

Vocabulary

Phrasal verbs of deduction and investigation

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences. You can use some words more than once.

over down out up around back across upon

- 1 I can't help thinking the victim is keeping something _____.
- 2 We hit _____ a plan to fool the thief into thinking he'd got away with it.
- 3 Sooner or later, the truth will catch _____ with him and there will be nowhere left to hide.
- 4 The Chief Inspector mulled _____ the evidence before him.
- 5 A local resident had stumbled _____ the stolen goods on a dog walk.
- 6 The police staked _____ the flat into which the assailant had fled.
- 7 The accused was seen nosing _____ the art gallery days earlier.
- 8 The team later tracked _____ the missing items of jewellery.

Verbs of confusion and deceit

Choose the correct options to complete the text.

Into thin air

Everyone is (1) *baffled* / *deluded* by a recent news story. A wealthy businessman has apparently disappeared into thin air, which has (2) *double-crossed* / *confounded* detectives looking into the case.

John Porter had been on a bike ride in the rolling hills of Devon when his business associate and friend, the victim, Daniel Keen, went missing. Upon turning into a country lane, Mr Porter noticed Mr Keen hadn't followed him. Backtracking, he was (3) *perplexed* / *bluffing* to discover Mr Keen's bike with the wheels still in motion 50 metres up the road, but no sign of his friend.

Speaking to reporters, Mr Porter said, 'Anyone who thinks a car picked him up is (4) *deluding* / *duping* themselves. It was 6 am and very quiet'. There has been speculation about Mr Keen's reputation. Had he (5) *confounded* / *double-crossed* a former business partner, or (6) *scammed* / *bluffed* them out of money? Could Mr Porter be (7) *baffling* / *bluffing* and actually know more than he's letting on? Could Mr Keen himself have set it up and (8) *duped* / *perplexed* everyone into thinking he had been the victim of a crime?

The plot thickens!

Language focus

Modal verbs 2

Write the words in the correct order.

- 1 to / must / have / the / difficult / been / diffuse / It / argument
- 2 It's / parents' / to / got / hurt / your / left / feelings / when / you / have
- 3 You / as / on / well / pick / your / up / me / may / way
- 4 couldn't / was / alone / an / that / he / There / have / acted / idea
- 5 to / been / not / have / must / easy / for / him / apologise / It
- 6 film / couldn't / a / have / This / made / few / years / been / ago
- 7 have / might / well / last / It / her / been / World / Cup
- 8 press / can't / have / wanted / all / attention / that / They

Adjectives and fixed expressions

Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 She was a talkative, approachable and warm / warm, talkative and approachable member of the community.
- 2 It was considered to be a brilliant, awe-inspiring / an awe-inspiring, brilliant cinematic experience.
- 3 As it turned *out* / *in*, we'd done our apprenticeships with the same engineering firm.
- 4 *For* / *By* all means, use my car if it'll help you out.
- 5 This is the *major* / *very* place where the writers came to drink and converse.
- 6 The painting, so *bold, bright and beautiful* / *beautiful, bright and bold*, drew a large crowd.
- 7 My teacher was a *major* / *very* reason why I ended up choosing a sports diploma.
- 8 For *a* / *the* time being, let's just stay put and be patient.

Word formation

Adjectives

Write the correct adjective form for each word.

- 1 FRAUD _____
- 2 HARM _____
- 3 QUARREL _____
- 4 DISCERN _____
- 5 MISCHIEF _____
- 6 MIRACLE _____
- 7 REVERSE _____
- 8 IRK _____

Reading and Use of English

Part 2 Open cloze

Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. There is an example at the beginning.

A giant jigsaw

If you know anything about the wholesale warehouse chain, Costco, you'll know that it's a shop for people who are fans **(0)** *OF* the bulk buy. You can treat **(1)** to a 40-pack of toilet rolls, an 8-pound tub of popcorn and a 20-kilogram bag of basmati rice!

But, it's not just the home goods and food that are supersize. In actual **(2)**, what's been dubbed as the 'world's largest puzzle' has recently **(3)** on sale in the store. The jigsaw box, in **(4)** you'll find a staggering 60,000 pieces, is a colourful collage of some of the world's most amazing places. Thankfully, for ease of construction, it can be broken **(5)** sixty sections of a thousand pieces each.

Not **(6)** will you need a lot of space (2.44 m x 8.84 m), but you'll also need a wad of cash. It will set you **(7)** over £500. So, only put this on your Christmas list if you have sufficient floor space and, perhaps more importantly, a relative **(8)** money to burn!

Reading and Use of English

Part 4 Key word transformations

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 three and eight words, including the word given.

Example: The meeting should have taken place this morning, but the minister cancelled at the last minute.

MEANT

The meeting **WAS MEANT TO HAVE BEEN** held this morning, but the minister cancelled at the last minute.

- 1 It was hard for Sally to accept being made redundant.

PILL

Redundancy _____ to swallow for Sally.

- 2 These trousers have got too small for my son.

OUT

My son _____ these trousers.

- 3 Sam made amends for missing her birthday by buying flowers.

UP

Sam bought flowers _____ her birthday.

- 4 I avoid going to meetings online unless there's no other choice.

RESORT

Only as _____, I attend online meetings.

- 5 Only after she had clicked 'send' did Sylvie begin to realise the mistake she had made.

DAWN

It wasn't until she had sent the message that it began _____ that she had made a mistake.

- 6 The boy's parents were completely sure their son would be able to cope.

FAITH

His parents had _____ the boy being able to cope.

Listening

Part 3 Multiple choice

🔊 You will hear an interview with biologist, Winston Dormont, in which he discusses elephants. For each question, choose the answer which fits best according to what you hear.

- 1 What do we learn about baby elephants?
 - A As they get bigger, they lose the ability to jump.
 - B They can hop in the same way as baby rabbits.
 - C The internet shows evidence of them jumping.
 - D Part of their foot has to stay aground at all times.

- 2 Elephants differ from other mammals because
 - A there are fewer bones in their legs.
 - B they get wounded more easily.
 - C their ankles are more flexible.
 - D they have different muscle structures.

- 3 What point does Winston make about evolution?
 - A Calves have evolved to be able to run from predators from an early age.
 - B Elephants have lost some skills to focus on others.
 - C Elephants used to live in different habitats.
 - D All animals species have grown in size.

- 4 What is Winston's opinion regarding elephants' agility?
 - A They can be quite agile.
 - B They get tired easily when they exert themselves.
 - C They tend to be clumsy.
 - D The environment makes them lazy.

- 5 In what area does Winston say elephants are superior to humans?
 - A One of their senses is more acute.
 - B Their body parts are more delicate.
 - C They have highly developed swimming skills.
 - D They are more community focused.

Writing

Part 2 Article

Write your answer in 280–320 words. You must use grammatically correct sentences with accurate spelling and punctuation in a style appropriate for the situation.

An English language newspaper has asked people to submit articles for a special feature they are running about natural phenomena. You decide to send in an article. You should briefly describe a natural phenomenon which interests you. Then explain why natural phenomena captivate people's interests.

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Speaking

Part 2 Collaborative task

Here are some pictures which show four of the seven wonders of the world. Choose two pictures of sites that you think have the greatest historical and cultural significance. Give reasons for your choices.



Wonders of the world

Now look at all the pictures. Imagine that you work for a conservation charity and you have been asked to provide a report on the positive and negative effects of tourism on these sites. Talk about some of the benefits and drawbacks of tourism and suggest one measure that could be taken to mitigate any adverse impacts.