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The term 'drugs' covers many of kinds of chemical substance	0 ...y.....
which they are absorbed by the body, the majority being	0 ..
medicines designed to cure illnesses. They are manufactured	0 .../...
from a variety of sources which include animal and products,	1.....
plants and minerals. In the recent years it has become possible	2.....
to synthesise in the laboratory many drugs which previously	3.....
obtained from plants and animal products. A small number of	4.....
drugs can become addictive if taken excessively, as that is either	5.....
too frequently, or in doses larger than they recommended for	6.....
medical to use. Drugs intended as painkillers, or drugs with a	7.....
hypnotic effect are used as sleeping pills, can both become	8.....
addictive if abused. It is important to make emphasise the fact	9.....
that it is the abuse of drugs which has once become a widespread	10.....
social problem in many societies, and not that the drug itself	11.....
may have many of beneficial effects when used medically. This is	12.....
why many drugs are obtainable only through prescription from	13.....
a doctor. Some people would argue that if addiction to drugs	14.....
involves both psychological and social factors, since those are	15.....
people who become addicts may do so as in order to find some	16.....
relief from personal or social inadequacies. This argument	17.....
implies that it is somehow the addict's fault if not he or she	18.....
becomes addicted, and this is it to ignore the powerful physical	19.....
effects of many drugs. Any temporary effects of the well-being	20.....
soon wear off, leading to severe physical discomfort.	

Using the notes as a guide, complete the letter. Use one or two words in each space. The words you need do not occur in the notes.

To: David

From: Head Librarian

*Please draft a letter to all students who are leaving the college next week. Use the following information:*

Thanks for belonging to the library.

Please get all books you've taken out back by the end of term, earlier if poss.

Pay all fines for late books by then too.

When all books are in you'll get your £10 deposit back, minus anything you still owe.

If you don't return your books, your graduation certificate can be kept from you.

When the library is closed, you can put your books in the box instead.

But we won't deal with them until the next day.

To all leavers,

We would like to thank you for your (1) *...membership...* of this library. Please note that all (2).....books must (3).....by the last day of term at the very (4).....Any outstanding money owed for the late return of books must also be paid by that date. Upon satisfactory return of all library property, your £10 deposit will be returned to you, less any money owed. (5).....to return books may (6).....in graduation certificates being (7).....(8).....library hours, books may (9).....in the 'books back' box at the entrance to the library, but note that books returned in this way will not be processed until (10).....working day.

**3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.**

a) I am not to be disturbed under any circumstances.

**no**

Under no circumstances am I.....to be disturbed.

b) I didn't expect to see Tim there, of all people!

**last**

Tim was.....to see there!

c) This is none of your business!

**doesn't**

This....., I'm afraid.

d) I really should be going now.

**time**

It's.....go now.

e) Foolishly, I paid all the money before collecting the goods.

**which**

I paid all the money before collecting the goods.....  
.....to do.

f) Robert had no idea of his next move.

**do**

Robert had no idea.....next.

g) It was only when I checked that I noticed the tyre was flat.

**notice**

Only when I checked.....a flat tyre.

h) This problem cannot be solved instantly.

**no**

There.....this problem.

i) My friends persuaded me to go to the party in fancy dress.

**talked**

My friends.....to the party in fancy dress.

j) The garden party won't take place if the weather stays bad.

**picks**

Unless.....the garden party won't take place.

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*Letter 1*

Can I add some comments to your to debate about the	0 .to.....
value of television? Your readers may find that some of my	0 ..✓.....
views reflect exactly of their own experience in this matter.	1.....
First of all, I heartily agree with your reader Mrs Goldwood who	2.....
she wrote that she has decided to abandon her television set in	3.....
protest at the mind-boggling boredom of medical dramas, soaps	4.....
and fly-on-the-wall documentaries. Six months ago I decided	5.....
that enough was that enough, and took my set to the rubbish tip	6.....
where it belongs. I can assure to Mrs Goldwood that she will not	7.....
miss with hers. Since getting rid of mine, I have discovered that	8.....
there are far more than interesting serials on the radio. I think	9.....
that she will also find herself is reading more, and at least with	10.....
books you can choose what a kind of story you want to follow,	11.....
instead of being at the mercy of the programme for planners.	12.....
I am sure that other readers can confirm that life after The Box is	13.....
richer and more rewarding.	

*Letter 2*

Was I the alone in detecting that the note of superiority	14 .....
in the letter from Mr Hackett about giving up television? What is	15 .....
a lot of fuss about nothing! Mr Hackett seems not to think that if	16 .....
you have a television you have to look at it. Surely it is a rather	17 .....
question of choosing programmes carefully enough, and turning	18 .....
the TV off when there is nothing worth it watching. If he is so set	19 .....
against soaps, one wonders why on earth did he watched them?	20 .....

**5 Put one word in each space.**

Recently there have been doubts about the proper functioning of the English legal system, after several well-publicised cases in (1) **..which** ..... police evidence was eventually shown to be suspect, but only after the wrongful conviction of the accused. In several of (2) ..... cases, the crimes involved acts of terrorism, and the police were (3) ..... considerable pressure to discover (4) ..... had been responsible. Although this in (5) ..... way excuses the actions of police officers (6) ..... may have falsified evidence, or suppressed evidence which worked against their case, (7) ..... underlines the ways (8) ..... which publicity in the press and on television exercises an enormous influence, (9) ..... the supposed guarantees under the law designed to prevent a jury (10) ..... becoming unduly influenced. The specific details of a criminal case are not discussed in the press before a case reaches the courts, and the names of those involved (11) ..... often withheld. (12) ..... , as many recent murder trials make clear, the press all too often reaches its (13) ..... verdict to suit its taste for sensationalism and members of the police might be accused of enlisting the aid of the press by 'leaking' details of a prosecution. Unfortunately, far too few press reports of court cases examine the evidence (14) ..... the defence in the same spirit as (15) ..... for the prosecution.

**6 Complete each sentence using the word in brackets in an appropriate form.**

- a) Don't be silly! It **..can't have been** ..... (can) Sally. She's in Scotland.
- b) But for your help, I ..... (win) the prize.
- c) By the end of this year, we ..... (marry) each other for half a century!
- d) Never before ..... (see) such heavy snow in April.
- e) Be that ..... (may), your behaviour is unacceptable.
- f) If you'd told me you were ill, I ..... (go) the chemist's for you.
- g) Try ..... (might), I just couldn't get the car started.
- h) How kind of you! But you really ..... (should) brought me a present.
- i) Not until I looked at my watch ..... (realise) how much time had passed.
- j) Philip agreed to rob the bank, but then found he couldn't ..... (go) it.

**Complete the text with one suitable word in each space.**

The relationship between the British royal family and the popular press is curious, to (1) .....the least. In many respects the press has yet to realise that the royals are indeed the goose that lays the golden egg. Royal scandals and royal divorces illustrated with tasteless photographs and supported by the worst kind of journalistic excess have proved to be just the thing (2).....raising newspaper circulations. The same papers that oozed sentimentality over royal weddings, (3).....drooled over idealised princesses, later went out of their way to hound various royals into separation or divorce. Every photograph became a contribution to (4).....new rumour or other; even private telephone conversations were printed on the front page. (5).....the press has yet to realise is that (6).....intrusions into the privacy of members of the royal family have also helped to create an atmosphere in (7).....the very existence of the monarchy has been called into question. The prestige of the royal family has undoubtedly suffered. And how could this not (8).....so when their lives have been turned (9).....some absurd soap opera? Just (10).....the press feeds the illusion that the characters on television, those awful creeps in 'Eastenders' and 'Neighbours', are somehow 'real people', so it has reduced the royal family to the status of (11).....series of cardboard characters. And if you are secretly thinking, 'Well, that's what they are, anyway,' perhaps you are yet (12).....victim of the illusion. There are real issues still (13).....be debated about the role, and indeed the survival, of the royal family, issues to which the popular press has hardly contributed. If the monarchy (14).....lose its constitutional role, the press will be largely to blame. And ironically it will then (15).....lost one of its main circulation boosters, and killed off its golden goose for good.

Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

It is now generally recognised that stress is a major (1) ..C...of heart disease, and contributes to many other illnesses. Stress is increased by (2).....such as worry, overwork and lack of exercise or relaxation. For it is just as important from a psychological point of (3).....to relax as it is to (4).....physical exercise. Relaxing does not necessarily mean just lazing about and doing nothing. The benefits of a weekend away or the diversion of sporting activities are considerable. If you are suffering from high stress (5)....., or wish to (6).....after a trying day, it is generally advisable to have a change of (7)..... Although there are some individuals who (8).....on stress, for most of us, it can lead to exhaustion, mood swings and even severe depression.

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|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1) A reason  | B motive    | C cause     | D purpose   |
| 2) A factors | B aspects   | C elements  | D items     |
| 3) A fact    | B departure | C view      | D return    |
| 4) A make    | B have      | C undergo   | D take      |
| 5) A rates   | B layers    | C ratios    | D levels    |
| 6) A hold up | B wind down | C draw back | D peter out |
| 7) A scene   | B location  | C sight     | D place     |
| 8) A bloom   | B prosper   | C thrive    | D flourish  |

2 Choose two items from the box which are used in each activity (a-h).

rod flippers goggles ~~horse~~ helmet lens hammer rucksack  
 armbands spanner bait mask tripod pump compass ~~bars~~

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|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| a) Gymnastics     | <u>horse</u> ..... | <u>bars</u> ..... |
| b) Scuba Diving   | .....              | .....             |
| c) Fishing        | .....              | .....             |
| d) Walking        | .....              | .....             |
| e) Photography    | .....              | .....             |
| f) Do-It-Yourself | .....              | .....             |
| g) Swimming       | .....              | .....             |
| h) Cycling        | .....              | .....             |

**3 Both options make sense. Underline the one which forms a common collocation.**

Last week well over a thousand people (1) *took place in/took part in* our local round-the-city 10-kilometre fun run. This kind of race doesn't normally (2) *appeal to me/amuse me*, as, frankly, I'm not really (3) *cut out for/right for* long distance running. But I've got two friends who are dead keen runners and who keep going on about the (4) *beneficial/positive* effects of running. So I decided to run, partly for that reason and partly to (5) *earn/raise* money for charity. Friends and colleagues agreed to (6) *sponsor/support* me, and pay for each mile I completed. Well, I hadn't done much training for the big event, and after two kilometres I was (7) *gasping/panting* for breath, so I settled down to a slow jog and resigned myself to plodding along with the (8) *strugglers/stragglers* at the back of the race. At least I finished, and was very pleased with myself, as I didn't need to stop. I timed myself with a stop-watch, and reckon I (9) *crossed/arrived at* the finishing line in 43 minutes - not bad for a novice. The heat proved too much for a few people who'd gone off too fast for their capabilities and ended up (10) *suffering from/showing* exhaustion. Apparently, the course was very fast, and both of my friends ran a (11) *personal best/personal record*. The winner (12) *surpassed/broke* the course record. I was actually very impressed with the whole event; the organisation was first-class, with medical volunteers (13) *on duty/on standby* throughout, and drinks (14) *stops/stations* every few kilometres of the route. So now the charity of my choice is £150 the richer, and as for me, I'm well and truly bitten by the running bug. I go running with my friends regularly now, and I'm actually starting to (15) *catch up with/get near to* them!

**4 Complete each sentence with a word formed from the word in capitals.**

- a) The new leisure centre doesn't quite come up to my expectations EXPECT
- b) There was a bare ..... of people at the youth club. HAND
- c) Helen's solo crossing of the Pacific was a ..... feat. REMARK
- d) We ..... go to the pub before lunch on Sunday. VARY
- e) All the runners, with the ..... of Mark, were exhausted. EXCEPT
- f) Our club has just purchased new sports ..... EQUIP
- g) Our city has some open spaces but they are not very ..... ACCESS
- h) Is it possible to ..... between a hobby and an interest? DISTINCT
- i) Nowadays ..... numbers of people are taking up jogging. INCREASE
- j) Leisure habits won't change much in the ..... future. SEE

**5 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best completes each collocation or fixed phrase.**

Very few popular (1) ...C.... sports today remain amateur in any sense of the word. In the past, even in cases where payment to players or athletes was forbidden, many sports tolerated what became known as 'shamateurism', and even the sports governing (2).....turned a blind eye to such (3).....as the paying of 'expenses'. More recently, sport has become, in effect, a (4).....of the entertainment industry, and the elite (5).....in sports such as swimming, tennis, football and track athletics can expect to become very rich. This worries some people, who complain that the old Olympic ideal has been lost, but the fact is, sport has become more and more professional in the wider sense, not only requiring total dedication from (6).....champions, but also expensive facilities, training and nutritional advice.

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|-------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1) A audience     | B watching       | C spectator   | D viewing    |
| 2) A associations | B confederations | C authorities | D bodies     |
| 3) A practices    | B occurrences    | C acts        | D operations |
| 4) A branch       | B division       | C wing        | D limb       |
| 5) A doers        | B players        | C makers      | D performers |
| 6) A hopeful      | B aspiring       | C striving    | D wishful    |

**6 Complete each sentence with the most appropriate word from the box.**

board      draw      lap      referee      runner-up      dive      fan oar  
 round      whistle

- While I was rowing across the lake I lost one *.oar*.....
- Neither team deserved to lose and the match ended in a.....
- Ruth was well out in front by the end of the fifth.....
- After the rugby match David was attacked by an angry.....
- Brian impressed everyone with his.....into the pool.
- Our gym teacher used to make us stop by blowing a.....
- During the chess game Carol knocked all the pieces off the.....
- Our team was knocked out of the competition in the second.....
- During the match one of the spectators offered the.....his glasses.
- Denise won the race and her sister was.....

7 Complete the spaces by finding one word which fits in all three sentences.

a) Later in the programme we have highlights of two big matches played earlier today: Ajax met Juventus while Barcelona ...took.....on Porto.

The weightlifter who allegedly ..took.....performance-enhancing drugs has been named today.

On my doctor's advice, I ...took.....up yoga in order to relax.

b) The transfer of Mario Rossi to Manchester United has been approved by the .....of directors.

The new pool has a slide, water chute and diving .....

In any game of chess, the queen is the most powerful piece on the whole

c) Right now Evans is very.....in confidence; she needs to start winning a few races again.

There was a disappointingly.....turnout for the youth club's open day.

When you're cycling up a steep hill you will need to be in a.....gear.

d).....the earth down around the roots after you've planted the flower.

Jim's Dad took him out into the middle of the pool and showed him how to .....water.

I've got my photos drying out on the kitchen floor, so whatever you do, don't.....on them!

e) Unbelievable - what an amazing.....around! Smith has come from behind to take the gold medal!

As I'd never played this card game before, the others let me have another

... and Walton showed a.....of speed that left his opponents for dead.



**1 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best completes each collocation or fixed phrase.**

Most big cities were built long before the heyday of the private car. As a result they rarely have enough space for moving traffic or parked vehicles, and long queues of (1) ...C.... vehicles are a common sight. Indeed some cities end up being almost permanently (2).....during the day. Those that have a relatively free (3).....of traffic at non-peak periods of the day do not escape either. The (4).....hour of early morning or early evening can easily see traffic brought to a (5).....The effects of exhaust (6).....on air pollution in cities has been well documented. Buses might be seen as the solution, but they move slowly because of the sheer (7).....of other traffic, thus encouraging more commuters to abandon (8).....transport.

- 1) A standing      B settled      C stationary      D static
- 2) A stuffed      B saturated      C crammed      D congested
- 3) A flow      B current      C tide      D flood
- 4) A push      **Brush**      C hasty      D hurry
- 5) A standstill      B hold-up      C jam      D freeze
- 6) A smells      B odours      C fumes      D stinks
- 7) A size      B volume      C breadth      D depth
- 8) A civic      B mass      C public      D popular

**2 Match each person from the box with one of the comments.**

hitchhiker	conductor	passenger	driver	traffic warden
commuter	steward	passer-by	pedestrian	<del>rambler</del>

- a) I love wandering through the countryside along deserted footpaths. **rambler**
- b) I'll bring you your drink in just a minute, madam.....
- c) I've been waiting all morning at this roundabout for someone to stop.
- d) I was just walking down the street opposite the bank when I saw it happen.
- e) I've spent the last half an hour looking for a spot. It's hopeless.....
- f) I'll ring the bell for you, love, when it's time to get off.....
- g) The sign clearly says two hours only and you've been here all day.
- h) It's just impossible getting across the road here. We need a subway,
- i) Do you think you could go a little more slowly, I'm a bit nervous. .
- j) This train is late every morning. It has been for years.....

**3 Complete the text with words formed from the words in capitals.**

The Manager  
 Transworld Air  
 Portugal Street  
 London

Dear Sir or Madam,

I travelled last week on a Transworld Airbus from London

Gatwick to Copenhagen. This was the (1) *..outward..*.....OUT  
 journey of a holiday in Denmark, a (2).....PACK  
 tour arranged through a company called 'Sunset'. My

(3).....was due to leave at 8.20 am on Tuesday FLY  
 25th November, but did not in fact leave until 20.30, a delay  
 of more than eight hours. The reason given was that vital

(4).....work had to be carried out. Although all MAINTAIN  
 passengers were given a free meal, no other offer of

(5).....was given. Such a long delay is totally ASSIST

(6)....., and I feel justified in the circumstances ACCEPT

in requesting some form of financial (7).....COMPENSATE

I have written to the tour (8)....., who denied OPERATE  
 responsibility and advised me to write to you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Charles Rogers

**4 Both options make sense. Underline the one which forms a common collocation.**

- a) We managed to complete our journey *ahead of/in front of* schedule.
- b) On our way to York, we *divided/broke* our journey in Peterborough.
- c) As I wasn't coming back by train, I asked for a *single/simple* ticket.
- d) The two coaches *collided/bumped*, but luckily no one was *injured/wounded*.
- e) There has been widespread public *enmity/opposition* to the plan for a new road.
- f) My car *skidded/slipped* off the road and hit a tree.
- g) The train was packed, and there was standing *place/room* only.
- h) Look at that enormous *goods/industrial* train - it must have 20 or 30 wagons!
- i) The police accused Donald of breaking the speed *limit/restriction*.
- j) The Chairman made a *brisk/flying* visit to the company's new office in Brussels.

Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Anyone who has gone on a skiing holiday at a ski (1) ..D....of any size will be familiar with the age-old problem - the eternal wait for ski lifts and cable cars. Well, there is an alternative. If you feel like something just a little different why not try heli-skiing in Canada? Somewhere in the snowy wastes of the Rocky Mountains the helicopter will deposit you and your group onto a slope of virgin snow that you have all to yourselves. It is all a (2).....cry from the busiest slopes of, say, Switzerland, France and Italy. You are fifty miles from the nearest town and there is nothing remotely (3).....a ski-lift, so you have to (4).....on legs, skis and the chopper. You might see the (5).....mountain-goat or grizzly bear, but there won't be (6).....of other skiers. There are one or two disadvantages. Your friendly helicopter pilot might just put you down in a five-metre snow (7).....And freezing weather might ground your helicopter and leave you (8).....in the wilderness.

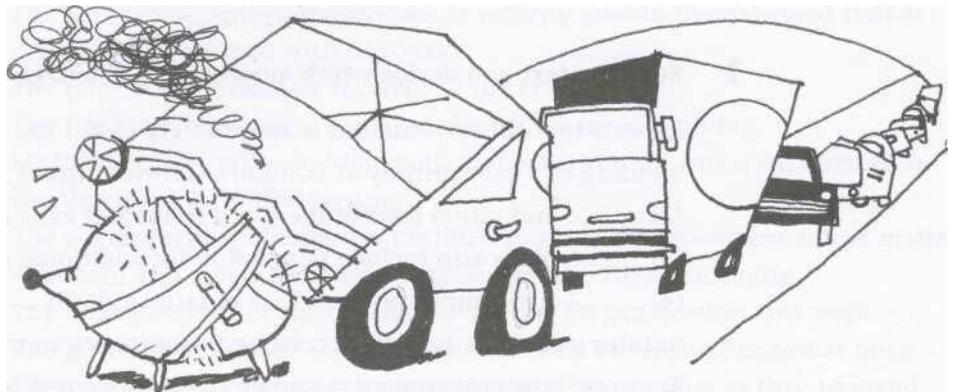
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|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1) A spot       | B haunt     | C refuge     | D resort    |
| 2) A different  | B strange   | C far        | D long      |
| 3) A resembling | B appearing | C seeming    | D looking   |
| 4) A count      | B trust     | C rely       | D reckon    |
| 5) A occasional | B sometime  | C incidental | D irregular |
| 6) A bunches    | B hordes    | C throngs    | D swarms    |
| 7) A dune       | B pile      | C mound      | D drift     |
| 8) A deserted   | B stranded  | C marooned   | D aground   |

6 Replace the words underlined in each sentence with a form of one of the words given. It may be necessary to use a plural or a particular verb form.

accelerate	ascend	collide	<del>dismount</del>	fasten	alight
endanger	reverse				

- a) Ann got off her horse and picked up her riding hat. *dismounted*
- b) As the plane went faster down the runway, David began to sweat nervously.
- c) Without realising it, Jim drove backwards into a lamp post.....
- d) In thick fog, the two ships ran into each other outside the harbour.
- e) Passengers who wish to get off at Hove should travel in the front coach.
- f) Please do up your safety belt before we begin the journey.
- g) The captain refused to put at risk the safety of the crew. ..
- h) The balloon rose up gracefully into the summer sky.....

7 Complete the spaces by finding one word which fits in all three sentences.



- a) It only takes one small accident to ...w?fa.....up the traffic for several hours.  
 The new Atlantic airbus will ...N. W.....about 700 passengers.  
 Like it or not, it is the train and not the car which will ...w.'ff.....the key to the future of domestic travel.
- b) Why don't you just get the goods delivered to your house, and .....yourself a two-hour car journey into the city-centre?  
 By driving at 70 km/h instead of 100, you can.....a lot of petrol.  
 I'm trying to.....up for a trip to Canada, so I can't afford to buy much at the moment.
- c) The Department of Transport have.....a deadline of 1 June for completion of the new motorway.  
 Because of the strike by air traffic controllers, delays are.....to continue well into next week.  
 The trains in Switzerland are so punctual you can.....your watch by them.
- d) The train was delayed because of ice on the.....  
 After the accident there was a solid.....of cars stretching back for several miles.  
 In a new initiative announced today, police are to take a harder .....on speeding motorists.
- e) After a while the.....we had been following became thick undergrowth.  
 Right, now, I want you to run twice around the.....for a warm-up.  
 Sorry, I've rather lost .....of my argument.

Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Reports that the government is about to (1) ..C....the go ahead to plans for the building of a new runway at London's Gatwick airport have angered local (2).....and raised fears of increased noise and exhaust pollution. The (3).....plans also include permission for additional night flights and will (4).....the compulsory purchase of farmland, (5).....the demolition of a number of private homes. According to sources close to the Ministry of Transport, the government is known to be concerned by the increasing (6).....of traffic at London Heathrow, where there are no plans for further runways in the foreseeable (7).....Gatwick is widely (8).....as a better (9).....for expansion than London's third airport, Stansted, which still (10).....from poor transport links. A spokesperson for the Keep Gatwick Quiet association, (11).....up of local people, accused the government of (12).....back on promises made before the General Election. 'We were told then that the airport authority had no (13).....of building another runway, and we believe that the government has a duty to (14).....its pledges.' Prominent figures in the government are also believed to be concerned at the news, although the Prime Minister, interviewed last night, is (15).....as saying that reports were 'misleading'. However, he would not give an assurance that plans for building a runway had definitely been rejected.

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|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1) A sign          | B make              | C give        | D approve     |
| 2) A inhabitants   | B dwellers          | C occupants   | D residents   |
| 3) A controversial | B debatable         | C notorious   | D doubtful    |
| 4) A involve       | B concern           | C assume      | D need        |
| 5) A further to    | <b>B as well as</b> | C moreover    | D what's more |
| 6) A sum           | B size              | C volume      | D length      |
| 7) A years         | B period            | C time        | D future      |
| 8) A regarded      | B believed          | <b>C felt</b> | <b>D held</b> |
| 9) A potential     | B outlook           | C prospect    | D likelihood  |
| 10) A affects      | B undergoes         | C experiences | D suffers     |
| 11) A made         | <b>B set</b>        | C brought     | D taken       |
| 12) A getting      | B falling           | C going       | D turning     |
| 13) A desire       | B intention         | C wish        | D objective   |
| 14) A bear out     | B count on          | C pull off    | D stand by    |
| 15) A quoted       | B known             | C thought     | D written     |

**2 Both options make sense. Underline the one which forms a common collocation.**

- a) The two men, *disguised/transformed* as security guards, overpowered staff at the bank and escaped with £150,000.
- b) The pilot was the *one/sole* survivor of the crash.
- c) The fire *extensively/widely* damaged the 500-year-old building.
- d) Mr Johnson was taken to Maidstone General Hospital where his condition was described as '*critical/perilous*'.
- e) The government spokesperson declined to *speak about/comment on* the matter.
- f) A woman and a man were later *detained/arrested* for questioning.
- g) The *findings/results* of the committee are due for publication this week.
- h) The government agreed that the problem must be *removed/tackled* at once.
- i) We must be very careful with *sensitive/difficult* issues such as this, to avoid giving offence,
- j) A police spokesperson admitted that detectives were *baffled/upset* by Mr Day's disappearance, but were hoping to come up with an explanation.

**3 Complete each sentence with one of the words from the box.**

conditions	evidence	knowledge	place	responsibility
confidence	incident	opinion	<del>prospect</del>	verge

- a) With Smith out injured, there is little *.prospect.....*of City reaching the next round.
- b) After heavy rain,.....during the race were hazardous.
- c) It is common.....that Douglas intends to retire at the end of the season.
- d) Two French and two English forwards were involved in an ugly .....just before half-time.
- e) Miss Schmidt easily secured her.....in the next round with a confident display of power tennis.
- f) The final day begins with the Australian team on the.....of victory.
- g) Whether Alberto was offside is a matter of....., in my view.
- h) I have every.....that Jack Wood is the man to lead our team to victory.
- i) There is no concrete.....that anyone in the team has taken drugs.
- j) The club has disclaimed.....for the damage, blaming it on supporters from London.

**Complete the collocation or fixed phrase in sentences (a-j) using endings (1-10).**

- a) The union is drawing up 6 . . . . .
- b) The managing director said that recent events had put . . . . .
- c) No one holds out . . . . .
- d) He went on to say that the company prided . . . . .
- e) Both sides have agreed to meet on a regular . . . . .
- f) The union has since challenged . . . . .
- g) Others believe that both sides would jump at the . . . . .
- h) It is unlikely that the union will moderate . . . . .
- i) The management stated that the problem had been exaggerated out of ...
- j) The minister said that he put himself at the
  - 1 ... basis from now on, he added.
  - 2 ... all proportion, and that an agreement was close.
  - 3 ... a strain upon everyone employed by the company.
  - 4 ... its demand for a shorter working week.
  - 5 ... the figures given to the press by the financial director.
  - 6 ... new proposals to put to the employers.
  - 7 ... disposal of both sides in the dispute.
  - 8 ... itself on its good relations with all its employees.
  - 9 ... chance to resume negotiations without delay.
  - 10 ... much hope for the success of the discussions.

**Replace the words underlined in each sentence with one of the collocations or fixed phrases from the box.**

argue that there should be	<del>have no intention</del>	raised fears
brought about	it is common knowledge	explained the cause as
little prospect of success	say for certain	

- a) I am not thinking of resigning at the moment. *have no intention.*
- b) Everybody is aware that Smith has a criminal record
- c) We all know what caused the closure of the factory.
- d) The report has made people afraid that others may be at risk from the disease . . . . .
- e) We shall try hard, although there is not much chance of winning.
- f) A hospital spokesperson refused to confirm that the injured man had been shot . . . . .
- g) Some conservationists advocate an immediate ban on hunting.
- h) Commenting on the weekend travel chaos, the rail company attributed this to a combination of snow and high winds . . . . .

**6 In each headline, replace the word or words underlined with one of the 'headline' words from the box.**

bid    clash    held    toll    boost    cleared    looms    set    vows

- a) Miners' union promises to fight over local pay deals. ..Y.Q.N@.....
- b) Change to school funding aims to increase teacher numbers.....
- c) Newspapers and union going to clash over pay claim.....
- d) Man found innocent in bank robbery case.....
- e) British attempt to aid refugees turned down.....
- f) Woman arrested by police after pub shooting.....
- g) Number of people killed rises to six.....
- h) Rail strike approaches.....
- i) Ministers in disagreement over pay rises .....

**7 Complete each space in the text with a word formed from the words in capitals.**

Press (1) ...*speculation*..... continues over whether the Prime    SPECULATE  
 Minister is on the point of calling a General Election. An  
 (2).....is expected shortly from government    ANNOUNCE  
 headquarters. Political (3).....believe that the    ANALYSE  
 timing of an election is crucial to the (4).....of    SURVIVE  
 the government. Michael Lee of the 'Independent' commented:  
 'We've had repeated (5).....from the Prime    ASSURE  
 Minister that no election would be called this year, but present  
 circumstances may just cause him to change his mind.' Six  
 months ago this would have been (6).....    THINK  
 An election would have been (7).....suicide, and    POLITICS  
 would certainly have led to the (8).....of the    DOWN  
 government. The government was coming in for severe  
 (9).....because of its education policy. It was also    CRITICISE  
 widely attacked for its (10).....involvement    DISASTER  
 in the arms export scandal, and for its (11).....    FAIL  
 to address the problem of (12).....But    EMPLOY  
 according to recent opinion polls, the electorate is impressed at  
 the way the PM has restored party (13).....and    UNITE  
 overcome the internal (14).....which were    DIVIDE  
 threatening to rip the party apart. Michael Lee comments:  
 There would be some (15).....in calling an    JUSTIFY  
 election pretty soon. In fact, I wouldn't be at all surprised if it  
 happens within the next day or two.'

Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

When I first arrived here to take up my new job, I stayed in a hotel, but I soon started looking for a permanent (1) ..C..., a place to (2).....my own. The first flat I came (3).....was cold and uninviting, and had large (4).....of damp on the walls. The flat (5).....onto a factory, so the view was not exactly inspiring. Then I had a look at a small flat in a modern apartment (6).....It had a parking (7).....and was fully (8)....., but the rent was far too high for me. I didn't want to end up in a tiny place, so I answered an ad for house-sharing. The house was in a quiet (9)....., and as soon as I saw it I fell in love with it. There was a high overgrown (10)..... around the front garden, and (11)..... to park cars in the drive. The room to (12).....looked out over the back garden, and had a big bay window. (13).....it meant sharing the kitchen and living room, I did have my own bathroom, really just a shower and washbasin (14).....into what must have once been a cupboard. There was, however, quite a lot of (15).....space.

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|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1) A household    | B accommodation | C residence    | D habitation   |
| 2) A refer        | B be            | C call         | D say          |
| 3) A over         | B across        | C up           | D by           |
| 4) A patches      | B pieces        | C stretches    | D stains       |
| 5) A showed up    | B saw through   | C gave over    | D looked out   |
| 6) A tower        | B skyscraper    | C block        | D column       |
| 7) A bit          | B spot          | C location     | D space        |
| 8) A furnished    | B provided      | C supplied     | D prevented    |
| 9) A surroundings | B neighbourhood | C vicinity     | D premises     |
| 10) A fence       | B bush          | C hedge        | D lawn         |
| 11) A room        | B capacity      | C area         | D place        |
| 12) A let         | B rent          | C hire         | D lease        |
| 13) A But for     | B Despite       | C Nevertheless | D Although     |
| 14) A cramped     | B crowded       | C cluttered    | D crammed      |
| 15) A storage     | B stocking      | C saving       | D accumulation |

**2 Complete the spaces by finding one word which fits in all three sentences.**

- a) It took us three hours of hard climbing to reach the ...*summit*. . . . .  
 Being promoted to manager is undoubtedly the ...*summit*..... of my career to date.  
 A special ..*summit*. . . . of the leading economic countries has been called.
- b) When the agreement is finally signed by all parties, you will receive the .....to the house.  
 The self-study edition of the book comes with a.....so you can check all your answers.  
 His ability to persuade people is the.....to his success.
- c) The second flat I saw was in a terrible.....  
 His physical condition is improving, but I'm not sure about his .....of mind.  
 The funeral of President Mawaka was attended by heads of.....from all over the world.
- d) The A23 out of the city affords a spectacular.....of the lake.  
 I would like to look at the house again, with a.....to moving in shortly.  
 You won't find a better house than that one; that's my.....anyway.
- e) OK, let's.....on and try to reach the top by lunchtime.  
 These trousers are specially designed so that you don't need to iron and .....them.  
 If you.....this button here, you'll activate the alarm system.

**3 Both options make sense. Underline the one which forms a common collocation.**

- a) The room was *Ughtly*'/*sparsely* furnished, with just a table and a chair.
- b) I sat down with the landlady and signed the *tenancy*/*lodging* agreement.
- c) At the dump, huge iron skips were crammed full with people's *household*/*domestic* rubbish.
- d) A group of homeless people entered the unoccupied house and claimed squatters' *possession*/*rights*.
- e) You can't walk on here, as it's private *land*/*property*.
- f) They are going to put up a *ten-floor*/*storey* building opposite my house.
- g) Groups with guides should go to the side *access*/*entrance*.
- h) There's been a *sharp*/*heavy* rise in the price of property in the south-east,
- i) The rooms are dark and smelly, and the heating is *barely*/*hardly* adequate.
- j) From the cliff top, it was a *vertical*/*sheer* drop to the rocks below.

4 Complete each sentence with the most suitable word from the box.

bay horizon pass slope strait cliff landscape plain  
~~spring~~ tide

- a) This water comes from a ...*spring* ..... , near the bottom of the mountain.
- b) The hills could be seen faintly outlined against the .....
- c) The ship won't be able to sail until the ..... comes in.
- d) There was a rocky ..... rising a hundred feet above the beach.
- e) The two islands are divided by a narrow .....
- f) There is only one ..... through the mountains.
- g) Many small boats could be seen moored in the wide curving .....
- h) The children amused themselves by rolling down the grassy .....
- i) The whole ..... had turned white after the overnight fall of snow.
- j) At the foot of the mountains was a wide, well-cultivated .....

**Complete each sentence (a-j) with one of the endings (1-10).**

- a) I paused at the top of the stairs on the ..... 5. ....
- b) The walls of the bathroom were covered in .....
- c) I chained my bike to the .....
- d) There was a clock on the .....
- e) I left my umbrella in the .....
- f) After the storm we had to replace several .....
- g) I decided to oil the front door .....
- h) There was no heat coming from the .....
- i) You should try to remember to wipe your feet on the .....
- j) We stored our old books upstairs in the .....

- 1 railings at the front of the house.
- 2 hinges, which were rather rusty.
- 3 loft, in case we needed them again.
- 4 mantelpiece over the fireplace.
- 5 landing and wondered which was my room.
- 6 doormat outside the back door.
- 7 slates which had fallen off the roof.
- 8 radiator under the window.
- 9 tiles with a pattern of fruit and flowers.
- 10 porch and opened the front door.

**6 Using the e-mail as a guide, complete the tenancy agreement. Use one or two words in each space. The words you need do not occur in the e-mail.**

Dear Bob,

I spoke to the agency about our new house, and they told me lots of rules. I think I've remembered them all, so here we go. We can't keep pets. We have to respect the people living next door, and not make a lot of noise. We have to keep the house neat and tidy. We have to tell the agency right away if there's been a fire in the house. And if we don't keep to those rules we can be asked to leave.

Then, when we decide to leave for good, we need to tell them 28 days before we leave. During this 28-day period, we must allow the agency to get into the property to check it over or to show round possible future tenants. Finally, when we leave we mustn't take any fittings or furniture with us. I think that's everything - I told them we'd sign the actual contract when we move in.  
Love, Holly.

Tenancy agreement

- 1.1 Please note that the keeping of pets is (1) *.forbidden.....*in the house.
- 1.2 Respect must be given to the (2).....of the adjacent house with regard to noise and loud music.
- 1.3 The house must be (3).....in good (4).....
- 1.4 In the (5).....of fire at the property, please (6).....the agency of the details immediately.
- 1.5 Persistent failure to (7).....the above rules may result in you, the tenant, being (8).....
- 1.6 Please inform us 28 days in (9).....of your intention to (10).....the premises.
- 1.7 During this 28-day period, you must allow the agency or the landlady (11).....to the property should they wish to (12).....it, or should they wish (13).....tenants to (14).....the property.
- 1.8 No fittings and furniture may (15).....by you on your leaving.

- 1 Complete the collocations in each sentence with an appropriate word from the box.

broadcast	bulletin	coverage	forecast	media	brochure
campaign	edition	<del>manual</del>	novel		

- Read the instruction *..manual.....* before using your new word-processor.
- 'David Copperfield' is an autobiographical.....
- What did it say on the weather.....?
- This is a party political.....on behalf of the Democratic Party.
- What time is the next news.....?
- This channel doesn't have very good sports.....
- A first.....of this book is worth a fortune.
- The mass.....in most countries is dominated by advertising.
- When does our new advertising.....begin?
- I spent all of yesterday evening looking at this holiday.....

- 2 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best completes each collocation or fixed phrase.

After more than fifty years of television, it might seem only too obvious to conclude that it is (1) ..D..... to stay. There have been many objections to it during this time, of course, and on a variety of grounds. Did it cause eye-strain? Was the screen bombarding us with radioactivity? Did the advertisements contain subliminal (2)....., persuading us to buy more or vote Republican? Did children turn to violence through watching it, either because so many programmes taught them how to shoot, rob, and kill, or because they had to do something to (3).....the hours they had spent (4).....to the tiny screen? Or did it simply create a vast passive audience, drugged by glamorous serials and inane situation comedies? On the other hand, did it increase anxiety by (5).....the news and (6).....our living rooms with war, famine and political unrest?

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|-------------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1) A around       | B there    | C ready       | D here             |
| 2) A information  | B messages | C data        | D communications   |
| 3) A counteract   | B negate   | C offset      | D compensate       |
| 4) A attached     | B fixed    | C glued       | D adhered          |
| 5) A scandalising | B hyping   | C dramatising | D sensationalising |
| 6) A filling      | B loading  | C stuffing    | D packing          |

**3 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best completes each collocation or fixed phrase.**

With the advent of so-called 'Reality TV, which puts the emphasis on ordinary people doing ordinary things on TV, the BBC has been much criticised for (1) ...Q.... down its schedules. But it worries me that the biggest victims of this never-ending diet of violent cartoons, immoral dramas and banal docu-soaps is the nation's children. The sheer quantity of TV watched by the under 16s is truly alarming, with the national (2).....for Britain placed at three and a half hours per day. The programmes that are rubbish easily (3).....the programmes that are decent and watchable. There will no doubt be howls of (4).....out there from people who believe that TV is educational. Educational my foot. Fast-moving visual images (5).....no useful educational purpose and will be forgotten by the next day. A young family near me has recently taken a (6).....against TV and given their set away. Their children now do something truly educational. They read books.

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|------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1) A dimming     | B dumping   | C dumbing   | D duncing     |
| 2) A medium      | B norm      | C average   | D par         |
| 3) A outdistance | B outdo     | C outreach  | D outnumber   |
| 4) A protest     | B complaint | C objection | D disapproval |
| 5) A fill        | B serve     | C make      | D form        |
| 6) A position    | B place     | C stand     | D stage       |

**4 Complete each sentence, using one of the words from the box.**

fiction	illiterate	literature	outline	shorthand	gist
illegible	manuscript	prose	unprintable		

- a) The first chapter is based on fact, but the rest of the book is complete *..fiction.* .....
- b) David was unable to read the postcard because the writing was .....
- c) I understood the.....of the article, but I didn't read it in detail.
- d) Brenda's comments were so insulting they were.....
- e) Bill had decided to study French.....at university.
- f) I managed to make notes of the speech in.....
- g) Old Mrs Brown never went to school and is.....
- h) Some people feel that Davis's.....is better than his poetry.
- i) Sheila left the.....of her novel on a train by mistake.
- j) Just tell me the.....of the story, don't go into too much detail.

**5 In most lines of these letters, there is either a spelling or punctuation error. For each line, write the correctly spelled word, or show the correct punctuation. Indicate correct lines with a tick.**

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the pictures, recently published in your newspaper, of the soap actress Kathy Walter, shown sunbathing, topless on a beach in the Mediterranean. Was the approval of Ms Walter sought for this tasteless invasion of her privacy? Of course not. Ms Walter's face appears on TV every day, so she is public property. Well, Ms Walter may be a public figure, but that does not give you the right to photograph her in an embarrassing situation, purely in the interest of your circulation figures. And she still has a right to enjoy private moments with her friends in a quiet location of her choice. The growing phenomenon of newspapers deliberately seeking scandal in order to outdo each other is one that this reader finds both offensive and insulting to one's intelligence

Yours sincerely,  
Geoff Rope

- 0 dissatisfaction
- 0 ✓
- 0 sunbathing, topless
- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....
- 8 .....
- 9 .....

Dear Mr Rope

With all due respect, your letter is based on some extraordinary assumptions regarding famous people. First of all, we are in the business of selling newspapers, and if we had to ask the permission of the subject of every photograph, no copies would ever make it to the printing press. You should also remember, that Ms Walter's career has benefited enormously from the Press and other media, and indeed she has often used the media to her own advantage. She is one of the most photographed personalities in the country, and can not expect to dictate when and where, she wants media attention and when she does not. In short, we feel that we were fully justified in our decision to publish the photographs concerned.

Yours sincerely,  
Sarah Hull  
Editor

- 10 .....
- 11 .....
- 12 .....
- 13 .....
- 14 .....
- 15 .....
- 16 .....
- 17 .....
- 18 .....
- 19 .....
- 20 .....

**6 Both options make sense. Underline the one which forms a common collocation.**

- a) I do like Channel 4's *reporting/coverage* of the big sporting events.
- b) We do not have the book in stock. It is *out of circulation/out of print*.
- c) This report comes from our political *correspondent/journalist*, Edward Ross.
- d) The 'Sunday News' has the highest *circulation/output* of any newspaper in Britain.
- e) They are bringing out Sue's book in a new *edition/publication* soon.
- f) Are books subject to *banning/censorship* in your country?
- g) Through market research the advertising company identified their *intended/target* customer.
- h) They are very concerned with the image that the advert *projects/gives*.
- i) At least 50 members of the *population/public* wrote in to complain about the ad.
- j) He sits there for hour after hour, staring *calmly/blankly* at the screen.

**7 Complete each space in the text with a word formed from the word in capitals.**

A man takes a single (1) *..Spoonful.....* of a substance and SPOON  
 puts it in his mouth. Instantly he is transported to another  
 world, a place of surreal visions and swirling colours. He  
 rushes (2).....into this parallel universe. HEAD  
 What is this (3).....compound with the TERRIFY  
 power to induce such a mind-blowing trip? Is it some kind  
 of drug that makes the user hallucinate? No, it's just a humble  
 cereal ad on TV. The Fruity Wheat ad is the latest in a long  
 line of (4).....ads whose imagery appears to CONTROVERSY  
 draw on the effects of mind-altering substances. Colin Rees  
 of the 'Stop TV Advertising' group, said: 'I find this and other  
 such ads totally (5).....Take this stuff and ACCEPT  
 you will experience something out of this world - the  
 (6).....of the ad seems clear to me. The IMPLY  
 companies who make them will say that any relation to  
 drugs is just one (7).....of the advert, and not INTERPRET  
 one that they (8).....When I complained INTENTION  
 about this ad, I was told that it didn't contain any  
 (9).....messages. I thought that was a bit CONSCIOUS  
 rich - I think the message in it is blatantly obvious! And I  
 don't think we should be giving TV viewers any  
 (10).....in that respect.' ENCOURAGE

**1 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best completes each collocation or fixed phrase.**

Whenever we read about the natural world nowadays, it is generally to be given dire predictions about its (1) ..C.... destruction. Some scientists go so (2)..... as to assert that from now on, the world can no longer be called 'natural', insofar as future processes of weather, climate and all the interactions of plant and animal life will no longer carry on in their time-honoured way, unaffected by humans. There will never be such a thing as 'natural weather' again, say such writers, only weather affected by global warming. It is hard to know whether to believe such (3).....of doom, possibly because what they are saying seems too terrible to be true. There are other equally influential scientists who argue that climate, for example, has changed many times over the (4)....., and that what we are experiencing now may simply be part of an endless (5)..... of change, rather than a disaster on a global (6)\_\_\_\_\_

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|------------------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| 1) A coming      | B close     | C imminent   | D nigh   |
| 2) A much        | B deep      | C long       | D far    |
| 3) A prophets    | B champions | C warriors   | D giants |
| 4) A generations | B millennia | C centuries  | D eras   |
| 5) A revolution  | B circle    | C round      | D cycle  |
| 6) A measure     | B scale     | C proportion | D extent |

**2 Both options make sense. Underline the one which forms a common collocation.**

- Could you close the window? There's a bit of a *current/draught*.
- I'm soaked, I got caught in a *downpour/torrent*.
- Through my binoculars I watched a tiger stalking its *food/prey*.
- Many species of wildlife could become *extinct/defunct* if left unprotected.
- I feel hungry. Could you *peel/skin* an apple for me?
- Don't be afraid of the monkey, it's quite *tame/trained*.
- Our country has many natural *resources/sources*.
- Marcia is very much into environmental *facts/issues* at the moment.
- Local people are concerned about pollution from *sea-located/off-shore* oil wells,
- That's an unusual dog. What *breed/race* is it?

3 Match the words from the box with the creature with which they are associated. Use each word only once.

scratch	blind	flock	hole	ivory	lead	nocturnal	
spray	kitten	tusks	bark	squeak	purr	buzz	kennel
mane	roar	stable	trap	wing	whine	cub	hive
hoof	lamb	net	saddle	sting	trunk	wool	

- a) horse      hoof      stable      saddle
- b) bee
- c) lion
- d) mosquito
- e) dog
- f) sheep
- g) elephant
- h) mouse
- i) bat
- j) cat

4 Complete each sentence with a word formed from the word in capitals.

- a) Kapo the gorilla was born and bred in ..captivity.. CAPTIVE
- b) In the wild Kapo's chances of.....would be slim. SURVIVE
- c) The river cleaning project is run by conservation ..... VOLUNTARY
- d) The white rhino is now an.....species. DANGER
- e).....claim that the virus among seals was caused by pollution. ENVIRONMENT
- f) She may look fierce but the lioness has..... instincts like any other female animal. MOTHER
- g) The fish in the river provide an .....supply of fish for the young bears. ABOUND
- h) The whale shark reaches.....at the age of 30. MATURE
- i) Nowadays only a.....of wild crocodiles remain there. HAND
- j) Nowhere epitomises the wonderful.....of nature better than the jungle. DIVERSE

5 Complete the spaces by finding one word which fits in all three sentences.

- a) Glaciers provide vital evidence of climate ... change .....  
 What you need is not pills but a simple ..change ..... of scene.  
 If you need money, there's some spare ...change ..... in my coat pocket.
- b) Grassland and savannah ..... a substantial part of Southern Africa.  
 It's a long journey - let's take some books to ..... the children.  
 The protesting students intend to ..... the Holman Building.
- c) The vet said the ..... on the dog's face was not cancerous.  
 She had a ..... in her throat and a tear in her eye when she said  
 goodbye.  
 Get up and do some work, you lazy ..... I
- d) Many of the wildebeest didn't make it and ..... half-way across the  
 river.  
 My voice was ..... out by the sound of builders drilling.  
 I ..... my meal in sauce to hide the bitter taste.
- e) The falconer trained the hawk to fly in a perfectly ..... line.  
 So let's get this ..... ; you say you saw the man break in through  
 the window.  
 Why can't you just give me a ..... answer for once in your life?

O Underline the most appropriate word to complete each sentence.

- a) Last year this tree was struck by *lightning/thunder/a storm*.  
 b) I like spring best, when the apple trees are in *blooming/blossom/flowers*.  
 c) Something must be done to protect *wild/wilderness/wildlife*.  
 d) When I want to relax, I go for a walk in *the countryside/the nature/the outside*.  
 e) In this part of the country, *the earth/the land/the soil* is quite expensive.  
 f) Suddenly we saw a ship appear on the *atmosphere/horizon/sky*. We were saved!  
 g) Most animals will attack you to protect their *babies/litters/young*.  
 h) Julia recently discovered a new *category/make/species* of fruit-fly.  
 i) We got soaked to the skin in the torrential *drizzle/downpour/snow*.  
 j) While I was eating cherries I accidentally swallowed a *nut/pip/stone*.



Take a word from each column to complete the collocations you need for each space in the text.

Column A  
working, sick, promotion,  
pension, covering, trial,  
career, job, claims, travel

Column B  
description, letter, conditions,  
scheme, path, pay, prospects,  
expenses, form, period

Dear David,

You'll never guess what's happened - I've only got a job! I saw an advert in the press for an administrative assistant at London Insurance, and sent in my CV and a (1) *..covering letter*....., more out of curiosity than anything else. Well, to my surprise, I got an interview, and I managed to convince them that insurance is the (2).....I intend to pursue.

Apparently, they were impressed with my ambition, especially when I said I was looking for a job with good (3)....., and a week later I was offered the job.

They seem to look after you well - for example, I was told to send in a (4).....so that they could reimburse my (5).....to the interview. It's little things like that which make all the difference. I was also impressed by the (6).....at the office when I went for the interview. So I'm actually starting work on Monday! I've received my (7).....now, and it all seems very favourable. After a (8).....of one month, I'll be on a permanent contract with (9).....and paid holiday. There's even a company (10).....which I can join.

David, why don't you apply? They take on 20 new graduates each year. It would be right up your street.

Best wishes,  
Dan

**2 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best completes each collocation or fixed phrase.**

Have you ever stopped to ask yourself why it is that we work? Is it the (1) ...A.... of a job well done, or the sense of (2).....behind the (3).....of an important deal? Is it the human (4).....with other people perhaps? Or is it that work is power and a sense of status? This is the view of those who have either (5).....these elusive goals, or feel aggrieved that nobody has yet recognised their leadership (6)\_\_\_\_\_

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|--------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1) A satisfaction  | B pride     | C reward      | D gratification |
| 2) A feat          | B success   | C achievement | D victory       |
| 3) A fastening     | B sealing   | C verifying   | D clinching     |
| 4) A communication | B relation  | C association | D interaction   |
| 5) A attained      | B completed | C gained      | D won           |
| 6) A attributes    | B features  | C values      | D qualities     |

**3 Complete each space in the text with a word formed from the word in capitals.**

This year, (1) ...*productivity*.... in the factory has suffered **PRODUCT** because of a lack of expert technical knowledge. As a result we have made very substantial (2).....in sending **INVEST** employees on training courses. The fact remains that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get skilled labourers with the right (3)....., experience, and above all, **QUALIFY** (4).....The company has also suffered this year **EXPERT** from the industrial (5).....in November, which **ACT** saw 340 union members walk out in a pay dispute. Union (6).....eventually sat down with management **REPRESENT** and negotiated a 4 per cent pay rise, but not until 5 working days had been lost to the strike. As a result of such problems we recognise the need to (7).....in certain areas, **ECONOMY** and, on the advice of our external (8)....., Prior **CONSULT** and Young, we have identified the need for at least 3 departments to be (9).....It is thought that this will mean **STREAM** the loss of between 6 and 10 jobs, though the exact figures and nature of the redundancies will be (10).....in **CLEAR** the next report.

## 4 Complete each sentence with the most appropriate word from the box.

agent	competitor	executive	industrialist	producer	client
dealer	foreman	labourer	trainee		

- a) Nowadays you often find that the top ..... in a company is a woman.
- b) If you have any problems with your work, talk to the .....
- c) 'Happy Chips' is the number one ..... of potato crisps in the country.
- d) I'm starting next week as a ..... chef in a large hotel.
- e) Our company is the ..... for several large insurance companies.
- f) David was not content until he had become a rich .....
- g) Our firm is quite a long way ahead of our nearest .....
- h) With mechanisation it is difficult to find work as an unskilled
- i) I have been working as a used car.....for the past six months.
- j) A company should make every.....feel important.

## 5 Match the descriptions (a-j) with the explanations (1-10).

- a) Jane was headhunted by a multinational company. .5.....
- b) Pam is at the end of her tether.....
- c) Mary's assistant was given the sack.....
- d) Jean really has her nose to the grindstone.
- e) Sue was given a golden handshake.....
- f) Helen took on a new secretary.....
- g) Ann is on the go all day.....
- h) Brenda was overlooked.....
- i) Judith has made good.....
- j) Pauline's boss keeps her on her toes.....
- 1 She is always busy.
- 2 She doesn't have the chance to become complacent.
- 3 She's working hard.
- 4 She didn't get promoted.
- 5 She was offered a better job.
- 6 She has become successful.
- 7 She was dismissed.
- 8 She received a cash bonus on leaving her job.
- 9 She has run out of patience.
- 10 She gave someone a job.

**6 Using the notes as a guide, complete the letter. Use one or two words in each space. The words you need do not appear in the notes.**

Dear Ruth,

So glad you've accepted our offer! In answer to your queries, you'll be getting a contract through later this week, but until then:

- 1 yes, you can join the company pension scheme.
  - 2 you get 25 days' paid holiday.
  - 3 no, the salary is fixed.
  - 4 you must wear smart clothes, nothing in particular.
  - 5 9 till 5.
  - 6 no, you don't get paid for any extra work - so don't take work home!
  - 7 if you're off sick for more than 3 days, a doctor must explain your illness in writing.
  - 8 tell us one month in advance if you want to end your employment with us.
- Kind regards, Sue Cook, Human Resources Assistant.

Dear Miss Baxter,

Please find enclosed a copy of your contract. The contract will give you more details, but I have a list of questions from you. I am not sure if a colleague of mine has already replied to you. If so, please forgive the duplication.

You are (1) ...eligible.....for the company's pension scheme.  
You are (2).....25 days' holiday.  
The salary is not (3).....  
All employees must be smartly (4).....  
The working day will (5).....at 9.00 and finish at 5.00.  
There is no (6).....payment in.respect of this position.  
Any (7).....of more than three days must be explained  
by a doctor's (8).....  
This contract may be (9).....at any time by you, but  
one month's (10).....must be given in writing of your  
intention to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Fielding  
Human Resources Manager

Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Ours is a vanishing world, one in which the familiar is constantly disappearing and technological change is often difficult to cope with. So it should come (1) ..B. ... no surprise to most of us to hear that yet another part of everyday life is about to go for ever. Apparently, within the next decade, money as we (2).....it will probably (3).....to exist in technologically advanced countries. (4).....Professor Gerry Montague of the Institute for Economic Reform, the familiar coins and banknotes will soon be replaced entirely by credit cards of various kinds. And the shop of the future will be linked directly to the network of banking computers. The assistant will simply key in your bank account code number and the amount you have spent, and thank you politely. You won't have to dig (5)..... in your pockets for change. You may not even have a number for your account as such, as the computer may by then be able to read your handprint. So no more instances of credit card (6)..... But I am afraid that I shall miss money. I have felt (7)..... attached to it, ever since I received my first pocket (8).....when I was five, and kept it in a money-box. Even if my credit card of the future will be able to tell me exactly how much spending (9)..... I have left in the computer files, even if it lights up and plays a happy (or sad) tune at the same time, nothing will be able to replace the (10)..... pleasure I gained from rattling the coins in my money-box.

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|------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1) A with              | B as         | C to           | D in        |
| 2) A have              | B see        | C know         | D believe   |
| 3) A cease             | B stop       | C fail         | D conclude  |
| 4) A With reference to | B Further to | C According to | D Owing to  |
| 5) A far               | B long       | C tall         | D deep      |
| 6) A deceit            | B trickery   | C pretence     | D fraud     |
| 7) A heavily           | B strongly   | C widely       | D largely   |
| 8) A cash              | B coins      | C money        | D gold      |
| 9) A capacity          | B potential  | C capability   | D power     |
| 10) A sheer            | B complete   | C entire       | D downright |

Match each sentence (a-i) with a sentence from (1-9) which has a similar meaning.

- a) We have to haggle. ...5. . . . . 1 We have a high expenditure.
- b) We have a nice little nest-egg. .... 2 We are very thrifty.
- c) We spend a lot. . . . . 3 We let people borrow from us.
- d) We are in debt. . . . . 4 We earn according to what we sell. I
- e) We don't waste money.. . . . 5 We argue about the price.
- f) We are paid on commission. .... 6 We have a high income.
- g) We want a rise. . . . . 7 We need higher wages.
- h) We lend money.. . . . 8 We owe money.
- i) We earn a lot. . . . . 9 We have some savings.

Take one word from each column to complete the collocations you need for each space.

Column A

stock, tax, raise, monthly,  
savings, down, household,  
current, earns, business

Column B

capital, venture, account,  
exchange, installments, account,  
return, interest, bills, payment

Advisor: ... and what about your bank details?

Mr Lumley: Well, I have a regular (1) *...current account*.....from which we pay all our (2).....such as gas and water, and also a (3).....which (4).....at a rate of 4%%.

Advisor: I notice you have a regular monthly payment of £200 going out to JCS. What's that?

Mr Lumley: Oh yes, that'll be the settee. We made an initial (5).....of £400; then we're paying the rest in (6).....of £200.

Advisor: Right, and do you have any other savings or investments?

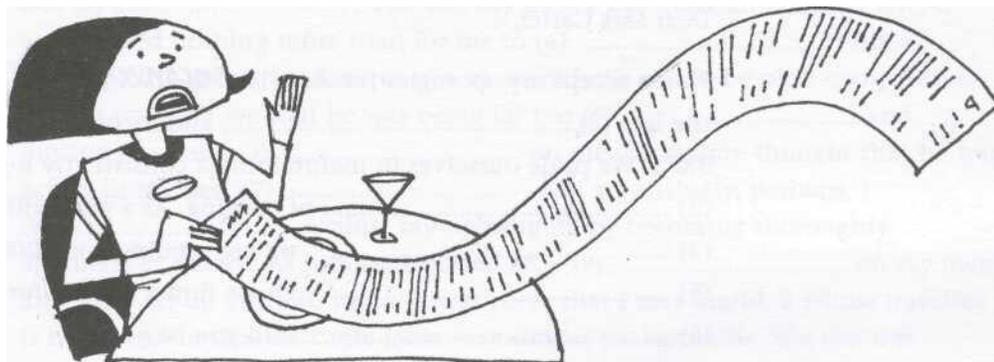
Mr Lumley: I have some shares invested on the (7)....., but their value has gone down to just a few hundred pounds.

Advisor: And last time we spoke, you were talking about maybe starting a new (8).....with a colleague.

Mr Lumley: No, that's fallen through. We couldn't (9).....the necessary.....to satisfy the bank manager. Probably just as well. It will make filling in my (10).....a lot easier.

Advisor: Yes, that's certainly true. It all gets very complicated if you're self-employed ...

- 4 Underline the two words that are appropriate in each sentence.
- a) Harry has a good salary. He *gains/gets/makes* over £20,000 a year.
  - b) Mary was awarded a *grant/scholarship/subsidy* to study child psychology.
  - c) How much did you *give/pay/take* for your new car?
  - d) Their house *fetched/produced/sold* for a lot more than they expected.
  - e) I'm going to the bank to *get out/remove/withdraw* the money for the rent.
  - f) The manager disappeared with the *receipts/takings/wages* from the concert.
  - g) By the time Kate retired she was a *fortunate/prosperous/wealthy* businesswoman.
  - h) We had a good holiday but it was rather *costly/expensive/valuable*.
  - i) Unfortunately the old painting I found turned out to be *priceless/valueless/worthless*.
  - j) We would appreciate it if you would *close/settle/pay* your bill as soon as possible.



- 5 Complete the fixed phrases in each space by choosing a word from the box which collocates with the words in **bold**.

credit      market      redundant      value      charge      fortune  
 investment      booming      retirement      bankrupt

Have your shares just fallen in (1) **...value**.....and you don't know what to do? Or have you come into a (2).....and don't know how to invest it? Well, whether you've been made (3).....or qualified for early (4)....., whether your business is (5).....or you've just been declared (6)....., we are the bank for you, the caring bank. We've got the account for you and can advise you accordingly. Come over to us and you will be making a wise (7).....We offer some of the most competitive loans and mortgages on the (8)..... Provided you maintain your account in (9)....., and at a minimum level of £500, we will offer you financial advice completely free of (10)....., whenever you request it. Can't be bad, can it?

6 Using the draft as a guide, complete the letter. Use one or two words in each space. The words you need do not occur in the draft.

Draft  
Dear Mrs Carter

Very sorry for any trouble re consignment 3882, which we sent two weeks late I and then with the wrong contents - we like to think our packing is usually up to scratch. So that there are no hard feelings, we are going to send you £200 to make up for our mistakes. You'll find a cheque in this envelope. Please could you contact me to let me know you've got it. Up to now we've had an excellent relationship, which we don't want to lose. Always ready to help -

Yours, Mike Leggett  
(Customer Services Assistant)

Dear Mrs Carter,

Please accept my apologies for any (1) *..inconvenience*.....caused to you by the late (2).....and incorrect contents of consignment 3882. We pride ourselves in maintaining a consistently high (3).....of packing. As a goodwill (4)....., we are sending you £200 by way of (5).....Please find a cheque for this amount (6).....Will you be good (7).....to (8).....receipt of this cheque?

To (9)....., we have had an excellent working relationship, which we wish to maintain at all costs. We are always at (10).....

Yours sincerely,  
John Barr  
Customer Services Manager

- 1 Find 15 common collocations or fixed phrases by completing each space in the text with an appropriate word from the box.

struck out	patch	sheltered	live up to	hit it off
follow	spoilt	commitment	plucked up	rebelled
pushy	domineering	trial	interests	pressure

I guess I was what one might call a (1) *...spoilt*.....child, for I was the only child of Mary and David Bettelman and I got whatever I wanted. I had a rather weak-minded mother and by contrast a very (2)..... father who had exceedingly high expectations of me, expectations that I could not (3)..... You see, my father was quite an eminent lawyer and wanted nothing more than for me to (4).....in his footsteps. He encouraged me to win at everything and to be ultra-competitive. He just couldn't see that he was being far too (5).....and putting too much (6).....on me. He simply thought that he was acting in my best (7)..... Not surprisingly, perhaps, I (8)..... against my upbringing by becoming thoroughly apathetic at school. As soon as I turned 18, I (9).....on my own and went off on a trip to India. It was there that I met Ingrid, a fellow traveller. It became clear that we came from very similar backgrounds. She too was running away from something: in her case a very (10)..... upbringing, caused by having two very over-protective parents. We (11).....immediately, and I (12).....courage and asked her to be my girlfriend. But I was young and I needed space, and I guess I was too immature to handle the give and take of a relationship. Or perhaps I was just afraid of (13)..... Anyway, we went through a very bad (14).....and had a (15)..... separation for a couple of months.

2 **Underline** the most suitable word in each sentence.



- a) As I am officially a/an *alien/outsider/stranger* I have to register with the police.
- b) Let me introduce you to my *betrothed/engaged/fiancee*. We're getting married next month.
- c) Jim is just a/an *acquaintance/colleague/figure* I met on holiday.
- d) Why not bring your child along to the Mothers and *Juveniles/Juniors/Toddlers* group? It's for one and two year-olds.
- e) Local people are campaigning for better facilities for the *aged/ancient/elder*.
- f) Our *ancestors/descendants/predecessors* are all buried in the local churchyard.
- g) Peter is 50 and unmarried and his friends call him 'an eligible *bachelor/independent/single*'.
- h) The bridegroom was handed the ring by the *assistant groom/best man/godfather*.
- i) When I was a *bloke/chap/lad* I used to walk ten miles to school.
- j) We call her 'Auntie Flo', though she is not really any *family/relation/relative* to us.

3 **Complete each sentence with the most appropriate word from the box.**

aggressive    attentive    devoted    insensitive    solitary    apathetic  
~~conscientious~~    extrovert    mature    prejudiced

- a) Sharon works very hard and is extremely conscientious.
- b) David does everything alone. He is a rather.....person.
- c) What a lovely couple! They seem totally.....to one another.
- d) Jim has extreme views, and is.....against all immigrants.
- e) Very few students wanted to join in the activities. They seemed rather
- f) Simon is always getting into fights, he's so.....
- g) Jane may look rather young, but she has a very.....attitude.
- h) Pauline is a good teacher, and very.....to the needs of the students.
- i) Bill is shy but his brother Mike is more.....
- j) Mary doesn't realise how she hurts people. She is really.....

**4 Match each expression (a-j) with one of the explanations (1-10).**

- a) nearest and dearest ...7.....
- b) newlyweds.....
- c) the nuclear family.....
- d) adults.....
- e) a community.....
- f) a generation.....
- g) contemporaries.....
- h) the extended family.....
- i) a household.....
- j) outcasts.....

- 1 people who are alive at the same time or e.g. attend the same school
- 2 people who have only recently been (or are still) on their honeymoon
- 3 all the people of approximately the same age
- 4 the people in a family who live together under the same roof
- 5 the entire range of relatives in one family
- 6 all the people living together in the same area
- 7 a person (or people) from your immediate family
- 8 people who are no longer teenagers
- 9 people abandoned by their families or by society in general
- 10 parents and their children

**5 Complete each sentence with the most appropriate word from the box.**

abandoned	criticised	<del>neglected</del>	quarrelled	separated
adopted	humiliated	offended	retired	scolded

- a) Keith's parents *..neglected..*..... him badly when he was a baby.
- b) The small child was being.....by its mother for getting dirty.
- c) Tom deeply.....Ann by ignoring her at the party.
- d) David is not my real father, I was.....by him when I was small.
- e) Ian and Fiona are.....and they may get divorced.
- f) I.....with my boyfriend but we made it up in the end.
- g) Jack.....on his 65th birthday and received his pension.
- h) My parents.....me for having a ring in my nose.
- i) Julie's mother.....her when she was a few months old and she grew up in an orphanage.
- j) My boss utterly.....me in front of important clients, so I resigned.

6 Replace the words underlined with the most appropriate phrase from the box.

fell out      turned him down      moved in with      got on well with  
 kept in touch      ran away from      got to know      let him down  
 grew up      went out together

- a) When Brian asked her to marry him, Ann said no. *turned him down.*
- b) I communicated regularly with most of my old friends
- c) Ann spent her childhood years in London
- d) David and Jean dated for three months before they got engaged.
- e) Kate quarrelled with her boyfriend and they stopped seeing each other.
- f) Helen had a good relationship with her in-laws.....
- g) Harry left home without his parents' permission.....
- h) Sophia promised to meet Michael after work but disappointed him.
- i) After a few weeks I went to live in the house of some friends.
- j) I grew friendly with Pam when we worked together.....

Complete the spaces by finding one word which fits in all three sentences.

- a) Barry was a very complicated individual who easily ...took.....offence.  
 I took.....to the job immediately and felt like I'd been doing it all my life.  
 After 36 days of fighting, the invading forces finally ..took.....the city.
- b) After quarrelling with David, Martina was.....to tears.  
 It was a.....call, but I think Leupers just won it from Collins in second place.  
 In such sweltering heat, it was unbearably.....and humid on the Underground.
- c) Jane's father.....with rage when she told him she was pregnant.  
 Events in oil-producing countries.....the confidence of investors.  
 The lion.....its magnificent mane and gave an almighty roar.
- d) John and Mary met at university, and they've been going.....for almost five years.  
 '.....on - is that really what you want you to do?'  
 There has been a.....decline in the number of male applicants.
- e) 'I just can't imagine my Dad.....me down the aisle in church to get married/ said Maggie.  
 Michael Schumacher is currently.....the drivers' championship.  
 She emerged from the stable.....a beautiful black horse.

Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Ask most people for their Top Ten fears, and you'll be sure to find being burgled fairly high on the (1) ...D.... An informal survey I (2).....among friends at a party last week revealed that eight of them had had their homes broken into more than twice, and two had been burgled five times. To put the record (3)....., none of my friends owns valuable paintings or a sideboard full of family silverware. Three of them are students, (4).....The most typical burglary, it seems, (5).....the theft of easily transportable items - the television, the video, even food from the freezer. This may have something to do with the fact that the (6).....burglar is in his (or her) late teens, and probably wouldn't know what to do with a Picasso, (7).....selling a walkman or a vacuum cleaner is a much easier (8).....They are perhaps not so much professional criminals, as hard-up young people who need a few pounds and some excitement. Not that this makes having your house (9).....upside down and your favourite things stolen any easier to (10).....In most (11)....., the police have no luck (12).....any of the stolen goods. Unless there is definite evidence, they are probably unable to do anything at all. And alarms or special locks don't (13).....to help either. The only advice my friends could (14).....was 'Never live on the ground floor' and 'Keep two or three very fierce dogs', which reminded me of a case I read about, where the burglars' (15).....included the family's pet poodle.

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|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1) A rank          | B rating       | C grade           | D list         |
| 2) A called up     | B held with    | C set about       | D carried out  |
| 3) A straight      | B right        | C correct         | D steady       |
| 4) A as well       | B however      | C in fact         | D at any rate  |
| 5) A means         | B involves     | C affects         | D covers       |
| 6) A common        | B medium       | C average         | D middle       |
| 7) A whereas       | B as yet       | C much as         | D as soon as   |
| 8) A concern       | B event        | C situation       | D matter       |
| 9) A put           | B turned       | C stood           | D pulled       |
| 10) A submit       | B receive      | C accept          | D admit        |
| 11) A examples     | B cases        | C items           | D occasions    |
| 12) A taking       | B making       | C tracking        | D recovering   |
| 13) A sound        | B look         | C show            | D seem         |
| 14) A come up with | B make do with | C go through with | D get off with |
| 15) A takings      | B profit       | C loot            | D receipts     |

**2 Complete each sentence with the most appropriate word from the box.**

blocked    failed    held    ~~collapsed~~    sustained    evacuated  
 fired    met    spread    sealed

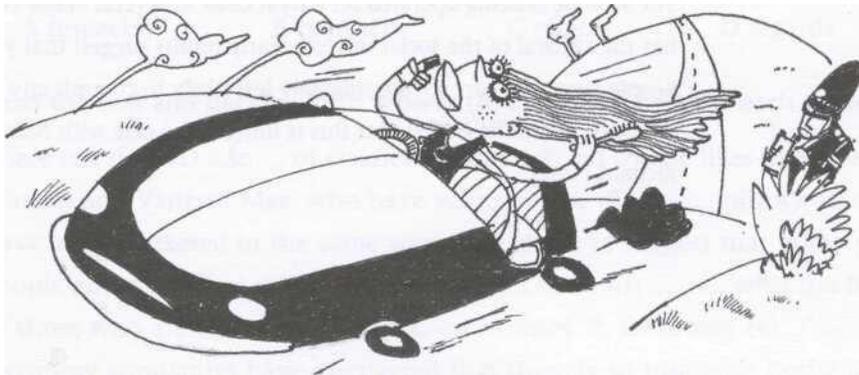
- a) The whole building **...collapsed...** but fortunately there were no casualties.
- b) Throughout the flooded area, villages are being.....by helicopter.
- c) The terrorists threatened to kill their hostages if their demands were not
- d) Several buildings.....damage from the earthquake.
- e) Trees were uprooted and many roads were.....
- f) The two trains collided after one.....to stop at signals.
- g) Rescue teams.....out little hope of finding other survivors.
- h) The blaze rapidly.....to neighbouring buildings.
- i) Police.....tear-gas in an attempt to disperse the mob.
- j) Police.....off the town-centre for two hours while they searched for the bomb.

**3 Complete each space in the text with a word formed from the word in capitals.**

One of the most (1) **..worrying**.....crime statistics in Europe is **WORRY**  
 the rise in juvenile crime. Often the root cause is  
 (2).....to drugs, an expensive habit which often **ADDICT**  
 leads young (3).....into a life of petty crime. **OFFENCE**  
 Some parents, unable to cope with their children's addiction have  
 thrown them out of home, forcing them to live the lives of  
 (4).....'Kate' (not her real name) is one such **BEG**  
 person. (5).....since she was 18, Kate has had **HOME**  
 various brushes with the law, most recently for  
 (6)....., in order to raise cash to fuel a heroin **SHOP**  
 habit. As a result of that transgression, Kate spent two months  
 in prison, rubbing shoulders with (7).....criminals **HARD**  
 and murderers. Kate accepts that she acted (8).....**LEGAL**  
 in stealing computer equipment, and doesn't bear any grudges  
 towards the police. 'It's their job to (9).....the **FORCE**  
 law, I understand that. And I'm trying to come to terms with my  
 addiction.' Kate has come good. Helped by the social services, she  
 hasn't touched any drugs for the best part of a year. But, sadly,  
 for every Kate there are ten young people for whom prison is no  
 (10).....at all. **DETER**

4 Decide which prepositions collocate in the following sentences.

- a) The new law on dropping litter **comes ...into.....force** next month.
- b) Ann was released from prison and now she is.....**probation**.
- c) Local students have been **banned**.....taking part in the demonstration.
- d) Local people have called for an **investigation**.....the causes of the fire.
- e) Football fans **went**.....**the rampage** in the centre of Norwich last night.
- f) She claimed that the selling of habit-forming drugs was **getting**.....**control**.
- g) The car left the road and **crashed**.....**a tree**.
- h) Several guests at the hotel were **robbed**.....**jewellery** and money.
- i) David, 19, has been **sleeping**.....**a park bench** for the past six months.
- j) The police have **charged her**.....driving without due care and attention.



5 Underline the most appropriate word in each sentence.

- a) The police arrested Jack and took him into *custody/detention/prison*.
- b) In most countries, the *capital/death/execution* penalty has been abolished.
- c) A man is said to be helping the police with their *arrests/detection/inquiries*.
- d) The judge in the court was wearing a *hairpiece/head-dress/wig*.
- e) Two football fans were later charged with *aggression/assault/attack*.
- f) Less serious cases are dealt with in the *criminal/juvenile/magistrate's* court.
- g) I was given a light sentence because it was my first *case/charge/offence*.
- h) A patrol car stopped me because I was *racing/running/speeding* in a built-up area.
- i) The court case was dismissed for lack of *evidence/a jury/defence*.
- j) 'Members of the jury, what is your *answer/summary/verdict*?'

6 In most lines of this text, there is either a spelling or punctuation error. Write the correctly spelled word, or show the correct punctuation. Indicate correct lines with a tick.

After drinking a bottle of vodka, Alan and Richard Potter both 15, decided 0 .  
 to go out and do some joyriding. The car they broke into belonged to a 0 ..%  
 Mrs McDiarmad. Having drivern the car at high speeds along country lanes, 0  
 they abandonned it in a layby, and thumbed a lift home. Mercifully, no 1  
 other drivers were hurt, although several had to swirve dangerously to 2  
 avoid the Potter boys. In an experiment which is proveing to be remarkably 3  
 sucessful, the two teenagers were obliged to meet the victim of their crime 4  
 in person. Mrs McDiarmad told them in no uncertain terms that 20 years 5  
 earlier she had lost a nephew in a car accident caused by a drunken driver. 6  
 The Potters ended up in tears, and the younger, Alan, has since visited Mrs 7  
 McDiarmad on two occassions to apologise for his actions. The scheme 8  
 Alan and Richard took part in is known, as 'Face up to it'. It brings together 9  
 young offenders' with those they have wronged. Naturally, the victim must 10  
 agree to participate, and many find themselves simply unable to coperate. 11  
 The scheme is being operated on a tryal basis in several major cities, and 12  
 has the aproval of the social services. Early results suggest that young 13  
 people who take part are considarably less likely to commit any further 14  
 offences. It is to be hoped that this is indeed, the case with Alan and 15  
 Richard Potter.

**Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.**

Until the early part of this century there was certainly a (1) ..B....between popular music, the songs and dance tunes of the masses, and what we have (2).....to call classical music. Up to that point, however, there were at least some points of contact between the two, and perhaps general recognition of what made a good voice, or a good song. With the development of (3).....entertainment, popular music (4).....away and has gradually developed a stronger life of its own to the point where it has become (5).....with the classics. In some (6)....., it is now dominated by the promotion of youth culture.

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|--------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1) A contradiction | B distinction  | C separation | D discrimination |
| 2) A come          | B become       | C ended      | D moved          |
| 3) A crowd         | B majority     | C quantity   | D mass           |
| 4) A cut           | B split        | C cracked    | D branched       |
| 5) A incongruous   | B inconsistent | C incidental | D incompatible   |
| 6) A respects      | B manners      | C effects    | D regards        |

**2 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.**

There is a new (1) ...C..... of classical musicians, led by the likes of Russell Watson and Vanessa Mae, who have achieved the (2).....of rock stars, and have been marketed in the same way. This seems to suggest that many young people enjoy classical music but do not wish to be (3).....with the lifestyle of those who are traditionally supposed to enjoy it. Or it may (4).....be that recording companies have discovered that there is an insatiable desire for 'sounds', and that classical music is beginning to sound exciting to a generation (5).....on rock but now (6).....into affluent middle-age.

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|-------------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 1) A line         | B species  | C breed      | D pedigree |
| 2) A grade        | B degree   | C rank       | D status   |
| 3) A accompanied  | B combined | C associated | D related  |
| 4) A simply       | B clearly  | C easily     | D plainly  |
| 5) A fostered     | B raised   | C nurtured   | D grown    |
| 6) A establishing | B settling | C lowering   | D relaxing |

**3 Both options make sense. Underline the one which makes a common collocation.**

- a) Everyone clapped enthusiastically when the actors came on *screen/stage*.
- b) Most critics agree that Celia gave the best *acting/performance*.
- c) We bought some ice-cream during the *interlude/interval* of the play.
- d) Jean has decided to join an amateur *dramatic/theatrical* society.
- e) There was so much suspense that I was kept on the edge of my *place/seat*.
- f) The leading lady unfortunately lost her voice during the *dress/stage* rehearsal.
- g) Most modern plays don't need a lot of complicated *scenery/landscape*.
- h) I thought it was a good film but it got terrible *previews/reviews*.
- i) Quite honestly, I haven't much time for *honor/terror* films.

**4 Match each person from the box with one of the descriptions.**

acrobat      cast      conductor      juggler      understudy      ballerina  
 clown      stuntman      vocalist

- a) someone who makes people laugh at the circus . clown.....
- b) someone who sings .....
- c) someone who is a member of this is an actor !.....
- d) someone who entertains others by throwing and catching things .....
- e) someone who entertains others by performing gymnastics .....
- f) someone who takes an actor's place in an emergency .....
- g) someone who tells an orchestra what to do .....
- h) someone who performs dangerous actions in place of an actor .....
- i) someone who dances gracefully in a leading role .....

**5 Complete each sentence with one of the words from the box.**

brass      chorus      lyrics      organist      string      concert      opera  
 percussion      woodwind

- a) I went to a rock ..concert.....held in a large football stadium.
- b) The.....section of the orchestra needs a new violinist.
- c) Keith wanted to learn a.....instrument so took up the clarinet.
- d) Their music is really great, but I can't understand the.....
- e) As we entered the church, the.....began playing a solemn tune.
- f) I used to play the trumpet in the local.....band.
- g) You need a good voice and acting ability to perform in a/an.....
- h) I'll sing the first verse, and everyone will join in for the.....
- i) Nowadays it is possible to simulate most.....instruments electronically, so drums are not always needed.



**8 Complete each sentence with a preposition.**

- a) The clowns walked into the ring **..on.....**stilts, looking about three metres tall!
- b) The stadium was packed.....people for the athletics meeting.
- c) Janet holds the word record.....long distance cycling.
- d) During the match, a message came.....the loudspeakers.
- e) There is a craze.....!.....skateboarding at the moment.
- f) Harry last appeared.....the role of King Lear at the National Theatre.
- g) Have you got any tickets left.....the front stalls, please?
- h) Alex accompanied Helen's singing.....the piano.
- i) The play was so bad that the actors were booed.....the stage.
- j) David challenged Cathy.....a game of chess.

**9 Complete the spaces by finding one word which fits in all three sentences.**

- a) Michael Jackson is bringing out a new **..record.....**called 'Hopeless Love'.  
It's difficult for anyone with a criminal **..record.....**to get a job.  
The police are keeping a **...record.....**of all cars which enter the area.
- b) The group have benefited from considerable media.....  
Maria didn't find John attractive, but was rather flattered by his  
  
It's been brought to my.....that there have been a number of thefts from the office.
- c) Like all great opera singers, Pavarotti has an imposing.....  
She showed great.....of mind and led the children calmly downstairs to safety.  
There was a huge police.....at the football match.
- d) My favourite.....in the play is where Uncle Toby breaks a priceless vase.  
No thanks, discos are not really my.....  
Reporting from the.....of the accident is Channel 4's Jeremy Charles.
- e) On his latest....., Ford has collaborated with several other great pianists.  
After his.....from prison, Golding promised to go straight.  
I experienced a great.....of pain after the treatment.

Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Viewed from the outside (1) *.B. . . .*, the Houses of Parliament look impressive. The architecture gives the place a traditional look, and the buildings are sandwiched between a busy square and the river, making them a (2)..... between the country house of an eccentric duke and a Victorian railway station. You have only to learn that the members (3).....to each other as 'The Honourable Member ... to (4).....the picture of a dignified gentlemen's club, with of course a few ladies to (5).....the numbers. Sadly, over the past few years first radio, and now television, have shown the (6).....public, who are (7).....the electorate, what in fact (8).....when bills are discussed and questions are asked. The first obvious fact is that the chamber is very rarely full, and there may be only a handful of members present, some of whom are quite clearly asleep, telling jokes to their neighbour, or shouting like badly-behaved schoolchildren. There is not enough room for them all in the chamber in any (9)....., which is a second worrying point. Of course, television does not follow the work of committees, which are the small discussion groups that do most of the real work of the House. But the (10).....impression that voters receive of the workings of government is not a good one. To put it (11)....., parliament looks disorganised, is clearly behind the (12).....and seems to be (13).....with bores and comedians. This is presumably why members (14).....for so long the efforts of the BBC to (15).....parliamentary matters on television.

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|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1) A likewise   | B at least    | C nevertheless | D as well       |
| 2) A mixture    | B combination | C cross        | D match         |
| 3) A call       | B refer       | C speak        | D submit        |
| 4) A finalise   | B end         | C conclude     | D complete      |
| 5) A take away  | B bring about | C make up      | D set in        |
| 6) A average    | B ordinary    | C normal       | D general       |
| 7) A after all  | B anyway      | C even         | D furthermore   |
| 8) A comes up   | B turns up    | C goes on      | D lets on       |
| 9) A point      | B way         | C matter       | D case          |
| 10) A total     | B broad       | C overall      | D comprehensive |
| 11) A bluntly   | B shortly     | C directly     | D basically     |
| 12) A ages      | B times       | C moments      | D years         |
| 13) A full      | B filled      | C composed     | D comprised     |
| 14) A prevented | B checked     | C defied       | D resisted      |
| 15) A circulate | B beam        | C spread       | D broadcast     |

**2** Complete the collocations in the text by choosing suitable words from the box.

candidate	poll	manifesto	majority	election	line
asylum	campaign	retirement	vote		

Well, it's 9.30 at night, and by now almost everybody has cast their (1) *..vote* ..... Very soon all our questions will be answered. Were the government right to hold the (2) ..... so soon after the so-called 'dash I for cash' scandal, in which certain applicants were apparently granted political (3) ..... in exchange for financial favours? Will the opposition benefit from the decision of ex-Prime Minister David Howe to come out of (4) ..... and stand as a (5) ..... ? Will Mr Howe's famous refusal to toe the party (6) ..... in matters of policy affect party unity? I Will the vicious smear (7) ..... which the government have mounted against Mr Howe backfire on them? Well, all will be revealed pretty soon. Interestingly, an opinion (8) ..... conducted yesterday by 'Express Newspapers' put the government just two per cent ahead, while another, in the 'Daily Mirror', indicated they would be re-elected with an increased (9) ..... According to the latter poll, people felt that the opposition's election (10) ..... was poor and contained nothing new.

**3** Complete each sentence with one of the words from the box.

conventional	diplomatic	oppressed	progressive	rebellious
courteous	notorious	privileged	radical	respectable

- a) If you are *...diplomatic* , you are tactful when dealing with people.
- b) If you are....., you have a good reputation in your community.
- c) If you are....., you are polite.
- d) If you are....., you have extreme or very strong views.
- e) If you are....., you are being ruled unjustly or cruelly.
- f) If you are....., you behave just like everyone else, perhaps too much so.
- g) If you are....., you are against authority and hard to control.
- h) If you are....., you have more advantages than other people.
- i) If you are....., you have gained a bad reputation.
- j) If you are....., you are in favour of new ideas.

4 Complete each sentence with the most appropriate word from the box.

survey      bill      council      motion      power      authorities      cabinet  
 mayor      poll      reign

- a) Mr Bradly has been elected ...mayor. ..... of Greenswold for the third time.
- b) The government has introduced a ..... outlining its plans for the coal industry.
- c) Hello, I'm conducting a ..... about leisure habits.
- d) According to the latest opinion ....., the National Party are well ahead of their nearest rivals, the Co-operative Party.
- e) Although there is an elected assembly, it is generally recognised that General Domenico wields the real .....
- f) There is a locally elected ..... which has responsibility for roads, street lighting, and other facilities.
- g) The king enjoyed a long ....., and was eventually succeeded by his son, George.
- h) The ..... were slow to take control of the situation after the earthquake.
- i) The Leader of the Opposition proposed a ..... of no confidence in the government.
- j) The Prime Minister called a top-level meeting with the Finance Minister, the Foreign Minister, and other members of the .....

5 Replace the word(s) underlined with the most appropriate word from the box.

abolished      binding      illegal      permitted      restricted      barred  
 compulsory      licensed      required      voluntary

- a) The proprietor is officially allowed to sell alcohol. licensed
- b) The sale of drugs is controlled by law in most countries .....
- c) Education from the age of five is obligatory in Britain .....
- d) Students have been banned from using local pubs since the incident.
- e) The law prohibiting the sale of fruit in the street has been done away with.
- f) For both parties, the terms of this contract are to be obeyed.....
- g) With the application, a passport-sized photograph is necessary.....
- h) Smoking is not allowed in the classroom.....
- i) You don't have to stay after school to help; it's your own decision.
- j) Parking in this street is not allowed on weekdays at certain times. .

**6 Match the words from the box with the explanations.**

ambassador	delegate	patriot	ringleader	terrorist
chairperson	minister	president	sovereign	traitor

- a) This person may be the elected head of state. ....
- b) This person is responsible for a government department. ....
- c) This person leads others to make trouble. ....
- d) This person represents their country abroad. ....
- e) This person loves their country. ....
- f) This person represents others at a meeting or conference. ....
- g) This person betrays their country. ....
- h) This person may be the head of state by birth. ....
- i) This person uses violence rather than the political system for political ends.
- j) This person is the head of a formal meeting.

**7 Complete the spaces by finding one word which fits in all three sentences.**

- a) Channel 4 will, as ever, be ..following... the election as it happens.  
The Prime Minister was accused of ..following.... a disastrous economic policy.  
Coverage of the sport is postponed ..following.... the sudden death of President Gonzales.
- b) It remains to be seen whether Signer Riva.....a controlling interest in his business empire if he becomes Prime Minister.  
As legal executor in this matter, Mr Tomlinson.....the right to claim compensation costs.  
And it's gold! Muller.....the title which he won in Sydney.
- c) Yesterday's poll shows a significant.....of public opinion away from the Democrats.  
Workmen came to remove the faulty.....from the park.  
I've only been here for two days, so I haven't quite got back into the .....of things yet.
- d) The.....to ban fox hunting was rejected by five votes.  
And now we'll see the goal again in slow.....  
The constant swaying.....of the ship made Jan feel sea sick.
- e) You can rely on the Prime Minister to take.....of the situation.  
A new.....measure has been announced to stem the tide of illegal immigrants flooding the country.  
The police were accused of heavy-handed crowd.....tactics.

Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Keeping fit and staying healthy have, not (1) ..D....., become a growth (2).....Quite apart from the amount of money spent each year on doctors' prescriptions and private medical (3)....., huge sums are now spent on health foods and remedies of various kinds, from vitamin pills to mineral water, not to mention health clubs and keep-fit books and videos. We are more concerned than ever, it seems, about the water we drink and the air we breathe. But accidents can still befall even the fittest and most health-conscious of us. One of my friends, who is a keep-fit (4)....., a non-smoker and teetotaler, and who is very (5)..... about what he eats, is at present languishing in bed

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|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1) A strangely | B unusually  | C evidently | D surprisingly |
| 2) A business  | B industry   | C trade     | D commerce     |
| 3) A attention | B curing     | C treatment | D therapy      |
| 4) A fanatic   | B activist   | C extremist | D militant     |
| 5) A singular  | B particular | C special   | D peculiar     |
| 6) A torn      | B scraped    | C grazed    | D sprained     |

2 Underline the most appropriate word in each sentence.



- After I drank a cup of black coffee I felt wide *awake/awoken/woken*.
- These tablets may make you feel *dazed/dozy/drowsy* so don't drive.
- I've been working for twelve hours and I feel *exhausting/tiresome/worn out*.
- The doctor said I was *all in/run down/stale* and gave me some vitamins.
- Bill's father is *impaired/handicapped/invalid*, and needs a wheelchair to get around.
- After walking for miles over the mountains, my feet were *limp/sore/sprained*.
- Ann needs a holiday. She has been under a lot of *depression/pain/stress* lately.
- The authorities are worried about the increase in drug *abuse/disuse/misuse*.
- I told the doctor that climbing the stairs left me *catching/gasping/panting* for breath,
- Mary spent a week in bed with a/an *attack/case/outbreak* of rheumatism.

**Complete each space with a word formed from the words in capitals.**

Text 1

Bottled water is expensive, unreliable and has no health benefits - at least, that's the view of Water Board chief Bill Tyson. To

(1) ..*highlight*.....what good value for money ordinary tap water still represents, Tyson is running a campaign promoting good old-fashioned tap water and, by implication, criticising bottled water. He claims that there is little to (2)..... DIFFER bottled water from tap water, since there are often discrepancies between the added mineral (3).....of bottled water and what's on the label. Furthermore, he claims some bottled water (4).....are blended from several sources and might even contain tap water. The exaggerated claims made by bottled water manufacturers are 'nothing short of (5).....', he added. HIGH CONTAIN PRODUCE SCANDAL

Text 2

My interest in alternative medicine began when I learned

(6).....techniques to help overcome stress. I was a student in those days, and I became fascinated by the idea of maintaining harmony and flow of healthy energy in the body. Now I'm a fully qualified homeopathic (7)....., and I work on the fundamental principle that illness is caused by (8).....in the body. The remedies I prescribe aim to restore this balance. And contrary to (9).....belief, homeopathy is based on very sound (10).....principles. RELAX PRACTICE BALANCE PEOPLE SCIENCE

**4 Seven people are talking about their medical experiences. Complete the spaces. The first letter of each space is given.**

**a) David**

When I was playing football, I broke my ankle and was carried off the pitch on a **stretcher**.....I was taken to c....., where the doctor put a p.....cast on my leg. For the next two months I needed c.....to get around with.

**b) Maria**

I'm a hospital p.....You'll see me pushing trolleys or wheelchairs, or carrying supplies from one department to another. Typically, I collect people who've just come out of s....., where they've had an o....., and take them to their w....., where they stay and recover.

**c) Sue**

I was s.....on the hand by a wasp, which may sound no big deal, but I'm a.....to such things. The doctor gave me some cream and put my arm in a s.....She said I should keep the hand exposed to the air rather than put a p.....on it.

**d) Kath**

I've never been fat, but recently I noticed I was getting a bit f.....round the waist, and I happened to read an article that said I was 10 kilos o.....for my height, age and build. I wish I was 16 again. I had a lovely f.....at that age. Now I really have to be selective about what I eat, although I don't believe in d.....

**e) Clara**

I've been having problems sleeping at night, and the doctor d.....me as suffering from i.....It leaves me tired and dizzy during the day. Last week I actually f.....at work, and my colleagues had to give me smelling salts to bring me r.....

**f) Bob**

I've been having toothache and imagined I'd need to have a f.....at the dentist's. But when I went to get it checked out, she said the tooth would have to be e.....Well, after it was all over and the i.....had worn off, I was in a.....for two days and had to have painkillers.

**g) Hanna**

I am e.....a baby in April. I quite like being p....., although I have experienced a lot of morning sickness. Also I get strange c.....for certain foods, like I suddenly urgently need a banana or chocolate on toast. I can't say I'm looking forward to actually giving b...

**S Match each sentence (a-j) with an explanation (1-10).**

- a) I nodded. .9. . . . . 1 I moved my eyebrows together to show disapproval.
- b) I chuckled. . . . . 2 I laughed uncontrollably, in a silly way.
- c) I grinned. . . . . 3 I looked with wide-open eyes at the same place for several moments.
- d) I shook my head . . . . . 4 I laughed quietly under my breath.
- e) I scowled. . . . . 5 I opened my mouth uncontrollably to show boredom or tiredness.
- f) I giggled. . . . . 6 I gave a large smile.
- g) I yawned. . . . . 7 I moved my head from side to side meaning 'no'.
- h) I frowned. . . . . 8 I made a threatening expression with my lips.
- i) I choked. . . . . 9 I moved my head up and down meaning 'yes'.
- j) I stared. . . . . 10 I had trouble breathing because my throat was blocked.

**O Replace the words underlined in each sentence with one of the words from the box.**

crawling      hobbling      marching      staggering      tiptoeing  
 dashing      limping      rambling      strolling      wandering

- a) I really enjoy walking for pleasure in the countryside.
- b) After about six months babies start moving about on their hands and knees.
- c) My sister was walking on the front part of her foot so as to make no noise along the corridor. ....
- d) The injured player began walking with one leg more easily than the other off the pitch. ....
- e) The drunken man was moving unsteadily from one side of the street to the other. ....
- f) Nowadays soldiers have motorised transport and do little moving on foot.
- g) There is nothing more pleasant than walking in a leisurely manner along the sea front. ....
- h) I've been moving very rapidly backwards and forwards all day and I'm exhausted. ....
- i) When I visit a new town I like walking with no particular purpose around looking at the sights. ....
- j) I wasn't used to so much walking, and ended up moving with difficulty home, with blisters on both feet. ....

Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Over the past fifty years or so, the methods used for collecting money from the public to (1) ..!?......the developing world have changed out of all recognition, along with the gravity of the problems (2)....., and the increasing awareness among the population that something must be done. At the beginning of this period, it would have been common to put money in a collecting box, perhaps on the street or at church. The 1960s saw the (3).....of shops which sold second-hand goods, donated by the public, and which also began to sell articles manufactured in the developing world in charitable projects set up to guarantee a fair income to local people. The next development was probably the charity 'event', in which participants were (4).....to run, cycle, swim or what have you, and collected money from friends and relatives (5).....how far or long they managed to keep going. The first hint of what was to become the most successful means of (6).....money was the charity record, where the artists donated their time and talent, and the (7).....from the sales went to a good (8).....This was perhaps a (9).....of the fact that young people felt increasingly concerned about the obvious differences between life in Europe and the United States, and that in most of Africa, for example. A feeling of frustration was building up. Why was so little being done? The huge success of Band Aid, and (10).....televised concerts, showed the power of the media, and of music in particular, to inspire and shock. It differed significantly in style from other events. People phoned up in their thousands on the day and pledged money by (11).....their credit card numbers. (12)....., if you have enough money to buy CDs, you can afford something for the world's starving children.

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|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1) A finance       | B aid          | C pay               | D loan        |
| 2) A faced         | B covered      | C opposed           | D approached  |
| 3) A occurrence    | B entrance     | C happening         | D advent      |
| 4) A supported     | B funded       | C sponsored         | D promoted    |
| 5) A in as much as | B according to | C with reference to | D as regards  |
| 6) A increasing    | B lifting      | C boosting          | D raising     |
| 7) A produce       | B proceeds     | C receipts          | D returns     |
| 8) A agency        | B enterprise   | C cause             | D movement    |
| 9) A consideration | B reflection   | C view              | D display     |
| 10) A subsequent   | B consequent   | C attendant         | D relevant    |
| 11) A mentioning   | B quoting      | C affirming         | D recalling   |
| 12) A Anyway       | B After all    | C Although          | D At any rate |

**2 Both options make sense. Underline the one which forms a common collocation.**

- a) Many small houses and huts were *flooded away/washed away* when the river burst its banks.
- b) Poor farming methods are responsible for soil *devaluation/erosion* in many areas of sub-Saharan Africa.
- c) During the earthquake, many people were *buried/covered* alive.
- d) The forest fire left a wide area of the mountainside blackened and *ablaze/smouldering*.
- e) Villagers are hoping for rain this month after nearly a year of *dry weather/drought*.
- f) Before the hurricane struck, many people were *evacuated/shifted* to higher ground.
- g) Thousands of children in the famine-stricken area are suffering from *malnutrition/undernourishment*.
- h) Heavy snow has fallen in the mountains and many villages have been *blocked out/cut off* for the past two days.
- i) The Aids *epidemic/plague* is having serious effects in some countries,
- j) Many small islands in the Indian Ocean are threatened by rising sea *waters/levels*.

**3 Complete each sentence with a word formed from the word in capitals.**

- a) The country's energy ...consumption-.... is some 30% higher CONSUME  
than a decade ago. At the same time we have seen an increase  
in the use of.....energy sources such as wind RENEW  
power and solar power.
- b) An entire month's average.....hit Bilbao RAIN  
yesterday, while across the border in France, it's the opposite  
problem. The recent lack of rain is likely to lead to  
water.....in some areas. SHORT
- c) The oil spill was described as 'an.....disaster'. ECOLOGY  
It is thought likely to affect.....within a WILD  
about 20-mile radius.
- d) Numerous species face.....if nothing is done EXTINCT  
the problem of ..... FOREST
- e) Many.....products, such as cleaning liquids HOUSE  
and bleach, contain.....chemicals. HARM

**4 Complete each sentence with the most appropriate word formed from one of the words or part words from the box.**

burdened      estimated      lying      populated      rated      crowded  
 joyed      nourished      privileged      simplified

- a) Many countries with high birth rates are seriously over. populated
- b) I'm afraid I think President Lawson's contribution to reducing global famine has been over.....
- c) When the United Nations relief supplies arrived, the people were over.....
- d) The government has seriously under.....the gravity of the situation in drought-stricken areas.
- e) Those who say that developing countries simply need more money have over.....the problem.
- f) Most of the children in the camp were seriously under.....
- g) Most third world economies are already over.....with foreign debt.
- h) Those of us who live in prosperous countries should try and help the under.....peoples of the developing world.
- i) The refugee camps are now seriously over.....and more blankets and food are needed,
- j) Sending aid to countries may help in the short term, but the under.....causes of the problem must also be tackled.

**5 Replace the words underlined in each sentence with the adjectives from the box.**

densely      illiterate      inadequate      sparsely      urban      essential  
 impoverished      rural      wealthy

- a) In many countries, there is a drift of population from country areas to the cities.      rural.
- b) Education is desperately needed in many countries where a high percentage of the population is unable to read and write.....
- c) Remote villages usually lack basic services such as piped water and electricity.
- d) Rich people often find it hard to understand how the poor become poor.
- e) The mountain region of the country is thinly populated.....
- f) Many poor nations can no longer afford to run schools and hospitals.
- g) Poor immigrants often end up living in shanty towns in city areas.....
- h) In thickly populated areas, unemployment may be a cause of poverty.
- i) The diet of most children in this area is poor.....

**6 In the following texts, complete each space with a word formed from the word in capitals.**

Text 1

With (1) *.humanitaria.* aid now pouring into the country, HUMAN charitable agencies are still struggling to cope in a country where day to day life is a struggle for (2).....In EXIST some areas agency workers have encountered (3).....RESIST to their efforts from government forces. Meanwhile, in an attempt to (4).....the economy, the Government STABLE has (5).....the currency for the third time this year. VALUE

Text 2

The United Nations has not ruled out the possibility of military (6)....., although it is still hopeful of achieving a INTERVENE settlement by (7).....means. The Secretary General DIPLOMACY roundly condemned the President's policy of ethnic (8)....., and also criticised him for spending a CLEAN (9).....amount of his country's money on weapons. PROPORTION This follows last week's 'reminder' to the President that (10).....is now universally illegal, a fact he SLAVE continues to ignore.

**7 Match the words from the box to the explanations.**

recycling    charity    organic    irrigation    subsidy    negotiation  
self-sufficiency    immunisation

- a) This is the settling of a dispute through discussion. *..negotiation*
- b) This is the ability of a country or person to support themselves without outside help.....
- c) This is a means of protecting people against some diseases.....
- d) This is food that is grown without the use of chemical fertilisers.....
- e) This is the collection of raw materials so that they can be used again.
- f) This is money used by a government to lower the prices of e.g. basic foods.
- g) This is a system of distributing water to places which need it for agriculture.
- h) This is an organisation which collects money from the public and uses it to help people in need.....

Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Interpreting the feelings of other people is not always easy, as we all know, and we (1) ...B...as much on what they seem to be telling us, as on the (2)..... words they say. Facial (3).....and tone of voice are obvious ways of showing our (4).....to something, and it may well be that we unconsciously (5).....views that we are trying to hide. The art of being tactful lies in (6).....these signals, realising what the other person is trying to say, and acting so that they are not embarrassed in any way. For example, we may understand that they are (7).....reluctant to answer our question, and so we stop pressing them. Body movements in general may also (8).....feelings, and interviewers often (9).....particular attention to the way a candidate for a job walks into the room and sits down. However, it is not difficult to present the right kind of appearance, while what many employers want to know relates to the candidate's character (10)....., and psychological stability. This raises the (11).....question of whether job candidates should be asked to complete psychological tests, and the further problem of whether such tests actually produce (12).....results. For many people, being asked to take part in such a test would be an objectionable (13).....into their private lives. Quite (14).....from this problem, can such tests predict whether a person is likely to be a (15).....employee or a valued colleague?

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|------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1) A estimate    | B rely           | C reckon       | D trust         |
| 2) A other       | B real           | C identical    | D actual        |
| 3) A looks       | B expression     | C image        | D manner        |
| 4) A view        | B feeling        | C notion       | D reaction      |
| 5) A express     | B declare        | C exhibit      | D utter         |
| 6) A taking down | B putting across | C picking up   | D going over    |
| 7) A at least    | B above all      | C anyhow       | D in fact       |
| 8) A display     | B indicate       | C imply        | D infer         |
| 9) A have        | B show           | C make         | D pay           |
| 10) A quirks     | B mannerisms     | C traits       | D points        |
| 11) A awkward    | B risky          | C unpleasant   | D touchy        |
| 12) A faithful   | B regular        | C reliable     | D predictable   |
| 13) A invasion   | B intrusion      | C infringement | D interference  |
| 14) A different  | B apart          | C away         | D except        |
| 15) A pedantic   | B particular     | C laborious    | D conscientious |

**2 Underline the most suitable word in each sentence.**

- a) As there is little hope of being rescued, I have *abandoned/decided/resigned* myself to the worst.
- b) Tom didn't believe us, and it took a long time to *convince/establish/confirm* him.
- c) I *define/regard/suppose* this project as the most important in my career.
- d) In *my point of view/viewpoint/view*, this plan will not work.
- e) Are you *aware/conscious/knowledgeable* that £10,000 has gone missing?
- f) I haven't the faintest *sense/notion/opinion* of what you are talking about.
- g) Mr Smith has appointed his best friend as the new director! It's a clear case of *favouritism/prejudice/subjectivity*.
- h) Your new boyfriend *recollects/remembers/reminds* me of a cousin of mine.
- i) Sue just can't stop thinking about football! She is *biased/concerned/obsessed* with her local team!
- j) I just can't understand the *attitude/manner/mentality* of people who are cruel to animals.

**3 Match the most appropriate opening sentence (a-j) with each expression with 'feel' (1-10).**

- a) So, looking back, would you say you enjoyed your stay in Britain? ... 5...
  - b) Phew! I can't keep up with you any more.....
  - c) Did the anaesthetic hurt?.....
  - d) If it's any consolation,.....
  - e) Well, just make yourself at home while you're waiting.....
  - f) It's going to rain.....
  - g) She's a very sensitive girl.....
  - h) Now just relax and remember what I told you.....
  - i) You should be really pleased with your daughter, Mrs Owen.....
  - j) I'm really sorry I had to take this decision.....
- 1 Feel free to have some tea or coffee.
  - 2 Dawn clearly has a feel for languages.
  - 3 I can feel it in my bones.
  - 4 You'll soon get the feel of it.
  - 5 I have mixed feelings about it.
  - 6 I hope you have no hard feelings about it.
  - 7 I don't want to hurt her feelings.
  - 8 No, I didn't feel a thing!
  - 9 I'm starting to feel my age.
  - 10 I know just how you feel.

appreciate      follow      mislead      ~~put~~      utter      express  
 imply      plead      spot      wonder

- a) I don't know how to ..put ..... this, but I'm afraid the money has gone!
- b) Could you say that again? I didn't quite ..... you.
- c) I would ..... it if you could help me with this job.
- d) I was so flabbergasted that I couldn't ..... a single word.
- e) I simply said we had lost the order. I didn't ..... that it was your fault.
- f) I was so overwhelmed that I just couldn't ..... my feelings.
- g) Whenever I ask you about damage to the car, you always ..... ignorance.
- h) I ..... that you can get up at 6.00 after what you did last night.
- i) Most of the clues in a detective story are there to ..... the reader.
- j) Did you ..... the deliberate mistake on page two?

**5 Choose the most appropriate ending (1-10) to complete the expressions to do with 'thinking'.**

- a) It's just a thought, but maybe ..... 6. ....
  - b) I'll give it some thought .....
  - c) Am I right in thinking .....
  - d) He thinks very highly of you .....
  - e) On second thoughts, .....
  - f) That's all I can think of .....
  - g) That's a thought! .....
  - h) I thought as much! .....
  - i) I've thought long and hard about it .....
  - j) Sorry, I wasn't thinking straight .....
- 1 ... so don't break his heart!
  - 2 ... and I've decided not to accept.
  - 3 ... and get back to you tomorrow.
  - 4 I've put the wrong date on it.
  - 5 David has taken the car again without my permission!
  - 6 ... you could go by train.
  - 7 ... you used to live in Manchester?
  - 8 ... at the moment.
  - 9 ... perhaps I'd better do it after all.
  - 10 Yes, maybe I should do that.

6 Replace the words underlined with the most appropriate word from the box.

cherished    dreaded    mourned    regretted    resented    deplored  
loathed    offended    reproached    stressed

- a) Peter was very sorry about leaving his old job. ..\$\$\$\$N&...
- b) The Prime Minister said he strongly disapproved of the behaviour of the demonstrators.....
- c) Lily felt bitter about the fact that everyone had been promoted except her.
- d) David felt extremely worried about visiting the dentist.....
- e) Sally held very dear the memory of her childhood in the country.
- f) Neil grieved for the death of his mother and father for many weeks.
- g) I am sorry if I hurt the feelings of your sister.....
- h) Brenda really felt a strong dislike for her new boss.....
- i) Our teacher laid emphasis on the importance of regular study.
- j) Jim strongly criticised me for not doing my fair share of the work.

**Complete the spaces by finding one word which fits in all three spaces.**

- a) Let's go down to the river. It's a really nice *...spot.....* for a picnic.  
I'm afraid I'm going to be late. I'm having a *...spot.....* of bother with my car.  
The evening in Blackpool was the only bright *...spot.....* in an otherwise disappointing holiday.
- b) I'm so tired I'm finding it difficult to keep my.....on my work.  
If you can cast your.....back to lesson two, you'll remember we were talking about body posture.  
My daughter is very ill, so I've got a lot on my.....right now.
- c) Perhaps I could talk to you later in private - it's a personal.....  
It's only a.....of time before the city falls to the rebels.  
Dealing with problems like that is all just a.....of being firm.
- d) It's very upsetting news, as she was a very.....friend.  
It's rather.....for me - haven't you got anything cheaper?  
As the boat lurched from side to side, we held on for.....life.
- e) Police suspect that the shopkeeper had a.....in the robbery.  
Come on, concentrate on the job in.....and don't get distracted.  
Never ever raise your.....against me again!

1 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

I was reading an advert for a mobile phone the other day, which described the aforesaid object as an 'aid to (1) ...D....'. As a techno-phobe who does not possess a mobile phone, still less an on-line connection, I was intrigued by the astonishing presumptuousness of this claim. For the (2).....reason I do not have a mobile phone is that I don't want to be at someone else's beck and (3).....24 hours a day. But apparently there are plenty of sane adults out there who do. In fact I know plenty of people who bought their phone on the (4).....understanding that it was to be used for emergencies only. But the insidious thing gradually took over their lives, to the (5).....where it seems they can barely live without it. Giving a mobile phone to a child makes even less sense. Parents lose their freedom and the children lose the ability to (6).....for *u*lemselves.

- |              |             |           |               |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1) A ease    | B handiness | C utility | D convenience |
| 2) A sheer   | B perfect   | C very    | D utter       |
| 3) A cry     | B ring      | C need    | D call        |
| 4) A strict  | B absolute  | C severe  | D precise     |
| 5) A mark    | B point     | C spot    | D position    |
| 6) A support | B keep      | C fend    | D sustain     |

2 Complete each sentence with one of the words from the box.

appliance	component	equipment	gadget	manual
automation	<del>contraption</del>	experiment	machinery	overhaul

- What a peculiar **contraption** ..... ! What on earth is that for?
- A washing-machine is probably the most useful household .....
- We will have to order a new.....to replace the damaged one.
- The noise of.....filled the factory and nearly deafened me.
- I can't make this computer work. Let's read the.....again.
- Scientists in this laboratory are conducting an interesting.....
- When.....is introduced, the number of workers will be reduced.
- Do you like this new.....I bought for peeling potatoes?
- Every six months the nuclear reactor needs a complete.....
- My brother has a shop selling photographic.....

In most lines of this text there is either a spelling or punctuation error. Write the correctly spelled word, or show the correct punctuation. Indicate correct lines with a tick.

When faced with some new and possibly bewildering technological change, most people react, in one of two ways. They either recoil from anything new, claiming that it is unnecessary, or too complicated or that it somehow makes life less personal. Or they learn to adapt to the new invention, and eventually wonder, how they could possibly have existed without it. Take computers as an example, for many of us, they still represent a threat to our freedom, and give us a frightening sense of a future in which all decisions will be taken by machines. This may be because they seem misterious, and difficult to understand. Ask most people, what you can use a home computer for, and you usually get vauge answers about how 'they give you information'. In fact, even those of us who are familiar with computers' and use them in our dayly work, have very little idea of how they actually work? But it does not take long to learn how to operate a bussiness programme, even if things occasionally go wrong for no apparant reason. Presumably much the same happened when the telephone and the television became widespred. What seems to alarm most people is the speed of technological change, rather than change itself. And the objections that are maid to new technology may well have a point to them, since change is not always an improvement. As we discover during power cuts there is a lot to be said for the oil lamp, the cole fire, and forms of entertainment, such as books or board games, that dont have to be plugged in to work.

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**Match each problem (a-j) with a solution (1-10).**

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| a) The door squeaks. ..4.....   | 1 It needs servicing.      |
| b) The battery is dead.....   | 2 It needs tightening.     |
| c) The pencil is blunt.....   | 3 It needs painting.       |
| d) The screw is coming loose.....   | 4 It needs oiling.         |
| e) My watch has stopped.....  | 5 It needs re-programming. |
| f) The car seat is too far back.....                                      | 6 It needs recharging.     |
| g) The light bulb is flickering.....                                      | 7 It needs sharpening.     |
| h) The car's got a few things wrong with it..... ,                        | 8 It needs winding up.     |
| i) The wall looks very bare.....  | 9 It needs adjusting.      |
| j) The TV isn't picking up the signals.....<br>from the video recorder. . | 10 It needs replacing.     |

**5 In the following texts, complete each space with a word or compound word formed from the word in capitals.**

Text 1

(1) *..installation..* of your new energy-efficient domestic gas boiler is free of charge, and will be performed within 5 days of payment. Regular (2).....from a qualified engineer is advised. The system comes with an (3)..... cover, which can be kept fully extended or half down. The cover must be completely removed for repairs to be carried out. As with all (4).....equipment, please exercise great care if you are attempting to repair the (5).....yourself.

INSTALL  
MAINTAIN  
ADJUST  
ELECTRIC  
APPLY

Text 2

Attach the rotating motor to the (6).....lead-pipe. Screw the motor down into place. If the motor does not engage, remove it and (7).....the lead-pipe. All engineers installing or repairing this machinery must observe all necessary (8).....precautions. This includes the wearing of goggles, masks and other (9)..... equipment. For instructions on how to remove the outlet valve, please refer to the (10).....described on page 28 of this manual.

CYLINDER  
TIGHT  
SAFE  
PROTECT  
PROCEED

**6 Underline the most appropriate word in each sentence.**

- a) The hair-drier is fitted with a three point *cable/pjug/socket*.
- b) Don't touch that wire! It's *live/lively/living*.
- c) This small vacuum cleaner is *motivate/powered/run* by batteries.
- d) The set wouldn't work because there was a faulty *connection/'joint/link*.
- e) I can't use my drill here. The *lead/plug/wire* isn't long enough.
- f) Turn off the mains first in case you get a/an *impact/jolt/shock*.
- g) Oh dear the lights have gone off! The *cable/fuse/safety* must have gone,
- h) Can you lend me that cassette? I want to *record/transcribe/write* it.
- i) The appliance is powered by a small electric *engine/machine/motor*.
- j) Jim has just started work as an *electrical/electricity/electrician* engineer,
- k) The electrician twisted the wires together using a pair of *hammers/chisels/pliers*.
- l) I buy coffee beans and put them in a *grinder/mixer/blender*.
- m) The good thing about this knife is that the *blade/point/edge* can be replaced
- n) I can't undo this nut. I need a larger *bolt/screwdriver/spanner*.

Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best completes each collocation or fixed phrase.

The quality of life these days is something most of us take for (1) ..C.....It takes some radically different experience to (2).....this fact home to people. In my (3)....., it was spending three weeks aboard a yacht with twelve other people, competing in a major sailing race. Although I was officially a guest, it was made clear to me from the start that there was to be no room for passengers, and that I'd have to (4)..... my weight. For the first few nights, none us was able to sleep for more than a couple of hours at a (5).....before being rudely awoken by an aggressive command. Then we'd do physically exhausting work in total darkness. Every few minutes we'd be completely soaked to the (6).....by a large wave we couldn't see coming. I shared sleeping (7).....with six other women, with barely enough room to stretch my legs. Soon I found myself (8).....for my comfortable sheets back home, a hot chocolate and a warm bath.

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|---------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1) A given    | B accepted | C granted     | D read       |
| 2) A bring    | B push     | C sweep       | D carry      |
| 3) A example  | B instance | C case        | D experience |
| 4) A offer    | B move     | C use         | D pull       |
| 5) A piece    | B time     | C period      | D moment     |
| 6) A flesh    | B skin     | C bones       | D toes       |
| 7) A quarters | B premises | C dormitories | D digs       |
| 8) A desiring | B yearning | C dreaming    | D craving    |

2 Both options make sense. Underline the one which forms a common collocation.

- We advertised the house widely but only a *handful/minority* of people have shown any interest.
- The surgeon told Sam that the operation had been only a *minor/partial* success.
- The amount of parking space available here is no longer *adequate/passable*.
- Sue has already written the *bulk/mass* of her third novel.
- You have to use a magnifying glass to see some of the *miniature/minute* details.
- I am glad to report that the company has made a *large-scale/sizeable* profit.
- There has been quite a *dearth/want* of good biographies this year.
- I suppose I have had a *fair/good* amount of experience in making speeches.
- We can't afford such a lavish party with the *limited/narrow* means available.
- There is really a *wide/vast* difference between the two plans.

3 Complete each sentence with the most appropriate verb from the box.

augmented  
contracted

declined  
diminished

dwindled  
enlarged

extended  
faded

reduced  
spread

- a) The old railway line has been *..extended...* as far as the new airport.
- b) In an effort to increase sales, prices will be.....for a short period.
- c) Hope has now.....for the two climbers missing since last Friday.
- d) Helen.....her small salary by making shrewd share dealings.
- e) The school playground has been.....by the addition of the old garden.
- f) Unfortunately the fire has now.....to neighbouring buildings.
- g) The team's enthusiasm was not at all.....by their early setbacks.
- h) As a seaside resort, Mudford has.....a lot since its heyday in the 1920s.
- i) The company has.....in size, and now employs only 300 people.
- j) The number of students attending the class.....until only two remained.

4 Add a suitable comment, from the same speaker, to sentences a-j. Choose from 1-10.

- a) United are much better than City. *..4. ....*
- b) You threw the ball before I was ready.....
- c) These wines taste just the same to me.....
- d) Why don't I pick you up at the house?.....
- e) Why bother waiting here when we've missed the last bus?.....
- f) Congratulations on your promotion.....
- g) The hotel we are staying in is a bit disappointing.....
- h) There's no food in this cupboard.....
- i) Pauline has got a new Benson 500.....
- j) Our product is without doubt the best on the market.....

- 1 Personally, I don't think much of it.
- 2 It would be less bother.
- 3 It doesn't count.
- 4 There's no comparison.
- 5 None whatsoever.
- 6 I can't tell the difference.
- 7 It has no equal.
- 8 It doesn't come up to expectations.
- 9 It's pointless.
- 10 You deserve it.

**5 Complete each space in the text with a word formed from the words in capitals.**

Ask any adult over forty to make a (1) *...comparison...* between COMPARE  
 the past and the present and most will tell you that things have  
 been getting steadily worse for as long as they can remember.  
 Take the weather for example. Everyone remembers that in their  
 (2).....the summers were considerably hotter, YOUNG  
 and that winter always included (3)..... ABOUND  
 falls of snow just when the school holidays had started.  
 Of course, the food in those days was far superior too, as nothing  
 was imported and everything was fresh. (4)..... EMPLOY  
 was negligible, the money in your pocket really was worth  
 something, and you could buy a (5).....house even SIZE  
 if your means were limited. And above all, people were somehow  
 nicer in those days, and spent their free time on innocent  
 (6).....making model boats and tending their PURSUE  
 stamp (7).....rather than gazing at the television COLLECT  
 screen for hours on end. As we know, this figure of the past simply  
 cannot be true, and there are plenty of statistics dealing with health  
 and (8).....which prove that it is not true. So, why PROSPER  
 is it that we all have a (9).....to idealise the past TEND  
 and to be so (10).....of the present? CRITICISE

**6 Replace the words underlined in each sentence with the most appropriate word or phrase from the box.**

are not alike completely different similar nothing exactly the same as  
 is not as good as we had hoped calculated in relation to

- a) There is no equivalent to this word in any other language.  
*...nothing exactly the same as...*
- b) I am afraid that your sales performance has fallen short of expectations.
- c) These two cars are almost alike.
- d) The problem can be divided into two distinct parts.
- e) Although they are based on the same novel, the two films differ.
- f) The salary given will be commensurate with experience.

7 Complete each sentence with the most appropriate adjective from the box.

abundant      excessive      lavish      middling      potential      ample  
 inferior      major      negligible      superior

- a) The guests were impressed by the **..lavish**.....scale of the banquet.
- b) Water is.....in this part of the country, owing to the heavy rainfall.
- c) Make a list of.....clients, and then send them our brochure.
- d) Response to our sales campaign was only....., which was a little bit disappointing.
- e) The government was accused of making.....demands on the taxpayers.
- f) There is no need to rush. We have.....time before the meeting.
- g) Since winning the pools, Helen and Joe have moved to a..... neighbourhood.
- h) There's no need to take the car to a garage. The damage is.....
- i) The signing of the peace treaty was an event of.....importance.
- j) Just because you don't have your own desk in the office, you needn't feel

8 Replace the word or words underlined in each sentence with the most appropriate word from the box.

altogether      considerably      especially      practically      specifically  
 barely      effectively      moderately      respectively      thoroughly

- a) United are virtually certain of a place in the final after this result. **..practically...**
- b) I'm particularly proud of Jan's contribution to the play.....
- c) Peter says he is utterly fed up with the government.....
- d) Be careful! I can hardly, walk!.....
- e) After finishing the decorating I felt completely exhausted.....
- f) Classes 3 and 4 scored 10 points and 15 points each in that order.
- g) I am fairly satisfied with the results so far.....
- h) Since the revolution, the army has to all intents and purposes run the country. ....
- i) We have been greatly heartened by the news from the surgeon in charge.
- j) I told you clearly and definitely not to write your answers in pencil, Smith!



Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best completes each collocation or fixed phase.

A report on the notorious Fiveways School, visited recently by government (1) *..B.....*, was published yesterday. The report (2).....inadequate strategic planning, poor (3).....of teaching, and semi-derelict building conditions as being largely to blame for the problems at Fiveways, the school branded 'the worst in Europe'. Our reporters entered the school by (4).....arrangement, and witnessed at (5).....hand the chaos that has heaped infamy on the school. On the day of their visit, our reporters learned that one disruptive pupil had been given a 3-week (6).....for punching a teacher in the face. Our reporters saw pupils virtually (7).....riot, throwing stones at passers-by and verbally (8).....a teacher.

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|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1) A authorities | B inspectors  | C controllers | D examiners      |
| 2) A highlights  | B illuminates | C features    | D activates      |
| 3) A measures    | B patterns    | C standards   | D specifications |
| 4) A former      | B earlier     | C preceding   | D prior          |
| 5) A original    | B first       | C immediate   | D direct         |
| 6) A expulsion   | B caution     | C suspension  | D ban            |
| 7) A running     | B going       | C making      | D taking         |
| 8) A harming     | B abusing     | C damaging    | D oppressing     |

2 Complete the extracts from two school reports. Use the words from the box.

half-hearted	respect	mature	distracted	insolent
participated	contributes	applies	concentrate	effort

miu^H

Report 1

Tracey has made a big (1) *..effort.....* this term, showing herself to be very (2).....for her age. She (3).....herself well and (4).....fully to class discussions. She shows a lot of (5)..... towards her teachers.

Report 2

On one occasion Derek was sent home for being (1).....to a teacher. In terms of effort, his work can sometimes be rather (2)..... He is easily (3)..... and finds it hard to (4).....in class. Also he has not (5).....in group work as well as he should.

**3 Both options make sense. Underline the one which forms a common collocation.**

- a) In my country we have to do nine *basic/core* subjects and then we can choose several others.
- b) At this school we put a strong emphasis on *academic/scholarly* achievement.
- c) In my country *bodily/corporal* punishment was abolished 40 years ago.
- d) In my class we had a *helper/support* teacher who assisted pupils with learning difficulties.
- e) On Friday afternoons we had lessons with the *trainee/apprentice* teacher.
- f) In my country we have some end of year tests but most of our marks come from *progressive/continuous* assessment.
- g) At 16 we have the choice of doing more *vocation/employment* oriented courses, such as business studies and accounting.
- h) When I was 15, I had a 2-week work *position/placement* with a local factory.
- i) There were a number of *teenage/child* mothers in my class.
- j) I was expelled from school for *playing/going* truant too many times.

**4 Complete each space in the text with a word formed from the word in capitals.**

Last year I resigned my post as a Head of Department at a large comprehensive school. After 23 years of teaching, I had simply had enough of a job which is becoming increasingly

(1) *..problematic.* . As a Departmental Head, I saw at close hand the effect of the government's increased

PROBLEM

(2).....in educational matters; the job is now ten times more (3).....than it was when I

INVOLVE

BUREAU

started out. Not content with loading teachers down with paperwork, the government has also imposed standard national tests on pupils as young as six, a fact which has left many teachers

(4).....with their profession. But that side of things is by no means all. There is also the growing

ENCHANT

(5).....of the pupils, including the girls.

AGGRESSIVE

There are the frequent little acts of (6).....

RUDE

which teachers have become almost (7).....to stop, now that the right to discipline pupils has been all but taken

POWER

from them. There is the restlessness and sheer (8).....of children brought up on a diet of computer games and violent

BORING

videos. Some people dismiss any link between computer games and a (9).....in attention span, but few of them are

REDUCE

teachers. When I started out, I used to enjoy teaching history,

my chosen discipline, to (10).....pupils; now I do so

RESPECT

every Tuesday evening, teaching local history to pensioners.

Five people are speaking about their learning experiences. Complete each space with a suitable word. The first letter of each space is given.

- a) I've just finished university, although I'll have to go back for my *g.graduation* ceremony in October. So now I'm the proud possessor of a d.....in Modern Languages. At last I can get down to earning some money and paying back my l.....from the government. My friend is luckier than me in this respect - she's off to the States. She has a s.....to study at Yale University.
- b) I was known as a rather naughty, mischievous pupil, and I often used to get s.....out of the lesson or put in d.....after school. Little did the school know, however, that Dad was actually paying me to have extra Maths lessons at home with a private t..... And it paid off, for in my Maths exam, I surprised everyone by getting the top m.....in the class.
- c) I left school without any q....., and with no real job p..... But then I started doing e.....classes at the local f.....education college. And now I'm a mechanic, and delighted with my job!
- d) My problem was exams. I was never any good at them. Classwork fine, exams no go. For my A levels I r.....solidly for three months, but despite all this preparation, I got disappointing g.....: D for Physics, E for Chemistry, and E for Biology. The school suggested that I r.....the exams, but to be honest, I didn't fancy all that studying all over again. But I did win a p.....at Sports Day, for the Senior Boys Long Jump.
- e) When I was 28, I decided I wanted to go back into education, as I was getting more and more interested in English literature. One option was to become a m.....student at a university, but I couldn't afford this full-time commitment. So in the end I signed up for a c.....course, or 'distance learning', as it's called. I sent my essays and a.....to a tutor by post and also communicated with her by e-mail. I had to study English literature from 1300 to the present day, but I chose to s.....in the twentieth-century novel.

Complete the spaces by finding one word which fits in all three sentences.

- a) When we had finished acting, the teacher gave us all a *..mark.....*out of ten.  
 Elka has only been in the office for three months, but already she has really made her *..mark.....*.  
 The teacher told Jeremy off for making a *..mark.....*on Emma's notebook.
- b) We are very pleased with Susan's effort - she.....herself very well to the task in hand.  
 Incidentally, the comment I have just made to Smith.....equally to everybody in this room.  
 I really hope my sister.....for that new job; she'd be so good at it.
- c) I've virtually.....any ambition I ever had of becoming a teacher.  
 I.....out of college after one term and went travelling around the world instead.  
 On police advice, Mr Bortello has.....the charges he brought against his neighbours.
- d) Mr Ross, our old history teacher.....his classes with a rod of iron!  
 The judge.....that Newton had acted in self-defence, and instructed the jury to find him 'not guilty'.  
 Police have not.....out the possibility of murder in this case.
- e) The entire workforce at Holman Avionics downed tools today, in .....of two sacked colleagues.  
 I'll come along to your speech, if you like, and give you some moral

If you need help, put your hand up and I or Mrs Kent, the teacher will come to you.



Word formation has been practised throughout the vocabulary section. This unit gives further practice in greater detail.

**Complete the word in each sentence with *over-* or *under-*.**

- a) The.....under..lying causes of the problem are widely known.
- b) What a terrible film. It's really.....rated in my views.
- c) The first time I tried out my new bike I.....balanced and fell off.
- d) Don't forget to give the door an.....coat as well as a coat of gloss paint.
- e) The bath.....flowed and the water dripped through into the living room.
- f) It is not as easy as all that. I think you are.....simplifying the problem.
- g) I apologise for the delay in sending your order but we are .....staffed at present.
- h) You can get to the other side of the road by going through this .....pass.
- i) The garden has been neglected and was.....grown with weeds.
- j) You should have turned the meat off before. It's.....done now.

**2 Complete each word with either *-able* or *-ible*. Make any necessary spelling changes.**

- a) Brenda's new book is really remark. able .....
- b) I don't find your new colleague very like.....
- c) The pie looked very good, but it wasn't very easily digest.....
- d) That was a really contempt.....way of getting the boss on your side!
- e) I think that anything is prefer.....to having to tell so many lies.
- f) The advantage of these chairs is that they are collapse.....
- g) I do hope that you find your room comfort.....
- h) Why don't you go to the police? It's the sense.....thing to do.
- i) John takes good care of the children and is very response.....
- j) I find your aunt a very disagree.....person I'm afraid.

Complete the word in each sentence by adding an appropriate prefix.

- a) I didn't pay the bill and now the electricity has been ...**DIS**connected.
- b) There is a law against dropping litter, but it is rarely ..... forced.
- c) When the cassette finishes, don't forget to ..... wind it.
- d) I thought the effects in the film were rather ..... done.
- e) The rumours about the minister's death were completely ..... founded.
- f) Anyone with a ..... ability may qualify for a special pension.
- g) I am ..... debted to you for all the help you have given me.
- h) When a currency is ..... valued, it is worth less internationally.
- i) I found the instructions you gave us very ..... leading.
- j) John rents the house and I ..... let a room from him.

Replace the words underlined in each sentence with one word ending in *-ly* and beginning with the letter given.

- a) The country imports every year over two million tons of rice. a **annually**.....
- b) Harry's work has improved a great deal. c .....
- c) By coincidence. I'm driving there myself tomorrow. C
- d) I'll be with you straight away, d .....
- e) The two sisters were dressed in exactly the same way, i
- f) I'm afraid that Carol's writing is quite illegible, a
- g) Tim only understands in a hazy manner what is going on. v
- h) I think that this plan is downright ridiculous! t .....
- i) Diana just wants to know the truth, m .....
- j) The passengers only just escaped with their lives, b

Complete each word with either *in-* or *un-*.

- a) Why are you so ..... in.sensitive to other people's problems?
- b) The garden is divided into two ..... equal parts.
- c) I think you were ..... justified in punishing both boys.
- d) I am afraid that the world is full of ..... justice.
- e) This ticket is ..... valid. You haven't stamped it in the machine.
- f) Thank you for your help. It was ..... valuable.
- g) Quite honestly I find that argument ..... tenable.
- h) The government's ..... action can only be explained as sheer neglect.
- i) The amount of food aid the country has received is quite ..... sufficient.
- j) Her remarks were so rude they were frankly ..... printable.

**6 Make a compound word in each sentence by adding the most appropriate word from the box.**

pour dust flake mare quake hand fire sbift sick goer

- a) We used cushions and blankets as a **make** **shift**.....bed.
- b) I woke up screaming after having a terrible night.....
- c) The house was severely damaged by an earth.....
- d) We got soaked to the skin in a sudden down.....
- e) Don't forget to tell everyone about the meeting before.....
- f) The average theatre.....will find this play incomprehensible.
- g) After six months abroad, Angela was beginning to feel home.....
- h) The floor of the workshop was covered in saw.....and shavings of wood.
- i) The children made a poster based on the shape of a snow.....
- j) The United Nations tried to arrange a cease.....but without success.

**Complete the compound word in each sentence.**

- a) One of the **draw** **.backs**.....of this car is its high petrol consumption.
- b) From the hotel there is a breath.....view across the canyon.
- c) Peter's gambling ability gave him a nice little wind.....of £300.
- d) We always lock the computer in this cupboard, just as a safe.....
- e) If I were you, I'd spend a bit more and buy the hard.....version of the book.
- f) Michael's playboy life.....was the envy of all his friends.
- g) That building has been ear.....for redevelopment by the council.
- h) We cannot take off because the run.....is rather icy.
- i) From my stand....., this would not be a very profitable venture.
- j) There is wide.....dissatisfaction with the government's policies.

**8 Complete the word in each sentence with an appropriate suffix.**

- a) I object strongly to the commercialisation.....of sport.
- b) Skateboarding is no longer very fashion.....in this country.
- c) Don't touch that glass vase?! It's absolutely price.....!
- d) We decided to go to watch some tradition.....dances in the next village.
- e) Helen's uncle turned out to be a really remark.....person.
- f) We have not yet received confirm.....of your telephone booking.
- g) Driving on these mountain roads in winter is a bit hazard.....
- h) I just couldn't put up with his relent.....nagging.
- i) The doctor will be available for a consult.....on Thursday morning,
- j) None of this work has been done properly. Don't you think you have been rather neglect.....?

**9 Complete each space in the text with a word formed from the word in capitals.**

ROMFORD COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Hello all members!

Welcome to another edition of the club newsletter.

A list of (1) *..forthcoming*.....events for the autumn is being prepared. It will be displayed on the club's

COME

(2).....Sadly our intended celebrity guest, the actor George Wells, has had to (3).....from

NOTICE

DRAW

the summer fair. However, we are pleased to announce that we have lined up a (4).....in the shape of Bethan Rogers, the folk-singer.

PLACE

Meanwhile, we are looking for (5).....to help run both the cloakroom and the (6).....stall.

VOLUNTARY

FRESH

If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible.

The cost of (7).....to the fair for non-members has been agreed at £2.50. Members will, of course, be free.

ADMIT

As you know, Professor Byatt, who has been associated with the club for 15 years, is retiring at the end of term. In

(8).....of his support and enthusiasm, we are planning to hold a little (9).....for him.

RECOGNISE

PRESENT

Mrs Byatt has suggested we buy him a gold watch. Please send any (10).....you would like to make to me by Friday 30th.

CONTRIBUTE

Multiple meaning has been practised throughout the vocabulary section. This unit gives further practice in greater detail.

1 Which word(s) from the box could replace the words in **bold** in the sentences?

withdrew    stopped    produced    damaged    told off    succeeded  
started moving    opened    dragged    extracted

- a) The lorry pulled away very slowly because of its heavy load. *..started..moving.*
- b) I think I must have pulled a muscle.....
- c) The man pulled out a gun and aimed it at the bank clerk.....
- d) It was still dark when I pulled back the curtains.....
- e) Surprisingly, when the dentist pulled out my tooth, I didn't feel a thing.
- f) I think it's amazing that Jack pulled it off - I never thought he'd do it.
- g) The United Nations pulled out their troops from the capital.....
- h) Mike was pulled up by his boss for making a joke about the Chairman.
- i) They pulled the heavy sandbag along as it was too heavy to carry.
- j) A police car pulled up outside the Burtons' house.

Decide in which of the following sentences the verb *run* fits correctly.

- a) I'll run your message to John and see what he thinks. *..incorrect*
- b) Would you like me to run you to the bus station?.....
- c) I can't stand all the chlorine in the pool - it makes my eyes run.....
- d) Your home address isn't run correctly in our records.....
- e) They sometimes run an extra train if they know it's going to be busy.
- f) It is thought that the total cost will run 50% higher than the estimate.
- g) Well I'm extremely busy, but, at a run, I might be able to do it for you.
- h) The run of the matter is, we've decided to get married in August.....
- i) My contract still has six months to run.....
- j) Karen hasn't decided yet if she wants to run for the Presidency again this year.....

**3 Which word completes each set of collocations or fixed phrases?**

- a) an instrument *..panel*.....  
 a *.panel*.....of experts  
 a control *..panel*.....  
 a wooden *...panel*.....
- b) a .....ballot  
 a .....agent  
 keep it a.....  
 meet in.....  
 the.....of success
- c) take.....of the situation  
 it's out of.....  
 the.....exchange  
 the.....market
- d) a .....sheet  
 a .....zone  
 only.....will tell  
 long.....no see  
 for the.....being
- e) a.....minder  
 .....abuse  
 .....care facilities  
 a.....prodigy  
 behaving like a.....

**4 Decide which of the following uses of *odd* are correct.**

- a) You come across some very odd characters over here. *correct*
- b) Come on Jack, one odd glass of beer before you leave!.....
- c) It's odd to think that this time yesterday we were on the other side of the world.....
- d) I think this software is odd with my computer.....
- e) I'm getting an odd wind about this - it's all very suspicious.....
- f) Look I can't wear odd socks - everyone will laugh at me.....
- g) The match was mediocre - apart from the odd flash of genius from Lupeto.
- h) Put your odd finger over the hole as you blow.....
- i) Try not to be so odd with your steps - it's supposed to be a slow dance.
- j) The question master tells you three things, and you have to say which is the odd one out.

- 5 Underline the two words which collocate best with the words around the space. Choose from the words in *italic* at the end of each sentence.
- a) Please.....this receipt, as it means we can identify your photographs more quickly, (*maintain/retain/keep*)
  - b) Ok, if you can just.....still while I take the photograph. (*stay/stop/stand*)
  - c) The final.....will be shown here on Channel 3 at 8.30 on Tuesday, (*part/programme/series*)
  - d) The doctor said I had a.....skin condition, (*mild/weak/slight*)
  - e) Her work gives a sense of.....to her life, (*aim/purpose/direction*)
  - f) He even had the.....to ask me to do his photocopies for him. (*cheek/brain/nerve*)
  - g) Thanks to that wretched mosquito, my ankle.....to twice its normal size, (*swelled/grew/rose*)
  - h) I couldn't stand any more, so I left early, but John stayed to the .....end. (*far/very/bitter*)
  - i) Today's not a good day for a meeting. I'm rather.....for time. (*tigh t/pushed/pressed*)
  - j) Come on Elly, concentrate on the game; it's your..... (*turn/go/take*)
- 6 Replace the words in **bold** with one word which fits in all three sentences.
- a) It would **require** a lot of strength to lift that boulder.  
I find his views on foreigners very hard to **accept**.  
I hope the burglars didn't **steal** anything valuable.....take..
  - b) Sue has not really been **challenged** at school this term.  
The pullover **expanded** when I washed it.  
**I reached** out my arm as far as it would go.....
  - c) **I intend** to leave as early as possible.  
**I nominate** Sally Field for the post of Chairperson.  
**I suggest** setting up another meeting for next Thursday.....
  - d) I hope you've got enough **room** to work at that desk.  
There's a large storage **area** under the stairs.  
There's a **place** here for you Emma, if you want to sit down. ....
  - e) Erica thought for a **while** and then dropped the ring over the bridge.  
From that **point** on, their relationship was never quite the same.  
At the last **minute**, they decided to pull out of the competition.....