

REVIEW 2

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the text with one word in each space.

The Spirit Level by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett argues that ¹ _____ more equal a society is, the healthier it is and the ² _____ social problems it has. Inequality in places such as the USA has increased ³ _____ rapidly over the last decades that people have started to feel alienated from society and there is more violence and addiction than in more equal societies. The authors suggest that governments should ⁴ _____ done more during the boom years ⁵ _____ reduce the wealth gap because there is ⁶ _____ a lot of unemployment now, it is more difficult to reverse the situation. Nevertheless, the authors believe that change can happen. The government should ⁷ _____ more money on education and increase the minimum wage ⁸ _____ everyone feels valued for the job they do.

2 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and four words, including the word given.

- Have you tried using a knife to open it?
Maybe _____ a knife to open it. **SHOULD**
- What do you call that stuff you use if you've got a stain on your clothes?
What do you call the stuff you use _____ your clothes? **REMOVE**
- The investigation was so poor, the chief of police had to resign.
The police _____ of the investigation that the chief of police had to resign. **MESS**
- As the economy improves, we will see youth unemployment fall.
The better the economy performs, _____ will be for young people. **JOBS**
- It was a mistake to invest so much in the Olympics.
I don't think the government _____ much in the Olympics. **SHOULD**
- There's a positive correlation between practice and performance.
It's simple: the more you _____ get at something. **BETTER**

3 Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

- I need a cloth to _____.
- Have you got a screwdriver so _____?
- There's such a shortage of housing, _____.
- When I was younger, I should _____.
- The more money I have, the _____.
- The more I study English, the _____.

4 ▶ 25 Listen. Write the six sentences you hear.

VOCABULARY

5 Match the verbs (1–10) with the collocates (a–j).

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| 1 undermine | a our reputation / crop yields |
| 2 overcome | b victory / she was discriminated against |
| 3 claim | c national unity / my confidence |
| 4 uphold | d my embarrassment / my fear of flying |
| 5 acquire | e the claim / the decision in court |
| 6 meet | f a target / the goal to end poverty |
| 7 boost | g valuable paintings / new skills |
| 8 provide | h a huge difference / do with what we've got |
| 9 make | i discrimination / a broken leg |
| 10 suffer | j feedback / children with food |

6 Complete the text with one word in each space. The first letters are given.

In times when the economy is in ¹re_____ people often can't afford to buy new things or pay for repairs because they are ²str_____ on low incomes. Many would like to turn to DIY or making their own stuff. That's easy enough if a strap has come off a bag or your shirt or trousers are ³r_____ as most people have a ⁴n_____ and thread. But what if it's a bigger repair like your roof has a leak or a desk has ⁵f_____ ⁶a_____? Not everyone has the tools they need and they're expensive to buy. Well, one solution is visiting one of our network of tool libraries that have started up all around the country. You can borrow a ⁷l_____ to climb up on the roof or a saw and ⁸dr_____ to make a new desk and, just like a normal library, it's free. To find out more, visit our website. If you would like to ⁹d_____ any tools, contact us on the number below. We will accept any that are ¹⁰sc_____ or otherwise slightly damaged, but we do ask that they have no parts ¹¹m_____ and are in working order. We'd also love to hear from you, if you are interested in joining our network and ¹²l_____ your own library.

7 Complete the sentences. Use the word in brackets to form a word that fits in the space.

- My boyfriend is _____ with his new phone. (obsess)
- I'm _____ about the future, despite some of the problems we're facing. (optimism)
- When I was younger I used to be a stamp _____. I'd go to lots of stamp fairs. (collect)
- I know he did it with good _____, but it didn't help. (intend)
- I'm very _____ when it comes to buying stuff online. (caution)
- The incident caused considerable _____ to the company. (embarrass)
- The government has launched an _____ into the causes of the riots this summer. (investigate)
- The government has _____ implemented a number of initiatives to combat poverty. (success)