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1 Complete the blog post using these words. There are two extra words you do not need.

^aalike ^bcontrast ^cdistinct ^didentical ^elike ^fnothing
resembles ^gsame ^h

I am ¹_____ like my younger brother when it comes to technology. Where I have one electronic device, Luke has several. His latest passion is robots: he currently has three. He has one called Pepper, which ²_____ a human in the way it very cleverly appears to understand emotions. He has another robot which, in ³_____ to Pepper, knows nothing about emotions, but is very good for giving reminders, making the home secure and for entertaining his two children. His third robot is absolutely ⁴_____ to the second one in terms of what it can do and to me they even look ⁵_____ too. However, his children seem to prefer it because it has a funnier voice! Luke wants to get another robot soon, which he promises will be ⁶_____ from these three robots in so many ways.

2 Choose the correct option in each sentence.

- 1 My new digital camera is much ¹as / ²like / ³similar my other one, except the lens is slightly more powerful.
- 2 The amount of electricity my new robot uses is comparable ¹to / ²in / ³with two standard light bulbs.
- 3 My husband differs ¹to / ²from / ³in the rest of us, because he is afraid of technology.
- 4 In comparison ¹of / ²by / ³with my last car, my current one is much more basic.

3 Complete the second sentence so it has the same meaning as the first, using the word in capitals.

- 1 Gerard's phone is not at all similar to my phone. NOTHING
Gerard's phone _____ my phone.
- 2 My tablet is totally unlike my old one. DIFFERS
My tablet _____ my old one.
- 3 That android robot resembles my cousin, except for her hair! MUCH
That android robot _____ except for her hair.
- 4 While the original model was quite heavy, this new one weighs just over a kilo. CONTRAST
_____, which was quite heavy, this new one weighs just over a kilo.
- 5 Physically, the two friends had many similarities and many people thought they were sisters. ALIKE
Physically, the two friends _____ and many people thought they were sisters.

GRAMMAR // ^alike, ^bunlike, ^cas if, ^das though

4 Complete the sentences with *like* or *as if*.

- 1 That robot acts _____ it's extremely shy of everything.
- 2 Honestly, sometimes he treats her _____ a robot.
- 3 It speaks _____ it feels real emotions.
- 4 The drone looks _____ it could do a huge number of tasks.
- 5 That Japanese robot behaves _____ a genuine teenager.
- 6 That robot's eyes seem _____ human ones.

5 Match the sentence halves 1-8 with a-h.

- 1 When called, the robot assistant appeared as
 - 2 Look! The robot looks as
 - 3 That robot butterfly flies
 - 4 That chatbox application is unlike
 - 5 That robot sounds as though
 - 6 The new product looks like
- a) it's got a cold.
 - b) another one I'm very familiar with.
 - c) anything I've ever heard before.
 - d) though it was going to help us, but then it moved away.
 - e) if it were sleeping.
 - f) around like a real living creature.

6 Complete the responses in each dialogue.

- 1 A: Did you like trying out that new robot in the kitchen?
B: Oh yes, it was unlike ...
- 2 A: Don't you find that robot's expression a little odd?
B: Yes. It's a bit scary. It's as if ...
- 3 A: That robot has a strange accent, doesn't it?
B: It does! It sounds as though ...
- 4 A: Don't you want to hold the baby?
B: Well, I was planning to, but she looks as though ...
- 5 A: Why did you decide to eat your lunch inside, rather than in the garden?
B: It was dark. It felt as if ...
- 6 A: The robot kangaroo moves in a very natural way, doesn't it?
B: It's amazing. It moves as though ...

**1 Match the nouns (1–8) with the prepositions (a–f).
Some prepositions can be used more than once.**

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| 1 sympathy | a) against |
| 2 respect | b) of |
| 3 contact | c) to / towards |
| 4 attitude | d) for |
| 5 prejudice | e) with |
| 6 grasp | f) in |
| 7 proficiency | |
| 8 awareness | |

3 Cross out the reflexive pronoun where it is not needed.

- 1 There's no point blaming yourself. It's not your fault.
- 2 I remembered myself our visit to north Africa.
- 3 My cat cleans itself thoroughly every morning.
- 4 After breaking the speed limit, they found themselves in trouble with the police.
- 5 Before we went, we worried ourselves about the trip abroad, but it turned out well.
- 6 Phil had to remind himself that he wasn't dreaming when he saw his birthday present.
- 7 I'm teaching myself Danish at the moment.
- 8 The children had a huge pizza but then felt themselves ill after it.

2 Complete the sentences using a noun and preposition from exercise 1. Use each one only once.

- 1 Zara's _____ Japanese meant that she was the first choice to send to the Tokyo office.
- 2 We were given training in intercultural communication to raise _____ how to behave in our offices overseas.
- 3 When I moved to Thailand, I had only a basic _____ Thai, but it helped me get by.
- 4 After two embarrassing cultural incidents, we lost _____ the company in Japan.
- 5 That manager has a very strange _____ foreigners and I don't like it.
- 6 It is a company's responsibility to stop any kind of _____ any minority group.
- 7 When working in business, it's essential to show _____ visitors from abroad by acting appropriately.
- 8 Most people have some _____ foreign visitors, generally ignoring any small cultural mistakes they might make.

- 4 Circle the correct option. In some cases, both options are possible, but the meaning is different.**
- 1 They married ^aone another / ^bthemselves.
 - 2 Jimmy and Maya often talk to ^aeach other / ^bthemselves.
 - 3 She hurt ^aher self / ^beach other playing football last month.
 - 4 The two colleagues introduced ^aone another / ^bthemselves to the others.
 - 5 In my opinion, you take ^aone another / ^byourselves too seriously.
 - 6 I sometimes sing to ^amyself / ^beach other in French.
 - 7 To improve your vocabulary, you need to test ^aeach other / ^byourself regularly.
 - 8 We always enjoy ^aeach other / ^bourselves when we go shopping.
- 5 Complete each sentence with up to four words. Include the verb given in the correct form and a reflexive pronoun or each other.**
- 1 It's been a week. Don't you think it's time that you and your brother started *talking to* _____ (*again*) ? (*talk*)
 - 2 What is that all over your faces? Here's a mirror, so you can *look at* _____. (*look*)
 - 3 Why don't you sit over there, opposite me, and then we can *see* _____? (*see*)
 - 4 When I'm having a bath or on my own at home, I can't help *singing to* _____. (*sing*)
 - 5 Her phone and laptop were stolen, so for days we haven't been able to *communicate with* _____. (*communicate*)
 - 6 Look. Why don't you both stop talking at the same time and actually *listen to* _____? (*listen*)
 - 7 Ginny's just gone to hospital. She was chopping carrots earlier and unfortunately *(she) cut* _____. (*cut*)
 - 8 No one else was eating any of the delicious party food, so we just *helped* _____. (*help*)

6 Complete each sentence by adding a reflexive pronoun for emphasis in the appropriate place. There may be more than one possible answer.

- 1 I am from a minority culture, so I am very aware of issues about prejudice.

I _____ am from a minority culture / I am from a minority culture _____

- 2 The room was not a problem, it was the hotel staff.

The room _____ was not a problem, it was the hotel staff. / The room was not a problem, it was the hotel staff _____.

- 3 They don't realise it yet, but they are responsible for creating this huge mess.

*They _____ don't realise it, but they are responsible for creating this huge mess. /
They don't realise it, but they _____ are responsible for creating this huge mess. /
They don't realise it, but they are responsible for creating this huge mess _____*

- 4 The prime minister said it was time to start working together.

The prime minister _____ / _____ said ...

- 6 You have to reach a solution by Saturday, so get on with it

You _____ / _____ have to reach a solution by Saturday ... / You have to reach a solution _____ / _____ by Saturday ... / You have to reach a solution by Saturday _____ / _____