protect people or avoid harm (adjective)? white

b Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in exercise 1a.

- 1 Hanson was a very convincing liar, and many people were taken in by him.
- 2 When Bernard said he'd been to the United States hundreds of times, I'm sure he was convinced: it can't be more than five or six.
- 3 The accused swore under oath that he had spent the evening at home. This was later found to be a lie, and he was charged with perjury.
- 4 Henry has been trying to cheat people out of money by persuading them to invest in a fake insurance scheme.
- 5 Kirsty says that Robbie made her cry by pulling her hair, but I suspect she's telling lies.
- 6 The robbers might have tricked if they hadn't left one vital clue at the scene of the crime.
- 7 Rather than tell Sue the truth about what happened to the dog, we decided to tell her a white lie.
- 8 I'm so annoyed that they have been gossiping about my private life. It's none of their business.
- 9 David spoke very blatantly, and told us a lot of rumours, which upset many people, but was probably necessary.
- 10 There have been a lot of hoaxes going round. Can you confirm or deny them?
- 11 Rogers made a number of phone calls claiming to have planted bombs. They were all hoaxes.
- 12 Everyone knew that Angus had been tricked on his wife for years, but she was the last to know.
- 13 I hope you've got a good excuse for being three hours late for dinner.
- 14 I had to tell a few white lies to get the day off, but I'm sure no one will mind.
- 15 Dutchman Hans van Meegeren made a fortune from selling paintings, supposedly by Dutch masters like Vermeer. In fact, the paintings were all fakes.





## Grammar

### Phrases with **as ... as + verb**

- 2 Write phrases with **as ... as + verb** that mean the same as the phrases in bold.
- 1 I phoned my mother **at the earliest opportunity**.  
*as soon as I could*
  - 2 Take **all the time you require** to finish the report. There's no hurry.
  - 3 Now you can talk for **an unlimited period** thanks to BT's new Talk Line mobile phone deal.
  - 4 They promised to come and finish the work **when it was possible for them to**.
  - 5 Although the weather wasn't great, we went to the beach **whenever it was possible**.
  - 6 John drove up the motorway **at maximum speed** – which wasn't very fast in such an old car.
  - 7 I recommend that you sleep **the maximum number of hours possible** during the bus journey, as you'll have to start work early tomorrow.
  - 8 Help yourself to **all the chocolates you want**. I can't eat them.
  - 9 Jane did **the maximum amount of work possible** in the short time she had available.
  - 10 I phone my sister **at every possible opportunity**, although phoning South Africa can be very expensive.
  - 11 We had **no time limit** to make the recordings.
  - 12 Apparently, you can drive **without speed restrictions** on private roads.
  - 13 We'll send a taxi **when there is one available**.
  - 14 You can take **all the money you require** from the cash box.
  - 15 Although my aunt lives hundreds of miles away, I **go to visit every time I am able to**.
  - 16 According to the Beaumont Diet, you can eat **an unlimited quantity of pasta** – but don't put any sauce on it!

## Wordspot

### well


- 3 Complete the sentences with a word or phrase that goes with **well**.
- 1 Unfortunately for Simon, the interview didn't go at all well.
  - 2 I hope you \_\_\_\_\_ well. Breakfast will be served in about fifteen minutes.
  - 3 The report you sent in was extremely clear and thorough, Kate. Well \_\_\_\_\_!
  - 4 \_\_\_\_\_ well \_\_\_\_\_ being a talented gymnast, Ian is also an excellent footballer.
  - 5 After Lisa finishes her exams, she and her friends are flying off to Greece for a well-\_\_\_\_\_ holiday.
  - 6 I think we \_\_\_\_\_ well see a little bit of rain before the end of the day.
  - 7 Thanks for the game. Well \_\_\_\_\_! You deserved to win.
  - 8 I'm well \_\_\_\_\_ of what people are saying about us, but I still believe it's none of their business.
  - 9 If you happen to visit Dublin, the castle is well \_\_\_\_\_ visiting.
  - 10 My mother has been very touched by the number of \_\_\_\_\_ well \_\_\_\_\_ cards she's received following her operation.
  - 11 Having invested her inheritance wisely, Jane could now consider herself reasonably well-\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 12 You let Jessica buy a new Nintendo 3DS. Can't I have one \_\_\_\_\_ well?
  - 13 Even though it was well \_\_\_\_\_ midnight, everyone was fast asleep.
  - 14 Although I have no doubt it was a very well-\_\_\_\_\_ comment, I think you may have unintentionally caused offence.
  - 15 Few people now remember Bob Bachman, but he was well-\_\_\_\_\_ as a TV entertainer in the 1970s.
  - 16 I was very impressed by little Adam's politeness: he really is a very well-\_\_\_\_\_ boy.





## Listen and read

### Believe it or not

- 4a  10.1 Listen to and/or read the articles. They all appeared in tabloid newspapers and claim to be true. Which stories do you think are true?

## Believe it or not

- A** Brittney Pringle, a nine-month-old baby from Perth, Australia, made her parents rich the moment she spoke her first words. 'Brittney gave us a couple of goo-goos and ga-gas and then blurted out the numbers 9, 12, 14, 22, 31 and 39,' says proud mum, Dorcas Pringle. 'We ran out and bought the lottery ticket – and now our Brittney's going to grow up as the world's youngest self-made millionaire. I can't explain how she did what she did, but we are determined she's going to lead a normal life.'
- B** New Yorker Alvin Eykers is divorcing his wife Judith because her psychic powers put too much strain on their marriage. 'She'd finish my sentences before I got the words halfway out of my mouth,' says Eykers. 'I could never surprise her with a gift for Christmas or her birthday and I could never get away with even the littlest white lie. It was like she had a peephole into my mind.' The crisis came when Judith accused him of having an affair with his firm's receptionist. Eykers insists, 'I haven't touched her or even said two words to her – yet.'
- C** A British motorist lost her way during a day trip to Calais and drove 800 miles across Europe looking for somewhere to turn round. Vivienne Vanderwault-Hudson, who had been shopping for cigarettes and alcohol, headed down the motorway, crossed the Pyrenees into Spain, and didn't stop until Gibraltar. 'I get very scared driving – I've been stopped twice for driving too slowly. I kept hoping there would be a gap in the road, but there wasn't. So I decided to keep going.'
- D** An Ohio woman, Addie Crawley, got a shock when her ex-husband – who had been missing for 20 years – suddenly appeared from his cubbyhole hiding place in their former marital home. Thinking 48-year-old Ben Holmes was a ghost, Crawley drew her .22 hand gun and shot him. He survived, later explaining in court that he had lived in the same house as his ex for several years, but hid himself whenever she was around. He had emerged to claim his share of the property.
- E** Novice climber Leonardo Diaz got stranded in a freak blizzard 12,500 feet up in the Andes. The Colombian tried to call for help on his mobile phone, but discovered that his pay-as-you-go credit had run out. Just when he had resigned himself to freezing to death, he received a call – from a telemarketer at his phone company, wondering if he'd like to buy more minutes. Diaz explained the situation, and she alerted the emergency services. She and her colleagues then took turns to ring Diaz to keep his spirits up until help arrived seven hours later.
- F** An American housewife is offering psychic consultations to troubled pets. Carol Schultz, who claims she can speak the language of animals, charges \$50 a session to counsel cats, dogs and horses. Satisfied customers include a dog which was Hitler in a past life and slept all the time to escape depression, and a dog which was trapped in a cat's body.

- b** Are these sentences true (T) or false (F), according to the articles?

- 1 It wasn't the first time Brittney Pringle had said something. F
- 2 Alvin Eykers's wife was able to read his mind correctly every time.
- 3 Vivienne Vanderwault-Hudson went to Spain because she couldn't find a place to turn round on the motorway.
- 4 Ben Holmes reappeared because he wanted to get back something that was his.
- 5 The telemarketer who called Leonardo Diaz then stayed on the phone to him for several hours.
- 6 Carol Schultz counsels people who think they're animals.

## Grammar

### Ellipsis and substitution

- 5a Cross out the unnecessary words in the conversation. The number of words to be crossed out is shown at the end of each line. Hyphenated or contracted forms count as two words. In some cases, you may need to add a word.



- A:** Be careful! You nearly knocked over that poor cyclist. (1)
- B:** I'm sorry. It's not easy to look at the road and the map at the same time. (2)
- A:** Well, I did offer to map-read, but you wouldn't let me map-read. (2)
- B:** Because you always get us lost. Or you did get us lost last time, anyway. (3)
- A:** No, I didn't get us lost! You wouldn't listen to me! (3)
- B:** Never mind. Are there any more sweets? Can I have a sweet? (2)
- A:** No, you can't have a sweet. You ate the last sweet an hour ago. (4)
- B:** It's a pity we didn't get some more sweets when we stopped for petrol. (4)
- A:** Just a minute. Did that sign say *Crawley ten miles*? (5)
- B:** I think it said *Crawley ten miles*. Why? (5)
- A:** Because it means we're going in the wrong direction!

- b**  10.2 Listen and check.



**6** Rewrite the sentences with a reduced relative clause.

1 The food which was served in the café was past its eat-before date.  
The food served in the café was past its eat-before date.

2 People who are rich often have no idea what it's like to have little or no money.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

3 What do you know about the man who is running for president?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

4 The new vacuum cleaner comes with an instruction manual that tells you how to empty the machine.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

5 Women who are wearing high-heeled shoes will not be allowed on the rides at the amusement park.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

6 Travellers who come from outside of Europe will need to have a visa in order to enter the country.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**7** Complete the sentences with a personal (*I, you, etc.*), reciprocal (*each other*), reflexive (*myself, yourself, etc.*) or demonstrative pronoun (*this, that, etc.*).

1 Although I've never been in that position myself, I have a lot of sympathy for people who get into debt.

2 I must admit that at times I find \_\_\_\_\_ hard to get out of bed in the mornings.

3 There are going to be roadworks for the next few weeks. Apparently \_\_\_\_\_'re building a new roundabout.

4 Thank heavens \_\_\_\_\_'s over! Now we can concentrate on something a bit livelier.

5 I'm sure \_\_\_\_\_ is going to come as a complete surprise to you all, but we've an announcement to make ...

6 Upon entering the cathedral, \_\_\_\_\_ is struck by the enormous sense of space.

7 Team work is vital. All the sales staff should be able to rely on \_\_\_\_\_ 100 percent.

8 It just goes to show. \_\_\_\_\_ can't trust anyone nowadays.

9 If you didn't spend so much time admiring \_\_\_\_\_ in the mirror, we might not be late all the time!

10 'Can you two stop whispering, please? This is a library.'

'Who? Do you mean \_\_\_\_\_?'

**8** Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

1 This / That really isn't good enough! You have to try harder.

2 Hello, reception here. This / That is your morning alarm call.

3 Can you believe that this / that was Mr Singh asking us to keep the noise down?

4 If only Jamie hadn't told Rachel this / that – she wouldn't have left him.

5 I don't know what you think about this / that, but I'm thinking of changing my job.

6 I loved this / that – let's do it again!

**9a** Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

it's    that    their    there    they    we

A: Hello?

B: Josie? Is <sup>1</sup> that you?! It's Mum!

A: Hang on a minute ... Hi, Mum, how are you?

B: I'm OK, how's the study session going? Are you and Susie working hard?

A: Oh yes, <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ fine. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ were just having a break and listening to some music.

B: Hmm, right. Because I just had a phone call from Susie's parents.

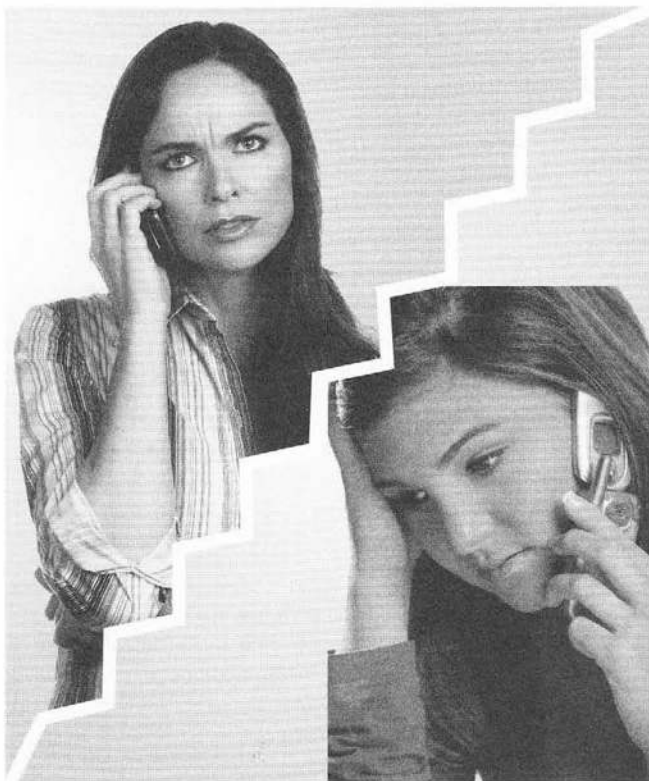
A: Oh dear. Um ... What did <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ say?

B: Josie, you're not at <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ house, are you?

A: Um ... no. We're at the pub.

B: I've told you not to go <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_! I think you'd better come home straightaway.

A: Yes, Mum.





## b Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

he his it it's one she that

A: It's funny, isn't <sup>1</sup> it ?

B: What is?

A: Well, <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ always the politicians who go on about honesty that end up being the most dishonest.

B: Why do you say <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ?

A: Have you seen this story in the news?

B: Which <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ?

A: The one about the Health Minister. Apparently, <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ was caught lying in a report on last year's budget.

B: Really, how did they find <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ out?

A: Well apparently, one of his staff decided to go to the media and reveal that he'd been lying. <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ said she couldn't go on covering for him after <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ campaign the previous year on making government more transparent.

B: Oh yes, I remember <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. He was quite enthusiastic about the whole thing, wasn't he?

## c 10.3 Listen and check.

## 10 Change the words in bold to make them sound more cohesive.

- I spoke to Mr Hinds about my assignment, and **Mr Hinds** (he) said I could have a week's extension to finish **my assignment** (it).
- If you haven't read **all three books of The Watchful trilogy** (\_\_\_\_) yet, then, I'd recommend all three books of *The Watchful* trilogy.
- There's a man in reception who wants to speak to you. **The man in reception** (\_\_\_\_) says **the thing that he wants to speak to you about is** (\_\_\_\_) urgent.
- We've got economy packs and premium packs, sir. **The economy packs** (\_\_\_\_) are £3 and **the premium packs are** (\_\_\_\_) £7.50.
- As soon as **Finlay** (\_\_\_\_) walked through the door, all of Finlay's family shouted *Surprise!*
- Please don't buy the cheap ones, I really hate **the cheap ones** (\_\_\_\_).
- James called earlier and asked if we'd like to go to **James's** (\_\_\_\_) barbecue on Sunday.
- If the kids want to go to the cinema, **the kids will** (\_\_\_\_) have to clean **the kids'** (\_\_\_\_) rooms first.
- Why don't you give Jenny a call? You haven't spoken to **Jenny** (\_\_\_\_) for ages.
- Feeling like **Maria** (\_\_\_\_) could have slept for a week, Maria collapsed on the sofa.

## Pronunciation

## Pronouns

## 11a 10.4 Pronouns are stressed if they are particularly important in the sentence. Listen.

It was **you** who suggested that we invite them ... not **me**!

## b 10.5 Listen and underline the stressed pronouns.

- They** seem to have mentioned everyone except me.
- The new medication has made **him** feel much better, but **it** didn't help **her** very much.
- You** might not want to see **him**, but I certainly do.
- I just don't know what on earth **we** can tell **him** ... maybe your uncle can help.
- If **you** see Andy again, ask **him** to call **me** instead of Mr Bernard.
- It's** Frank who's the problem: if **we** could persuade **him**, the rest would be easy.
- Was it **you** who I spoke to the other day?
- It** doesn't matter what **she** thinks – **it's** what **you** think that worries **me**.
- I don't know about **you**, but I've had enough of this.
- Apparently **they're** going to ban cars in the town centre. What will **we** do then?

## c Practise saying the sentences.





# Audio script

## UNIT 1 RECORDING 1

- A: I've lived in a big city here in Brazil for the last ten years, but I was brought up in the country. I much prefer living in a big conurbation like this as I think it teaches you tolerance. In your day-to-day life, you come into contact with a whole host of different types of people, and you get to understand their situation a lot better than if you lived a closed off, more sheltered life in the country.
- B: Country for me, every time. Here, we have space to live our lives like real people. I can go for a walk in the fresh air, my dog has plenty of space to run around in and we can see the stars at night. What you city folk don't understand is that we don't have to live on top of each other, and were never meant to.
- C: It's much cheaper to live in the country. In terms of property prices, for the same amount as a one-bedroom apartment in New York, I could afford a four-bedroom house with a garden and a pool here. And that's just the start. My grocery bill is much cheaper, as are eating out and entertaining. I can afford to drive a car, so I don't have to rely on public transport, either. All in all, it's a better quality of life here.
- D: If you want any kind of social life, then you have to live in the city.
- E: In my country, it's often a case of necessity. In the countryside, the air is clean and fresh, it's much more polluted in the cities, so that's a benefit of living rurally, but there just isn't any work there. For me, quality of life depends on finding work. Since I'm an engineer, this has to be the city for now.
- F: I would say any discussion of whether one is better than the other just oversimplifies the issue. When I was little, for example, I used to love living in the country. I could go and play for hours in the fields and forests near where we lived. In the summer holidays, I would go out with friends on our bikes and only come back for dinner. But as I got older, I found there just wasn't enough to do, and it was pretty dull, so I moved to Toronto, which is much more exciting. I can see myself moving back to the country when I'm older and I want to settle down and maybe have kids myself. So surely it depends more on your age than anything else?
- G: People talk to each other more in the country. In the village where I live, every time you leave your house you'll see one of your neighbours, and we always stop and say 'hello', and have a chat. Not only that, but we have regular get-togethers, such as the village barbecue, in the summer. You really feel part of a community, and you just don't get that in the city.
- H: I have two small children, and wouldn't dream of bringing them up in the city. Every day, the news is full of reports of children going missing, violent attacks, robberies, and the like. It seems to me that you can't go out of your front door in the city without facing some kind of danger. No, it's much better to bring up children in the country, where they can play outside without fear.

## UNIT 1 RECORDING 2

Over the last few hours, hundreds of delegates from all over the world have been arriving for the J12 meeting of leading industrialised nations, which this year is taking place in the quiet Canadian mountain resort of Kanalgirrie. The President of the J12, Bernard Leroy, will be delivering the opening address when the conference opens tomorrow morning. The Canadian police, who have been preparing for the event since late last year, are taking huge precautions to avoid the violence which marked last year's summit in Berlin. They have thrown an 18-kilometre security cordon around the area, and last night they were not allowing anyone to pass through – including journalists who usually have full access to the delegates. From tomorrow, police will also be blocking all mobile phone signals – to prevent bombs being triggered by remote control, a police spokesman said last night. 'The politicians here seem to be isolating themselves from the free press,' said one journalist. 'There's no doubt that governments are becoming more and more security conscious and less and less concerned with personal freedom. It's getting harder and harder for us to gain access to the people who, over the next few days, will be making decisions which will affect all our lives ... and that's something that should concern us all.'

## UNIT 1 RECORDING 3

- 1 way of life
- 2 brand new
- 3 multi-ethnic
- 4 mass-produce
- 5 a clash of cultures
- 6 society
- 7 brand
- 8 ethnic diversity
- 9 in the past
- 10 apart from that
- 11 cultural values
- 12 conflict arising between people

## UNIT 2 RECORDING 1

- 1 desperate
- 2 insecure
- 3 relieved
- 4 devastated
- 5 mortified
- 6 apprehensive
- 7 disgusted
- 8 envious
- 9 disillusioned
- 10 indifferent
- 11 overjoyed
- 12 ashamed

## UNIT 2 RECORDING 2

The first thing that struck me was that everything was so *small*. The roads were really narrow, and the traffic weaved its way between tall, thin buildings, which looked like they'd been squeezed into the street like wafers in a chocolate biscuit. The elongated, red, double-decker buses snaked carefully between the avenues and main roads, picking up and dropping off their fares like ants on their way to fulfilling their daily purpose, whatever that might be. It felt really strange, as though I was looking at the world through odd-coloured spectacles – although I was seeing the same, familiar street corners and places that I'd known for most of my life, this time they didn't *feel* familiar.

It was so different to how I'd expected it to be. I'd loved most of the two years I'd spent in Volgograd, in the south of Russia, but in those last few months I'd realised that what made me enjoy it was partly – and it was a large part – the knowledge that I'd soon be returning home, to the family and friends I knew and loved, and the milder (though still often awful) weather London had to offer. The time I'd spent on the steppe had been a real eye-opener as far as experiencing a different culture was concerned. When I'd first arrived, fresh off the plane at Sheremetyevo Airport in Moscow, I'd been all too eager to make friends, and went out of my way to be polite wherever I could. Most of the time, my attempts to strike up conversation were met with icy stares and brusque, one-word replies. I'd started to think that Russians were a cold people, and I was unlikely to ever make any new friends.

'I think you're not having a good time here' was how Ludmilla, the secretary at the school where I was working, invited me for dinner with her family. 'You will come for dinner with my family on Sunday, I won't take no for an answer.' I was so relieved. When I turned up, flowers and wine in hand, I was enveloped in warm handshakes, inviting hugs, warm laughter and murmurs of 'ochen priyatna' (*very pleased to meet you*). The meal was eaten, a few toasts were drunk and by the end we were discussing our deepest wishes, fears and hopes for the future. Whether that was partly due to the vodka we drank, I'm not sure, but I do know it was largely because Russians are actually warm, friendly people, but just too proud to wear their hearts on their sleeves with people they don't know.

Another thing I'd learnt about Russians is the way the men show their respect for women, both young and old. One day, I had a rather unfortunate incident on the bus. I'd been sitting there, minding my own business, deeply engrossed in the book I was reading, when I started to notice a quiet murmuring all around me. I looked around, and noticed how the people to



my left and behind me were looking across at me with disdain and whispering to each other. In front of me was a young woman, looking at me in disgust. Just when I was about to ask, in my broken (at that point crippled, in fact) Russian if something was wrong, a man in front of me got up and offered his seat to the young woman, whose face transformed in an instant to an angelic smile as she accepted, and sat down. I had been so ashamed I got off at the next stop and walked the extra six blocks home.

Now, back in London, this place that used to feel like home but now looked somewhat artificial, I had suddenly found myself in the same position. There I was on the bus, and a smartly-dressed young woman got on. Looking round, I noticed with a panic that there were no other seats free. Proud of what I'd learnt, I eagerly leapt to my feet and offered my seat. When she looked surprised and told me she was 'OK, thanks', I was mortified. I felt like a balloon that had deflated prematurely, and I instantly blushed bright red. Once more, I got off early and walked. It was going to take a while to get back into the swing of things.

### UNIT 3 RECORDING 1

The Delhi-based charity End Affluenza Now has this week launched a fleet of 'mobile affluenza clinics', with the aim of reaching out to India's emerging middle classes in order to educate them about the perils of what is seen as a very 21st-century 'disease'. The organisation hopes that by likening the condition to a disease, bringing it out into the open, naming it and generally de-mystifying it, they can help raise awareness of what they argue is one of the widest-reaching 'afflictions' of our time.

So what is 'affluenza'? The organisation describes it as a form of extreme materialism, resulting in the need to accumulate wealth and consumer goods at a scale which is out of control. In its most extreme form, it's known as 'sudden-wealth syndrome' and often experienced by people who have made or won large amounts of money (such as lottery winners). Many sufferers feel that their financial success leaves them with an empty feeling, which can only be fulfilled with the accumulation of more wealth, which in turn becomes a self-perpetuating spiral. In the past, it was only a concern for the very richest levels of society, but in a country where the average salary has risen by 14 percent over the last decade (18 percent for IT professionals), combined with a push towards aggressive marketing by the world's major brands into this 'promising' new economy, it now affects an estimated forty percent of the population.

'Symptoms' of the disease include workaholism, or finding more and more of your time consumed by a job you hate, low self-esteem, an addiction to chaos, aiming to buy consumer goods which you derive little or no satisfaction from, and a false sense of entitlement.

Sceptics argue that the country has far more pressing issues to deal with than this. 'It's ludicrous that time and resources are being spent on these pathetic issues, when there are people in different parts of the country struggling to feed their families every day, or without access to clean drinking water,' says Shriya Dutta, a community outreach worker. 'Perhaps those worried about whether they can afford that new fifty-inch TV should think about donating some of that money to more worthwhile causes.'

The organisation's strategy with the mobile clinics is twofold. Firstly, they hope to raise awareness of the problem and its effects. Secondly, they aim to offer practical advice in order to help families reclaim fulfilment with their 'real lives'. This advice includes, among other tips, using cash or debit cards rather than credit cards to limit spending, keeping records of what you spend, and using them in order to form realistic budgets, planning shopping trips to avoid impulse buys, and following the 'three Rs' – Reuse, Repair, Recycle.

Reactions so far have been mixed. While some have found the advice a useful antidote to the inescapable daily bombardment of big-brand marketing, others are less hopeful. 'It's all very well them telling us to work less,' says Jitesh Chopra, a systems analyst from Mumbai, 'but if I don't put in the hours, then someone else will, and before I know it, I'll be out of a job. What's needed is a more wide-reaching change, that cuts to the heart of society as we know it.'

### UNIT 3 RECORDING 2

- 1 Kay told me you were having a barbecue this evening.
- 2 Kay tells me you're having a barbecue this evening.
- 3 Whenever I see him, I can't help laughing.
- 4 When I saw him, I couldn't help laughing.
- 5 I just happened to be passing, so I thought I'd drop by and see you.
- 6 If I happen to be passing, I'll drop by and see you.
- 7 Whenever I happen to be passing, I drop by and see her.
- 8 People hundreds of years ago believed the Earth was flat.
- 9 A few people still believe the Earth is flat.
- 10 Scientists proved many years ago that the Earth isn't flat.

### UNIT 3 RECORDING 3

- 1 Under no circumstances should people approach the criminal as he is highly dangerous.
- 2 Only then did I notice that something was missing.
- 3 Rarely have I witnessed such enthusiasm.
- 4 Seldom has the economic outlook looked so gloomy.
- 5 Not only did you lie to me, you also stole my money.
- 6 No longer do women expect men to provide for them economically.
- 7 Not once did he say 'thank you' for all the help I gave him.
- 8 Never before have so many people participated in a TV game show.

### UNIT 4 RECORDING 1

- 1 laser
- 2 marathon
- 3 acupuncture
- 4 endurance
- 5 physical
- 6 forward
- 7 hypnotherapy
- 8 counselling
- 9 vegan
- 10 perspective
- 11 voluntary
- 12 overwhelmed
- 13 yourself
- 14 broaden
- 15 superficial
- 16 horizons

### UNIT 4 RECORDING 2

For city dwellers in the summer months, the hotter it gets, the greater the danger from air pollution. But did you know that eating strawberries is one of the easiest ways of resisting air pollution? They are rich in pollution-busting ellagic acid ... and what could be nicer than a delicious bowl of strawberries on a hot summer's day? There's nothing worse than an attack of sunburn ... so no one should go out into the sun without plenty of factor 30. But the more fruit and vegetables you eat – particularly mangos, sweet potatoes, carrots and apricots – the more resistant your skin becomes to the sun's harmful rays. And the best thing about this form of sun protection is that it tastes a lot better than sun cream, too! What could be better for cooling off than an afternoon at the swimming pool? But be careful – the more time you spend in the water, the more likely it is that you'll be exposed to water-borne bacteria, which can cause ear and throat infections. If you're in and out of the swimming pool every few minutes, Xylitol, a natural sweetener from a birch tree, is among the most effective protectors – and you can buy it in chewing-gum form – so the more you chew, the healthier you'll be!

### UNIT 4 RECORDING 3

Seventy is the new sixty, so they say, and with average life expectancy more than double what it was just over a hundred years ago, there's no escaping the fact that we are now living longer. But there are some people who take that even further, proving that age really is no limit to what you can achieve. Meet some people who think they've found the secret to staying young.

*Örvende!* Pleased to meet you! A few years back, I went on a sightseeing holiday to Budapest, and I instantly fell in love with this beautiful city.



# Audio script

I loved everything about it – the history, culture, people. So I decided to try learning the language. It was really tough at first, as Hungarian is very different from most other European languages in the way words are formed and the grammatical cases, so I was learning quite a lot of rather new concepts. But I've kept it up, and nowadays I use online video chat to have lessons twice a week with a teacher based in Hungary. She's quite strict with me and sets me regular homework (it's like being back at school again sometimes!), but it's great and keeps my mind active. I also think I've proved that it's never too late to learn something new!

For me it's all about the company you keep. I have a great group of friends, all of whom are 'young'. By that I don't mean they have fewer miles on the clock than me (in fact the opposite is true), but that they simply have a fresh attitude to things. You won't ever hear any of them say things like 'I'm too old for that' or 'you wouldn't catch me doing that at my age'. We all share the same outlook – that it's there for living, so we get together every week and try something new. Last week we went bowling, and this week we're going to try paintballing! You can look back at what's happened to you over the years, or you can look ahead at the years to come. I choose the latter.

It sounds obvious, I know, but the best way to stay young and healthy is exercise. I started running in my late fifties, and I still run now, but not as far as I used to. I go twice or three times a week and usually manage about three kilometres. I love it – it's like a lifeline for me. My doctor says I have the metabolism and physical fitness of a 50-year-old, but it's not just that it keeps my body in shape and working, it's what it does for me mentally, too. The buzz you get when you get the blood moving round the body like this is when you feel truly alive, and I think that's the same whatever your age is. My advice to other people my age would be to get outside and get moving, even if it's only a short distance each day.

When I retired a few years ago, I'd never been abroad. I'd always wanted to visit Rome, and try Italian food in Italy. I'd heard so much about it from my children and it sounded wonderful, so a couple of years back, I thought 'What the heck!' and booked a two-week holiday. Needless to say I had a great time. I loved everything about it – the sights, the food, the people, the feeling of immersing yourself in another culture. Well, since then, I've 'caught the bug', as they say, and I've been all over Europe. The only thing that holds me back is my pension. I love travelling and I think this time of life is a great time to do it. There's less pressure to get to see all the places you think you have to, and more time to relax and soak up the atmosphere. My dream now is to visit somewhere further afield. I'd love to visit Japan, for example.

## UNIT 5 RECORDING 1

If someone you know asks you nosy questions, then you are not obliged to answer if you don't want to. Here it is more important that you have some polite brush-off, but it is still not rude for you to refuse and it would be rude for the other person to press you.

If you think they shouldn't have asked the question ('How much money do you earn?', 'Are you pregnant yet?', 'Are you and John still in love?'), then I strongly recommend looking very shocked and saying 'I can't believe you just asked me that!' and either leaving them to stumble out of it or moving on yourself to another, perhaps related, subject. If they try to press you, as opposed to defending themselves lamely and saying 'I was just interested ...', then you can keep the shocked look and say 'I'm not telling you that' with as much emphasis as you like on the 'you'.

But what if the question isn't quite so unforgivable? You don't want to answer it ('How much did you pay for that?', 'Are you having a relationship with him?', 'Where did you buy that?' – these are strictly subjective examples, by the way: you can decide for yourself what questions go into what categories). Or supposing the really awful question came from someone you don't feel you can be too hard on (elderly relative, boss). Then you need a more smiling response: 'I can't possibly tell you that' or 'I'm not telling anyone that' or 'Wouldn't you like to know?' or 'That's none of your business'. Any of these, if said with a cheerful face, should get you out of it. As ever, if people press, then they have lost the right to a polite answer. Some people really don't understand why you won't tell them. 'But I'd tell you', they say. You must just answer 'I never tell anyone that kind of thing' until they get the message. But you must stand firm, because otherwise they'll never learn and will keep expecting you to tell them your innermost secrets. There is certainly never any need to tell your secrets just because someone else told theirs.

There are questions that seem perfectly reasonable – 'Are you planning to move?', 'Are you going to go back to work?', 'Are you going on holiday this year?' – but if answered truthfully might lead to minefields or unexpected (and maybe unwanted) revelations of bankruptcy, pregnancy, redundancy, divorce, etc. Here you are free to tell white lies and say 'We don't know / haven't decided yet / haven't really thought about it'. Looking vague and serene and changing the subject is the key here. You generally find that people did leap to conclusions, but they were the wrong ones ('I was convinced that meant you were getting married, not splitting up') and nothing to worry about. If the question was reasonable, then it's polite to embarrass the asker as little as possible – they were probably only making conversation in the first place.

## UNIT 5 RECORDING 2

- 1 A: Please, I really need your help with this.  
B: Oh, all right then. But you owe me!
- 2 A: I wonder if you might be able to help me. I'm looking for last year's tax returns.  
B: Yes, of course. They're over there, in the third drawer down.
- 3 A: Are you in the middle of something?  
B: No, it's fine. How can I help?
- 4 A: I don't see why I should give Sarah my teddy bear.  
B: Because that's what nice sisters do.
- 5 A: Can I ask a really, really big favour? Can you give me a lift to the airport?  
B: Sorry, my car's being serviced.
- 6 A: If you'll just bear with me for a minute, I'll be able to help.  
B: OK, no hurry.

## UNIT 6 RECORDING 1

Knowledge, according to the proverb, is power. And in this electronic age, more and more of our information is gained not in the classroom, but via media such as the Internet, DVD and cable TV ... all of which are playing a key part in the distance learning revolution. Here are three figures in this key educational change which is transforming our lives in the 21st century.

### The Pitman shorthand system

Those who think that distance learning is a relatively new idea might be surprised to learn that English educator, Sir Isaac Pitman, had the same idea – only then they were called correspondence courses – more than 150 years ago. Taking advantage of the development of a reliable postal system in 1840, Pitman began teaching shorthand by mail to thousands of students who did not have time to attend school. 'Lessons' consisted of copying short passages of the Bible in shorthand, and posting them to Mr Pitman to be corrected. His brother, Benn Pitman, introduced the idea to the United States, and the Pitman shorthand system – which has been adapted to fifteen other languages – is still one of the most widely used shorthand systems in the world.

### The Open University

When it was established in 1969, the Open University offered courses via mail, with the back-up of regular TV and radio programmes shown outside normal broadcast times. Each student was assigned a tutor who discussed the coursework over the phone, and in group sessions in the evenings or at weekends.

Thirty years on, the Open University has expanded to include the Internet, video-conferencing, satellite broadcast and email. There are no entry qualifications or admission interviews, and anyone over the age of eighteen can follow one of their courses. It is now Britain's largest single teaching institution, with more than 200,000 people studying its courses every year, with another 16,000 in other countries around the world.

### John Hendricks and the Discovery Channel

After a successful career in university education, John S. Hendricks entered the TV business and launched the Discovery Channel – the first cable TV channel exclusively devoted to documentaries and nature programmes – in June 1985. Today, the company's programmes reach over 150 million subscribers in more than a hundred countries. In an age where competition for TV audiences has never been tougher, the Discovery Channel's high-quality, educational approach continues to defy those who believe that TV is only about mindless entertainment. The BBC programme *Walking with Dinosaurs* became the most-watched documentary in TV history when it was shown on the Discovery Channel in 2000.



## UNIT 6 RECORDING 2

Around the world, hundreds, if not thousands, of species of animals are threatened with extinction ... but the latest scientific developments could mean that one day even extinct animals will be brought back to life using DNA technology. The last-known Tasmanian tiger died in a zoo in Hobart, Australia, in 1936. Fifty years later, the species was declared extinct. But in 1999, a research project into DNA cloning was set up at the Australian Museum in Sydney, and now, high quality DNA has been extracted from a baby tiger which has been preserved in a jar of alcohol since 1866. According to scientists, there is now a chance of the Tasmanian tiger being resurrected using techniques similar to those which were used to create cloned sheep in the 1990s. If undamaged DNA is recovered, it could be inserted into the empty egg of a related living species, such as a Tasmanian Devil.

However, the technology for the final stage of cloning – where the Tasmanian tiger's DNA will be placed into a Tasmanian Devil host which has been stripped of its own genetic material – is still to be developed.

'It's a very significant breakthrough,' said Professor Michael Archer, Professor of Zoology at the University of New South Wales. 'Although there's still a lot of work to be done, there's now a real possibility of Tasmanian tigers being released into the wild.'

## UNIT 6 RECORDING 3

- 1 Where have you been? How many times do I have to tell you not to wander off without telling me?
- 2 It took a minute or so for the laughter to die down, allowing Martin to resume his speech.
- 3 Lisa is going to give out programmes to members of the audience as they come in.
- 4 It's Anoushka's responsibility to lock up when the school closes at 9 o'clock.
- 5 If you want to write to us, our website address is [www.mtv.com](http://www.mtv.com).
- 6 Despite the torrential rain, the band played on, and the audience clapped and cheered.
- 7 It's time someone had the courage to speak out and reveal who is responsible for this appalling situation.
- 8 The bus didn't leave for another three hours, so we had nothing to do but wait around getting bored.
- 9 When I lost my wallet, the police officer took down all my details, but they never contacted me again!
- 10 Although Donna was quite shy to begin with, after a few minutes she was chatting away quite happily.
- 11 Our company is sending out sample copies to thousands of potential customers.
- 12 When I went to New York, I looked up some old school friends who live there now.

## UNIT 7 RECORDING 1

- 1 A: I just met Carla in the street ... and that was fifteen minutes ago. She really does talk a lot. I thought she'd never stop!  
B: Yeah, she certainly does go on a bit, that's true.
- 2 A: It certainly is hot out there! It must be 35°. Am I glad we've got a fridge full of nice, cold ... Huh? WHERE ARE THEY?  
B: Ah, yes, I meant to tell you about that. I had some friends over earlier and we all got a bit thirsty. I really do apologise. I'll get some more later.
- 3 A: You'll never guess who I met at work today.  
B: Who?  
A: Whitney Spearmint. Did she look gorgeous?  
B: I really do think it's about time you stopped inventing stories about meeting pop stars, Martin. After all, you are nearly thirty and you work in a Post Office.
- 4 A: Have I got news for you!  
B: What is it? What is it?  
A: Well, you know that prize draw you entered ...  
B: I've won! And you lent me the money for the ticket. Listen, I really do appreciate what you did ... I'll never forget it.

## UNIT 7 RECORDING 2

- 1 A: Am I pleased to see you!  
B: Why? Where have you been?
- 2 A: Ow! That's my foot!  
B: Oh dear, I am sorry, I didn't see you there.
- 3 A: Ali does make me angry sometimes.  
B: Yes, he definitely can be annoying.
- 4 A: What do you want to do tonight?  
B: Do you mind if we stay in? I really am tired.
- 5 A: Why did you say that? You don't have to pretend you like Kate's cooking.  
B: But I really do like it!
- 6 A: Did you ask Ania out then?  
B: Yes, and she said 'no'. Do I feel embarrassed now.

## UNIT 7 RECORDING 3

A single working mother in her mid-thirties, Nicole Kidman could have either slipped into career apathy or forged ahead stubbornly. It will surprise no one that she opted for the latter, and quite spectacularly so. As she carved out a new persona, complete with both feminist and romantic overtones, not to mention a major image overhaul, the world took the courageous actress to its heart. Almost by default, the divorcee became an inspirational role model for women everywhere.

Setting out to prove the point that she could get along just fine without her famous husband, yet admitting on occasion that she was struggling to cope, Nicole's frankness was refreshing and appealing in equal measure. She never stopped giving interviews and her gradual acceptance of her new life could be clearly traced as the year progressed.

After eleven years of wearing flat shoes to avoid towering over Tom Cruise, the statuesque star famously charmed her public by gleefully giggling 'I can wear heels now!' when quizzed on the benefits of being single. Suddenly she became a style icon for a new generation.

Clothes shopping with girlfriends was now one of her favourite pursuits. But Nicole's sartorial tastes hadn't actually changed all that much from the days she spent trawling round flea markets. 'I think clothes are creative. It's wonderful when someone like John Galiano has the ability to change the way people think of clothes or how they dress on a global level. Fashion is incredibly relevant. There's something admirable about boldness, because with boldness comes the opportunity to fail. But it's becoming harder now, because when you fail, people judge it so severely.'

A practical mum, Nicole is a 'bike shorts and sloppy joe' person around the house. 'It's like leading two different lives,' she jokes. 'I have my life, then I have this sort of fantasy life – going to premieres and putting on make-up and beautiful dresses.'

Thanks to all the extra exposure with *Moulin Rouge!*, *The Others* and also her very public divorce, Nicole's eclectic taste in clothes, her paleness and her long-legged figure have become fashionable, something which she finds most amusing. 'Believe me, my body is only OK,' she laughs. 'I get by, but it's not great. I have a boy's body, and I would rather look like a girl. *Moulin Rouge!* was all about corsets and padding.'

## UNIT 7 RECORDING 4

- A: The judge looked angrily at the prisoner in the dock.  
B: So you admit breaking into Carla's Fashion Store on October the 11th last year?  
A: he said.  
C: Yes, Your Honour. But I can honestly say I haven't done anything like this before, and it will definitely never happen again. I only did it because my wife desperately needed a new dress.  
A: The judge looked at his case notes for a few moments.  
B: I see. So why then did you break into the store again on the 12th, 13th and 14th of October?  
C: Because my wife made me change the dress three times.



# Audio script

## UNIT 8 RECORDING 1

My daughter was singing as she polished the furniture. I hadn't asked her to polish the furniture. I never do. But where one brother is happiest with the computer, one with a football and one with a model car, her idea of bliss is a can of Spring Fresh and a duster. Where have I gone wrong?

While the boys have to be nagged, bribed or tricked into doing their infinitesimal share of the household chores, and can't be seen when they think they're finished, she's up on a chair with the washing-up liquid before you can say 'dishes', scrubbing at pans as if her life depended on it.

Being a bit of a tomboy myself, and not too hot on the domestic skills, I used to argue till I was blue in the face that the differences between men and women were all about upbringing and expectations. Nobody could have approached motherhood with a grittier determination that all children would be treated the same, not channelled along some pre-ordained path. Boys would be offered soft toys to cuddle, girls would play with cars and trains. I would breed the New Men and female engineers of the future.

I dare say there are indeed small boys and girls who do such things, but not mine. The hubris awaiting me was a family in which every politically incorrect stereotype in the book is rife.

Ten years ago, as I gazed at my first-born in his cradle, I fantasised about the gentle soul he would be. No guns or nasty aggression for this little peach blossom. He would be taught to turn away wrath with a swift word. He would grow up to be Secretary General of the United Nations.

The fantasy sustained me until he was about two, when he proudly presented me with his first model – a rifle. Later on, at playgroup, he and his pals daily assassinated each other. In the garden, he and his brother began doing such heart-stopping things with sticks that in the end I bought them a couple of plastic swords.

We went downhill fast. A decade and three more sons after those early children, we now house an arsenal of swords, rifles, water pistols, bows and arrows, hatchets, daggers and tanks that would be the envy of the British Army. Not so long ago, we were all nearly arrested when a most life-like revolver in our luggage caused a security scare at Heathrow Airport.

And what of my daughter, the lone sandwiched sister? She plays all the boys' games because she has to. You'll find her from time to time teetering around the house in plastic high heels, with a handbag (pink) in one hand and a shotgun in the other, and she can manage a tolerable dribble down the left wing when they need someone to make up the numbers for football. But her heart is not really in it. She would much rather be drawing or writing or cutting out stars or polishing shells or – dear heavens – cleaning the bathroom while waves of boys surge and roar around her.

I finally faced up to the fact that boys and girls are simply born different on the day, a few years ago, when I was hanging out the washing and gave her and the next brother up a couple of clothes pegs to play with. He shot me with his. She cradled it in her arms and sang it a lullaby.

But I won't give up. I'll continue to try and treat them equally and expect the same of them. And by the time they're all in their teens, I imagine they'll all be equally impossible to get to do anything. But right now, nature is wearing down nurture. Equality is hard work.

## UNIT 8 RECORDING 2

- 1 a a sense of achievement  
b a lack of ambition
- 2 a an ability to read your mind  
b a sense of fun
- 3 a a need to show off  
b a need for reassurance
- 4 a a fear of rejection  
b a love of adventure
- 5 a a sense of security  
b a tendency to worry
- 6 a a sense of achievement  
b a love of adventure

## UNIT 9 RECORDING 1

Parents are often warned of the perils of modern technology for their children. Not only do they need to make sure children stay safe online, limit the amount of time they spend playing video games, as well as screen time in general, but also avoid falling into the 'communication trap', whereby kids start to favour written over oral communication. While these are all real concerns, very little is said about the benefits technology can bring to parents themselves. Although many core values and aims are the same, modern parenting often requires a different approach than it did for our parents' generation. It's not about completely changing the game, but there are a few ways in which tech-savvy parents can use modern technology to their advantage.

- 1 One way of ensuring the kids help with housework is to change the household wi-fi password every morning (or the night before). Give your children a list of simple chores to do before they can have access to it, e.g. make the bed, take the rubbish out, etc.
- 2 Video chat can be an excellent way of keeping in touch with the extended family, especially if they live on the other side of the world. It's unlikely that grandparents will be there for every school performance, or when that tooth comes out, but with video chat they'll be able to see it. Rather than your child telling them over the phone, they can show them over the Internet.
- 3 Texting is a great way to stay in touch with teenagers while they're out with friends. A simple 'How's it going?' can be much less invasive than a phone call, and easier for them to respond to, especially if they want to avoid the embarrassment of mum or dad checking up on them when they're with friends. And that's not to mention the benefits of maps, taxi apps, etc. Taking time to look for and download apps with your child is a great way to spend some time together in an activity which he or she will find motivating, too.
- 4 There's a wealth of information out there on the Internet, but not all of it is reliable. Set your child simple tasks, by picking up on rumours they've heard (about celebrities, for example) and asking them to see if they can find at least three sources which say the same thing. Ask them to tell you which they think is most reliable, and why. Developing these skills will go a long way in helping prepare your child for today's modern world.
- 5 It can be easy to feel isolated as a parent sometimes, especially when it's 'them against you'. Luckily, nowadays there are a myriad of forums and online communities out there which can help you with both moral and practical support. Sometimes you won't even need to join a community, and can often find discussions on quite complex subjects with a simple Internet search. The important thing to remember is that you're not alone, and technology makes this more possible than ever before.

## UNIT 9 RECORDING 2

- A: Hey, Rick.  
B: Hi, Olga, thanks for coming over. I'm having terrible trouble with my laptop. Do you think you can help?  
A: I don't know, I can try. What's wrong?  
B: Well it's crashed. The screen's blank and it's making a weird noise.  
A: Yes, I can see. Have you tried turning it off and on again?  
B: No, I wasn't sure if I could. Won't that damage it?  
A: Yes, you're right. It might not be a good idea. OK, let's try holding down 'Alt', 'Ctrl' and 'Delete' ... No, nothing. Hmm ... have you installed any new software recently?  
B: Yes, well, this morning it threw up an error message, saying that I needed to update the operating system. I did that, then it asked me to reboot it, so I did that, too. Then this happened.  
A: Oh dear. Have you backed up all your files to an external hard disk?  
B: No, why?  
A: It looks like a problem with your hard drive. The only thing we can do now is reset the computer. It means you might lose everything though.  
B: Oh dear.



## UNIT 10 RECORDING 1

Brittney Pringle, a nine-month-old baby from Perth, Australia, made her parents rich the moment she spoke her first words. 'Brittney gave us a couple of goo-goos and ga-gas and then blurted out the numbers 9, 12, 14, 22, 31 and 39,' says proud mum, Dorcas Pringle. 'We ran out and bought the lottery ticket – and now our Brittney's going to grow up as the world's youngest self-made millionaire. I can't explain how she did what she did, but we are determined she's going to lead a normal life.'

New Yorker Alvin Eykers is divorcing his wife Judith because her psychic powers put too much strain on their marriage. 'She'd finish my sentences before I got the words halfway out of my mouth,' says Eykers. 'I could never surprise her with a gift for Christmas or her birthday and I could never get away with even the littlest white lie. It was like she had a peephole into my mind.' The crisis came when Judith accused him of having an affair with his firm's receptionist. Eykers insists, 'I haven't touched her or even said two words to her – yet.'

A British motorist lost her way during a day trip to Calais and drove eight hundred miles across Europe looking for somewhere to turn round. Vivienne Vanderwault-Hudson, who had been shopping for cigarettes and alcohol, headed down the motorway, crossed the Pyrenees into Spain, and didn't stop until Gibraltar. 'I get very scared driving – I've been stopped twice for driving too slowly. I kept hoping there would be a gap in the road, but there wasn't. So I decided to keep going.'

An Ohio woman, Addie Crawley, got a shock when her ex-husband – who had been missing for twenty years – suddenly appeared from his cubbyhole hiding place in their former marital home. Thinking 48-year-old Ben Holmes was a ghost, Crawley drew her .22 hand gun and shot him. He survived, later explaining in court that he had lived in the same house as his ex for several years, but hid himself whenever she was around. He had emerged to claim his share of the property.

Novice climber Leonardo Diaz got stranded in a freak blizzard 12,500 feet up in the Andes. The Colombian tried to call for help on his mobile phone, but discovered that his pay-as-you-go credit had run out. Just when he had resigned himself to freezing to death, he received a call – from a telemarketer at his phone company, wondering if he'd like to buy more minutes. Diaz explained the situation, and she alerted the emergency services. She and her colleagues then took turns to ring Diaz to keep his spirits up until help arrived seven hours later.

An American housewife is offering psychic consultations to troubled pets. Carol Schultz, who claims she can speak the language of animals, charges \$50 a session to counsel cats, dogs and horses. Satisfied customers include a dog which was Hitler in a past life and slept all the time to escape depression, and a dog which was trapped in a cat's body.

## UNIT 10 RECORDING 2

- A: Careful! You nearly knocked over that poor cyclist.  
B: Sorry. It's not easy to look at the road and the map at the same time.  
A: Well, I did offer to map-read, but you wouldn't let me.  
B: Because you always get us lost. Or you did last time, anyway.  
A: No, I didn't! You wouldn't listen to me!  
B: Never mind. Are there any more sweets? Can I have one?  
A: No, you can't. You ate the last one an hour ago.  
B: Pity we didn't get some more when we stopped for petrol.  
A: Just a minute. Did that sign say *Crawley ten miles*?  
B: I think so. Why?  
A: Because it means we're going in the wrong direction!

## UNIT 10 RECORDING 3

- 1  
A: Hello?  
B: Josie? Is that you?! It's Mum!  
A: Hang on a minute ... Hi, Mum, how are you?  
B: I'm OK, how's the study session going? Are you and Susie working hard?  
A: Oh yes, it's fine. We were just having a break and listening to some music.  
B: Hmm, right. Because I just had a phone call from Susie's parents.  
A: Oh dear. Um ... What did they say?  
B: Josie, you're not at their house, are you?  
A: Um ... no. We're at the pub.  
B: I've told you not to go there! I think you'd better come home straightaway.  
A: Yes, Mum.
- 2  
A: It's funny, isn't it?  
B: What is?  
A: Well, it's always the politicians who go on about honesty that end up being the most dishonest.  
B: Why do you say that?  
A: Have you seen this story in the news?  
B: Which one?  
A: The one about the Health Minister. Apparently, he was caught lying in a report on last year's budget.  
B: Really, how did they find that out?  
A: Well apparently, one of his staff decided to go to the media and reveal that he'd been lying. She said she couldn't go on covering for him after his campaign the previous year on making government more transparent.  
B: Oh yes, I remember that. He was quite enthusiastic about the whole thing, wasn't he?

## UNIT 10 RECORDING 4

It was *you* who suggested that we invite them ... not *me*!

## UNIT 10 RECORDING 5

- 1 They seem to have mentioned everyone except *me*.  
2 The new medication has made *him* feel much better, but it didn't help *her* very much.  
3 *You* might not want to see him, but *I* certainly do.  
4 I just don't know what on earth we can tell him ... maybe your uncle can help.  
5 If you see Andy again, ask him to call *me* instead of Mr Bernard.  
6 It's Frank who's the problem: if we could persuade *him*, the rest would be easy.  
7 Was it *you* who I spoke to the other day?  
8 It doesn't matter what *she* thinks – it's what *you* think that worries me.  
9 I don't know about *you*, but *I*'ve had enough of this.  
10 Apparently they're going to ban cars in the town centre. What will we do then?



# Answer key

## UNIT 1

- 1
- |                |                            |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| 2 brand        | 9 immigration              |
| 3 way of life  | 10 non-native speaker      |
| 4 multi-ethnic | 11 local produce           |
| 5 clash        | 12 standard of living      |
| 6 brain drain  | 13 Mass                    |
| 7 goods        | 14 global financial crisis |
| 8 corporation  |                            |
- 2
- |                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 residential areas       | 5 high-rise buildings      |
| 3 availability of housing | 6 Sky-high property prices |
| 4 urban sprawl            | 7 green belt               |
- 3 a
- AC BCO CCO DC ED FD GCO HCO
- b
- 2B,C 3F,H 4E 5A,D,G 6B 7G 8E,F
- 4 a
- |                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 is taking place     | 9 have                   |
| 3 will be delivering  | 10 will also be blocking |
| 4 have been preparing | 11 said                  |
| 5 are taking          | 12 to be isolating       |
| 6 marked              | 13 are becoming          |
| 7 have thrown         | 14 's getting            |
| 8 were not allowing   | 15 will be making        |
- 5
- |                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 2 be getting                  |  |
| 3 you are constantly changing |  |
| 4 I was hoping                |  |
| 5 is forever devising         |  |
| 6 know                        |  |
| 7 be working                  |  |
| 8 are always comparing        |  |
| 9 were wondering              |  |
| 10 make                       |  |
- 6
- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2 'm thinking   | 9 'm weighing   |
| 3 was having    | 10 don't see    |
| 4 were admiring | 11 weighs       |
| 5 still fit     | 12 is being     |
| 6 appears       | 13 do you think |
| 7 'm seeing     | 14 is expecting |
| 8 admire        |                 |
- 7 a
- 3
- b
- |   |
|---|
| 2 improved transport / cheaper flights / increased leisure time |
| 3 improved transport / cheaper flights / increased leisure time |
| 4 the benefits of tourism are not always felt at local level    |
| 5 jobs are often low paid and menial                            |
| 6 environmental and social damage                               |
- 8
- |            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| 2 Whatever | 6 As well as |
| 3 as if    | 7 which      |
| 4 Yet      | 8 finally    |
| 5 such as  |              |
- 10 a
- 2F 3F 4T 5F 6T

## UNIT 2

1 a

A	M	O	R	T	I	F	I	E	D	E	D	X	O
E	L	P	S	S	H	R	S	T	I	K	S	H	V
W	L	P	G	I	D	E	S	P	E	R	A	T	E
O	I	N	S	E	C	U	R	E	E	R	P	D	R
U	N	S	R	H	R	I	F	N	J	F	P	C	J
N	D	R	D	E	E	K	G	V	E	A	R	A	O
D	I	S	I	L	L	U	S	I	O	N	E	D	Y
U	F	T	S	P	I	Y	R	O	T	B	H	T	E
P	F	K	G	L	E	F	R	U	J	S	E	K	D
F	E	P	U	E	V	S	G	S	O	O	N	D	G
C	R	O	S	S	E	G	O	W	P	I	S	V	D
D	E	N	T	S	D	B	T	F	S	U	I	E	W
I	N	T	E	F	E	T	J	B	T	G	V	D	Q
O	T	S	D	E	V	A	S	T	A	T	E	D	Y
P	S	H	A	T	T	E	R	E	D	T	E	D	X

b

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 2 cross         | 8 helpless     |
| 3 envious       | 9 shattered    |
| 4 insecure      | 10 devastated  |
| 5 desperate     | 11 disgusted   |
| 6 disillusioned | 12 overjoyed   |
| 7 apprehensive  | 13 indifferent |

2 a

2a 3a 4b 5a 6b 7b 8a 9b 10a 11a 12b

3 a

2

b

2F 3T 4T 5F 6F 7F 8T

c

- |  |
|--|
| 2 a real eye-opener                    |
| 3 brusque                              |
| 4 enveloped in                         |
| 5 wear their heart on their sleeves    |
| 6 deeply engrossed in                  |
| 7 with disdain                         |
| 8 to get back into the swing of things |

4

- |                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 2 having met       | 10 has been                                  |
| 3 will have eaten  | 11 has been lying                            |
| 4 has been         | 12 will have been working / will have worked |
| 5 had been driving | 13 to have checked                           |
| 6 to have left     | 14 had been raining                          |
| 7 had changed      | 15 have received                             |
| 8 having read      |  |
| 9 had hidden       |  |



- 5
- |                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| 2 have you been looking | 8 've never seen                       |
| 3 've been waiting      | 9 have been seeing                     |
| 4 Have you ever played  | 10 've been trying, haven't had        |
| 5 's been working       | 11 've never understood                |
| 6 has never done        | 12 've been waiting, hasn't it arrived |
| 7 've been watching     |  |

- 6
- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 had been sitting  | 8 had eaten           |
| 3 had had           | 9 hadn't been         |
| 4 've been thinking | 10 had been sitting   |
| 5 've eaten         | 11 've been listening |
| 6 has heard         | 12 've never seen     |
| 7 Have you tried    |                       |

- 7
- |                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 heavily regulated            | 7 differentiating factors |
| 3 peer group                   | 8 subtly flatter          |
| 4 pamper yourself              | 9 deliberately set out to |
| 5 backfired                    | 10 aspirations            |
| 6 monitored people's responses |                           |

- 8
- 2 It wasn't the demonstrators who started the trouble.
  - 3 It was only last week that she finally got in touch.
  - 4 What we like about Australia is the marvellous weather.
  - 5 It's only after 6.30 that you can park here for free.
  - 6 What you should do now is get plenty of rest.
  - 7 It was only when I got home that I realised I'd picked up the wrong coat.
  - 8 What I don't like about living here is the awful traffic.
  - 9 It wasn't me who suggested having a barbecue.
  - 10 What really annoys me is the way you lied to us.

- 9
- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 2 no laughing matter | 7 burst into tears     |
| 3 shoulder to cry on | 8 bored to tears       |
| 4 burst out laughing | 9 close to tears       |
| 5 floods of tears    | 10 crying her eyes out |
| 6 the last laugh     |                        |

- 10 a
- 2 A 3 D 4 B

- b
- 2 It tells the story of ...
  - 3 The story opens as ...
  - 4 There are several subplots.
  - 5 Little by little, you realise that ...
  - 6 It makes you laugh out loud.
  - 7 It's very heartwarming ...
  - 8 It leaves you with a feeling that ...
  - 9 I won't give away the ending ...
  - 10 It all ends happily.

## UNIT 3

- 1
- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| 2 fee        | 8 ransom     |
| 3 priceless  | 9 bankrupt   |
| 4 worthless  | 10 broke     |
| 5 stingy     | 11 bribes    |
| 6 break even | 12 went bust |
| 7 pension    |              |

- 2 a
- 2 X 3 ✓ 4 X 5 ✓ 6 ✓

- b
- 1 a 2 c 3 c 4 b 5 a

## 3

All possible answers

	Simple	Continuous
Present	tell, is, see, (which) means, observe, is (x2), deduce	are shining
Present perfect	have (just) made, has stolen	have been studying
Past	decided, woke up, saw, said (x3), thought	were leaving, was lying
Past perfect	had finished	had (obviously) been doing
Future	will (probably) be	will be setting
Future perfect	will have been	

The Future perfect continuous (*will have been doing*) is not included.

- 4 a
- |                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| 2 leave              | 7 wins       |
| 3 has                | 8 smashes    |
| 4 denies             | 9 shouts out |
| 5 walks, don't serve | 10 are       |
| 6 declare            |              |

- b
- To talk about the past when we tell a joke, relate the story of a film, book or play. 3, 5
  - To refer to an action which happens at the moment of speaking. 6
  - To describe or commentate on a present action. 8
  - To describe future events which are programmed or timetabled. 1, 10
  - To refer to the future after time conjunctions such as *if, when, before, as soon as*, etc. 2
  - After relative pronouns such as *who* and *where*. 9
  - In subordinate clauses introduced by *as, than* and *whether*. 7

- 5
- |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 2 'd listened   | 9 didn't make |
| 3 took          | 10 could      |
| 4 were to       | 11 Was there  |
| 5 wanted        | 12 'd known   |
| 6 had been      | 13 could      |
| 7 faced up      | 14 left       |
| 8 was wondering |               |

- 6
- 2 h 3 a 4 i 5 d 6 c 7 b 8 f 9 j 10 e

- 7 a
- 2 Only then did I notice that something was missing.
  - 3 Rarely have I witnessed such enthusiasm.
  - 4 Seldom has the economic outlook looked so gloomy.
  - 5 Not only did you lie to me, you also stole my money.
  - 6 No longer do women expect men to provide for them economically.
  - 7 Not once did he say 'thank you' for all the help I gave him.
  - 8 Never before have so many people participated in a TV game show.

- 8
- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 worth a quick look | 6 for what it's worth |
| 3 prove your worth   | 7 worth your while    |
| 4 worthless          | 8 worthwhile          |
| 5 not worth          |                       |

- 9
- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| 2 while    | 6 pinch        |
| 3 dash     | 7 overwhelming |
| 4 sum      | 8 handful      |
| 5 enormous |                |



# Answer key

- 10 a  
 2 respectively  
 3 threefold  
 4 steadily
- 5 a slight increase  
 6 In contrast, doubled

## UNIT 4

- 1 a  
 2 meditation  
 3 a detox programme  
 4 T'ai Chi  
 5 laser treatment  
 6 counselling  
 7 a religious retreat  
 8 voluntary work  
 9 acupuncture  
 10 'boot camp-style' training

- b  
 2 a religious retreat  
 3 'boot camp-style' training  
 4 a detox programme  
 5 hypnotherapy  
 6 laser treatment  
 7 counselling  
 8 meditation

- 2 a  
 2 marathon  
 3 acupuncture  
 4 endurance  
 5 physical  
 6 forward  
 7 hypnotherapy  
 8 counselling  
 9 vegan
- 10 perspective  
 11 voluntary  
 12 overwhelmed  
 13 yourself  
 14 broaden  
 15 superficial  
 16 horizons

- 3  
 2 tone up  
 3 fitness app  
 4 nutritional information  
 5 metabolic rate
- 6 personal trainer  
 7 manageable targets  
 8 motivated  
 9 rigorous training programme

- 4 a  
 2 greater  
 3 the easiest  
 4 nicer  
 5 worse  
 6 more resistant  
 7 the best
- 8 better  
 9 better  
 10 more likely  
 11 the most effective  
 12 the healthier

- 5  
 2 face  
 3 hands  
 4 head  
 5 leg  
 6 shoulder  
 7 hair  
 8 nose
- 9 ears  
 10 mouth  
 11 stomach  
 12 foot  
 13 thumbs  
 14 heart

- 6 a  
 1 Mike 2 Richard 3 Clara 4 Agata
- b  
 2 F – It's difficult because of the way words are formed and the grammatical cases.  
 3 F – He says his lessons are like being at school, but doesn't say he'd prefer that.  
 4 F – She says the opposite is true.

- 5 T  
 6 T  
 7 F – They are both important.  
 8 T  
 9 F – She thinks it's easier when you're older.

- c  
 2 miles on the clock  
 3 outlook
- 4 buzz  
 5 soak up the atmosphere

- 7  
 2 alive  
 3 drunken  
 4 mere  
 5 sheer  
 6 sick  
 7 live  
 8 frightened
- 9 sleeping  
 10 lone  
 11 only  
 12 asleep  
 13 afraid  
 14 ill  
 15 drunk

- 8  
 2 bad-tempered  
 3 newly-appointed  
 4 burnt out  
 5 open-minded  
 6 badly paid  
 7 user-friendly
- 8 light-hearted  
 9 44-year-old  
 10 long-haired  
 11 little-known  
 12 40-minute

- 9  
 2 pre-industrial  
 3 incomplete  
 4 misunderstand  
 5 maladjusted  
 6 dishonest
- 7 unimportant  
 8 anti-American  
 9 multilingual  
 10 overpaid  
 11 sub-tropical

- 10  
 2 odourless  
 3 atomic  
 4 electric  
 5 fiery  
 6 literary  
 7 diplomatic  
 8 psychological  
 9 medical  
 10 anxious
- 11 stressful  
 12 greenish  
 13 poisonous  
 14 painful  
 15 commercial  
 16 financial  
 17 administrative  
 18 electrical

- 11  
 2 very, slightly  
 3 completely, a bit  
 4 slightly, a little
- 5 absolutely, utterly  
 6 pretty, rather

- 12  
 2 D 3 A 4 E 5 C

## UNIT 5

- 1  
 2 cough  
 3 cuddle  
 4 swear  
 5 turn-off  
 6 unhygienic  
 7 blaspheme  
 8 revolting  
 9 awkward  
 10 whistle  
 11 manners
- 12 taboo  
 13 drop in  
 14 row  
 15 offensive  
 16 rude  
 17 yawn  
 18 sexist  
 19 pushy  
 20 sneeze



2

- 2 pushy
- 3 coughing
- 4 revolting
- 5 rude
- 6 yawning
- 7 taboo
- 8 turn-off
- 9 swear
- 10 manners
- 11 pat
- 12 offensive
- 13 sneezing
- 14 unhygienic
- 15 sexist
- 16 whistle
- 17 rowing
- 18 dropped in
- 19 cuddle
- 20 blasphemy

3

- 2 Botox injections
- 3 overdressed
- 4 inner beauty
- 5 bad hair day
- 6 posture
- 7 make-up artist
- 8 personal trainer
- 9 flattering portrait
- 10 charisma
- 11 style makeover
- 12 fashion victim

4 a  
4

b

Questions

- 1 How much money do you earn?
- 2 Are you pregnant yet?
- 3 Are you and John still in love?
- 4 How much did you pay for that?
- 5 Are you having a relationship with him?
- 6 Where did you buy that?
- 7 Are you planning to move?
- 8 Are you going to go back to work?
- 9 Are you going on holiday this year?

Answers

- 1 I can't believe you just asked me that!
- 2 I'm not telling *you* that.
- 3 I can't possibly tell you that.
- 4 I'm not telling anyone that.
- 5 Wouldn't you like to know?
- 6 That's none of your business.
- 7 I never tell anyone that kind of thing.
- 8 We don't know.
- 9 We haven't decided yet.
- 10 We haven't really thought about it.

c

2 T 3 T 4 F 5 T 6 F 7 F 8 T

5

- 2 I feel it is necessary to
- 3 are sometimes
- 4 am unable to
- 5 refuses to
- 6 are able to
- 7 will possibly
- 8 perhaps you are
- 9 is not the correct thing to

6

- 2 We ought to have checked the train times before we set out.
- 3 You don't have to / needn't / don't need to book tickets in advance. You can just turn up on the day.
- 4 You didn't have to / needn't have taken so much trouble, but thanks anyway!
- 5 Did you have to pay for the whole week, or can we pay day-by-day?
- 6 Your suit needs cleaning / ought to be cleaned as soon as possible.
- 7 We didn't have to pay for our meals. They were included in the price of the holiday.
- 8 You ought to buy some mosquito repellent for your holiday.
- 9 Do you think we ought to take some food for the journey?
- 10 You needn't / don't need to / don't have to get a visa if you're only staying for a week.

7

- 2 gabble
- 3 talks
- 4 nonchalant
- 5 cracked
- 6 stiff
- 7 dried up
- 8 small talk

8

- 2 where
- 3 which
- 4 where
- 5 which
- 6 why
- 7 where
- 8 which
- 9 where

9 a

Informal	Semi-formal	Formal
<i>I just wanted to ask you a quick favour.</i>	Could you help me out?	I am writing to request your help.
Could I possibly ... ?	Would you mind if I borrowed ... ?	I'd be very grateful if you would lend me ...
I can ...	I'm happy to ...	I would, of course, be willing to ...
As you can see, ...	As I'm sure you know ...	As you are no doubt aware, ...
If you're up for it, ...	If you can help, ...	If you're willing to take part, ...
Cheers,	Many thanks,	Kind regards,

10 a

- 2 I wonder if you might be able to help me.
- 3 Are you in the middle of something?
- 4 I don't see why I should ...
- 5 Can I ask a really, really big favour?
- 6 If you'll just bear with me for a minute, ...

c

2 1, 2, 5 3 4, 5 4 6 5 1

## UNIT 6

1 a

1 b 2 c 3 a

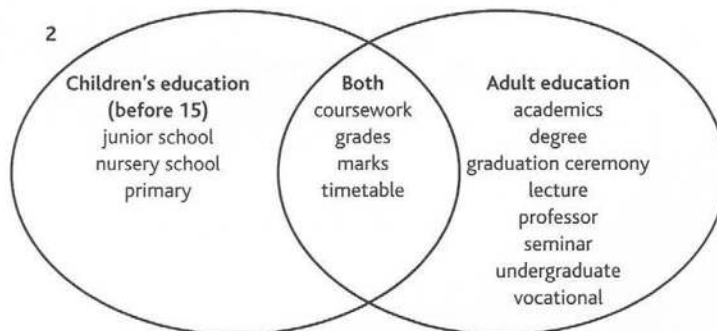
b

- 2 Benn Pitman
- 3 mail, TV and radio programmes
- 4 none
- 5 documentaries and nature programmes
- 6 *Walking with Dinosaurs*

c

2 T 3 F 4 F 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 F

2





# Answer key

3

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 2 build, self-esteem | 6 shattered, illusions |
| 3 long run           | 7 make sense           |
| 4 negative impact    | 8 high achiever        |
| 5 got the hang       |                        |

4 a

- |                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 will be brought back | 9 is recovered       |
| 3 was declared         | 10 be inserted       |
| 4 was set up           | 11 will be placed    |
| 5 has been extracted   | 12 has been stripped |
| 6 has been preserved   | 13 to be developed   |
| 7 being resurrected    | 14 to be done        |
| 8 were used            | 15 being released    |

5

- 2 is believed to have escaped
- 3 was considered to be
- 4 is not thought to be considering
- 5 is rumoured to have spent
- 6 are expected to show
- 7 were not intended to cause
- 8 is reported to be
- 9 was known to be
- 10 is alleged to have been
- 11 is not understood to be
- 12 is assumed to have been

6

Pupils ~~who have been~~ enrolled for exams at a Nottingham school will be fed a diet of bananas and classical music. Teachers at Kensal Green Girls' School hope their students' brain power will be increased by the special regime. ~~When she was~~ interviewed on local television, head teacher Sarah Weaver said, 'Every girl will be given a banana on exam mornings to help them get their brains into gear.' Soothing classical music – ~~which is~~ played at low volume through concealed speakers – is believed to calm candidates' nerves and put them in a relaxed frame of mind as they enter the examination hall. The experiment – ~~which is~~ based on similar techniques used in US universities – is likely to be imitated in other Nottingham schools if it ~~is~~ found to be successful.

7

- |                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 getting lost       | 8 will get stolen       |
| 3 to have it removed | 9 got beaten            |
| 4 got stuck          | 10 to get creased       |
| 5 'd get dressed     | 11 to have got engaged  |
| 6 got started        | 12 having her hair done |
| 7 to get the piano   | 13 get changed          |

8 a

- |        |          |
|--------|----------|
| 2 down | 8 around |
| 3 out  | 9 down   |
| 4 up   | 10 away  |
| 5 to   | 11 out   |
| 6 on   | 12 up    |
| 7 out  |          |

9 a

- 2 G 3 E 4 A 5 D 6 C 7 F 8 H

b

- 8, 7, 1, 6, 2, 4, 5

## UNIT 7

1

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 2 pierced        | 12 vintage        |
| 3 eyebrow        | 13 ornament       |
| 4 dye            | 14 minimalist     |
| 5 sports car     | 15 unconventional |
| 6 cute           | 16 childish       |
| 7 casual         | 17 chic           |
| 8 scruffy        | 18 twee           |
| 9 stark          | 19 contemporary   |
| 10 sophisticated | 20 trainer        |
| 11 garish        |                   |

2

- 2 leggings
- 3 shoulder pads
- 4 ponytail
- 5 jumpsuit
- 6 platform shoes
- 7 wig
- 8 ankle socks

3 a

- 2 certainly does go on
- 3 It certainly is hot
- 4 Am I glad
- 5 I really do apologise
- 6 Did she look
- 7 I really do think
- 8 Have I got
- 9 I really do appreciate

4 a

- 2 U, S 3 S, S 4 U, S 5 U, S 6 U, S

5

- 2 world
- 3 dirty
- 4 off
- 5 effects
- 6 lookalike
- 7 mixed
- 8 onlooker
- 9 soundtrack
- 10 up
- 11 sound bites

6 a

3

b

- 2 B 3 F 4 A 5 C 6 E

c

- 2 c 3 a 4 a 5 c 6 b

7 a

'So you admit breaking into Carla's Fashion Store on October 11th last year?' he said.  
'Yes, Your Honour. But I can **honestly** say I haven't done anything like this before, and it will **definitely never** happen again. I only did it because my wife **desperately** needed a new dress.'  
The judge looked at his case notes for a few moments.  
'I see. So why then did you break into the store again on the 12th, 13th and 14th of October?'  
'Because my wife made me change the dress **three times**.'



- 8
- |                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 2 Definitely       | 6 Probably       |
| 3 Almost certainly | 7 Conceivably    |
| 4 Undoubtedly      | 8 Definitely not |
| 5 Most likely      |                  |
- 9
- |         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| 2 good  | 8 in a friendly way |
| 3 deep  | 9 wrongly           |
| 4 good  | 10 yet              |
| 5 hard  | 11 freely           |
| 6 Still | 12 still            |
| 7 late  |                     |
- 10
- |                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 2 highly          | 7 profusely |
| 3 smoothly        | 8 deeply    |
| 4 badly           | 9 painfully |
| 5 rightly         | 10 bitterly |
| 6 technologically |             |
- 11
- |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| 2 (1) especially | 6 (2) even       |
| 3 (1) only       | 7 (1) only       |
| 4 (2) even       | 8 (2) even       |
| 5 (1) especially | 9 (1) especially |
- 12 a
- 2- 3+ 4+ 5- 6- 7+ 8- 9+ 10-
- 13
- |            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| 2 Quite    | 7 well       |
| 3 good     | 8 make       |
| 4 goodness | 9 Much       |
| 5 afraid   | 10 perfectly |
| 6 glad     |              |

## UNIT 8

- 1
- 2 chatterbox
  - 3 keep themselves to themselves
  - 4 sulk
  - 5 neat freak
  - 6 laid-back
  - 7 cracking jokes
  - 8 highly strung
  - 9 grumpy
  - 10 overbearing
  - 11 outspoken
  - 12 fussy
- 2
- 1 keeps (on) phoning you even when there's no real news
  - 2 is always talking about their boring hobbies, tends not to notice when other people aren't interested
  - 3 used to walk home from school together, would always take each other's sides if there was an argument
  - 4 was always criticising me in front of the other students, tended to treat the girls better than the boys, kept (on) losing his temper with the students
- 3
- |                  |                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2 living         | 7 to be given                      |
| 3 sharing        | 8 to be                            |
| 4 to buy         | 9 looking for, finding, not seeing |
| 5 to be returned | 10 to be doing                     |
| 6 spoiling       |                                    |

- 4
- |                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| 2 to call      | 11 to make out   |
| 3 at avoiding  | 12 to see        |
| 4 to visit     | 13 of speaking   |
| 5 packing      | 14 on riding     |
| 6 to return    | 15 to see        |
| 7 to tell      | 16 about getting |
| 8 about flying | 17 in learning   |
| 9 writing      | 18 to change     |
| 10 to visit    |                  |
- 5
- 1
  - b In fact, he's already made several attempts to escape.
  - c He and his cellmates often have arguments about escaping.
  - d He'd probably have difficulty escaping.
  - 2
  - a He has plans to introduce a new traffic scheme.
  - b He's likely to have trouble introducing a new traffic scheme.
  - c Not everyone sees the advantages of introducing a new traffic scheme.
  - d Many members of the public have doubts about introducing a new traffic scheme.
  - 3
  - a Ali's parents are convinced of the importance of studying abroad.
  - b His parents are giving Ali the opportunity to study abroad.
  - c Ali's having a few problems finding the right place to study.
  - d Ali has to make some difficult decisions about finding the right place to study.
- 6
- 2 a accused, e suspected
  - 3 a ask, e permit
  - 4 c hear, d remember
  - 5 c need, d regretted
  - 6 a criticised, c forbid
  - 7 c let, d make
  - 8 a has forgiven me, c prevented
  - 9 c ordered, d persuaded
  - 10 b regrets, e admits
  - 11 a asked, d thanked
  - 12 b not letting, c making
  - 13 a accused, d prevented
  - 14 a daren't, b had better
  - 15 b let, c stopped
- 7
- |            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| 2 using    | 7 having      |
| 3 to have  | 8 being       |
| 4 sleeping | 9 replying    |
| 5 to keep  | 10 to express |
| 6 to have  |               |
- 8
- |                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 2 in a moment      | 7 exactly |
| 3 really           | 8 really  |
| 4 only             | 9 exactly |
| 5 only             | 10 only   |
| 6 a short time ago |           |
- 9
- a
- 3
- b
- 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 T 6 F 7 F 8 F



# Answer key

- 10  
 2 lack, sense  
 3 achievement  
 4 ambition  
 5 fear  
 6 need, tendency  
 7 love  
 8 total

- 11 a  
 2 D 3 D 4 S 5 D 6 S

- 12 a  
 2 concerned  
 3 member  
 4 clearly

## UNIT 9

- 1  
 2 sustainability  
 3 caught  
 4 revolutionary  
 5 emergence  
 6 transformed  
 7 growth  
 8 popular  
 9 adapt  
 10 emerging

- 2  
 2 b 3 c 4 c 5 a 6 c 7 c 8 a 9 c 10 a

- 3  
 2 is due to start  
 3 is on the verge of returning  
 4 are to drop  
 5 is set to win  
 6 are likely to vote  
 7 is about to stop  
 8 is to be shut down  
 9 on the point of reaching  
 10 are to sign

- 4  
 2 were leaving  
 3 was going to be  
 4 was about to say  
 5 would  
 6 were on the point of  
 7 were going to be  
 8 was to be

- 5 a  
 2 e 3 b 4 h 5 a 6 f 7 d 8 g

- b  
 2 The standard of teaching seems to be getting worse.  
 3 The town's importance is slowly decreasing.  
 4 Fewer and fewer people are taking holidays abroad.  
 5 We have more and more time to ourselves these days.  
 6 Julio's English seems to be slowly getting worse.  
 7 The difference between the two groups is becoming more and more blurred.  
 8 The days are getting shorter and shorter.

- 6 a  
 3  
 b  
 2 e 3 d 4 a 5 c  
 c  
 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 T 6 F 7 F

- 7  
 2 in  
 3 up  
 4 out  
 5 too  
 6 out  
 7 own  
 8 ask  
 9 find  
 10 lead  
 11 know  
 12 round

- 8 a  
 2 blank  
 3 turning  
 4 holding down  
 5 installed  
 6 threw up  
 7 update  
 8 reboot  
 9 backed up  
 10 external  
 11 reset

- 9  
 2 P 3 A 4 A 5 P 6 A 7 P 8 A 9 A 10 P

- 10 a  
 2 d 3 g 4 a 5 j 6 i 7 b 8 f 9 e 10 h

## UNIT 10

- 1 a  
 2 bluntly  
 3 con  
 4 cheat on  
 5 exaggerate  
 6 excuse  
 7 fib  
 8 forgery  
 9 get away with  
 10 gossip  
 11 hoax  
 12 home truths  
 13 oath  
 14 perjury  
 15 rumours  
 16 spread  
 17 taken in  
 18 tales  
 19 testify  
 20 white

- b  
 2 exaggerating  
 3 oath, perjury  
 4 con, bogus  
 5 tales  
 6 got away with it  
 7 white lie  
 8 gossiping  
 9 bluntly, home truths  
 10 rumours  
 11 hoaxes  
 12 cheating  
 13 excuse  
 14 fibs  
 15 forgeries

- 2  
 2 as long as you need  
 3 as long as you want  
 4 as soon as they could  
 5 as often as we could  
 6 as fast as he could  
 7 as much as you can  
 8 as many chocolates as you want  
 9 as much work as she could  
 10 as often as I can  
 11 as long as we wanted/needed  
 12 as fast as you want/like  
 13 as soon as we can  
 14 as much money as you want  
 15 as often as I can  
 16 as much pasta as you want/like

- 3  
 2 slept  
 3 done  
 4 As, as  
 5 earned  
 6 may/might/could  
 7 played  
 8 aware  
 9 worth  
 10 get, soon  
 11 off  
 12 as  
 13 before  
 14 meant  
 15 known  
 16 mannered

- 4 a  
 Apparently all the stories are true!  
 b  
 2 F – She was wrong about his affair.  
 3 T  
 4 T  
 5 F – She and her colleagues called him several times.  
 6 F – She counsels animals.



5 a

- A: ~~Be~~ careful! You nearly knocked over that poor cyclist.  
 B: I'm sorry. It's not easy to look at the road and the map at the same time.  
 A: Well, I did offer to map-read, but you wouldn't let me ~~map-read~~.  
 B: Because you always get us lost. Or you did ~~get-us-lost~~ last time, anyway.  
 A: No, I didn't ~~get-us-lost~~! You wouldn't listen to me!  
 B: Never mind. Are there any more sweets? Can I have one ~~a-sweet~~?  
 A: No, you can't ~~have-a-sweet~~. You ate the last one ~~sweet~~ an hour ago.  
 B: It's ~~a~~ pity we didn't get some more ~~sweets~~ when we stopped for petrol.  
 A: Just a minute. Did that sign say *Crawley ten miles*?  
 B: I think so ~~it-said-Crawley-ten-miles~~. Why?  
 A: Because it means we're going in the wrong direction!

6

- 2 Rich people often have no idea what it's like to have little or no money.  
 3 What do you know about the man running for president?  
 4 The new vacuum cleaner comes with an instruction manual telling you how to empty the machine.  
 5 Women wearing high-heeled shoes will not be allowed on the rides at the amusement park.  
 6 Travellers coming from outside of Europe will need to have a visa in order to enter the country.

7

- |        |              |
|--------|--------------|
| 2 it   | 7 each other |
| 3 they | 8 You        |
| 4 that | 9 yourself   |
| 5 this | 10 us        |
| 6 one  |              |

8

- 2 This 3 that 4 that 5 this 6 that

9 a

- 2 it's 3 We 4 they 5 their 6 there

b

- |        |        |
|--------|--------|
| 2 it's | 6 that |
| 3 that | 7 She  |
| 4 one  | 8 his  |
| 5 he   | 9 that |

10

- |            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| 2 them     | 7 his            |
| 3 He, it's | 8 they'll, their |
| 4 They, -  | 9 her            |
| 5 he       | 10 she           |
| 6 them     |                  |

11 b

- 2 The new medication has made him feel much better, but it didn't help her very much.  
 3 You might not want to see him, but I certainly do.  
 4 I just don't know what on earth we can tell him ... maybe your uncle can help.  
 5 If you see Andy again, ask him to call me instead of Mr Bernard.  
 6 It's Frank who's the problem: if we could persuade him, the rest would be easy.  
 7 Was it you who I spoke to the other day?  
 8 It doesn't matter what she thinks - it's what you think that worries me.  
 9 I don't know about you, but I've had enough of this.  
 10 Apparently they're going to ban cars in the town centre. What will we do then?



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