help

1 Verb + help

Use the correct form of these verbs:

ask for	*appreciate*
offer	*get*
seek	*use*
need	*provide*

1. Thanks for everything you've done for my parents. They really ..... all your help.
2. My car broke down in the city centre and I tried to push it to the side of the road. There were lots of people standing watching, and not one of them ..... any help whatsoever.
3. Do you need any help with the cooking?
   > No, but I could ..... some help with the washing up if you're not too busy.
4. I wouldn't normally ..... your help, but the fact is I'm desperate. Could I use your phone? Ours is out of order and I don't have a mobile.
5. Look! That old lady has collapsed. Go and ..... help. There's a policeman over there.
6. Initially he turned to his family for help in dealing with his depression, but he was eventually forced to ..... psychiatric help.
7. In the current emergency, we ..... all the help we can get.
8. The Samaritans are an organisation which ..... telephone help to people who are suicidal.

2 Common adjective collocations

Use the following adjectives in these sentences:

extra	*great*	*invaluable*
financial	*professional*	*individual*

1. My mother was a ..... help to me while my wife was in hospital having our third child.
2. We received ..... help from many people while writing this book. We couldn't have completed it without their contributions.
3. If you suffer from depression, it's best to get ..... help. First, talk to your doctor.
4. I passed my mathematics exam, thanks to the ..... help my dad gave me in the evenings.
5. Most teachers simply don't have the time to give some students the ..... help they need.
6. A lot of older people do without things rather than ask for ..... help.

3 Ways of asking for help

Match the two halves of these sentences:

1. It is a well-known fact that
2. We were surprised by the number of volunteers who responded to
3. We are grateful to all those parents who answered
4. A five-year-old girl has gone missing. Her parents have made

a. our appeal for help with disabled children.
b. a desperate plea to the public for help in finding her.
c. a suicide attempt is often a cry for help.
d. our call for help in raising funds for the school.

4 Expressions with prepositions

Match the two halves of the sentences:

1. The survivors of the earthquake are
2. Our confidential telephone lines are
3. These flowers are
4. It's now three days since the disaster struck and

a. a token of my appreciation for all your help.
b. in dire need of help. The government must get food and medicine to them quickly.
c. offers of help are flowing in from all over the world.
d. a tremendous source of help to those people who are depressed and lonely.

Notes

1. Note the expression 'to manage something with the help of':
   I managed to make myself understood with the help of my Spanish phrase book.
2. Note this common expression:
   The map he drew wasn't much help. I still got lost!
   Come on! You're not much help!
3. Note how we offer to help:
   Let me know if I can be of any help to you.
   Would you like some help with the washing up?
4. Note the more formal collocation:
   The CID enlisted the help of a graphologist, an expert on handwriting.
5. In the UK a 'home help' is somebody who helps the elderly or disabled with their housework.
6. A 'helpline' is a telephone number you can ring for advice or information.

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