

A. Choose the correct item.

1. We don't know when he back.
A) comes B) had come
C) will come D) has come
2. I wish you pay more attention when I'm talking to you.
A) would B) had
C) can D) will
3. We had fun that we didn't want to leave.
A) so B) such a
C) such D) that
4. I would rather watch television than to the cinema.
A) to go B) to going
C) going D) go
5. He his car repaired only last month.
A) has B) had
C) will have D) is having
6. She her husband what time he would be home.
A) said B) asked
C) spoke D) talked
7. He was accused of into her flat.
A) break B) broken
C) breaking D) broke
8. Can't you drive faster than that?
A) very B) such
C) too D) any
9. If she were here, she us what to do.
A) would tell B) will tell
C) would have told D) tells
10. Stop! I'm trying to concentrate.
A) to talk B) talk
C) talking D) having talked
11. Suppose you the lottery; what would you do with the money?
A) won B) would win
C) had won D) have won
12. It's time you some work.
A) have done B) did
C) do D) would do

1. Sheila prefers ice-skating diving.
A) than B) from
C) to D) rather
2. He wishes he harder when he was at school.
A) would have studied B) had studied
C) studied D) would study
3. She went on about her adventures until everyone was bored.
A) talking B) have talked
C) talk D) to talk
4. If you tried harder, you more chances of succeeding.
A) have B) would have
C) will have D) would have had
5. Do you know when he at the airport?
A) arrive B) has arrived
C) had arrived D) will arrive
6. I my brother to type the report for me.
A) made B) had
C) got D) insisted
7. She knows how to people's fortunes.
A) ask B) tell
C) speak D) say
8. Unless you these instructions, you'll make mistakes.
A) will follow B) will have followed
C) don't follow D) follow
9. lovely children they are!
A) What B) So
C) How D) Such
10. it was raining, he went out.
A) But B) However
C) Despite D) Although
11. The exam results announced next week.
A) were B) are
C) have been D) will be
12. The college from they graduated is being pulled down.
A) where B) which
C) that D) what

B. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

Peter wishes he (13) (be) a musician. He doesn't enjoy his clerical job. "I (14) (be) so much happier if I (15) (be) a member of a band", he says. If only his parents (16) (give) him the opportunity to get a musical education, but they couldn't afford it when he was young. Peter wishes he (17) (realise) what he wanted to do earlier in his life. "If I (18) (know) then, I (19) (work) hard to pay for my music lessons", he often tells his friends. "If only I (20) (re-live) my life!"

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

ear | clue | hang | picture | stick | area

- 1 I soon began to get the _____ of the new filing system.
- 2 Anna doesn't have a _____ how to talk to children.
- 3 The difference between telling a lie and not telling the whole truth is a grey _____.
- 4 I thought she was paying for dinner but I must have got the wrong end of the _____.
- 5 Brad tried to remember the directions but they seemed to have gone in one _____ and out the other.
- 6 The inspector spent a few minutes with the victim and soon began to get the _____.

Match sentence halves 1–6 with A–F to make complete sentences.

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| 1 We saw them together in the restaurant and it was so easy to | A read between the lines. |
| 2 I've told them I'm a vegetarian many times but they just don't | B take it on board. |
| 3 The real skill of being an agony aunt is being able to | C had put two and two together and made five. |
| 4 I've learnt a lot about the new regulations and I'll run a training day to | D jump to conclusions. |
| 5 The international dateline is an idea I've never been able to | E get my head around. |
| 6 Unfortunately, the children were disappointed; they | F bring you all up to speed. |

Complete the sentences. Choose the best answers.

- 1 Then you click 'save' and move the file to here. Do you *read between the lines / get the picture / put two and two together?*
- 2 It's going to take me a couple of days to get *up to speed / the picture / the wrong end of the stick* with the new project.
- 3 This is a very difficult exercise. I just can't *jump to conclusions / go in one ear and out the other / get my head round it*.
- 4 Don't worry. You'll soon *get the hang of it / jump to conclusions / get the wrong end of the stick*.
- 5 Listen to all the evidence and don't *take it on board / jump to conclusions / get your head around it*.
- 6 Adam shook his head; he didn't *put two and two together / read between the lines / have a clue* how to fix this.

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| 1. On our ... we were greeted by the head of the department. | ARRIVE |
| 2. He bowed to us with elaborate ... | COURTEOUS |
| 3. A person with an ... complex is generally quite shy. | INFERIOR |
| 4. This has been an unusually ... remark for you. | COMPLIMENT |
| 5. The injured men were carried to the ambulance on ... | STRETCH |
| 6. Do you happen to know the ... of Ben Nevis? | HIGH |
| 7. It is amazing how ... she looks at her age! | YOUTH |
| 8. We had an ... day boating on the lake. | ENJOY |
| 9. Snow lasts longer in ... regions. | MOUNTAIN |
| 10. He proved so stubborn that it seemed ... to me to insist. | POINT |
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| 11. He is very anxious about his son's ... of memory. | LOSE |
| 12. He was caught ... making faces at himself in the mirror. | AWARE |
| 13. Her faith in the power of God is ... | QUESTION |
| 14. All of us burst into ... at his joke. | LAUGH |
| 15. The results of the test were quite different from our ... | EXPECT |
| 16. It is absolutely dishonest and ... to cheat your parents. | HONOUR |
| 17. The professor's explanation was out of my ... | DEEP |
| 18. I felt ... under the circumstances. | POWER |
| 19. Lots of Americans ... to fight in World War I in Europe. | VOLUNTARY |
| 20. Romanian cuisine offers a great ... of dishes. | VARY |
| 21. Is this money ... for your expenses? | SUFFICE |
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| 22. He proved to be a very man as Chair of the committee. | ENERGY |
| 23. I wonder what they expect from this ... | INVEST |
| 24. The animals appeared ... when the flames surrounded them. | CONTROL |
| 25. This ... has written an outstanding book about family life. | SOCIOLOGY |
| 26. I can't understand his attitude ; it is absolutely ... | EXPLAIN |
| 27. He behaved rather ... under the circumstances. | SUSPECT |
| 28. What possibilities of ... would you recommend in your town? | ENTERTAIN |
| 29. Lots of people go abroad in ... of work. | PURSUE |
| 30. Practising any sport definitely makes you ... | MUSCLE |