Topic vocabulary: Relationships

A **Complete using the correct form of the words in the box.**

attach • comprise • confront • contradict • correspond • dispute • distinguish
exclude • identify • integrate • involve • liken • merge • negotiate

1 It's not easy to ..... between Nick and Rick because they're identical twins.
2 Why do you always ..... me and say that what I'm saying isn't true?
3 I love mountaineering, and I suppose I would ..... it to the excitement of winning the lottery.
4 One of the reasons we grow to love characters in films is that we ..... with them.
5 You need to ..... the handle to the drawer using these screws.
6 I wouldn't ..... the possibility that you could be completely wrong on this.
7 Your answer to the maths problem should be the same as mine, but they don't ..... .
8 I'm going to ..... Roy about his behaviour because I think it's unacceptable.
9 Don't you think that people who come to live in this country should ..... into our culture?
10 In some countries, children under 16 ..... the majority of the population.
11 They say the price for the house is two hundred thousand, but I'm sure they'll ..... .
12 I'm not ..... the facts – I just don't agree with your interpretation of them.
13 Our office is going to ..... with the one in the next town so some people will lose their jobs.
14 Having a successful marriage ..... learning how to keep quiet at the right time.

B **Choose the correct answer.**

1 I couldn't believe it when Marcy accused me of ..... in her relationship with Joe.
A intervening B interacting C interfering D intercepting

2 Do you think there might be a ..... between Angie's behaviour and the accident she had?
A link B tie C bond D junction

3 Suddenly, I overheard Melissa and Alex talking about me in the ..... room.
A attached B beside C near D adjacent

4 It's difficult to translate because there's no ..... for that word in English.
A twin B clone C copy D equivalent

5 Andrea and Theresa are so different! You couldn't have two more ..... sisters.
A dislike B contrasting C conflicting D distinguished

6 Keeping a relationship going is hard enough, without any ..... pressure from parents.
A external B incoming C outward D outdoor

7 Having your heart broken is an ..... part of growing up.
A inward B inset C integral D internal

8 Getting divorced was a ..... decision, so I don't blame my ex-wife.
A relative B related C cooperative D joint

9 But what you're saying now isn't ..... with what you said last week.
A coherent B consistent C confirmed D continuous

10 You have to go through a number of ..... stages before you become an expert.
A medium B average C moderate D intermediate

11 There's no ..... between Gary and Mark, even though they are brothers.
A resemblance B appearance C correspondence D reflection

12 There's no reason why people of different races can't ..... quite peacefully together.
A endure B be C inhabit D coexist

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C **Complete using the correct form of the words in the box.**

bond • compatible • compromise • conflict • cooperate • diverse • divorce
intimate • mutual • relative

Relate

When people are in (**1**) ..... , it can often help to talk to someone outside the relationship. When the (**2**) ..... that holds people together weakens and arguments break out, the (**3**) ..... calm of a counsellor's office can make a big difference. Relate is a registered charity in the UK that exists to give advice to couples. It started life as the Marriage Guidance Council in 1943 and was founded by Dr Herbert Gray, who was concerned at the increase in (**4**) ..... . They have dealt with a (**5**) ..... range of problems over the years, from couples who feel that their personalities aren't (**6**) ..... to couples who have problems being (**7**) ..... with each other. Getting people to (**8**) ..... with each other on rebuilding the relationship and encouraging (**9**) ..... respect often helps. Often, people need to learn that they can't have exactly what they want and that (**10**) ..... is necessary.

Topic vocabulary: People

D **Complete using the words in the box.**

acquaintance • citizen • companion • extrovert • guardian • introvert • spouse • stepmother

1 I don't know Tony that well. We see each other on the way to work, and we always say hello. I wouldn't call him a friend, more of a/an ..... , really.

2 I don't get on that well with my ..... . Since my parents got divorced and Dad married her, things haven't exactly been peaceful in our house.

3 Everyone who wants to go on the school trip needs to bring their form into class tomorrow. And remember that you have to get your legal ..... to sign it, giving you permission to go.

4 I suppose I'm something of a/an ..... . I wouldn't exactly describe myself as sociable. I'm quite shy, really, and don't like meeting new people.

5 You need to write your full name at the top of the form. If you're married, write the name of your ..... in the space provided.

6 As I waited at the airport, I saw a rather strange-looking woman who didn't seem to have any luggage. Then I noticed her travelling ..... , a small woman of a similar age with four suitcases.

7 Guy's a real ..... . He'll chat to anybody. He always seems to get into conversation wherever we go and everyone seems to find him charming.

8 When my grandfather arrived in the States, he wanted to become an American ..... as soon as he could. It was very important to him to feel that he belonged here.

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Idioms

L Write one word in each gap.

1 Vivian and I usually agree, but we're not always on the ..... wavelength.
2 I don't know Pauline that well, but I'm on good ..... with her sister.
3 I know I made a mistake, but I'm only ..... , after all.
4 My brother and Jack got on like a ..... on fire when they first met.
5 It's a shame to fall out so badly with your own ..... and blood.
6 Life's very easy for you. You were born with a ..... spoon in your mouth.
7 Jill and Emily are so alike. They're like two ..... in a pod.
8 I don't think we're ever going to ..... eye to eye on this issue.
9 When something like that happens, it certainly ..... your own problems in perspective.
10 I'm avoiding Mr Hunter because I think I'm in his bad ..... .

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