

A) For questions 1–10, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

This western region, lying next to the ocean, has some of the most beautiful (0) in the entire country. Although there are some small villages along the (1), it is a long way to the nearest big town. No railways or motorways connect this region with the rest of the world, so it feels quite (2) here. To the north, the huge White Mountains almost cut the region off from the flat (3) of the interior. The only way through them is over a high pass and down a narrow river (4). This is a particularly beautiful area, with spectacular white (5) on either side as streams tumble from the mountains high above. All around are dense (6) of pine trees, covered in snow in winter, and eventually the river pours into a lovely blue (7), over a kilometre in width. From there to the sea there is a series of green (8), full of wild flowers in spring, and then a line of (9), built up over the centuries by the winds sweeping in from the ocean and across the sand. Behind these lies a small blue (10) once part of the ocean and still filled with sea water.

Example 0 A view B sight C scenery D scene

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| 1 A beach | B coast | C area | D shore |
| 2 A isolated | B urban | C crowded | D cosmopolitan |
| 3 A hills | B shores | C dunes | D plains |
| 4 A beach | B gap | C valley | D slope |
| 5 A tides | B waterfalls | C currents | D channels |
| 6 A hedges | B bushes | C forests | D fences |
| 7 A lake | B beach | C puddle | D pond |
| 8 A lands | B grounds | C beaches | D fields |
| 9 A peaks | B dunes | C deserts | D mountains |
| 10 A bath | B pond | C lagoon | D river |

B) For questions 1–10, 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).

Example 0 classmates

My friends

My friend Emma goes to my school, and we are (0) *classmates* this year. She likes to do new and interesting things, as she's quite (1), but she's also very (2) because she doesn't take unnecessary risks. She's an easy-going person and never gets (3) which is another thing I like about her, and she's never (4) either. Ben is different. In fact, he's quite different from anyone else I know. He's (5) in the way he dresses, and he never does what people tell him to do. He's (6), but at the same time he has a lot of special skills and (7). For instance, he writes, draws and plays music with a lot of imagination, so he's highly (8). He's also brilliant at telling jokes. Sometimes I think he's so (9) that one day he might become a professional (10)!

- 0 CLASS
- 1 ADVENTURE
- 2 SENSE
- 3 ARGUMENT
- 4 BOSS
- 5 CONVENTION
- 6 REBEL
- 7ABLE
- 8 CREATE
- 9 HUMOUR
- 10COMEDY

C) For questions 1–5, 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 five words, including the word given. Here is an example.

Example My brother gave me this jumper.
given
I was *given* this jumper by my brother.

1 I've never heard a joke as funny as that before.

ever

That is the _____ heard.

2 I started to learn Chinese over a year ago.

learning

I _____ over a year.

3 I last went abroad when I was twelve.

been

I _____ I was twelve.

4 The rain was so heavy last night that we stayed in.

heavily

Last night _____ that we stayed in.

5 The thieves got away before the police arrived.

already

By the time the police arrived, _____ away.

D) For 1–10 choose the correct form of the verb (a, b or c) to complete the sentence.

1 That suitcase looks very heavy. I it if you like.

a 'll carry b carry c 'm going to carry

2 We in this village since 2006.

a are living b lived c have been living

3 I for hours when at last I found the entrance to the cave.

a looked b had been looking c had looked

4 I can't come out with you because I some work this evening.

a do b 'll do c 'm going to do

5 The concert twenty minutes ago.

a began b has begun c had begun

6 Everyone by the time we got to the restaurant.

a has already been eating b already ate c was already eating

7 This time next week I in the sea.

a swim b 'll be swimming c 'm swimming

8 We'd better hurry because the plane in two hours.

a will take off b takes off c has taken off

9 We reached the cinema quite late, but fortunately the film .

a hadn't started b didn't start c hasn't started

10 By 2015, I all my studies, I hope.

a 've finished b 'm finishing c 'll have finished