A) Complete the sentences with a/an, the or no article (–).

1 I need to get _____ new phone.

2 There's a big department store in _____ city centre.

3 It might rain, so take _____ umbrella with you.

4 My sister doesn't eat _____ meat.

5 It's often hot and sunny in the south of _____ Italy.

6 Are you_____ student?

7 My uncle travels all over _____ world.

8 I don't like _____ bananas.

9 Can you speak _____ French?

10 My aunt has bought _____ new house. She really likes _____ house, but she doesn't like her neighbours!

11 A lot of _____ people come to _____ UK to work.

12 Let's meet at _____ swimming pool in _____ hour.

B) Read the blog post about home. Choose the best words to complete it. There are two words you don't need.

all/ any / every / few / how / lot / much / some

It's only when you go away that you find out 1 _____ much home means to you. I spent six weeks in South America last summer. It was a great experience, but there were a 2 _____ of things that I missed about home. The first thing was friends! Of course, I made a 3. _____ new friends, but new friends just aren't the same as old ones! Then there was my family. At home, my sister seems to do at least one thing to annoy me 4. _____ day, but when I was hundreds of miles away I was amazed how fond of her I felt! There are 5. _____ things that always feel strange when you're away from home – like sleeping in a different bed and eating different food. And of course you can't be in a bad mood – you have to be polite and cheerful 6. _____ the time, which isn't easy!

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C) Complete the sentences with the correct present form of the verbs.

1 The sports centre _____ at 8.30 tomorrow morning. (open)

2 I _____ Italian at the moment because I _____ speaking to people when we're on holiday. (study / like)

3. I _____ a lot of great apps on my new phone. (have)

4 My dad usually _____ in town but he _____ from home for a few days. (work / work)

5 I _____ a lot about making animation films. (not know)

6 My brother _____ to drive and he _____ very well. (learn / do)

D. Write questions about the words in bold.

1 A_____?

Mr Green teaches **English**.

B _____?

Mr Green teaches English.

2 A. _____?

Our next tennis lesson is **on Thursday**.

B _____?

Our next tennis lesson is on Thursday.

3 A. _____?

Olly is meeting **Caroline** after school.

B _____?

Olly is meeting Caroline after school.

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4. A. _____ ?

My mum doesn't like cheese sandwiches.

B _____?

My mum doesn't like **cheese sandwiches**.

5 A. _____?

Sandy and Anna are watching **a horror film** at the moment.

B. _____?

Sandy and Anna are watching a horror film at the moment.

E) Fill in the blanks with the simple past or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1. We_____ (sit) at the breakfast table when the doorbell _____ (ring) .
2. He _____ (meet) a lot of friendly people while he _____ (work) in California.
3. When they _____ (leave) the museum, the sun _____ (shine).
4. The students_____ (play)cards when the teacher_____ (come).
5. While the children _____ (sleep), their parents_____ (watch) TV.
6. It _____ (start)to rain while she _____ (water) the flowers in her garden.

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