

GOOD LUCK!



Task 1 Complete the sentences with the correct words:

1. I was completely taken a_____ by our boss's age. I had assumed he was much older!
2. Some people would have been shocked and unable to work, but he takes everything in his st__ d_ .
3. My excellent command of English and French stood me in good st___ while I was trying to find a job abroad.
4. As she has little gr__ p of Polish, we couldn't raise the issues that were of the greatest importance to us.
5. All the teachers in our school l_ v__ h praise on this outstanding student.
6. If any problems cr__ ___, please talk to me directly.
7. She can't have stolen your wallet. I can v__ _h for her.
8. Stop sl__ ching! You'd better pay more attention to your body posture.
9. Avoid giving long – w__ d__ answers at a job interview. Try to be concise instead.
10. When Sue lost her job, her only source of income became s_____ b_____ f__ s.
11. He always keeps up – to – date with cutting - _____ technology.
12. I'm afraid your suggestion is not f__ si__ e. We have to think of something more practical.

Task 2 Form new words out of the words in brackets:

1. The cast felt somewhat (ILLUSION) on discovering that they would mostly be performing to audiences who had been allocated free tickets to encourage attendance.
2. I felt greatly (RELIEF) when I found out my exam result.
3. Farmers have been (PRESSURE) into producing more milk.
4. She seems to have plenty of confidence, but appearances are sometimes (DECEIVE).
5. Every summer I was taken on for a three – month work (PLACE), organised by the college.
6. I hope my (COMMIT) to work will soon be rewarded with a pay rise.
7. I didn't mean any offence, but unfortunately she took (EXCEPT) to my remark.
8. When you need support, it's good to have a close friend (ALONG).

Task 3 Choose the right answer:

'English Village Life'

For some people, life in an English village is a form of retreat, allowing them to live closer to nature in a relaxed and peaceful setting. Others, who perhaps are more accustomed to the hustle and bustle of city life, may feel more 1. about living in a quiet and perhaps more isolated place and consider the idea of everyone knowing each other quite bizarre. However, it is this notion of a 2. community which is often a striking difference between city and country life. Knowing everyone near where you live and having 3. respect for your neighbours in a small community does, in effect, 4. If someone needs help or is ill, they will find themselves in a 5. position where they feel well supported. You could say that 6. is a fundamental aspect of survival in such places. Villagers tend to 7. keeping their communities thriving through 8. with each other, maintaining social clubs and events, and keeping the local amenities running. If you visit any English village, you come across an eclectic mix of characters. Whilst you can expect some rather 9. landowners to be influential in village parish matters, you will also get to talk to people from all 10. of life. Living in a village might not be everyone's cup of tea but one thing's for sure, there is a lot to be said for it.

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| 1. a. suspicious | b. troubled | c. apprehensive | d. mistrustful |
| 2. a. close – knit | b. jam – packed | c. thickest | d. close – up |
| 3. a. collective | b. two – sided | c. mutual | d. returned |
| 4. a. pay for | b. pay off | c. work off | d. work for |
| 5. a. grateful | b. suitable | c. respective | d. favourable |
| 6. a. connecting | b. networking | c. associating | d. corresponding |
| 7. a. take pride in | b. make proud of | c. be proud in | d. have pride for |
| 8. a. conjoining | b. contacting | c. liaising | d. attaching |
| 9. a. plentiful | b. abundant | c. sustaining | d. affluent |
| 10. a. genres | b. walks | c. characters | d. breeds |

Task 4 Transform the sentences using between 3 and 6 words, including the word in capital letters:

1. Many people believe that Stonehenge was built as some kind of time – keeping device./ BELIEVED
Stonehenge as some kind of time-keeping device.
2. People think that neither side wanted war./ HAVE
Neither side is war.
3. It is thought that the two injured men were repairing high – tension cables./ ARE
The two injured men high – tension cables.
4. The treasure is believed to date from the thirteenth century./ DATES
It from the thirteenth century.

5. People think that this oak tree is at least 700 years old./ ESTIMATED
This oak tree at least 700 years old.
6. It was a mistake no one informed me./ SHOULD
I informed.
7. The crowd was slowly filling the huge stadium./ FILLED
The huge stadium by the crowd.

Task 5 Choose the correct answer:

After much deliberation, it 1. **was/ has been/ was being** finally suggested last Friday that the old St James community hall 2. **is being/ could be/ should be** renovated. The St James newsletter, which will be circulated next week, 3. **is providing/ will provide/ would provide** further details of the plans that 4. **have proposed/ have been proposed/ must have been proposed** and also include computer-generated images of the hall as it is expected to look on completion of the works. Local historians 5. **have/ have been/ had** recommended that the hall's many historical features be retained and the council 6. **will support/ was supporting/ has supported** this by stipulating that all key features 7. **should have been/ must be/ are being** preserved in the architectural plans submitted. Local residents, who 8. **had been/ had being/ are** worried that the hall would inevitably be demolished, say they are delighted with the outcome. So much so, that they 9. **now establish/ would now establish/ are now establishing** a local committee to take responsibility for the upkeep of the hall.