

6 Read the text and complete the gaps. Choose the correct answer, A, B, C, or D.

Keeping a country clean

One problem that all the countries in the world have ¹ common is litter. In ² to get the situation under control in the UK, the government ³ a national spring cleaning day, which takes place every year on the first day of spring. The aim is to convey the message that local areas will be ⁴ places to work and live if people look after them. Ministers believe that chewing gum companies and fast food outlets are partly responsible for the problem and so they are hoping to persuade them ⁵ on the day. Studies carried out by the organisation Keep Britain Tidy have shown that more than half the population is guilty of ⁶ litter, leaving it to city councils to clean up the mess. This means ⁷ cash from fundamental areas, such as care of the elderly, to foot the bill. It has been calculated that more than £800 million every year is spent on cleaning city streets. The government hopes to change people's behaviour by making dropping litter ⁸ as unacceptable as illegal parking.

1 A at	B for	C in	D on
2 A a case	B an intention	C a trial	D an effort
3 A had	B organised	C organises	D has organised
4 A better	B more	C best	D much
5 A helping	B to help	C help	D helped
6 A drop	B dropping	C dropped	D to drop
7 A diverting	B to divert	C divert	D diverted
8 A even	B far	C just	D much

Speaking

Strategy

To sound natural, use language which is typical for spoken interaction, e.g. phrasal verbs (*get on, turn up*), discourse markers (*you know, actually, as I was saying, what I mean is*), colloquial expressions (*in hot water, couch potato*), or hedging words (*may, might, could, quite, a bit, sort of, I guess*).

7 Read the Strategy and look at sentences 1–6. Replace the underlined words with the more colloquial alternatives below.

a drag but get in touch with kind of busy loads and loads of put up with

- 1 Sorry, I'm occupied today. _____
- 2 How can you tolerate this mess? _____
- 3 I'll contact him tomorrow. _____
- 4 Good idea; however, I'm not around on Monday. _____
- 5 There are many exercises to do. _____
- 6 Studying grammar is very boring. _____

8 As part of a school exchange, a student from the UK is staying with you. You are having problems with the student and you need to establish some clear rules. Discuss the following points and come to an agreement on each one.

- leaving the lights on
- clearing up after meals
- talking on the phone late at night
- using your laptop

9 Summarise what you have agreed for each point in exercise 8.

Writing

Strategy

Always start by planning your arguments. Write down three or four ideas for and three or four against the topic. Choose the best two arguments for each side of the issue, and develop them by adding a comment or providing an example.

10 Read the Strategy and look at the arguments below against sharing a flat with a sibling. Develop the arguments. Use the questions to help you.

- 1 It may mean no privacy for both of you. Will you be able to keep your 'private life' away from your sibling? What might they report back to your parents?
- 2 It will lead to arguments over household chores. Why will it be difficult to share out the chores? How might this affect your relationship?
- 3 There may be pressure to hang out constantly. Why will it be difficult to have space for yourself? What might your sibling think if you refuse to go out with him/her one evening?

11 Read the task below and write your essay.

Some parents have access to their teenage children's accounts on social media and control their online activities. Write an essay in which you discuss arguments for and against the attitude of these parents.