

VOCABULARY

2 Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are three extra words.

down gather handle make off run turn up ~~value~~

- 0 When I was at school, they taught us the value of hard work.
- 1 James is very good at the guitar. Students and teachers sometimes _____ together in the hall after school finishes to hear him play.
- 2 Our teacher is very demanding, but I'm sure we will appreciate her approach in the long _____, even though some of us don't now!
- 3 She didn't do well in the final exams and didn't get into university. She's finding it very hard to _____ the situation.
- 4 Their younger sister is very rude. They can't put _____ with her behaviour.
- 5 I love it when my parents _____ a fuss of me when I do well in exams.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct words. The first letters are given.

- 0 It was freezing cold, so they huddled together to keep warm.
- 1 We hardly had enough money to buy food when I was a child and lived hand-to-m_____.
- 2 Fishing provided them with their main means of s_____. Without it, survival would have been hard.
- 3 I don't understand why some people find w_____ people up funny.
- 4 Geraldine is so kind. She sometimes d_____ favours for people she hardly knows.
- 5 My classmates sometimes m_____ about in class. I really don't understand how they can learn anything!

GRAMMAR

4 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 0 When my dad was in his twenties, he used to be / *would be* in the public eye and was famous!
- 1 My grandad's best friend *forever let* / *was forever letting* people down when he was a teenager.
- 2 Mum *is constantly reminding* / *will constantly remind* me to do my homework! She should trust me more.
- 3 When Jane was at primary school, her sisters *were making* / *would make* fun of her long, curly hair, but now they're jealous!
- 4 Apparently, my aunt *would be* / *used to be* very shy. She isn't now!
- 5 The boy I sit next to in class *will* / *used to* go on and on about how wonderful he is. It's very irritating!

5 Complete the sentences with a relative pronoun or relative pronoun and preposition.

- 0 Jane, **who** I was talking to at the party, has an unusual hobby.
- 1 The house _____ I lived when I was a child was very small.
- 2 I don't know _____ that bag is. We'd better call the police.
- 3 The woman _____ we sold our house is a well-known writer.
- 4 The book _____ my teacher lent me is very valuable.
- 5 This is the camera _____ my grandma has taken some excellent photos.

USE OF ENGLISH

6 Complete the text with the correct form of the words in the box. There are two extra words.

bear character entrepreneur follow odd possess stream utter

0 **Born** from the mid-1960s to 1980, Generation X grew up to be independent and individualistic. They are sometimes called the 'middle child' generation as they share some ¹ _____ with both baby boomers and millennials. While generation X-ers still prefer face-to-face contact, the sight of a generation X-er ² _____ a video on their smartphone is quite common. For this generation, work-life balance is more important than material ³ _____. According to research, Generation X employees are highly valued for their vast experience, and a(n) ⁴ _____ approach to new tasks involving risk. ⁵ _____ enough, some research shows that they are the ones who are often passed up for promotions.

7 Complete the second sentence using the word in bold so that it means the same as the first one. Do not change the word in bold. Use no more than five words including the word in bold.

0 My parents gave me a red racing bike for my sixteenth birthday.

WHICH

The racing bike **which my parents gave me** for my sixteenth birthday was red.

1 My cousin often tells bad jokes. It's really irritating!

FOREVER

My cousin _____ bad jokes. It's really irritating!

2 They didn't have much money, but they always had enough to eat.

HUNGRY

They didn't have much money, but they _____.

3 I loved going for walks on the beach near my house when I was young.

LOVE

I _____ going for walks on the beach near my house when I was young.

4 When we were children, my sister would start crying whenever she wanted something.

BURST

When we were children, my sister would _____ whenever she wanted something.

5 The Prime Minister, who I had written to, invited me to meet her.

WHOM

The Prime Minister, _____, invited me to meet her.

READING

8 Read the blog and choose the correct answer a, b, c or d.

Sunday evening

It's eleven o'clock on Sunday night and here I am again trying to get my Medieval History essay finished. This hasn't been made any easier by the fact that my housemate Rob, who I've shared with since I started university, forgot to pay the Internet bill which resulted in no Wi-Fi for 24 hours. I'm a dedicated student who just doesn't deserve this kind of thing. As usual, I resisted the temptation to blow things out of proportion and have a go at him, and kept quiet as natural peacemakers tend to. How can an accountancy student not remember to pay a bill? I suppose I should be grateful that he didn't forget it was his turn to make dinner today, something which he used to do regularly in our first year. Rob has always been something of a mystery to me even though we live in the same house!

It's late. Although I'm exhausted, I can't sleep, so I decide to make a cake. Rob will like that! As I'm baking, my mind wanders back to how I used to spend Sunday evenings as a young child. I never got stressed about History essays then! Sometimes I'd play with my little cousin at her house or at home. When she came to our house, we used to love watching my mum baking. Even though I was hardly tall enough to touch the top of the kitchen table, I would usually manage to eat a freshly made biscuit when her back was turned. My main concern was not to be caught. How different life was then! As I am now older, and arguably wiser, I suspect that she saw me most of the time, but pretended not to notice.

I finally go to bed, although I take a while to get to sleep. I can't help thinking about my unfinished essay! I wake up early and lie there thinking about a weird dream I had about long childhood summer Sunday evenings, when it only got dark at around ten o'clock. When I was about eight years old, I used to love playing with the children next door, who had a lovely garden where I used to spend hours, climbing up to the top of the highest tree. They had every child's game you could imagine thanks to a generous grandma. I think it was because of that that we spent so much time together. I remember feeling very much at home there, but don't think we talked much. They were a bit older than me and I looked up to them. The children's father, Mr Kelly, was a sincere, hard-working man who found it hard to make ends meet, I later discovered. He never told his son and daughter off, something which I was intrigued by. I was even more amazed my playmates never teased each other or did anything wrong as far as I could see. In my dream, Mr Kelly came into the garden and started to point at me as I was reading my new history book, safe up high in my tree. I woke up suddenly when, to my horror, Mr Kelly turned into my Medieval History professor!

It's not that I dislike Professor Rigby. On the contrary, he's someone I empathise with as I share his passion for the Middle Ages. He is always concerned that I am challenged enough and is always keen to share his new research findings with his students, to whom he is also determined to teach the value of hard work. So, here I am outside the lecture theatre. I usually look forward to the professor's lectures, but this particular Monday morning is different. 'I'm sorry about the Wi-Fi', Rob had said as I was leaving our flat. But it wasn't his fault, it was mine, just mine. I had put off doing that essay again and again, and now I am going to pay for it. Professor Rigby walks in, looks me in the eye and gives me a cheery, 'Good morning!' I know I have to tell him before he checks his emails and notices for himself.

1 What do we learn about the writer and Rob in the first paragraph?

- a They study the same subject.
 - b They row a lot.
 - c They share the cooking.
 - d They understand each other well.
- 2 What is the writer's main purpose in the second paragraph?
- a To describe what his mother did on Sunday evenings.
 - b To show what a good cook his mother is.
 - c To show how much he likes baking.
 - d To illustrate how his concerns were different when he was a child.
- 3 What does the writer suggest about the Kelly children in the third paragraph?
- a They were sometimes scared of their father.
 - b They were never naughty.
 - c Their family had a lot of money.
 - d They admired the writer.
- 4 What does 'that' in the third paragraph refer to?
- a the neighbours' garden
 - b the neighbour's tree
 - c the neighbour's grandmother
 - d the neighbours' games
- 5 Which adjective best describes how the writer feels this Monday morning?
- a guilty
 - b scared
 - c defensive
 - d tired

1 Choose the correct option a–c to complete the sentences.

0 Do you know ____? It's been hanging around our school for a few days.

a who owns this dog

b whose dog is this

c who does own this dog

1 The back garden is the place ____ we normally have a barbecue.

a when b where c which

2 The Harry Potter books, ____ by millions, are also very popular as movies these days.

a reading

b which have been read

c that have been read

3 ____ should we address this letter?

a To who b Who c To whom

4 There is an article in the magazine about the house in ____ my grandparents lived.

a which b where c that

5 Ian told us his dad had left ____ was good news.

a the hospital, which

b the hospital which

c the hospital that

3 Replace the underlined words with

a participle clause.

- 0 The bread rolls which are baked in our local bakery are delicious. **baked**
- 1 Scientists are interested in a rare bird which was seen a few times in our area. _____
- 2 An interesting route that goes round the other side of the mountain is less well known by visitors.

- 3 A lady who represented a charity visited our school yesterday to ask for volunteers. _____
- 4 A new law that was introduced last year allowed pensioners free use of public transport.

- 5 Many of the castles which were built in the Middle Ages are still standing. _____

1 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- 0 Dad **will** often make pancakes for breakfast on Sunday mornings and we like that!
- 1 When we were kids, we _____ go out for a picnic on Sundays.
- 2 **Our neighbour** is _____ playing his music really loud. It's so annoying!
- 3 My grandparents _____ to have much stricter house rules than my parents.
- 4 My sister was _____ shouting at me when we were kids. Now we're grown up, she hardly ever does.
- 5 Gary _____ always help his friends when they ask. It depends on how he feels.