

UNIT 8 – REVIEW 2 UNITS 5-8

1. For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.



The new novelist

Amanda Wright, aged 17, has surprised everyone she knows by writing for weeks (0) on end to produce a full-length science-fiction novel. She frequently worked right through the night to complete the 375-page story, *Parallel Decades*.

Amanda's teachers and family began to get (1) _____ about her when she stopped being her usual cheerful self. She (2) _____ her appetite, fell asleep during classes and would wander around (3) _____ quietly to herself about imaginary characters and faraway civilisations.

No one had a clue what was going on, until a teacher asked her to talk about the most important thing she'd (4) _____ in her life. 'I've written a novel,' she said. The class fell silent with astonishment. Back at home, her parents learned what Amanda had been doing and were immensely proud of her. When it turned (5) _____ that this was the reason for her moods, they (6) _____ with relief. Finally, Amanda's odd behaviour made sense.

Does Amanda plan to write a (7) _____ of books? She is quite decisive about it. 'No, I won't! I just don't have the (8) _____. I'm exhausted!' she laughs.

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| 0 A in | B to | C on | D at | 5 A round | B up | C over | D out |
| 1 A pessimistic | B concerned | C furious | D irritated | 6 A sighed | B whispered | C said | D mumbled |
| 2 A overlooked | B forgot | C missed | D lost | 7 A version | B chain | C series | D course |
| 3 A muttering | B whistling | C yelling | D cheering | 8 A power | B push | C force | D drive |
| 4 A earned | B realised | C achieved | D reached | | | | |

2. For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).



**Funny
PHOBIA?**

Every (0) once in a while, my old phobia reappears. It happens (1) _____ I see eggs on someone's plate. I never liked them as a child, and I've never (2) _____ used to their unpleasant texture and horrible taste. It's an irrational fear – it isn't as (3) _____ I think that the eggs (4) _____ actually going to do me any harm – but it isn't quite as unusual, or as funny, as you might think. The phobia even has a name: ovaphobia.

From time (5) _____ time, when my sister and I were really young, and Mum told us it was eggs on toast for lunch, I (6) _____ start to feel anxious about it. My sister laughed and held up bits of egg on her fork in front of my face. It was a joke to her, but (7) _____ a result, I became even more worried about having to eat them. Eventually, my mum realised how serious my phobia was, and she (8) _____ never cooked them since!

3. For questions 1–8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

THE HAPPIEST PLACE ON EARTH



Norwegians are officially the most (0) cheerful (CHEER) people on Earth, according to a recent survey. The survey asked around 1,000 people a simple question: 'Where, on a ladder of ten steps, do you stand: at the bottom or at the top?' According to the findings, the people of Norway (1) _____ (APPEAR) stand above the rest of us, with a score of 7.54 out of ten!

Scandinavian countries often come out ahead of other places when it comes to (2) _____ (ENJOY) of life, and they certainly seem to hold the (3) _____ (BELIEVE) that their lives are pretty good. So what makes Scandinavians so (4) _____ (OPTIMIST)? Is it living in a pleasant (5) _____ (RESIDENT) neighbourhood? Is it having access to nice shops and (6) _____ (TREND) restaurants? Is it living in rural rather than more industrial locations?

While Scandinavians do have a better standard of (7) _____ (LIFE) than other countries and express less (8) _____ (SATISFY) with their lives, they pay higher taxes, too. The difference in happiness levels may be due to the fact that these taxes pay for better facilities in the community.