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UNIT 11



UPPER - INTERMEDIATE LEVEL (B2)

1 Complete with a REPORTING VERB in the correct tense. There are two verbs you don't need.

announce	assure	blame	claim	deny	encourage
persuade	point out	promise	remind	suggest	warn

- 1 My husband _____ me for being late, but he knows perfectly well that it was his fault.
- 2 Even though I really didn't want to go, Karl managed to _____ me to go to the party with him.
- 3 I might _____ that we set out earlier than planned because of the bad weather.
- 4 My mother has always _____ me to concentrate on my education.
- 5 I offered to do the cleaning, but my flatmate _____ that I'd done it recently and it was her turn.
- 6 Magda _____ me that the food in this restaurant wasn't very good. I wish I'd listened!
- 7 When I expressed my concerns, my boss _____ me that there was nothing to worry about.
- 8 We've complained about our room and the receptionist _____ to upgrade us to a bigger one.
- 9 At the end of the meeting, Hannah _____ that she would be leaving next month.
- 10 Susie _____ that she used to be on TV, but nobody takes her seriously.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words. There are some extra words you don't need.

breakthrough	campaign	conflict	crisis	cure	inspire
peace	suffer	survive	unfortunate	victory	wound

- 1 Several people were _____ when the armed robber opened fire.
- 2 The most recent economic _____ in Europe lasted for many years.
- 3 After decades of _____, the two sides decided to sit down together and work things out.
- 4 Everyone lives in the hope that one day there will a medical _____ in the fight against cancer.
- 5 It was a bittersweet _____ for the team because although they won the match, they still lost the championship.
- 6 Nowadays there's no need to _____ in silence. Call the doctor and make an appointment!
- 7 Scientists are confident that they are just about to discover a _____ for blindness.
- 8 Amongst all the bad news we hear every day, I must say it's _____ to hear a story about human kindness.

3 Match 1–5 to a–f to make complete sentences. There is one letter that you don't need.

- 1 I enjoy watching current affairs programmes ____
- 2 There are far too many celebrity chefs around these days ____
- 3 The home improvement programmes on Channel 4 were really useful ____
- 4 I found the latest crime drama really gripping ____
- 5 That new sitcom with Frank Monroe is one of the best I've seen ____

- A and most of them are doing the same old thing.
B but a recent survey showed that people disliked the commercial breaks on all channels.
C because they gave me some ideas for transforming my spare room.
D and there are some really amusing dialogues.
E because I get a better understanding of what's going on in my country.
F and watched most of the series at the weekend.

4 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- 1 'I went to the new shopping centre yesterday,' said David.
David said _____.
- 2 'I'll call you as soon as I finish,' said Pablo.
Pablo said _____.
- 3 'Did you visit the Louvre when you were in Paris?' asked Zara.
Zara asked _____.
- 4 'I'm going to the gym tomorrow,' said Julia.
Julia said _____.
- 5 'Were you travelling to the airport when your car broke down?' asked Boris.
Boris asked _____.

5 Complete the sentences with an ADJECTIVE formed from the word in brackets.

- 1 It's hard to remain _____ when you're talking about your own family, isn't it? (object)
- 2 This is the _____ desk that the author Charles Dickens sat at to write his novels. (act)
- 3 I'm not sure if I could handle twelve hours on a plane, but four or five is _____. (manage)
- 4 It was an _____ meeting that led to them becoming close friends. (accident)
- 5 The video went _____ as soon as it was posted on You Tube. (virus)
- 6 Alex hasn't had many girlfriends. He's quite _____ when it comes to asking girls out. (select)
- 7 There are bottles of water in the fridge. The tap water here isn't _____. (drink)
- 8 I recently read a very _____ article on social networking. (inform)
- 9 It looks like Dirk is the _____ partner in the business. (dominate)
- 10 Coffee is a highly _____ drink due to the caffeine in it. (addict)

6 Choose the correct option a–d to complete the sentences.

- 1 There's no point in _____ it. Several people saw you take the money.
a admitting b denying c claiming d mentioning
- 2 I tend to flick through the channels when the _____ come on. It's always the same old ads anyway.
a current affairs b match highlights c commercial breaks d celebrity chefs
- 3 It's completely _____ that women earn less than men for doing the same job. We need to change this situation!
a irresponsible b irrelevant c unmanageable d unacceptable
- 4 The government's new environmental _____ aims to educate the public about threats to wildlife.
a survey b agreement c campaign d message
- 5 We'll know how serious the situation is after a detailed _____ of the figures.
a plot b analysis c tip d investigation

- 7 Read the article about Reuters News Agency and complete the gaps with the correct sentences A-F. There is one extra sentence that you don't need.

REUTERS

Thomson Reuters is one of the world's biggest suppliers of news and financial information.

¹ ____ They provide news stories, photographs and video to newspapers, television and internet sites worldwide. Although known as a press agency, Reuters makes most of its profits through providing financial information such as currency rates and stock prices to bankers and investors all over the world.

The history of Reuters goes hand in hand with improvements in communication technology.

Reuters was established by Paul Julius Reuter. Originally a bookseller in Germany, he set up a service using pigeons to fly stock prices between Germany and Brussels. But by 1851, London had an important place in the global telegraphic network so Reuter moved to an office near the London Stock Exchange.

² ____ By the late 1850s, the company had offices throughout Europe.

Reuter retired in 1872 and the company changed its name to Reuters Ltd. In 1941 it was reorganized to maintain its independence as a press agency. At the same time, in the face of competition from American agencies after World War Two, Reuters increased its financial information services, introducing Stockmaster, which sent stock information from around the world onto computer screens. The launch of the Reuters monitor nearly ten years later created an electronic marketplace for foreign currency by displaying currency rates in real time. ³ ____ This was followed by the introduction of a service which allowed foreign currency traders to trade directly from their own computers.

In the 1990s, Reuters continued to develop information systems and set up a number of companies, including a television company called Reuters Television. ⁴ ____ Today's Reuters is still based on its basic rules of trust, which state that news and information from the company must be independent and objective. Reuters' journalists have to provide accurate and clear descriptions of events so that individuals, organizations and governments can make their own decisions based on facts.

Reuters joined with Thomson's financial information division in 2007 and, as a result, its new name is Thomson Reuters. ⁵ ____ And not only that – it looks set to stay that way for some time to come.

- a The agency then expanded these technological advances to include news and other financial information.
- b Formerly known as Reuters Group plc, it has a global network of over 2,000 journalists.
- c As a result, Reuters transferred its London headquarters from Fleet Street, moving all of them into one building.
- d This provides news, sports, business and entertainment via satellite to broadcasters in more than ninety countries.
- e It remains a leader in what has become a multi-billion dollar industry.
- f From there, he could supply investors in London and Paris with stock prices over the new Dover–Calais telegraph line.