Unit 1

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VOCABULARY

Challenge and achievement

1 Choose the word from the box which can be used in each pair of sentences, a and b.

ambition challenge chance failure motivation success

1 **a** Reaching the mountain peak proved to be a formidable _____.
b We were convinced he would rise to the _____ of swimming right round the island.

2 **a** The sales launch of our new product was met with complete _____.
b The government's housing policy was a dismal _____, leading to an increase in homelessness.

3 **a** I'd jump at the _____ of working in a different country.
b I know I didn't do very well on my first attempt, but I'd like a second _____.

4 **a** His first film was a resounding _____.
b It can take a long time to reach your full potential – not everyone is an overnight _____.

5 **a** I like going to the gym, but I lack the _____ to go every day.
b My primary _____ for studying English is to improve my job prospects.

6 **a** I've had an _____ to be an athlete since I was a child.
b Recently, I realised a lifelong _____ to run a marathon.

7 **a** I'm thinking of ways to increase my _____ to exercise more.
b What increased my _____ to study Portuguese was meeting my now best friend, who is from Rio.

8 **a** We have a daunting _____ ahead of us, but we will do our best to meet it.
b It's good to have a new _____ in life, from time to time, to prevent things from becoming dull.

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9 **a** I've finally realised my _____ to become a pilot, after years of training.

b Olivia has already achieved her main _____ in life – to buy a big house.

10 **a** Unless you make proper preparations, it's likely that your plans will end in _____.

b The film was a costly _____, with an underwhelming performance at the box office.

LANGUAGE FOCUS

Adverbs of degree

2 Complete the sentences with the correct answers (A, B, C or D).

1 My brother is a _____ qualified swimming instructor.

A fully **B** wholly **C** totally **D** completely

2 You can't speak like that to me. It's _____ unacceptable.

A fairly **B** extremely **C** bitterly **D** wholly

3 I _____ regret not training properly for the competition. I could have won.

A bitterly **B** fiercely **C** highly **D** entirely

4 I didn't go to the beach at the weekend like I usually do. I went somewhere _____ different.

A fully **B** entirely **C** perfectly **D** bitterly

5 I don't need help carrying these bags. I'm _____ capable of doing it myself, thanks.

A extremely **B** fiercely **C** too **D** perfectly

6 Leo is only eight years old, but it's already clear that he's _____ gifted when it comes to playing the piano.

A highly **B** utterly **C** totally **D** completely

7 I thought my test results were _____ good, although I could have done better.

A quite **B** utterly **C** completely **D** absolutely

8 I'm _____ ambitious when it comes to sports – I always want to win, no matter what.

A entirely **B** perfectly **C** fiercely **D** absolutely

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9 We're _____ exhausted after driving for nine hours.

A totally **B** very **C** too **D** fully

10 It can be _____ tiring to smile and be polite to people all day long.

A highly **B** wholly **C** completely **D** very

WORD FORMATION

Nouns

3 Complete each gap with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1 We are performing on stage tomorrow, but we are meeting tonight for one final _____ (*rehearse*).

2 The _____ (*neighbour*) I live in is popular with families with young children.

3 It's important to eat a _____ (*vary*) of food to get as much nutrition as possible.

4 The children walked into the cinema after the film had started, much to our _____ (*annoy*).

5 The writer's latest novel has been praised for its _____ (*origin*).

6 I had to go online to find an _____ (*explain*) of how this software works.

7 After three attempts, I managed to reach the top of the mountain – my _____ (*persist*) finally paid off.

8 Due to a long period of hot, dry weather, there is a _____ (*short*) of water in the region.

9 It's important to encourage children to read for _____ (*please*) and develop a love of books.

10 There is a _____ (*vacant*) for the role of coach in our local football team.

11 I get a great deal of _____ (*enjoy*) from taking long rides on my bike at weekends.

12 Thanks to my _____ (*careless*), I dropped my new phone and now the screen is cracked.

13 The _____ (*member*) fee of the gym is going up with 10% next year.

14 You have to admire Will's _____ (*commit*) – he never ever gave up.

15 Increased _____ (*expose*) to the sun can easily cause skin damage or worse.

READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

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Part 3 Word formation

4 For questions 1–8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS.

Echolocation

A **(0)** DETECTION technique normally used by dolphins to locate objects is being adopted by blind people. By making high-pitched clicking sounds, they are able to locate obstacles with remarkable **(1)** _____. The system is based on animal sonar techniques and helps humans form mental maps of their immediate **(2)** _____. When the sound waves hit an object, they bounce back to the ear to enable a blind person. A mental image of the object's size, depth of structure and **(3)** _____ to the person can then be built up.

Scientific **(4)** _____ has shown something interesting about this process. Apparently, it bears some **(5)** _____ to what happens with vision in normal-sighted people. People who do not have a visual **(6)** _____ seem to make use of patterns of returning light in order to actually process visual information. In fact, neural scientists believe there is a **(7)** _____ that the same parts of the brain used in visual processing are also being deployed by blind people using the clicking technique. The World Access for the Blind organisation is trying to spread the use of the technique to help blind people navigate their environment with a greater sense of **(8)** _____.

DETECT

ACCURATE

LOCATE

CLOSE

EVIDENT

SIMILAR

DISABLE

LIKELY

ASSURE

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