

### VOCABULARY: Collocations

Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 When it comes to illness, prevention is **endlessly / infinitely** preferable to cure for both patients and healthcare services alike.
- 2 When the latest model of a mobile phone is released, it's initially **fiercely / notoriously** difficult to get hold of.
- 3 It was no surprise that the girls were so **strikingly / fiercely** similar. After all, they were twins.
- 4 It's **infinitely / widely** believed that a good diet can increase lifespan.
- 5 While it may be difficult for domestic animals to be **fully / painstakingly** alert at all times, many can still be aware of any threats while sleeping.
- 6 English is **endlessly / universally** known as an international language as it is used in airports and in many business settings.
- 7 In our globalised world, the low-cost clothing industry is **blisteringly / fiercely** competitive, which leads to poor working conditions.
- 8 Rice is perhaps one of the most **endlessly / notoriously** versatile foods in the world, as it is used in nearly all the continents in some form or other.

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### VOCABULARY: Compounding

Create compound words using a word from each of the boxes below. Then use them to complete the text.

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 <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, 100 feet up over the ocean, sometimes! My work is incredibly physical and that's perfect. In the <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, out at sea I'm also earning good money – because of the nature of the job, the pay is incredible. However, it does have one big <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. That is, I don't see my family for weeks at a stretch. I often <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ events like birthday parties to make sure we all have the lifestyle we want. Also, if there are any problems

or <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at home, I'm not there to help. This can be challenging, but if I had my chance to live my life over again, <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, I would choose the same job.

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### VOCABULARY FILE

Complete the conversations with words from the boxes. Change the form of the words where necessary.

dodge freak stick summon trigger

**Chloe:** Are you going to the school play auditions tomorrow?

**Jess:** Hmm ... I'm not sure. I <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ out at my last one.

**Chloe:** But you're great at acting! Surely you can <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ up the courage. Don't worry about a bit of stage fright!

**Jess:** Aw, thanks. I don't know what <sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it. I just start getting sweaty palms and I can feel my heart race. But once I'm on stage, I'm usually fine.

**Chloe:** You just need to <sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to a routine before you go on stage, something calming. Have you thought about yoga? That could work.

**Jess:** That's a good idea. After all, I can't <sup>19</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ auditions forever if I want to act!

cripple drop off nap stick wind down underlying

**Peter:** I'm having problems sleeping at the moment. I can <sup>20</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ okay, but then I wake up about an hour later and can't get back to sleep.

**Suzie:** Oh, that's terrible. Do you have an evening routine? Sometimes <sup>21</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to a regular routine can help you sleep. You know ... like ... turn the TV off an hour before you go to bed then have a hot drink and listen to slow music.

**Peter:** I always <sup>22</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ before I go to bed by doing some meditation. It hasn't worked ... I keep having to have <sup>23</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ during the day!

**Suzie:** Well, I know how <sup>24</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ lack of sleep can be, so if you don't see any improvement soon, you should see if there are any <sup>25</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ problems and sort them out. Perhaps go to a doctor or a therapist.

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### GRAMMAR: Clause patterns – subordinate clauses

Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### GRAMMAR: Clause patterns – emphatic structures

Complete the sentences with words from the boxes. Choose one word from each box. There are two more words than you need in each box.

had in it little only should was were what

did it so than that way we would you

**7** \_\_\_\_\_ when people began to complain more frequently \_\_\_\_\_ the local council decide to clean up the beach.

**8** \_\_\_\_\_ wish to change your booking, please contact the help centre with 48 hours' notice.

**9** It \_\_\_\_\_ the uninspiring dialogue \_\_\_\_\_ I found the most disappointing aspect of the new crime series on Channel 3.

**10** No sooner \_\_\_\_\_ I sat down to read on my balcony \_\_\_\_\_ my neighbour started to practise his electric guitar.

**11** \_\_\_\_\_ did she know how popular her YouTube videos \_\_\_\_\_ become with youngsters interested in computer programming.

**12** \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ could my sister have known that I was going to be in the same town as her that night!

**13** \_\_\_\_\_ all to take climate change more seriously, we'd stand a better chance of improving the global environment.

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### GRAMMAR: Comparing

Choose the correct option (A, B or C) to complete the sentences.

**14** High-speed internet has become \_\_\_\_\_ widespread over the last decade.

A considerably B a great deal C a lot more

**15** 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

**16** Machu Picchu, which is located in Peru, is \_\_\_\_\_ the greatest example of Incan architecture.

A very much B considerably C by far

**17** In terms of fuel consumption, my new diesel car is \_\_\_\_\_ better than your old petrol one.

A no B nowhere C not nearly near

**18** This jacket, made from organic cotton, is \_\_\_\_\_ sustainable than most others.

A considerably B far more C a great deal

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