

Grammar

1 Put the words in the right order to make sentences. Put the verb in brackets into an appropriate form.

1 last of The in 25 pattern UK the radically in eating years (change) the habits .

2 well-balanced less People less to meals (have) and healthy time prepare .

3 amounts larger of food especially and larger people (eat) junk Young .

4 obese generation unhealthy The (become) younger and increasingly .

5 (suffer) teenagers more from and disorders and More children eating also .

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2 Decide whether the phrases in **bold** are correct, and put a tick (✓) or write the corrected phrase in the spaces below.

The town where I live has two different faces: a winter face and its summer one. In winter, the weather is cold and damp, and people ¹ **tend staying** in in the evenings. They might occasionally go out to eat, or students ² **will meet often** friends in a pub or bar. Films are popular, but a lot of people ³ **rarely, if ever,** go to the cinema; renting a video is an increasingly popular activity. At the weekend, people ⁴ **tend to spend** their time doing household jobs and sleeping, although ⁵ **from time in time** some take a break in the mountains or visit friends in other towns.

As summer approaches though, you start to see a difference. Cafés and restaurants ⁶ **are putting** tables out on the pavement and little kiosks selling ice-cream open up. People spend more time outside and ⁷ **will stay up** until the early hours of the morning. ⁸ **Always there are** open-air events like films and discos and ⁹ **there every so often will be** a big free concert in one of the parks or squares. And of course, you ¹⁰ **hardly never stay** in town at the weekend – everyone heads for the sea or the river to cool off!

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Vocabulary

1 Complete the mini-dialogues with the words below.

tedious brilliant dirty freezing disgusting

1 'Can we open the window? There's a nasty smell in here.'

'Yes, it's _____, isn't it?'

2 'I thought *Latitude* was one of the most boring books I've ever read.'

'Yes, I found it a bit _____ too.'

3 'You can't wear that shirt to go out – it's absolutely filthy!'

'Yes, it is a bit _____ I suppose.'

4 'Do you mind if I turn off the air-conditioning? I find it a bit chilly in here.'

'Yes, it's _____, isn't it?'

5 'Did you have a nice holiday?'

'Yes, it was _____, thanks.'

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2 Correct the mistakes in the idiomatic expressions in the sentences. There is one mistake in each idiom.

1 I got up **at the crack of day** to queue for tickets for the concert.

2 I had some time to spare so **on the spur of the minute** I went into the art gallery.

3 My manager is on maternity leave so I'm doing her job **at the time being**.

4 I think there used to be trams here but that was **before my age**.

5 The show had started at 9.00 **on the point** so we missed the first part.

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3 Add the correct particles to the multi-word verbs to complete this text.

The best thing about my job is the lack of routine. Sometimes I'm so busy that work piles
1 _____ and I don't get 2 _____ answering faxes and e-mails
that aren't urgent. Then suddenly the pressure eases 3 _____ and I have time to catch
4 _____ the backlog of work – including all those 'difficult' jobs I was
putting 5 _____ doing!

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4 Complete the sentences with a suitable word to describe the problem with the food in each one.

1 This steak is really _____ – I can hardly cut it.

2 Most restaurant desserts are too _____ for me – all that cream and chocolate!

3 If there's one thing the Italians dislike it's _____ pasta; they say it should be *al dente*, not too soft.

4 All we had was some _____ bread and some very old cheese so the sandwiches were a bit hard!

5 I quite like fried food as long as it's not too _____.

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English in use

Complete the presentation by putting **one** suitable word in each space.

Well, as you can see from the annual report, this has ¹_____ a year of mixed fortunes for the Old English School. Overall, there was a two ²_____ drop in student numbers from 268 last year to 254 this year. Although the number of Young Learner classes ³_____ from 4 to 7, our Adult classes ⁴_____ constant at 16. What is more, the average number of students per class has ⁵_____ since 1998 from 10 to 8. This means that we will have to ⁶_____ our prices again for the coming year.

On the positive side, sales of books in the school bookshop ⁷_____ dramatically, especially during the summer school period. The number of students ⁸_____ food and drink in the snack bar also increased, and enrolments in the multi-media centre actually ⁹_____, from 24 last year to 72 now. And ¹⁰_____ of accessories with the school logo – such as pens, bags, and mouse mats – were also up.

We cannot afford to be complacent. There has been a steady increase ¹¹_____ the number of people studying alone via the Internet or on distance study programmes, and people working ¹²_____ long hours are demanding alternatives to the year-long course. In fact, we can see a steady ¹³_____ in the number of students enrolling on these courses ¹⁴_____ the last few years, while interest in our short intensive courses is increasing; in fact, we ¹⁵_____ the number of short courses we offer this year, from 3 to 6. This, I believe, is the way forward.

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Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with *so* / *such* / *such a* / *really*.

- 1 She's _____ nice person; I'm sure you'd like her.
- 2 I was _____ tired I left the party early and came home.
- 3 That's _____ nice of you, but I don't want to put you to any trouble.
- 4 It's _____ hard exam that most people don't pass it on their first attempt.
- 5 That's beautiful, but you don't really need to do it in _____ detail.

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2 Complete the text with *a(n)*, *the*, or no article.

¹ _____ recent survey has shown that ² _____ 45% of people in Britain know almost exactly how much money they have in their bank account. ³ _____ banks who carried out ⁴ _____ survey say it reveals ⁵ _____ nation more knowledgeable and 'in control' of its money.

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3 Complete the second sentence in each pair to give the same meaning as the first. Use noun phrases.

... offensive literature is published ...

... the publication of offensive literature ...

- 1 When the boat sank, 200 lives were lost.

The boat sank with _____

- 2 The Picasso was stolen last night.

The _____ occurred last night.

- 3 The government is considering legalising soft drugs such as cannabis.

The government is considering the _____

- 4 This supermarket does not sell GM foods.

This supermarket has banned _____

- 5 People are protesting because the hospital is going to close.

People are protesting about the _____

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Vocabulary

1 Complete the text with the correct verb in an appropriate form.

Although a few fortunate people can choose whether they work or not, most of us have to ¹ a job in order to ² a living. Nowadays, it's virtually impossible to find work without qualifications, so more and more people are going to university to try to ³ a degree. However, many employers in Britain also appreciate a wider outlook on life and many 18-year-olds decide ⁴ a gap year between school and university. They may ⁵ voluntary work or ⁶ some experience in an office or a particular type of industry.

In the past, most students in Britain used ⁷ a grant from the government in order to study but now it's more likely that they will take out a bank loan. This means they need to ⁸ enough money in the first years of their working life to pay off the debt – not easy in a world where short-term, temporary contracts are becoming more and more common and the so-called 'job for life' has ceased to exist.

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2 Complete the expressions in **bold** with the correct word.

- 1 In most cultures, marriage is still seen as a **lifelong** _____ to another person.
- 2 It is still common in many parts of the world for parents to _____ **marriages** for their children by finding them a partner from a suitable family.
- 3 In other countries, people might advertise for a partner in a lonely _____ **column** in a magazine.
- 4 Others look for **their soul** _____ in singles bars or through dating agencies.
- 5 Others might just ask a friend to arrange a _____ **date** for them with somebody they don't know.
- 6 The aim is always the same, of course – to find the elusive **Mr or Ms** _____ !
- 7 If there is a 'happy ending', many people these days opt for a _____ **ceremony** rather than a religious one.

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3 Choose the correct two-part noun from the list below to replace the phrase in *italics* in the sentences. Make any other changes that are necessary.

update	outbreak	setback	breakthrough	turnout
output	cutback	outcome	turnover	backlash

- 1 High-level discussions are taking place to try to avoid a war *starting* in the area.

- 2 Scientists at the conference are anticipating *an important new development* in the treatment of the disease.

- 3 Hopes of an early end to the dispute encountered a serious *problem that will delay progress* today.

- 4 And now, here is a *report with the latest news* on the weekend weather.

- 5 The companies involved in the merger have a combined annual *amount of business* of over £3 billion.

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English in use

1 Correct the mistakes in the compliments.

- 1 You're putting nice perfume – what is it?

- 2 That's very kind from you – you *are* thoughtful.

- 3 Wasn't the food delicious? She's so good cooking.

- 4 I like your hair; it really suits shorter and the colour's nice too.

- 5 What pretty garden!

- 6 You're looking too smart today!

- 7 Is he patient?! I would have lost my temper in that situation.

- 8 What's a lovely bag! Did you get it here?

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2 Write short reactions to the following pieces of news with the words below.

Oh wow, congratulations!	I'm so sorry.	Typical!	What a nightmare!
Oh, what a shame!	Poor you.	Really?	How annoying!

'He's cancelled my appointment twice now.'

'How annoying!'

- 1 'Apparently, bus fares are going up again next month.'
' _____ '
- 2 'Have you heard? Fiona and Ian are getting divorced.'
' _____ '
- 3 'Did I tell you I got that job I applied for at the BBC?'
' _____ '
- 4 'My brother's decided to take a year off work and travel round the world.'
' _____ '
- 5 'Do you know, it took us five hours to get home yesterday, the traffic was so bad?'
' _____ '
- 6 'I've got to take my little girl to the doctor's – she's not very well again.'
' _____ '
- 7 'You remember I told you about Len, that colleague of mine I really hate? Well, he's just been promoted, so he'll be my boss now!'
' _____ '

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Grammar

- 1 Make the sentences sound more formal, but keep the same meaning, by using the quantity expressions below.

virtually no	virtually all	the overwhelming majority
a great many	vast amounts of	a small number of
a small amount	the majority of	

- 1 For my grandparents' generation, there was *hardly any* chance of travelling abroad.

- 2 Now people spend *loads of* money on foreign holidays.

- 3 *Most* working people like to go on holiday at least once a year.

- 4 *A lot of* people choose package holidays or all-inclusive deals.

- 5 *Nearly all* of these organised holidays use charter flights.

- 6 *A few* people own a second holiday home.

- 7 *Almost everyone* says they value their holidays.

- 8 Sadly, people often find that even holidays cause them *a bit of* stress!

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- 2 Change the statements made by young prisoners into standard English by correcting any ungrammatical forms and changing any very informal expressions.

- 1 'I didn't learn nothing at school.'

- 2 'I'm in here because I done a robbery.'

- 3 'Prison's a university of crime, innit?'

- 4 'When I come in here, I only knew about one crime – now I know about ten.'

- 5 'You learn about crime in prison 'cos you're mixing with criminals all the time.'

- 6 'When I get out, I'm gonna have to find a job.'

- 7 'I'm not really qualified so it'll be one of them stupid jobs.'

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Vocabulary

1 Correct the colloquial response in each sentence.

- 1 'Any idea where I can find Jane?' 'Sorry, **not on hand.**'

- 2 'What time's Mum coming back?' '**Haven't an idea.**'

- 3 'Do you know what time the shops close on Saturdays?' 'Same as normal, **as far as I think.**'

- 4 'Do you know where the Apollo cinema is?' '**Never known of it,** sorry.'

- 5 'Do you happen to know Ruth's e-mail?' '**Not off the back of my head,** no.'

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2 Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first, using the KEY word.

- 1 You can walk to the shops from my house. WITHIN
The shops are _____
- 2 It takes 40 minutes to drive to the coast from here. DRIVE
The coast is a _____
- 3 They've just bought a house in a very isolated place. NOWHERE
They've just bought a house in _____
- 4 We stayed in a little cabin very close to the sea. STONE
We stayed in a little cabin just a _____
- 5 I prefer beaches that not many people get to. TRACK
I prefer beaches that are a bit _____

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3 Put the words below into pairs to make two-word collocations connected with crime.

stricter	delinquency	measures	makers	trouble
deprived	juvenile	crime	socially	rate

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
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- 4 _____
- 5 _____

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4 Complete the multi-word verbs in the text.

Many young offenders are brought ¹u_____ by a single parent or in a situation of family breakdown. They often live in poor housing and poor social conditions and when they leave school, often with no qualifications, unemployment becomes a further major factor. Unable to find work, they hang ²a_____ with other kids in the same position, and often take ³o_____ their aggression and frustration on their environment through acts of vandalism and other crimes against property. There is also tremendous group pressure, even on those who have stayed ⁴o_____ at school to get some qualifications, to be able to afford the latest fashions in clothes, gadgets or music, so many kids turn ⁵t_____ robbery and theft to support their expensive tastes.

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English in use

1 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 the I self staying catering to in on prefer whole hotels .

2 both I them equally of like .

3 I'd rent a hotel an apartment than rather I stay in think .

4 I like or camping than personally hotels apartments rather .

5 go I rather on stay think at home tour than a package I'd .

6 alone on prefer to I'd travel with a balance than group .

7 would beach rather do go what trekking or you have a holiday ?

8 go to you where we this it's year up .

9 internal the choice than I'd hire a given car take flights sooner .

10 as for a soon I'd go for a just week as fortnight go .

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2 Complete the dialogue with one appropriate word in each space.

A What do you ¹_____ then, stay in or eat out?

B I don't ²_____ the idea of cooking much.

A No, bit too much like hard work for my ³_____. So where do you want to go?

B Hmm. What about that new Thai restaurant?

A Don't know. What's it ⁴_____ ?

B Supposed to be quite good. Jackie went there last week.

A Well, maybe we ⁵_____ try it, then.

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