

VOCABULARY: Collocations

Circle the correct option to finish each sentence.

0 It was no surprise that the girls were so **strikingly** / **fiercely** similar. After all, they were twins.

1 It's **infinitely** / **widely** believed that a good diet can increase lifespan.

2 It may more be difficult for domestic animals to be **fully** / **painstakingly** alert at all times.

3 English is **endlessly** / **universally** known as an international language as it is used in airports and in many business settings.

4 In our globalised world, the low-cost clothing industry is **blisteringly** / **fiercely** competitive, which leads to poor working conditions.

5 Rice is perhaps one of the most **endlessly** / **notoriously** versatile foods in the world, as it is used in nearly all the continents.

VOCABULARY: Compounding

Complete the text using compound words. Create compound words by using a word from each of the boxes below.

doubt down fore mean set ~~view~~backs go less ~~point~~ side time

Working on an oil rig isn't for everyone, but I love it. Few people get to see the world from my ⁰ viewpoint - sometimes 100 feet up over the ocean! My work is incredibly physical and that's perfect. In the ¹ _____, out at sea I'm also earning good money. However, the job does have one big ² _____. That is, I don't see my family for weeks at a stretch. I often ³ _____ events like birthday parties to make sure we all have the lifestyle we want. Also, if there are any problems or ⁴ _____ at home, I'm not there to help. This can be challenging, but if I had my chance to live my life over again, ⁵ _____, I would choose the same job.

VOCABULARY FILE

Complete the two conversations with these words. There is one extra word in each set which you do not need to use.

Chloe: Are you going to the school play auditions tomorrow?	
Jess: I'm not sure. I ⁰ <u>freaked</u> out at my last one.	dodge
Chloe: But you're great at acting! Surely you can summon up the courage. Don't worry about a bit of stage fright!	freaked
Jess: Aw, thanks. I don't know what ¹ _____ it but once I'm on stage, I'm usually fine.	summons
Chloe: You just need to stick to a routine before you go on stage. Have you thought about yoga? That could work.	
Jess: That's a good idea. After all, I can't ² _____ auditions forever if I want to act!	triggers

Peter: I'm having problems sleeping at the moment. I can ³ _____ okay, but then I wake up about an hour later and can't get back to sleep.	underlying
Suzie: Oh, that's terrible. Do you have an evening routine? Sometimes sticking to a regular routine can help you sleep.	wind down
Peter: I've tried doing some meditation before bedtime but it hasn't worked. I keep having to have a ⁴ _____ during the day!	drop off
Suzie: Well, I know how crippling lack of sleep can be. If you don't see any improvement soon, see if there are any ⁵ _____ problems and sort them out. Perhaps go to a doctor or a therapist.	nap

GRAMMAR: Clause patterns – subordinate clauses

Circle the correct option to finish each sentence.

0 **Not wanting** / **Not to want** to appear negative, Roberto smiled and said he thought the idea was promising.

1 **Basing on** / **Based on** her previous experience, Lisa thinks she should apply for a few of the jobs she saw advertised online.

2 Some of these marketing strategies, **if adopted** / **if adopting**, could quickly increase sales by at least 10% this year.

3 **Follow** / **Following** the programme on this running app and you'll definitely improve your fitness level.

4 **Never before** / **Not having** studied any Japanese, we found the classes challenging initially.

5 **Comparing** / **Compared to** typical weather conditions at this time of year, the temperature is unusually high.

GRAMMAR: Clause patterns – emphatic structures

Complete the text using emphatic structures. Create them by using a word from each of the boxes below.

had in little only
should was were

did than that way
we would you

0 Should you wish to change your booking, please contact the help centre with 48 hours' notice.

1 It _____ the uninspiring dialogue _____ I found the most disappointing aspect of Channel 3's new crime series.

2 No sooner _____ I sat down to read _____ my neighbour started to practise his electric guitar.

3 _____ did she know how popular her YouTube videos _____ become with youngsters interested in computer programming.

4 _____ no _____ could my sister have known that I was going to be in the same town as her that night!

5 _____ all to take climate change more seriously, we'd stand a better chance of improving the global environment.

6 _____ when people began to complain more frequently _____ the local council decide to clean up the beach.

GRAMMAR: Comparing

Circle the correct preposition (A, B or C).

0 High-speed internet has become ____ widespread over the last decade.

A considerably more	B a great deal	C a lot
----------------------------	-----------------------	----------------

1 In my view, Luca is ____ capable of captaining the team as any of the other players.

A easily as	B very much	C no worse
--------------------	--------------------	-------------------

2 Machu Picchu, which is located in Peru, is ____ the greatest example of Incan architecture.

A very much	B considerably	C by far
--------------------	-----------------------	-----------------

3 In terms of fuel consumption, my new diesel car is ____ better than your old petrol one.

A no	B nowhere near	C not nearly
-------------	-----------------------	---------------------

4 This jacket, made from organic cotton, is ____ sustainable than most others.

A considerably	B far more	C a great deal
-----------------------	-------------------	-----------------------

___ / 4

TOTAL: ___ / 30

x 1.66 = ___ / 50