

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with *a/an, the* or *no article* (–).

- Unfortunately, we usually only get to see my sister Pamela and her partner Stuart twice a year, as they live in Kirkwall, the capital of the Orkney Islands.
- A beautiful and romantic city of a Paris, which boasts a population of over twelve million inhabitants, is situated on a River Seine in a France.
- Where's a cat gone? I haven't seen it for hours. Is it in a garden or upstairs?
- I'm really sorry to tell you this but Uncle Horace is in a hospital for a operation. We should be able to go and visit him next week.
- Alina and Victor support a charities for a poor and underprivileged.
- Christopher's been working seven days a week for a last six months. He's going to have a heart attack if he's not careful.
- My best friend and I decided to travel around a Central America for a year after we left a school. It was amazing!
- Did you know that in our solar system a Mercury is a closest planet to a Sun?

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2 Cross out the alternative that is **not** possible.

- If you ask Joanne nicely, she might/would 'll change her mind and accept your invitation.
- Unless/Providing/If there are no delays at the airports, I should be home by 9p.m.
- If you pay in cash, you get/will get/would get a five percent discount on the price of the car.
- Imagine you were to win/would win/won the competition, what do you think you would do next?
- If you tell them you work for the local radio station, you shouldn't/will/won't have any problems getting tickets.
- They won't/might not/wouldn't catch the 8.35 train unless they leave right now.
- If she gets lost, she should/'ll/'d stop and ask someone for directions.
- If you go to the sales today, you can/'ll/wouldn't get some great reductions.
- I might go/'d go/went to the gym every day if I had more free time.
- If/Suppose/As long as he asked her out, what would/did/should she say?

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Vocabulary

3 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- I'm pleased to announce that newly introduced employee benefits have had a positive effect on staff morale.
a) effect b) harm c) damage
- The new legislation has completely transformed the way in which companies must secure personal data.
a) adjusted b) transformed c) enabled
- Surprisingly, it only took Jack a few weeks to adapt to his new role as area manager.
a) enable b) revolutionise c) adjust
- Ian's current line of research is to determine the extent to which mobile phones enable the hearing of phone users.
a) effect b) harm c) transform
- Clara has adapted to her new circumstances after only a matter of months.
a) enabled b) transformed c) adapted
- It's hard to comprehend why so many people seem unconcerned about how their actions do harm to the environment.
a) adapt b) effect c) damage

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4 Complete the words in the sentences.

- The communication breakdown occurred because neither side was prepared to make the first move in the negotiations.
- According to lead economists, the outlook for the country's economy is looking very stable for the coming year.
- The only real drawback of the proposed restructuring is that some staff will lose their jobs and have to be made redundant.
- The recent discovery of a new medicine capable of fighting major infections has been a radical breakthrough for the team.
- The trick for keeping the business afloat during the worst of the recession was that employees would have to face a pay cut.
- The outcome of the review demonstrated that company protocol had not been adhered to during the negotiations.

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5 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 A true entrepreneur has a real gift for spotting business opportunities and can always see/advertise a gap in the market.
- 2 When a rival company raised/launched an identical product to ours, we swiftly took legal action against them.
- 3 If you reduce/increase your prices, your profit margins will rise because you'll sell more units but at a lower price – it's all a question of economies of scale.
- 4 Jeff's company folded after the first year of trading, having failed to successfully promote/break into the market as a result of a poor marketing strategy.
- 5 When a leading sports personality agreed to endorse/dominate our new energy drink, we knew we'd hit the jackpot.
- 6 At our product meeting, it was suggested that we entered/set a more realistic time period for the production of our prototype.

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6 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are three extra words you do not need.

combine	come up with	developed
brilliant	go with	predictable
reject	struck	unrealistic

- 1 I knew my boss would reject my idea if I was the one to put it forward so I asked a colleague to propose it instead.
- 2 After much discussion, we decided to _____ Marta's proposal on how to market the new brand in Asia.
- 3 The idea of opening a themed restaurant based on Tolkien's literary creations _____ Josh in the middle of the night.
- 4 Mel's hadn't taken any of the practicalities on board when she came up the idea of climbing Everest without any support or training. It was a completely _____ idea and simply wasn't achievable.
- 5 Max's tutor was impressed with his project proposal and suggested he _____ his ideas further and created a business plan.
- 6 When told to tackle the company's high rate of staff turnover, Seb struggled to _____ a practical solution.

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Function

7 Complete the conversation with the words and phrases in the box.

be great if	could be	do you feel
grab me	How does	Let's go
my first choice	on the wrong track	
sounds like	Suppose	What about

- A: So, how 'do you feel' about the two properties we've viewed today?
- B: Well, I have to admit, the first one doesn't really ² _____ and it wouldn't be ³ _____ – that's for sure. I mean, it's a nice enough house but it's too far out of town and the public transport is almost non-existent, so I don't think it'd be practical for the children.
- A: ⁴ _____ the second one, then? I know it's a bit small and needs a bit of work doing to it but it'd ⁵ _____ we could fix it up and get an extension built.
- B: Mmm... well, that's a great idea in theory but I think we're ⁶ _____ here. Renovating a property and then extending it too would take a lot of time and cost a fortune. That ⁷ _____ a real problem for us. ⁸ _____ we simply look for a property that fits the bill, needs no repairs and is either closer to town or on a good bus route?
- A: Ok, you're right. ⁹ _____ with that idea and just carry on house hunting until we find the one we really want.
- B: Perfect. ¹⁰ _____ the idea of expanding our search area sound?
- A: That ¹¹ _____ a great idea! After all, if we're not finding what we like near Tonbridge perhaps we should broaden our horizons and also look around the Wells area...

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