Units 4&5

Infinitives

1 Complete the sentences with the correct infinitives, positive or negative, passive or active.

1 This computer just needs _____ (clean). The fan is blocked with dust.
2 Video games respond to our desire _____ _____ (feel) competent in challenging situations.
3 I was determined _____ (order around) by anyone.
4 These days students tend _____ (be) more expert at using technology than their teachers.
5 The best way _____ (learn) to handle any electronic device is to start using it, perhaps with a little help from a friend.
6 _____ (download) this content, you have to be a registered user.
7 When accessing the Internet from a public computer, be sure _____ (delete) all your temporary files after you've finished.

2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in CAPITALS. Use no more than five words in each gap including the word in capitals.

1 All students must switch off their mobile phones before the start of the lesson. **ARE**
All students _____ their mobile phones before the start of the lesson.
2 To have my own robot would be exciting. **EXCITED**
I'd _____ my own robot.
3 He said he didn't want people telling him what to do. **BE**
He refused _____ what to do.
4 I got the new music app on my phone before anyone else in my class. **FIRST**
In my class I was _____ the new music app on my phone.

Sentence modifiers

Choose the correct option.

1 Not everyone would agree with this, but video games are *arguably / regrettably* a more intellectually stimulating form of entertainment than television.

2 *Potentially / Strikingly*, the latest model of this laptop is almost 30 percent lighter than the previous one while retaining all the functions and adding some new ones.

3 *Presumably / To some extent*, the engineers will have found out about this bug in the software by now and developed a way of dealing with it.

4 *Plainly / Surprisingly*, if children had to carry one tablet to school instead of a pile of books, it would be good for their backs.

5 *Curiously / Of course*, the Internet is a great source of information, but you need to use it in an intelligent and disciplined way.

6 Buying better equipment may help us solve the problem *to some extent / actually*, but not entirely.

7 *Surprisingly / Sadly*, the only person really obsessed with technological gadgets in my family is my granddad.

8 The manufacturer claimed the new electronic toy was educational, but *likely / actually* it was hard to tell what children might learn from it.

9 *Happily / Plainly*, we've been able to fix the bug and get the system working again.

10 *Sadly / Surprisingly*, the benefits of information technology are not available to many people in poor countries.

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Music industry Compounds Phrases to describe success and failure Forming nouns from adjectives

1 Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are more words than you need.

backlash brainchild decline flop mainstream soundproof

1 The invention was the _____ of two eccentric undergraduate students, who worked on it in their spare time.
2 People who don't trust the _____ media, such as big TV stations and newspapers owned by large news conglomerates, often look for alternatives on the Internet.
3 I've built a _____ wall in my bedroom, because I've got very noisy neighbours.
4 Many companies try to market their products on social media; but insensitive social media campaigns can cause a _____ from users.
5 Sales of cassette tapes started to _____ after CDs appeared on the market.

2 Choose the best option. WRITE THE LETTER

1 At the turn of the last century, video tapes _____ way to DVDs.
A lost **B** yielded **C** gave
2 One of the big tech companies recently launched 'smartwatches' – similar to smartphones but worn on the wrist – but they were a _____ flop.
A commercial **B** sale **C** trade
3 The band never rose to stardom, but they've had a loyal fan _____ for years.
A society **B** base **C** sector
4 The directors of the company are worried about the recent downturn _____ sales.
A of **B** over **C** in
5 Even though most people own a mobile phone nowadays, landlines haven't completely _____ by the wayside.
A stopped **B** fallen **C** disappeared

3 Complete the sentences with the words formed from the words in brackets.

1 I'm impressed by the _____ of new features on this phone ... but are they all really necessary? (ABUNDANT)
2 Internet-based companies first came to _____ in the final years of the 20th century. (PROMINENT)
3 We'll know more about the _____ of the new operating system after it's been in use for a few months. (EFFECTIVE)
4 I haven't got an account on any social media site, because I value my _____. (PRIVATE)
5 The main advantage of this device is its _____. (PORTABLE)
6 It's an exciting story, but I'm not entirely convinced of its _____. (AUTHENTIC)
7 The rapid technological development of the last few decades has been accompanied by a _____ of interest in traditional skills such as making things by hand. (RESURGENT)
8 We were impressed by the _____ of the device we were shown. (SIMPLE)
9 It's important to develop an _____ of the possible negative sides of social media. (AWARE)
10 I can understand my grandparents' _____ to start using e-readers instead of books. (RELUCTANT)

Gerunds

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs from the box.

convince do expect let promote receive work

1 I was pleased to hear my line manager had supported my _____.
2 If you have a skin allergy, _____ with food may be bad for your health.
3 With more and more companies _____ young graduates to work for free as 'interns', it is not easy to find paid work.

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4 I learned how to program this type of photocopier while _____ an internship at a technology company.
5 I succeeded in _____ my boss that I deserved a pay rise.
6 I appreciate your _____ me know about this job opportunity; I think I'll apply.
7 On _____ the letter, he ran and told his mother the good news.

2 Complete the sentences using the words in brackets in the correct forms. Add other words if necessary, but do not change the order of the given words. Use no more than <u>five</u> words in each gap.

1 I was told to phone the office immediately (on / arrive / London) _____.
2 When I came into the room, our boss was _____ _____ (middle / describe) the company's new strategy, so I apologised for interrupting.
3 My mother was _____ _____ (concern / my / start) a full-time job before I'd finished my degree.
4 _____ (work / at / restaurant) before, I knew how to carry three plates full of food at the same time.

Employment and career Phrasal verbs Colloquial phrases Collocations to describe work and money

1 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

1 I can't go out this weekend – I'm totally snowed _____ and must catch up on my studies.
2 We were exhausted and hungry, but we pressed _____ until we finished the project.
3 Have you heard? The local arts centre is taking _____ interns. Shall we apply?
4 It's important to be able to stand _____ for yourself and not allow people to exploit you.
5 I'm sick and tired of people ordering me _____. Even the most junior employee deserves some respect.

2 Complete the sentences with the missing words. The first and the last letters of the words have been given.

1 This job is a terrific opportunity for me; I hope it may help me **j**_____**p**-start my career.
2 When you work **o**_____**e**, you're entitled to higher pay than during your normal working hours.
3 Will the company **c**_____**r** all our expenses on this trip?
4 Working without a **p**_____**t** contract can make you feel insecure.
5 The problem is, I don't have the **g**_____**s** to tell my boss he's treating me unfairly.

3 Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are more words than you need.

commission gain indispensable menial placement tabs

1 Would it annoy you if you had to do _____ tasks in your first job?
2 My parents are keeping _____ on me – I have to text them to let them know I'm OK.
3 The trick is to make yourself _____ – then they can't fire you.
4 It's not a permanent job, just a short-term _____.
5 Salespeople often work on _____: they get paid according to how much they sell.

4 Choose the best option. WRITE THE LETTER

1 I'd just like to earn enough to _____ ends meet – is that asking too much?
A do **B** get **C** make
2 These days, employers look for candidates who can _____ the ground running and don't need a lot of training or explaining.
A hit **B** strike **C** stamp
3 We're setting up our own business. We hope to start _____ a profit within one year.
A doing **B** making **C** getting
4 After five years at university, do I really have to start in a job that barely pays the _____ wage?
A minimum **B** minimal **C** minimalist
5 A silly move like that can scupper your ____.
A luck **B** chances **C** fortunes

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