

VOCABULARY: Fixed phrases

Complete the sentences with these phrases.

There is one extra phrase which you do not need to use.

0 The rock fall closed the main road for many months, which in turn led to congestion on the town's minor roads.

1 I'm not particularly outgoing. I'm much more _____ when I'm alone, playing with my dogs or reading.

2 I'd invite you over, but we've just moved house and everything is _____ right now.

3 While some people often work ten hours _____, it's not recommended to work more than four hours without a break.

4 If you're _____ this weekend, why don't you come over to ours and we'll have a barbecue?

5 The planet's future is _____ predetermined. We can still reduce the environmental damage we have caused.

at a stretch

at sixes and sevens

in turn

at a loose end

in my element

in vain

by no means

VOCABULARY: Internal word changes

Use the word given in bold at the end of some lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

When I was younger, I was always top of the class along with one other girl. Our ⁰ rivalry was undeniable, but we were also good friends. We often wondered who was more intelligent. One day our ¹ _____ got the better of us, and we devised a quiz to find out. It's a laughable idea when I think back to it now. We had a complete ² _____ to understand that intelligence is far more than just a test result. Really our intelligence was ³ _____ – she's now a surgeon and I work as a composer. We've followed completely different routes. I think we've both ⁴ _____ grown, though, in terms of intelligence and emotional maturity. We have also realised that we both have ⁵ _____ in our abilities and have succeeded in our own ways. And our 'quiz' result? We both got them all right!

rival

curious

able

compare

continue

assure

VOCABULARY FILE

Circle the correct option in each sentence.

0 The astronauts, travelling at a **breakneck** / **breakthrough** speed, left the atmosphere and entered into space while millions watched on their TVs.

1 We watched *Deadly Bite 3* at the cinema last night. My partner loved it, but it was far too **gory** / **squeamish** for me.

2 I've got a **hunch** / **quest** that Noel isn't going to turn up to the party tomorrow. He just seemed reticent when I mentioned it.

3 I found it strange that Nita wanted to be a nurse because she doesn't have much **empathy** / **initiative** for others and nursing is a caring profession.

4 The politician was a **proponent** / **sponsor** of universal basic income, which was completely against their party's own policy.

5 The police **classified** / **compiled** a list of suspects they wanted to question regarding the recent bank robbery.

GRAMMAR: Verb and noun phrases**Circle the correct option (A, B or C).**

0 People cannot ____ expect governments to solve all of societies' problems in the age of globalisation.

A realistically	B realistic	C realise
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1 Universities should ____ students if they are caught cheating in any way.

A punishing	B punish	C punishment
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2 I believe that removing art and music from the school curriculum is ____ for a lack of creativity in children these days.

A irresponsible	B responsibility	C responsible
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3 I find books by this author to be completely and utterly ____ due to the way she intricately develops the characters.

A absorbingly	B absorbed	C absorbing
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4 When approaching complex mathematical equations, try to ____ them before attempting any calculations.

A simplistically	B simplify	C simplistic
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5 Silva is ____ the most skilful player that's been signed for the team recently.

A undeniably	B denying	C undeniable
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GRAMMAR: Verb and noun phrases**Correct the mistakes in the underlined words in the text.****Write your correction on the line given to right of the word.**

Running marathons is a popular activity nowadays,

but for a serious ⁰ athletic, ultramarathons present a

athlete

¹ comprehensively challenge. To qualify as an

ultramarathon, a race must be longer than the

² custom marathon of 42 km. The highest

ultramarathon, which is 60 km, takes place in Nepal.

As a race that winds its way through the mountains,

the scenery is ³ remarkable beautiful. Training is a

key factor to completing the race, especially since

the race takes place at high altitudes. As a result, all

the ⁴ participate are likely to feel some form of

exhaustion at the end of every day, irrespective of

their fitness levels. Nevertheless, those who have

completed the Everest Ultra, describe the

experience as ⁵ empower.

GRAMMAR: Verb and noun phrases

Use the word given in bold at the end of some lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

0 Children develop the ability to empathise **empathy**
with others at about two years old.

1 Lou Burgeon was one of the most _____ **influence**
female artists of all time.

2 Employers look for people who are _____ **trust**
when appointing managers.

3 In spring, adult birds need to _____ **continue**
hunt for food to feed their young.

4 Young people _____ **various**
they devote to playing video games.

5 Scientists are usually thought of as having strong **analyse**
_____ traits in their thinking.

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