

Vocabulary

A. Choose a, b, c or d.

- The fire gave a warm _____ to the room.
a. spectacle b. explosion c. glow d. sunlight
- Your headaches might get better if you start a special medical _____.
a. adjustment b. treatment c. symptom d. effect
- We have been _____ this moment for a long time.
a. aiming b. anticipating c. committing d. scheduling
- I think you should _____ a doctor about your sleep disorder.
a. advise b. consult c. cure d. recommend
- If you're tired, why don't you _____ a nap?
a. have b. sleep c. receive d. get
- Lately, Katie seems _____. We should do something to cheer her up.
a. delightful b. outrageous c. inadequate d. depressed
- We should try to solve this problem _____ all costs.
a. with b. at c. for d. about

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B. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrasal verbs in the box. There are two phrasal verbs which you do not need to use.

fall behind give up meet up stay up hung up figure out make up sleep in keep up

- That was a nice story. Did you _____ it _____?
- After I _____, I realised I had forgotten to tell Sally something and dialled her number again.
- No matter what I said, I couldn't persuade her to change her mind, so in the end I _____.
- I _____ late last night and now I'm exhausted.
- I can't _____ how this machine works. Can you help me?
- If you _____ the hard work, you'll soon get a promotion.
- Mark is spending too much time playing sports and he's started to _____ in his school work.

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C. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capitals.

- The view from the top of the skyscraper was _____.
- You should have a(n) _____ appearance at the job interview.
- Peter decided to find out more about his _____ new neighbour.
- We had a _____ time at camp this summer.
- I knew she would react like that. She is so _____.
- He scored 25 points in one game? That's _____!

ASTONISH

PROFESSION

MYSTERY

DELIGHT

PREDICT

IMPRESS

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Grammar

A. Rewrite the sentences using the words given.

- Despite having a cold, Betty went to work. **ALTHOUGH**
Betty went to work _____
- Even though I was tired, I couldn't sleep. **IN SPITE OF**
I couldn't sleep _____
- Clark wrote the dentist's address down in order to remember it. **SO THAT**
Clark wrote the dentist's address down _____
- We stayed in the car until the rain stopped because we didn't want to get wet. **IN ORDER**
We stayed in the car until the rain stopped _____
- Penny wants to join a gym so that she can stay in shape. **SO AS**
Penny wants to join a gym _____

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B. Complete the sentences with *all, both, neither, nor, none, either, or*.

- _____ Melissa _____ Tiffany liked the cake I made. They thought it wasn't sweet enough.
- _____ of my classmates did their homework. I was the only one who did.
- We can _____ have a sandwich _____ a salad. Which do you prefer?
- My brother speaks two foreign languages and he learnt _____ of them at secondary school.
- _____ of them is a doctor. Kevin is a teacher and Cynthia is a lawyer.
- Mark has got lots of friends, but _____ live in his neighbourhood.
- You can _____ lie to Julie _____ tell her the truth. It's up to you to choose.
- This race is for _____ amateurs and professionals.
- I buy _____ my clothes during the sales. I can't afford to shop at any other time.

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Listening

Listen to people talking in four different situations and answer the questions.

- What was the woman doing before she had the nightmare?
 - surfing the Net
 - watching a film
 - reading a book
- What is the student suffering from?
 - lack of sleep
 - lack of concentration
 - stress
- Why is the man calling his friend to pick him up?
 - His headlights aren't working.
 - He's injured.
 - He got a flat tyre.
- What does the woman think they saw in the sky?
 - an aeroplane
 - the Big Dipper
 - a comet

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Reading

Read the text and write T for True or F for False.

Endless days, Endless nights

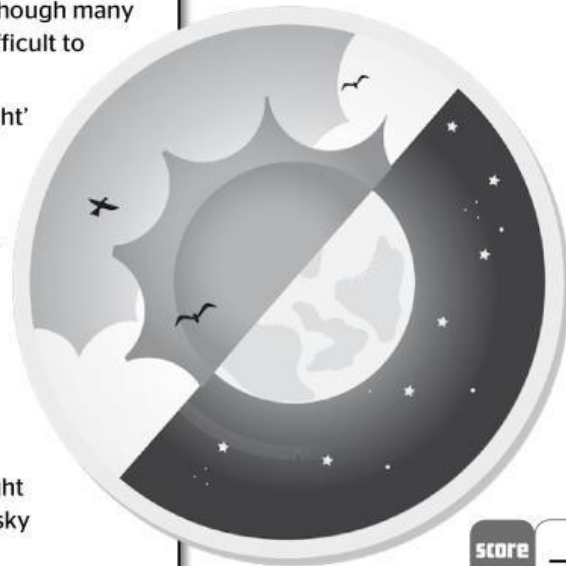
In most parts of the world, the endless cycle of day and night is almost always taken for granted. The sun rises, which means it is time to get up and go to school or work; the sun sets, and it is time to get ready for bed. But in some places, the reality is a bit different. People living north of the Arctic Circle and those travelling south of the Antarctic Circle experience two natural phenomena which make them both excited and moody.

In what is called the 'midnight sun'. The sun is visible for the full 24 hours of a day - there is no darkness. The number of days this occurs increases as one gets closer to the poles. For example, in Svalbard, Norway (the most northern part of Europe with residents) there is no sunset for four months during the summer, and at the poles you can stare at the sun for a whole six months. What that means is that, at the poles, the sun rises and sets only once a year! Although many people love the idea of endless sunlight, it is actually difficult to fall asleep when outside there is broad daylight.

The exact opposite occurs as well though: the 'polar night' or, in other words, nights that last for more than 24 hours. During this time, people might feel depressed. Fortunately, this period doesn't last as long as the midnight sun. For instance, in Kiruna, Sweden, the polar night lasts for about twenty-eight 24-hour periods, but the midnight sun for about 50.

There is also a condition that falls somewhere in between. If you move a little to the south of the Arctic Circle, towards Scotland or St Petersburg in Russia, for example, you will experience a 'white night'. For a few weeks between the beginnings of June and July, the night sky has a blue-pink glow, like it's early evening, but the sky never turns completely dark.

1. The 'midnight sun' lasts the longest exactly over the poles. ☐
2. The 'midnight sun' lasts for a whole day each year. ☐
3. The 'midnight sun' is known to cause sleeping problems. ☐
4. There are more periods with only sun than periods during which it is only dark. ☐
5. A 'white night' is known for the soft light before darkness. ☐



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Writing

You read this article in a local newspaper. Write a letter to the editor expressing your views on the issue.

Yesterday Mayor Duncan announced plans to build a new underground station in Clayton. He says that it will serve the needs of the residents, making it easier for them to reach the city centre, but also making Clayton accessible to everyone. Many people, though, are not happy with this decision. Henry Smith, a Clayton resident told us, 'An underground station in our area is definitely convenient. However, it is going to create problems for residents. There will be many people coming from neighbouring areas to use the station, who will park around the station. This will increase the number of cars and traffic in the area and no parking spaces will be left for residents.'

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