

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.

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- 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

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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.

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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.

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A Well, maybe we ⁵_____ try it, then.

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