

# Vocabulary

**A** Complete the words in the sentences with the prefixes *ab-*, *dys-*, *mal-* and *mis-*. What meaning do these prefixes share?

- 1 His was a \_\_\_\_\_ spent youth, devoted only to pleasurable pastimes and pursuits.
- 2 It's a terribly \_\_\_\_\_ functional relationship; I don't know why they're still together.
- 3 Sadly, children who suffer continued neglect often become \_\_\_\_\_ adjusted adults.
- 4 The psychologist was at a loss to explain the patient's \_\_\_\_\_ errant behaviour.
- 5 Trauma to the brain led to a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ normal mental condition in the patient.
- 6 Our old neighbour was quite the \_\_\_\_\_ anthrope who avoided all human contact.

**B** Complete the sentences with the words in the correct form.

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- 1 Harry is always \_\_\_\_\_ his anger; he really needs to calm down!
- 2 They had a disagreement months ago, but Amy still \_\_\_\_\_ him a grudge.
- 3 Don't spend all your time with Fred; after all, familiarity \_\_\_\_\_ contempt.
- 4 Why don't you just \_\_\_\_\_ your pride and apologise to your friend?
- 5 The football players \_\_\_\_\_ themselves appallingly during the return flight.
- 6 Mike's so-called friends were \_\_\_\_\_ pressure on him to quit university.
- 7 Whenever we have visitors, it \_\_\_\_\_ our nosy neighbour's curiosity.
- 8 Vanessa began to \_\_\_\_\_ ner independence once she turned 18.

**C** Circle the odd ones out.

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|---|------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | adamant    | cynical       | inflexible | obstinate  |
| 2 | elated     | jubilant      | overjoyed  | meticulous |
| 3 | apathetic  | dispassionate | uneasy     | withdrawn  |
| 4 | compulsive | neurotic      | obsessive  | obnoxious  |
| 5 | amiable    | impassive     | poised     | serene     |
| 6 | eloquent   | principled    | scrupulous | upright    |

**D** Use the odd words out in C to complete the sentences below.

- 1 He'll never change; he'll always be a nasty, \_\_\_\_\_, bad-tempered, little man!
- 2 It's a pleasure to be in her company as she is always so \_\_\_\_\_ and welcoming.
- 3 Madge had become \_\_\_\_\_ in her old age and was distrustful of my motive for helping her.
- 4 An \_\_\_\_\_ speaker, the prime minister had won many battles in parliament over the years.
- 5 The suspect began to feel \_\_\_\_\_ when the detective mentioned a CCTV camera.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ by nature, Alex made sure every detail was perfect on the day of the wedding.