

Useful language: correcting some common mistakes

- 1**  Choose the correct alternative in these examples where exam candidates made mistakes.
- 1 I'm sure you won't have any difficulties *finding* / *to find* the solution to the problem.
 - 2 Did you have the chance *of getting* / *to get* to know any Native Americans when you were living in the States?
 - 3 Everybody who *work* / *works* here *get* / *gets* a good salary.
 - 4 I suggest you *buy* / *to buy* a telephone card as soon as you arrive in the country.
 - 5 You *either can* / *can either* finish reading this book or choose another one.
 - 6 Not only *was the food* / *the food was* bad, but the sports facilities were not as you stated in the brochure.
 - 7 The hotel offers *French traditional* / *traditional French* cuisine.
 - 8 Some of the lessons that we attended in the last course *could be* / *could have been* better prepared.
- 2** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. You must use between three and six words, including the word in capitals, without changing it.
- 1 I like all the people working as managers in this company.
WHO
I like everyone position in this company.
 - 2 The service was first-class and the rooms were excellent too.
ONLY
Not the service was first-class too.
 - 3 You have two possibilities – driving there or going by train.
EITHER
You there by train.
 - 4 At the concert I didn't play as well as I expected.
SHOULD
I at the concert.
 - 5 You'll easily manage to finish the work by Friday.
DIFFICULTY
You the work by Friday.
 - 6 The food at this restaurant is delicious, and the prices are very reasonable.
MEALS
This restaurant very reasonable prices.

7 I think this type of mobile phone would be the best choice for you.

SUGGEST

I this type of mobile phone.

8 I hope to be able to see the Bolshoi Ballet when I'm in Moscow.

CHANCE

I hope I to the Bolshoi Ballet when I'm in Moscow.

3 The key word for all the following transformation sentences is EYE.

Choose one of the expressions from the box to complete each sentence, making all the necessary changes.

catch someone's eye turn a blind eye to
see eye to eye keep an eye on in the public eye

Tip! Often the answers depend on knowledge of typical English collocations or idioms.

1 Although I love my sister, I don't always agree with her.

I love my sister despite with her.

2 The teacher pretended not to see what the children were doing.

The teacher the children's behaviour.

3 It must be hard for celebrities never to have any privacy, mustn't it?

It must be hard for celebrities always, mustn't it?

4 We'll pay the bill and leave as soon as the waiter notices we're waiting.

As soon as, we'll pay the bill and leave.

5 Sarah watched the children while they were playing in the garden.

Sarah children while they were playing in the garden.