

## Getting meaning across

### 1 Choose the best answer (a, b or c).

- 1 An example of recognising a **social cue** is .....  
 a talking loudly  
 b noticing someone is making eye contact with you  
 c listening to someone
- 2 If someone drops a subtle **hint** that it will be their birthday the next day, they might .....  
 a announce it loudly  
 b sing 'Happy Birthday to Me'  
 c draw a small candle on the day on their calendar
- 3 If the teacher gave a **vague** answer to a student's question, the class would probably feel .....  
 a confused      b satisfied      c exhausted
- 4 When a person **mumbles**, it can be a sign of .....  
 a honesty  
 b a lack of confidence  
 c determination
- 5 If you successfully **interpret** someone's body language, you .....  
 a copy their body language  
 b don't understand how they feel  
 c understand how they feel
- 6 If a friend **drones on** about something, you probably feel .....  
 a bored  
 b happy  
 c interested
- 7 If an artist **conveys** their ideas through their art, they .....  
 a communicate clearly  
 b ignore their audience  
 c hide their point of view
- 8 If someone **implied** that you were not very intelligent, they .....  
 a told you directly  
 b made an indirect comment which seemed to be aimed at you  
 c spread a rumour about you

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## Expressions with *communication* and *voice*

### 2 Complete the dialogues with these words, collocated with *communication* or *voice*.

at the top of your • breakdown in • face-to-face  
 in regular • lower your • means of • speak with one  
 tone of

- 1 **A:** It wasn't the content of what he said to me, it was the cold way he said it.  
**B:** So his ..... wasn't supportive?
- 2 **A:** I'm tired of having these disagreements by text – we're getting nowhere.  
**B:** Yes, ..... is always the best way to resolve your differences.
- 3 **A:** Have you read that article about the twins with autism whose only ..... was saying prime numbers to each other?  
**B:** I have. It was incredible how high the numbers went – 20 digits!
- 4 **A:** I don't know why I don't do well in debates.  
**B:** It could be a ..... – your words might say one thing, but your body language might express something quite different.
- 5 **A:** I saw this news programme which said that loud voices are less trustworthy.  
**B:** So you should ..... next time you ask to borrow your parents' car!
- 6 **A:** Before we start the campaign we should be clear about what our message is.  
**B:** Yes, if we all ..... our message will be stronger.
- 7 **A:** I don't know why I bother – she never listens.  
**B:** Well, the way you speak ..... probably annoys her.
- 8 **A:** How did you get so many followers on your blog?  
**B:** Well, I post updates every day. It's important that we stay .....

## Expressions with say, speak and tell

- 3 Make synonyms of the words below with these words, collocated with **say**, **speak** or **tell**. You may need to change the form of the verb.

be about to ... • hate to ... • have nothing to ...  
hear someone ... • not be on ... terms  
not trust yourself to ... • ... out against ...  
someone what you think • ... the difference ...  
the truth • ... you so • ... your mind

- 1 distinguish
- 2 reluctantly admit
- 3 vocally protest
- 4 give your opinion
- 5 be honest
- 6 I was right
- 7 overhear
- 8 almost say
- 9 not speaking to each other
- 10 be silent
- 11 fear of saying the wrong thing
- 12 share your opinion with someone

/ 20 points

## Unit review

- 4 Circle the correct alternative.

### Gorilla Sign Language

Have you ever (1) heard someone say/heard someone tell/heard someone speak that there was a gorilla who could write poetry and tell jokes? I hate to say it, but they might be (2) voicing the truth/telling the truth/saying the truth! Koko was a female western lowland gorilla, who amazed the world with her ability to (3) imply/convey/mumble her thoughts and feelings through sign language. From the age of one, Koko's teacher and lifelong caregiver and friend, Dr Francine Patterson, taught her a modified (4) regular/breakdown in/means of communication named 'Gorilla Sign Language'. Through the sign language Koko was able to (5) speak with one voice/speak out against/speak her mind and, while she was extremely loving and loyal, she was not one to drop (6) subtle/blunt/vague hints and her opinions could be quite blunt. Koko could also (7) tell the difference/say the difference/speak the difference between abstract concepts like life and death.

Although Koko was universally loved, some critics have (8) told out against/spoken out against/spoken their mind against the lack of objective scientific evidence in Patterson's research, (9)  mumbling/conveying/ implying that she may have been exaggerating the extent of Koko's ability. However, recent articles in the media have reported that Koko may (10) have been about to say/hated to say/hated to tell her first spoken words as she was showing signs of early speech.

Koko lived in San Francisco and kept (11) a breakdown in/in regular/a means of communication with fans on her website. Many people hoped that one day she would (12) say/speak/tell her critics what she really thought! Sadly, she died in 2018 so we will never know.

/ 12 points

**Total:** / 40 points