

1 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first. Use the words in brackets.

1 Abdul isn't as tall as Farid.
Farid _____ Abdul. (taller)

3 Beauty and intelligence are both important to me.
Beauty _____ as intelligence to me. (just)

2 In my opinion, Sydney is more exciting than Melbourne.
In my opinion, Melbourne is _____
Sydney. (less)

4 Some people are less confident about their looks than others.
Some people _____ about their looks as others. (as)

2 Complete the sentences with words from the box. There are three words that you don't need.

bald	blonde	curly	dyed	elderly	eyelashes	fringe
moustache	overweight	shape	shoulder	slim	well-built	

- If you want to keep in good _____, it's advisable to do some exercise every day.
- My father started losing his hair in his thirties and now he's completely _____.
- Do you think Anya's hair is _____? I'm sure it used to be much lighter than it is now.
- Not playing any sport and eating too much are two main causes of becoming _____.
- This dress is a bit too tight and I'm not _____ enough to wear it.
- Jessica always had really long hair but she decided she wanted a change and now has it _____-length.
- When Ahmet was a little boy, he always wanted to grow a _____ just like his dad!
- The hairdresser in my village offers a 20% discount for _____ people over seventy years old.
- That girl's _____ is so long that I'm surprised she can see anything through it!
- Chiara had beautiful eyes; they were green, with long, dark _____.

3 Complete the sentences with words from the box. Use each word once.

bright	colourful	curves	detailed	historical
modern	mysterious	old-fashioned	traditional	warm

- With all those reds, greens and blues, her dress was so _____ that she felt happy whenever she wore it.
- I'm not very keen on _____ art; I much prefer paintings from the seventeenth or eighteenth century.
- This is a _____ recipe for making cheese – it's been used by farmers in this area for hundreds of years.
- The statue was so _____ that we could see all the separate hairs on her eyebrows!
- I love walking in the countryside when the leaves are falling from the trees. All the yellows, golds and reds are so _____ even if the temperature can be quite low.
- War and Peace* is one of the greatest _____ novels; it's about the French war with Russia 200 years ago.
- Many couples today think that marriage is _____, so they choose just to live with each other instead.
- My teenage brother once painted his bedroom black, not exactly what you'd call a _____ colour!
- Don't you think there's something rather _____ about Tom's new girlfriend? No one really knows anything about her.
- If you'd prefer a design without so many _____, this table has much straighter lines.

4 Complete the dialogue using MODAL VERBS OF DEDUCTION.

Diego I do love looking around art galleries. Look at that photograph over there – it's amazing!

Inghar It's beautiful, but it ¹ _____ be a photograph – it looks too old. I don't think they had cameras then.

Diego Well, I think it's much more recent – but maybe you're right. It ² _____ be a photograph or a painting, I guess.

Inghar Why don't we ask the lady by the wall? She's wearing a uniform so she ³ _____ work here.

Diego Excuse me ... we were wondering if this is a photograph or a painting?

Assistant You're not the first person to ask that question! If you look in the corner you'll notice the artist's signature. That's always a good clue that it ⁴ _____ be a photograph! It's actually a painting, but an incredibly realistic one.

Diego Thanks – it ⁵ _____ have been done by a really talented artist!

5 Complete the dialogue with phrases from the box. There are two phrases that you don't need.

Do you think you could I didn't mean to I'll make sure I think it's unfair that
Sorry to bother you The problem's been going on for there's something I'm not happy about

Mr Flores Excuse me. ¹ _____ but are you the manager?

Manager Yes, sir, I am. How can I help you?

Mr Flores I'm afraid ² _____.

Manager I'm sorry to hear that, sir. What seems to be the problem?

Mr Flores It's the noise in my room. The traffic outside is very loud and it's keeping me awake at night.
³ _____ several days now, and I haven't been getting enough sleep.
⁴ _____ see if there's another room available that I could move to?

Manager Of course, sir. I'm terribly sorry about that. ⁵ _____ that you are given another room immediately.

Mr Flores That's very good of you. Thanks for your help.

6 Complete the sentences with verbs from the box.

back get give increase make present raise set up share take

- 1 It seems there is no support for his new project; hardly anyone will _____ it, unfortunately.
- 2 Going into business with at least one other partner can help to _____ the risk if things go wrong.
- 3 There are professional advisors who can recommend ways to _____ funding for new business projects.
- 4 If you need financial help, why don't you _____ out a bank loan and pay it back over a few months?
- 5 It's quite common for small businesses not to _____ a profit for the first few years.
- 6 Last year the company was worth £1 million, now it's worth £2 million. It's great to see it _____ in value so quickly.
- 7 Since you've never _____ a business before, why don't you go on a training course first?
- 8 Maria has been asked to _____ her ideas for the new design to everyone next Monday.
- 9 We managed to _____ enough money to start our own business by asking several friends to help.
- 10 Although I'm fairly confident this new product will be successful, I wouldn't like to _____ any guarantees.

7 Choose the correct answer from the options.

Kim Do you fancy coming to see the football match with me on Saturday?

Lee What? Do you have tickets?

Kim Yes. My company always gets tickets for the big matches so I thought I'd ¹ have / take advantage of it this time!

Lee That's wonderful. Is it all right if I ² have / take a word with my wife and let you know? I ³ have / take a feeling that she's invited some friends over that day, but I don't ⁴ have / take a clue at what time.

Kim Well, the match starts at half past seven.
⁵ Have / Take my word for it – it's going to be a great game!

Lee Well, we usually ⁶ have / take turns to go out on a Saturday while the other one ⁷ has / takes care of the children. It should be my turn to go out this week, but I can't ⁸ have / take that for granted!

Kim I understand – I don't expect you to ⁹ have / take a decision before you speak to her.

Lee Great – I really hope I can make it, but I'll let you know if I ¹⁰ have / take any difficulty arranging things!

8 Complete with the correct ARTICLE (a / an / the / -).

- 1 Many fans consider Lewis Hamilton to be _____ best racing driver _____ world.
- 2 When I was younger I was in _____ school basketball team for my year, so my dream was to become _____ professional player.
- 3 Most experts advise that _____ healthy lifestyle should involve plenty of _____ exercise.
- 4 The playing field is free to use, but they don't provide equipment, so if you want to play _____ football, you will need to bring _____ ball.
- 5 Unfortunately our team didn't win _____ final, but at least it was _____ entertaining match!

9 Complete the sentences so that the second sentence has the same meaning as the first. Use the PASSIVE form.

- 1 Bill Gates started the Microsoft Corporation in 1975.
The Microsoft Corporation _____ Bill Gates in 1975.
- 2 People are setting up new independent cafés all the time.
New independent cafés _____ all the time.
- 3 The bank must review all applications for loans.
All applications for loans _____.
- 4 The government has set up a website for people wanting to start a company.
A website _____ for people wanting to start a company.
- 5 No one knows if the global crisis will affect any more countries.
No one knows if any more countries _____.

10 Read the text about Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. Match 1–5 with the missing sentences a–f. There is one sentence that you don't need.

- a Another key point is that many companies focus on the country's needs.
- b On the other hand, there is no guarantee that this will be successful.
- c However, at the moment, they both have very different customers.
- d Kenya has a good geographical location in Africa, a good climate, and a strong education system.
- e Many of these have been set up by educated young Kenyans.
- f It provides a money transfer service that can be used on a mobile phone.

Nairobi: The new business city

In the last few years, the capital of Kenya has become recognized around the world as a place for new businesses and new ideas. In particular, Nairobi is now a popular city for small businesses that have a focus on technology.¹ _____ Encouraged by government support and interest from outsiders willing to invest money, this new generation is prepared to take risks and create new products for the local market.

There are many reasons for Nairobi's success.² _____ Nairobi also has the right balance of creative people and support from global IT companies, universities, the government and the local business community. Many young Kenyans have been starting up new businesses and aren't afraid to take risks in the hope of being successful.

³ _____ For example, several of them have been praised for their ability to respond to the requirements of local people working in farming and clothes making. M-Pesa is one such example of a successful company.⁴ _____ Because internet access is not always reliable in many parts of the country, using text messaging is an excellent way of helping farmers and clothes makers take payments and so expand their businesses.

Some experts even think Kenya may soon overtake South Africa as the technology centre of Africa.

⁵ _____ While Kenya has so far focused on its own region, South Africa does more international business. But the future is certainly looking good for young business-minded Kenyans. As long as the government continues to support them, it may just be a question of time before Nairobi becomes the new tech centre after all.