

C1 Advanced Part 8

1 Read the sentences and choose the correct alternative.

In matching activities, remember that the information in the texts may be expressed differently to the questions so look for...

- a phrases and expressions that are similar in meaning.
- b the same words that are used throughout the text.
- c ways that the text has expressed things in an opposite way.

2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

box • from • motivate • of • optimism • role
• towards

- 1 The ability to think outside the is important when it comes to innovation.
- 2 Sumire's attitude climate change is somewhat old-fashioned.
- 3 It's vital that the younger generation regard the future with
- 4 The businesswoman was considered to be a model for teens.
- 5 Our household is going to abstain using single-use plastic.
- 6 The Head Teacher really does have the ability to her pupils.
- 7 I have no intention eating meat when there are delicious alternatives.

✓ Exam tip

In matching activities, remember that the information in the texts may be expressed differently in the questions. Look for phrases and expressions that are similar in meaning.

3 You are going to read an article in which four people talk about what success in life means to them. For questions 1–10, choose from the articles (A–D). The articles may be chosen more than once.

Which person...

- 1 would like to make a lot of money in their life?
- 2 thinks family time is just as important as work?
- 3 focuses on ambitions they set in their professional life?
- 4 believes happiness is the ultimate goal?
- 5 would like to offer people some company?
- 6 wants to help improve things for future generations?
- 7 is very much driven by setting targets to reach?
- 8 dreams of being able to offer money to help others?
- 9 is impatient to finish work at a young age?
- 10 wants to become a better person as they get older?

What does success mean to you?



A Tom

That's a really good question. I'm not sure I've ever really sat down and thought about that before. I'm pretty satisfied with where I'm at right now. I have a job and good friends who I hang out with. I guess for most people it's about work and achieving their work aims. I'm not sure the same can be said for me. Don't get me wrong, I have every intention of earning as much as I can. It can make your life easier so that's one thing. It also gives you a certain amount of flexibility to do what you want when you want rather than having to do stuff because you have no choice. But once I have what I need I would like to give some of it away to those who are less fortunate. Being able to be generous is a luxury really. I get a bit jealous of philanthropists actually. How nice would it be to have the funds to make a difference to someone else's life? That would be a life well spent in my opinion!

B Freia

That's the million-dollar question, isn't it? When I was growing up my mum sacrificed a lot so we could all go to university. That isn't easy for a single parent with four kids! We were automatically environmentally-friendly as nothing could go to waste and yet we had a loving and safe home. Because of this I think success for me would be on a more professional level. I believe in working hard and becoming the best at whatever career you have – improve and grow as a person through the experiences you have. This counts for work and free time actually. If you are the same person at 50 as you were at 20, you've probably not spent enough time doing this. I think looking at a comparison between who you were and who you are, and even who you want to be, is beneficial. I also have things I want to have achieved by a certain point, like many people. Having these aims helps to motivate me.

C Liam

I can't stand my job to be honest and my wife complains about all the overtime I do, so right now I'd say that early retirement is pretty high on my list. Feeling the pressure to improve at work is something many people aspire to. But not me. There are way more important things in life. I can't imagine putting work above personal contentment for example. I know this is different for everyone but it's just the small things every day that put a smile on your face and make you feel at ease with the world. There's nothing better than that feeling. I do have the ability to see the big picture as well. I know that there are many people who have no one to talk to and this really shouldn't be the case. If I could help ease their loneliness in just a small way, it would be a big accomplishment and I would die happy. It doesn't take a lot to change the world but most people are just too caught up in their own lives to put the time in.

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D Sofia

I'm the kind of person who works hard and plays hard. I do a lot of hours in the office, but when I do get a bit of time with the kids and my partner, I am keen to make the most of it. There's no point working hard if you can't enjoy your down time. It has to balance out or I wouldn't be popular at home. If I had the money to donate to different charities I would, but the fact is I don't. For this reason, I think you can give back in other ways. I try to volunteer when I can and am especially keen on environmental issues. It's hard to approach the future with optimism without tackling issues affecting the planet. You'll often find me cleaning up the beach nearby once a week with some other like-minded people. Doing my bit makes me feel like at least I've tried to leave this world in a better condition than when I found it. Hopefully this attitude will be something my kids take on too.

C1 Advanced Part 3

1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

noun • words • fit • gap

In word-formation tasks, remember to look at the
(a) before and after each
(b) Then decide what form of the
 word would **(c)** in each gap. This
 might be an adjective, adverb, **(d)** or
 verb and so on.

2 Correct the words in bold in sentences 1–6.

- There is no comparison **of** how these two leaders operate.
- I would be suspicious **in** that organisation's recycling methods.
- Having the ability to see the **large** picture is necessary for this project.
- He's a **trailrunner** in this area of scientific study at the university.
- I'm concentrating **for** what I can do to help humanitarian crises overseas.
- Networking **abilities** are almost as important as qualifications in business.

✓ Exam tip

In word-formation tasks, look at the words before and after each gap and decide what form of the word – adjective, adverb, noun, verb etc. – is needed.

3 For questions 1–8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Taking the initiative



Being assertive and completing tasks before you are told to do so is **(0)** *known* as taking the initiative. This approach will serve you well both in your professional life and with your **(1)** (person) goals. At the end of the day, it's about taking **(2)** (responsible) for your own success. The way you do this may be through active listening so you can **(3)** (full) understand a situation. It also comes from cooperation and learning about the **(4)** (strong) and weaknesses of those around you. **(5)** (speak) up about something when you see a problem should be encouraged. A lot of people can see where there are mistakes but few actually **(6)** (verbal) it. Finally, don't be afraid to ask questions. This can avoid **(7)** (understand) at a later stage. Having the courage to flag up issues early on will be appreciated. With any luck, your example will be followed and this will influence your **(8)** (able) to motivate others in your life.