control

1 Verb + control

Use the correct form of these verbs:

exercise	*go out of*	*have*
keep	*lose*	*take*

1. The rebels have ..... control of the city. They seized control early this morning when they stormed the presidential palace and assassinated the President.
2. I don't know what happened. I just ..... control of the car and went into the ditch. I think it must have been a patch of ice.
3. When he was giving his speech at the wedding, you could tell he was very emotional by the way he struggled to ..... control of his voice.
4. A lot of parents ..... absolutely no control over their own children – so how do they expect the school to get them to behave?
5. I like a few beers; but you have to ..... some self-control if you have the car. I always stick to orange juice.
6. As it entered the tunnel, the car she was in ..... control and crashed. She only lived for a few hours after being rushed to hospital.

2 Adjective collocations

Match the halves to make full sentences:

1. In order to stop young people drinking, the government ought to impose stricter controls
2. The government's economic policy involves keeping tight control
3. After the shooting, a government official said that there would have to be more stringent controls
4. One quality of an effective teacher is the ability to exercise firm control
5. In certain countries the state has total control
6. Some people are afraid that the Chancellor is not in complete control

a. *on the ownership of guns.*
b. *over the press, radio and TV.*
c. *over difficult students.*
d. *of the economy.*
e. *on the sale of alcohol.*
f. *on inflation.*

Notice that the expressions in colour all mean 'very strong' control.

3 Types of control

Complete the sentences with these words:

birth	*crowd*	*passport*	*quality*
remote	*traffic*	*overall*	*air-traffic*

1. The man was arrested as he was collecting his luggage just after he had gone through ..... control.
2. If you don't want to start a family immediately, your family doctor will give you advice on suitable methods of ..... control.
3. I hope this new scheme for ..... control in the city centre will ease congestion.
4. Our strict system of ..... control ensures that no faulty goods leave our factory.
5. What's on the other channels?
   I've no idea. Where's the ..... control?
6. One of the few effective methods of ..... control involves the use of water cannon.
7. Managers can make most decisions, but the CEO has ..... control within the company.
8. The reason we were delayed coming back was that ..... control were on strike!

Notes

1. In 1-1 'gained' is also possible.
2. If you 'lose control', it can also mean to say or do things that you would not usually do:
   He had a terrible temper, and quite often he would completely lose control.
3. Notice the following expressions:
   What I don't like about being on horseback is that I don't feel as if I'm in control.
   There was nothing the company could do about their financial situation. It was totally out of / beyond / outside their control.
   More than 50 firefighters fought to bring the blaze under control.
   The concert has been cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.
4. 'Self-control' is our ability to control our emotions and behaviour:
   If I had more self-control, I wouldn't eat as many sweets! And then I'd be a lot thinner.

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