2 Put the words in order to complete the sentences.

1 a great day out / I'm going / about / to tell you
Right, so *I'm going to tell you about a great day out* .

2 the presentation / expected / was lengthy and tedious
As _____

3 look back / I always / on that day now / I / smile to myself
When _____

4 and there she was / sudden / of a / we turned a corner
All _____

5 the / a car appeared on the horizon / of / blue
Out _____

6 to be / worth / turned / all the effort / out / in the end
It _____

7 we left / as / it started snowing heavily / soon
As _____

3 Match the sentences in Exercise 2 with their functions.

1 introducing an anecdote [1]
2 sequencing events in an anecdote [ ] and [ ]
3 describing events vividly [ ] and [ ]
4 finishing an anecdote [ ] and [ ]

4 Complete the anecdote using the words in the box. There is one extra word.

enough fortunately initially just place
predictably ~~story~~ unexpectedly without when

OK, so this is a *story* about a weekend I'll never forget. It took [1]_____ last summer in Staffordshire, in England. I was visiting my cousin and we both love cycling, so we decided to go on a trip. We packed up our stuff, got on our bikes and cycled about 50 miles to a campsite very near the famous theme park, Alton Towers. [2]_____ after we set off, it started raining and, [3]_____ for England, it didn't stop all day. We arrived at the campsite like a pair of drowned rats. [4]_____ , we managed to get the tent up quickly and began the long process of drying out. Or so we thought.
[5]_____ we woke up the next morning, we discovered that the tent had [6]_____ leaked in the night and all our things, including our clothes were still wet through. There was nothing we could do, so we pulled on wet jumpers, jeans and shoes and headed for the theme park. Funnily [7]_____ , it turns out that the fastest and most exciting way to get dry is to ride a rollercoaster with 14 loops at 50 miles per hour. [8]_____ a doubt, that weekend was one of the wettest and funniest I've ever had.

5 Read the anecdote in Exercise 3 again and put the following parts in order.

A What happened step by step [ ]
B Where and when the anecdote took place, and other background information [ ]
C What the anecdote is going to be about and background information [1]
D Why the day was so memorable [ ]
E Who was involved in the day [ ]

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1 ★ **Choose the correct answers A–D.**

JUDGING PEOPLE

It is extremely A to avoid forming an opinion about people we don't know at all. Most of us have a nasty [1]__ of judging people by their appearance. Still, it is useful to remember that our perception might be wrong. A normally cheerful person might [2]__ miserable on a particular day for a number of reasons. Maybe they [3]__ badly the night before? Or maybe they have a toothache?

Since we can't help forming opinions about each other, it's a good idea to try to make a great first impression on others. So, when you are introduced to someone new, make sure you [4]__ politely and say your name clearly. A good handshake is [5]__ important. Sometimes your body language can say more about you than your words.

	(A) difficult	B neat	C normal	D casual
1	A trend	B routine	C habit	D tradition
2	A feel	B set	C keep	D look
3	A slept	B went out	C turned up	D expected
4	A roar	B smile	C glance	D laugh
5	A healthy	B equally	C painfully	D bitterly

2 ★★ **Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.**

The main aim of this project is to challenge commonly held *beliefs* (BELIEVE) regarding education.

1 The stand-up comedian's performance was so funny that, after a few minutes, the public was roaring with _____ (LAUGH).
2 Brad is very relaxed and good at making people feel at _____ (EASY), even strangers.
3 In a conflict, both sides need to give up something to reach an _____ (AGREE).
4 Without her vivid _____ (IMAGINE), the filmmaker wouldn't have created such a fascinating world.
5 It was surprising to find out that Glenn and I shared an _____ (INTERESTING) in psychology and wanted to become therapists.
6 I'm pretty sure my application will be rejected as I don't meet some of the _____ (REQUIRE).

3 ★★★ **Replace *very* with the correct adverb form of the words in the box.**

~~bitter~~ deep high painful perfect supreme

He must have been **very** disappointed when his application was rejected. *bitterly*

1 Maggie is quite outgoing, but her twin sister, Carol, is **very** shy. _____
2 Don't worry. It's **very** normal for people to feel a bit nervous about school life. _____
3 After moving towns and changing schools in the same month, Rick felt **very** depressed. _____
4 In my opinion, Sophia is a **very** intelligent and well-liked student. _____
5 The rock band seems **very** confident on stage even though they've never played in front of so many people. _____

4 ★★★ **Complete each pair of sentences with the same answer A–C.**

My parents taught me to share so I didn't mind when my sisters *B* with my toys.
His acting career started when he *B* the part of a teenage boy in a popular TV series.
A took (B) played C had

1 There are __ bedrooms now that David's guests have left.
Their parents encouraged them to be __ spirits, which meant they were often in trouble at school.
A spare B free C unoccupied
2 During the storm, the lights went __ and the room was in complete darkness.
It is common for folk traditions to die __ when people move to the city.
A off B down C out
3 Our next full-time __ starts on February 3rd. The price of the tour includes a three-__ meal in a local restaurant.
A course B dish C part
4 Regular exercise is an important part of a __ lifestyle.
Nuts and seeds are a great __ snack for your lunchbox.
A healthy B organic C vegetarian
5 Have you worked for an international __ before?
My brother is good __ . People enjoy spending time with him.
A firm B team C company

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5 ★ Circle the best answers to complete the letter.

Dear Professor Brown,

I apologise for the *delay in responding to your letter / getting back to you so late*. We have been [1]*badly / extremely* busy over the last few months.

I am [2]*delighted / over the moon* to let you know that [3]*we want to publish your book / your book proposal has been accepted for publication*.

We believe that your book, [4]*which / whose* message is [5]*loud and clear / neat and tidy*, will be well-received.

[6]*Please find attached / Here comes* a draft contract. Could you check that your personal details are up-to-date and [7]*return / send back* two signed copies as soon as possible?

Please do not hesitate [8]*contact / to contact* me should you require any further information.

[9]*Best, / Yours sincerely,*

Raphael Morgenstern

Senior Editor

6 ★★ Complete the sentences using the prompts in brackets. Do not change the order of the words. Change the forms or add new words if necessary. Use up to six words in each gap.

The committee hasn't reached an agreement yet – *the voting has been postponed till* (voting/postpone) next week.

1 I was waiting for the bus when I realised that I _____ (forget/lock) the front door.

2 My car has _____ (nasty/habit/break down) when I have a morning meeting.

3 My brother and I _____ (not/use/share) bedroom when we were small.

4 Mark had a terrible headache because his neighbour's dog _____ (bark/ages).

5 I _____ (raise/parents) in a small ski resort in the mountains.

6 I don't spend much time with Connor because he _____ (always/complain) his personal problems.

7 ★★★ Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use between two and five words, including the word in capitals.

I haven't got enough money to go to the concert. **CAN'T**
I *can't afford to go* to the concert.

1 I ran faster than this when I was younger. **USE**
I _____ run this slowly when I was younger!

2 First we made some sandwiches, and then we watched the film. **HAD**
We watched the film _____ some sandwiches.

3 The teacher let us leave early yesterday. **PERMISSION**
The teacher _____ early yesterday.

4 Dave had started planning the wedding ten months before he married Kate. **HAD**
Dave _____ for ten months before he married Kate.

5 Where did you grow up? **TELL**
Could _____ you grew up?

6 My sister was angry with me for borrowing her dress. **OFF**
My sister _____ borrowing her dress.

7 You shouldn't eat chocolate if you're trying to be healthy. **AVOID**
You _____ chocolate if you're trying to be healthy.

8 ★★★ Complete the text with one word in each gap

Marry me!

A proposal of marriage is *an* important moment and in the past it [1]_____ to be a very private one. However, today some people make it an extremely public event. Some men have proposed [2]_____ their girlfriends on big screens at football matches or on TV programmes in front of millions of people. One man [3]_____ proposed in front of the crowd at Glastonbury music festival also organised the wedding at the site. Others have got married after putting the words 'Will you marry me?' into crossword puzzles [4]_____ their girlfriends to solve.

One of the most unusual proposals happened in 2015, when a Japanese man decided to cover 7,000 kilometres around Japan on foot, by car, ferry, and bicycle. He [5]_____ planned his trip very carefully, recording each step with GPS technology, [6]_____ is used to monitor the location of things and people. At the end of his journey, the GPS drawing spelt out an enormous 'Marry me!' Was it worth the effort? Judging [7]_____ the fact that he's a married man now, it turned out well! This was probably the world's most extraordinary proposal. Having said that, no doubt someone will soon try to make an [8]_____ crazier one!

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