

## EXERCISES

### PREPOSITIONS

**A Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.**

- 1 I tried eating mud ..... a dare.
- 2 She's got a lot of insight ..... this problem.
- 3 An old woman placed a curse ..... Serena.
- 4 Her health problems stem ..... poor diet.
- 5 She was ..... floods of tears.
- 6 I have the seed ..... an idea.
- 7 Make sure the car doesn't get stuck ..... the mud.

### WORD FAMILIES

**B Complete the expression with the correct form of the word in bold.**

- 1 a **civilised** society      modern .....
- 2 he showed great **bravery**      a ..... thing to do
- 3 a tree with strong **roots**      ..... in tradition
- 4 claim your **inheritance**      She ..... a lot of money.
- 5 a complete **misunderstanding**      don't ..... me
- 6 **intimidation** tactics      They tried to ..... me.

### WORD-BUILDING

**C Tick the words which are both a noun and a verb.**

- 1 subsidy .....
- 2 flash .....
- 3 turn .....
- 4 skid .....
- 5 inherit .....
- 6 dare .....
- 7 found .....
- 8 curse .....

### COLLOCATIONS

**D Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Look up the verbs if you need help.**

|        |       |         |
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| settle | dare  | blossom |
| turn   | leave |         |

- 1 Her career has really .....
- 2 The weather ..... nasty later that day.
- 3 The snow is ..... on the fields.
- 4 He ..... his house to his children.
- 5 I ..... you to ask him to go out on a date.

**E Complete the missing adjectives. Look up the nouns if you need help.**

- 1 g ..... s sunshine
- 2 a s ..... d windscreen
- 3 a g ..... e misunderstanding
- 4 a d ..... e fog

**F Match the two halves of the collocations.**

- |               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| 1 a non-stop  | a) seeds   |
| 2 scatter     | b) poll    |
| 3 a state     | c) flight  |
| 4 opinion     | d) opened  |
| 5 the heavens | e) funeral |

### PATTERNS

**G Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the list. Use to + infinitive or -ing.**

|         |        |           |      |
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| contest | freeze | pull over | pick |
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- 1 We are planning ..... the decision.
- 2 We spent the afternoon ..... strawberries.
- 3 We had ..... to the side of the road.
- 4 I thought I was going ..... to death