

Vocabulary

Helping people

1 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Ric just asked for ____
- 2 My brother has been a real ____
- 3 I had to pull ____
- 4 I can't find my phone and am getting ____
- 5 I'm sorry to say that we're mourning ____
- 6 Mohammed always acts as a ____
- 7 The B&B was fantastic, so we gave them a rave ____

- a over with a flat tyre earlier.
- b the loss of our grandfather.
- c the bill.
- d desperate now.
- e review.
- f comfort to me since I got sick.
- g mentor to new apprentices.

2 Choose the correct option a, b, c or d.

- 1 A: I've got tickets to a local gig tonight. Do you want to come?
B: Oh no, I've just offered to babysit for my sister. What a shame. I don't want to ¹ her down now I've agreed to it.
- 2 A: Bill, can I ask you to share your computer ² for a minute? I can't work out how to add a new account.
B: No problem. Happy to help.
- 3 A: Have we got enough petrol?
B: Yeah, don't worry. We won't run out and be left ³ on the side of the motorway.
- 4 A: The engineering company down the road is ⁴ an apprenticeship if you're interested.
B: Oh, right. Yeah, I am.
A: I know the boss. He's a great ⁵ to all the young employees. I'll put in a good word for you.
- 5 A: I saw Mary the other day. She's still feeling ⁶.
B: It's not surprising really. It's only been a year since she lost her husband.
A: She said her kids have been a real ⁷ to her, but she still feels lonely.

- 1 a make b allow c let d permit
- 2 a understanding b information c familiarity d expertise
- 3 a lost b stranded c abandoned d homeless
- 4 a presenting b giving c offering d providing
- 5 a guide b mentor c helper d coach
- 6 a down b unsatisfactory c unwanted d sympathetic
- 7 a ease b calm c advantage d comfort

Grammar

Narrative tenses

3 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 How long *did you live/ had you been living* in London when you decided to move?
- 2 I was sure that Jason and I *had met/ were meeting* on a previous occasion.
- 3 We *tried/ were trying* to get the photocopier to work yesterday, but couldn't manage it.
- 4 Steve gave us a call when his plane landed to say he'd *arrived/ been arriving*.
- 5 Neither driver *had driven/ was driving* very fast when the accident occurred.
- 6 My mum *was going/ went* to find a new skirt while I looked for some new sunglasses.

4 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 We were just got onto the motorway when we heard there was a five-hour traffic jam up ahead.
- 2 I looked up and was seeing a huge bird heading towards my ice cream.
- 3 Greg had been sitting at the computer for hours before he'd finally been realising the time.
- 4 We were asking Mariella to help us, but she refused.
- 5 I looked everywhere for James, but he was already leaving.

5 Complete the comments with the correct past form of the words in the box.

buy drive find out have lose not/get raise sleep support

Community Challenge Awards

We're giving awards to those people in our area who helped to make our community a better place to live last year. Who do you think deserves an award and why? Tell us here.

I'd like to nominate my 16-year-old sister Sabeena. Last year, she ¹ that she was losing her hearing. She ² angry or go into a depression. Instead, she organised several events and ³ over £25,000 for a children's charity she ⁴ for years. Pretty special, I'd say.

Rohan

Before my colleague Mikael first came to work with us, he ⁵ a bad year. He ⁶ his job and home in the same week and ⁷ rough for a few days. My boss saw him on the streets one day and gave him a job and a place to stay. Once Mikael was back on his feet, he wanted to help others, so last year he ⁸ an old bus with his savings, and put some beds and a heater in it. On cold winter evenings, he ⁹ round the area, offering homeless people a place to sleep. All that after a full day's work!

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