

B. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

Peter wishes he (13) (be) a musician. He doesn't enjoy his clerical job. "I (14) (be) so much happier if I (15) (be) a member of a band", he says. If only his parents (16) (give) him the opportunity to get a musical education, but they couldn't afford it when he was young. Peter wishes he (17) (realise) what he wanted to do earlier in his life. "If I (18) (know) then, I (19) (work) hard to pay for my music lessons", he often tells his friends. "If only I (20) (re-live) my life!"

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

ear | clue | hang | picture | stick | area

- 1 I soon began to get the _____ of the new filing system.
- 2 Anna doesn't have a _____ how to talk to children.
- 3 The difference between telling a lie and not telling the whole truth is a grey _____.
- 4 I thought she was paying for dinner but I must have got the wrong end of the _____.
- 5 Brad tried to remember the directions but they seemed to have gone in one _____ and out the other.
- 6 The inspector spent a few minutes with the victim and soon began to get the _____.

Match sentence halves 1-6 with A-F to make complete sentences.

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| 1 We saw them together in the restaurant and it was so easy to | A read between the lines. |
| 2 I've told them I'm a vegetarian many times but they just don't | B take it on board. |
| 3 The real skill of being an agony aunt is being able to | C had put two and two together and made five. |
| 4 I've learnt a lot about the new regulations and I'll run a training day to | D jump to conclusions. |
| 5 The international dateline is an idea I've never been able to | E get my head around. |
| 6 Unfortunately, the children were disappointed; they | F bring you all up to speed. |

Complete the sentences. Choose the best answers.

- 1 Then you click 'save' and move the file to here. Do you *read between the lines / get the picture / put two and two together?*
- 2 It's going to take me a couple of days to *get up to speed / the picture / the wrong end of the stick* with the new project.
- 3 This is a very difficult exercise. I just can't *jump to conclusions / go in one ear and out the other / get my head round it.*
- 4 Don't worry. You'll soon *get the hang of it / jump to conclusions / get the wrong end of the stick.*
- 5 Listen to all the evidence and don't *take it on board / jump to conclusions / get your head around it.*
- 6 Adam shook his head; he didn't *put two and two together / read between the lines / have a clue* how to fix this.

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| 1. On our ... we were greeted by the head of the department. | ARRIVE |
| 2. He bowed to us with elaborate | COURTEOUS |
| 3. A person with an ... complex is generally quite shy. | INFERIOR |
| 4. This has been an unusually ... remark for you. | COMPLIMENT |
| 5. The injured men were carried to the ambulance on | STRETCH |
| 6. Do you happen to know the ... of Ben Nevis? | HIGH |
| 7. It is amazing how ... she looks at her age! | YOUTH |
| 8. We had an ... day boating on the lake. | ENJOY |
| 9. Snow lasts longer in ... regions. | MOUNTAIN |
| 10. He proved so stubborn that it seemed ... to me to insist. | POINT |
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| 11. He is very anxious about his son's ... of memory. | LOSE |
| 12. He was caught ... making faces at himself in the mirror. | AWARE |
| 13. Her faith in the power of God is | QUESTION |
| 14. All of us burst into ... at his joke. | LAUGH |
| 15. The results of the test were quite different from our | EXPECT |
| 16. It is absolutely dishonest and ... to cheat your parents. | HONOUR |
| 17. The professor's explanation was out of my | DEEP |
| 18. I felt ... under the circumstances. | POWER |
| 19. Lots of Americans ... to fight in World War I in Europe. | VOLUNTARY |
| 20. Romanian cuisine offers a great ... of dishes. | VARY |
| 21. Is this money ... for your expenses? | SUFFICE |
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| 22. He proved to be a very man as Chair of the committee. | ENERGY |
| 23. I wonder what they expect from this | INVEST |
| 24. The animals appeared ... when the flames surrounded them. | CONTROL |
| 25. This ... has written an outstanding book about family life. | SOCIOLOGY |
| 26. I can't understand his attitude ; it is absolutely | EXPLAIN |
| 27. He behaved rather ... under the circumstances. | SUSPECT |
| 28. What possibilities of ... would you recommend in your town? | ENTERTAIN |
| 29. Lots of people go abroad in ... of work. | PURSUE |
| 30. Practising any sport definitely makes you | MUSCLE |