

Grammar

1 Rewrite the underlined phrases using the KEY word so that the meaning stays the same.

1 Prices will certainly continue to rise next year. DOUBT

2 I think it's unlikely that all drugs will be legalised. WHETHER

3 I would imagine that computers will become smaller and smaller. CHANCES

4 Public services will be privatised very soon. NEAR

5 The retirement age probably won't come down again. UNLIKELY

6 I don't expect it will happen before I die. LIFETIME

7 There will certainly be difficulties ahead for the economy. BOUND

8 We cannot reverse global warming. WAY

9 It's possible that skirts will become fashionable for men. MIGHT

10 Mobile phones will remain virtually unchanged for quite a long time. FORESEEABLE

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2 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form to make conditional sentences about the past.

1 If I _____ (know) you were going into town yesterday, I _____ (ask) you to get me a few things.

2 What _____ (you / do) if he _____ (not believe) you?

3 We _____ (not be able) to buy the house if my mother _____ (not / lend) us some money.

4 I _____ (can / not / do) it if you _____ (not / help) me.

5 We _____ (never go) all that way if we _____ (know) what an awful place it was.

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Vocabulary

1 In the conversation the phrases in **bold** sound very unnatural. Improve them by using a more natural vague expression.

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- A Maeve! What a surprise! What are you doing in London?
- B Oh you know, a bit of shopping, bit of sightseeing, ¹ **and other similar activities**. What are you up to?
- A Well, we're having a barbecue on Saturday so I've got to get plastic plates and napkins, ² **etc**. We're expecting ³ **approximately** 50 people.
- B Wow. Big party!
- A Why don't you come if you're still around?
- B That'd be great. What time?
- A Come ⁴ **between 6.45 and 7.15** then we can have a chat before the others arrive.
- B Great. What can I bring?
- A We've got loads of wine so maybe some soft drinks?
- B Fine. I'll bring ⁵ **two bottles of Coke or something**.
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- 3 _____
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2 Complete the multi-word expressions which correspond to the definitions.

- 1 If you accept an unsatisfactory situation because there is no alternative, you **make** _____ it.
- 2 If you keep up-to-date about what someone is doing and where they are, you **keep** _____ their movements.
- 3 If you tease someone or laugh at them, you **make** _____ them.
- 4 If you stop and think about all the aspects of a situation before making a decision, you **take** _____ the situation.
- 5 If you make good use of a situation or the opportunities it offers you, you **take** _____ it.

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3 Complete the sentences with appropriate discourse markers to contrast with those at the beginnings of the sentences.

- 1 At the time I was quite happy with the way it went, but _____ I could have done it a lot better.
- 2 On the one hand, we should be saving money, but _____ we really need a holiday.
- 3 At first I didn't think I was going to enjoy it, but _____ it was the best thing I've ever done.
- 4 In theory health treatment is free here, but _____ you always have to pay a certain amount.
- 5 In public, she comes across as very confident but _____ she's full of doubts and hang-ups.

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4 Correct the idiomatic expressions in **bold**.

1 Most professional footballers **reach their top** in their mid to late twenties although many continue playing well into their thirties.

2 On the whole, I enjoyed the film even though the violence was a bit **over the hill**.

3 It had been **an upstairs struggle** for her but she finally made it onto the Board of Directors.

4 Look, I know the kids behaved badly but no one really minded; stop **making a mountain into a molehill**.

5 I've **searched up and down** for my birth certificate and I just can't think where I've put it.

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English in use

1 Complete the text by putting the verb in brackets into an appropriate form.

Moby ¹ _____ (just release) his new album. He ² _____ (work) on it for the last year and ³ _____ (write) over 100 songs. From these, he ⁴ _____ (choose) the best for the album, which he ⁵ _____ (record) in Bristol last month.

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2 Read the information, then complete what the people said about their regrets or lack of regrets about the holiday.

Kate and Peter are in their mid-forties. They have three young children: Olivia, 7, Tom, 5, and Patrick, 2. They also have two older children from Peter's first marriage: Charlotte, 18, and Jonathan, 16. This year, they decided to book an all-inclusive holiday in a tourist village on the south coast of France. It offered water sports, excursions, tennis and a disco, as well as a babysitting service and children's entertainer.

Peter

luckily / able / book / big apartment

Luckily we were able to book a big apartment.

1 just as well / babysitting service

2 thank goodness / nobody / ill

3 no regrets / choose / holiday

Kate

4 liked / more excursions

5 retrospect / should / invite / Charlotte's friend

6 pity / children / like / food

7 wish / rent / apartment

Jonathan

8 glad / try / windsurfing

9 needn't / take / squash racket

Charlotte

10 if only / best friend / come

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TOTAL 50