Grammar

1 Underline the correct alternative.

1 By the time Nigel *was arriving/arrived* at the party, everyone *ate/had eaten* and *was dancing/danced*.
2 The boys *had been playing/played* in the garden for hours and when I *went/was going* to check on them, they *had kicked/were kicking* a football around and *laughing/laughed*.
3 Ellen *was thinking/had been thinking* about going to Hawaii to visit her sister for some time, so when she *had lost/lost* her job and was given a generous redundancy package, she immediately *called/had called* her sister to let her know and then *was booking/booked* her flight.

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1 If only we *had* the money to buy that house in the country – it was stunning! (have)
2 I really wish they _____ me about that job. I just want to know if I've got it or not! (call)
3 If only he _____ us the truth! I wonder why he didn't?
4 I wish I _____ more about the range of creative jobs that exist when I was at school. I'm sure I'd be doing something else now if I had. (know)
5 If only it _____ possible for us to take a year off work. I'd love to travel around the world and take a break from it all. (be)
6 I wish your mother _____ us when she's planning on visiting instead of just turning up on our doorstep unannounced. (tell)
7 If only we _____ a bigger garden. Then we would be able to grow all the fruit and vegetables we wanted! (have)
8 I wish my students _____ there texting under their desks during class. If they carry on doing this, I'm going to have to confiscate their phones. (not/sit)
9 If only I was _____ to work early today. Then I would be able to get to the concert in time. The problem is that I have a meeting at 4pm. (leave)
10 I wish I _____ never _____ to help you move house. I had no idea you had so many books! (offer)
11 If only I _____ that job in France. Now I have to decide if I want to start a new life there or not. (not/offer)

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Vocabulary

3 Complete the sentences using one word from box A and one from box B. There are two extra words in each box.

Box A

bitten	caught	cloud	goes
if	~~ventured~~	when	

Box B

coating	comes	do	~~gained~~
lining	make	shy	

1 Julian's dad has always encouraged him to follow his dream of starting his own hotel and to give it a go, even though it was risky. He used to say: 'Nothing *ventured*, nothing *gained*'.
2 Whenever I travel abroad, I always observe and follow what the locals do – after all, '_____ in Rome, _____ as the Romans do'.
3 The last time Amanda gave Brian a helping hand, he took all the credit for her ideas and didn't even thank her, so when he said he needed help again yesterday, she decided to ignore him. After all, once _____, twice _____.
4 Last week, Amy's boss told her he couldn't attend the annual conference as his wife was ill. She knew he'd expect her to give up her weekend and go instead of him but every _____ has a silver _____ as this year it was being held on the beautiful island of Fiji.
5 When Vic broke her leg, Sandra was incredibly supportive and helped her in any way she could. I guess what _____ around _____ around, as last month Sandra wasn't well and Vic really looked after her.

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4 Put the letters in the correct order to complete the text.

As tradition dictated, at the end of the night, we all gathered around the fire for one of Uncle Phil's [1]*incredible* (enrlidebic) stories. We could instantly tell from the solemn and [2]_____ (neesint) atmosphere that descended, that tonight's story wasn't going to be one of the [3]_____ (soirhialu) ones he often told, which invariably had us all in fits of laughter. Instead, he shared the [4]_____ (noimgv) story of how his grandparents had met. It was quite a [5]_____ (tacmarid) story as they had first met during the war but had then been separated by circumstances. The most [6]_____ (lamakberre) part of the story was when he explained how they were eventually reunited.

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5 Underline the correct answer, a), b), c) or d).

1 Gavin admitted it was the initial two weeks that were the hardest when he gave ___ smoking.
a) *up* **b)** over **c)** in **d)** by

2 Tomás has got such a talent for languages! He only has to spend a few months in a country to pick ___ enough of the language to speak fluently to native speakers.
a) out **b)** up **c)** off **d)** on

3 We were all devastated when Fabrizia's grandmother passed ___ as she had always been at the heart of the family. We miss her very much.
a) out **b)** by **c)** away **d)** up

4 The problem that Louise is currently facing is that she's taken ___ a new role at work but still has to manage her old one at the same time until a replacement is found for her.
a) out **b)** in **c)** off **d)** on

5 When Dad told me he was going to take ___ hang gliding when he retired, I assumed he was pulling my leg. How wrong can you be?
a) on **b)** up **c)** in **d)** over

6 We've always supported our children and the decisions they've made, so when Lewis told us he wanted to drop ___ of university we just asked him what he planned to do.
a) away **b)** in **c)** off **d)** out

7 Jessie's always looked ___ his father, Walter, and is keen to follow in his footsteps and become an officer in the navy.
a) up to **b)** out of **c)** away **d)** up in

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6 Match beginnings 1–6 with endings a)–g). There is <u>one</u> ending that you do not need.

1 A fun way to improve your English without really trying is to find the lyrics _a_
2 I'd suggest you refer to the instruction ___
3 In our last political studies seminar, we discussed an interesting online ___
4 Our class would like to set up an online
5 Miki's son loves Manga comics ___
6 I've never been into reading gossip ___

a) ~~to some songs you like and to sing along to them.~~
b) article that evaluated the pros and cons of immigration.
c) magazines as it seems such a waste of time.
d) manual when setting up your smart television.
e) autobiography but written by a ghost writer.
f) forum so we can talk about the various issues which affect us.
g) and dreams of becoming an illustrator.

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Function

7 Complete the conversations with the words in the box. There are three extra words you do not need.

appeal	builds	character	creates			
enjoyed	for	into	of	on	stand	
that	~~thing~~	way	what			

1

A: The [1] *thing* I love about Bryce Courtney's books is the amount of historic detail that goes into every story. Have you read any of his books?

B: No, I can't say I have. I'm not really a big fan [2]_____ fiction to be honest. I prefer reading about classic cars.

A: Do you? I never would've guessed! Personally, I can't [3]_____ reading about car and bikes but, well, at least we know what we both enjoy!

2

A: That was a great film, wasn't it?

B: Absolutely! What I [4]_____ most was the way the 3D special effects were used to draw you into it. That was awesome!

A: It certainly was! And I loved the [5]_____ the story [6]_____ from the initial scene.

B: But [7]_____ I didn't like was the way the film just suddenly ended. It didn't really feel like the plot had been brought to a proper close. You don't suppose they're planning a sequel, do you?

3

A: Have you finished reading the book I lent you last month?

B: Not exactly. You can have it back if you want. I'm finding it hard work and can't get [8]_____ it.

A: Really? Oh, I thought you'd enjoy it! I mean, I could easily relate to the main [9]_____ and really thought he'd [10]_____ to you too.

B: Sorry, but I'm not actually that keen [11]_____ science fiction as a genre. I much prefer thrillers.

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Total:	50

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