

Vocabulary

A. Complete with the correct prepositions.

1. I don't mind the headaches. I just can't cope _____ the nausea.
2. The village really benefited _____ having running water.
3. I insist _____ paying for the meal.
4. Two cheetahs escaped _____ the zoo last night.
5. The police have tried talking to the two men, but they just won't cooperate _____ them.
6. I'd like to congratulate you _____ winning first prize in the photography competition.

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B. Choose a, b, c or d.

1. The climbers kept climbing up the mountain. They wanted to reach the _____ before it got dark.
a. peak b. gulf c. canal d. range
2. Suzanne was angry when Wayne _____ over a glass of orange juice on her new rug.
a. struggled b. rushed c. attacked d. knocked
3. We take many things, like running water or electricity, for _____ and forget that some people haven't got access to them.
a. granted b. obvious c. instant d. fact
4. The purpose of this talk is to _____ awareness of endangered species in Asia.
a. link b. grab c. consume d. raise
5. We found Mr Collins _____ on the living room floor and called a doctor.
a. unconscious b. limited c. filthy d. extinct
6. When I entered the room, Mary was _____ out of the window.
a. heading b. gazing c. relying d. increasing
7. I know for a _____ that Josie drove to work yesterday morning.
a. doubt b. fact c. certain d. sure
8. The number of students at our school has _____ this year.
a. died b. depended c. decreased d. sunk

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C. Match the adjectives 1-7 with the strong adjectives a-g.

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| 1. small | ☐ | 5. unhappy | ☐ |
| 2. angry | ☐ | 6. big | ☐ |
| 3. excited | ☐ | 7. scared | ☐ |
| 4. interesting | ☐ | | |

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| a. thrilled | e. miserable |
| b. furious | f. fascinating |
| c. gigantic | g. terrified |
| d. tiny | |

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Grammar

A. Complete with the Past Simple, the Past Perfect Simple or the Past Perfect Progressive of the verbs in brackets.

- By 4 p.m. I _____ (feel) exhausted. I _____ (shop) since 10 a.m.
I _____ (be) pleased with myself, though, because I _____ (buy) a beautiful, cheap pair of boots.
- By the time Wendy _____ (get) to the bus stop, the bus _____ (leave).
- Isabel _____ (wait) for half an hour when the waiter finally _____ (take) her order.
- Oliver and Fred really _____ (enjoy) the museum. They _____ (not be) there before.

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B. Complete using a, an, the or - .

- _____ Tasmania is _____ island just off _____ coast of _____ Australia.
- _____ fish in _____ lake near my house are really big.
- _____ Andes is _____ longest mountain range in _____ world.
- In all countries, _____ police officers usually wear _____ uniforms.
- Last Sunday we went on _____ day trip. When we got back home, the children were so exhausted they went straight to _____ bed.

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Listening

Listen to a radio interview and answer the questions. Choose a, b or c.

- Where did the flood take place?
 - in the town where Tim lives
 - at a river near where Tim lives
 - in the village where Tim's uncle has a house
- What is true about Tim on the night of the flood?
 - He drove through the storm.
 - He ate something and went to bed.
 - He woke up because of the storm.
- What did Tim do when he saw that the house had flooded?
 - He climbed up onto the roof.
 - He went back to the bedroom.
 - He tried to go downstairs.
- Why didn't Tim speak to the emergency services?
 - The phone wasn't working.
 - He heard them coming.
 - He decided to shout for help instead.

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Reading

Read the text and answer the questions. Choose a, b, c or d.

My Dead Sea Experience

by Jeff Gibbs

I had been to Jordan a few times and I always enjoyed myself. On my last visit, I decided to go to the Dead Sea, a place I had always wanted to visit. The Dead Sea has been attracting visitors for thousands of years. The shoreline of the Dead Sea is the lowest point on earth not covered by water, and the salt and minerals in the water are supposed to be very good for your skin and health in general.

Arriving there, I noticed that all the rocks on the beach were covered in salt. I immediately understood where the Dead Sea gets its name from. The water has 30% salt so no plants or animals can survive. There was a sign saying 'NO DIVING' and 'SWIM ON YOUR BACK', but I thought they were warnings for people who couldn't swim. I soon realised that you don't need to be able swim in the Dead Sea. In fact, swimming isn't really possible, as floating is all you can do. But it is a very pleasant experience, and I could see why people compare it to floating in space.

It was a very hot day and lying on the water was very relaxing. However, I soon started getting hot lying on my back, as the water wasn't exactly cool. So, I decided to turn over. Big mistake! My head went under, and I took in a mouthful of water. It tasted disgusting, but that wasn't my main problem. My eyes were stinging! I was almost blind from the tears, and I ran out to the fresh water showers nearby to wash the salt out.



A group of Tunisian tourists thought it was hilarious, but it took me a while to see the funny side. They came out to make sure I was OK, and advised me to take a mud bath. I wasn't sure in the beginning, but they persuaded me it was worth it, and they were right. It felt amazing, and after the evening sun had dried the mud, I went back into the sea to wash it off, making sure I stayed on my back this time.

- What is NOT true about the Dead Sea?
 - It has been a popular place for a long time.
 - There is no place on land lower than its shoreline.
 - It didn't use to be covered with water in the past.
 - People believe its salt and minerals are good for you.
- Why didn't the writer swim in the Dead Sea?
 - because of the signs
 - because he didn't know how
 - because he found floating more pleasant
 - because there was too much salt in the water
- Why did the writer get out of the water?
 - because he got salt water in his eyes
 - because he swallowed some salt water
 - because he wanted a shower to cool down
 - because he didn't like the temperature of the water
- What did the Tunisian tourists do?
 - They laughed at the writer when he was taking a mud bath.
 - They advised the writer to take a mud bath to help his eyes.
 - They persuaded the writer to try something he didn't really want to do.
 - They advised the writer to avoid doing something.

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Writing

Write a story beginning with the following sentence.

Jumping off the waterfall seemed like a good idea at the time.

Your story must include:

- a map
- some rope

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