Now choose the correct words/phrases in sentences 1–8.

1. She wants to improve her **knowledge / knowledges** of Spanish, so she's going to spend the summer in Spain.
2. I went to Greg for **an / some** useful advice on how to upgrade my computer.
3. Would you like me to book our **accommodations / accommodation** for the weekend?
4. A lot of money **is / are** spent nowadays on modern art for public places.
5. Andrea does most of the **work / works** in the house, but Mark helps out when necessary.
6. How **many / much** luggage do you have with you?
7. This machine is **a / a piece of** high-tech equipment designed to replace traditional printers.
8. The news **is / are** showing scenes from the latest exhibition by Damien Hirst.

Now read sentences 1–7 and match the phrasal verbs in bold with the definitions a–g.

1. I can't **sit through** this film. Nothing's happening; it's so boring. ☐
2. I'm not sure we can come to the opening night of your play. We'll **get back to** you when we know for sure. ☐
3. I don't think I **feel up to** going out tonight. Can we go to the cinema another night? ☐
4. We didn't **think** this **through** very well. The painting is too big for this space. ☐
5. He always **follows through** with his plans, no matter what difficulties he faces. ☐
6. Have you **got around to** writing the music yet? It's been nearly a week since you supposedly started. ☐
7. **Look through** the portfolio and tell me which design you like best. ☐

a. to finish something that you have started
b. to read or examine something quickly
c. to talk to someone again, usually over the phone, to inform someone of something you couldn't discuss earlier
d. to carefully think about the possible results of doing something
e. to stay until the end of an event that is very long or boring
f. to find the time to do something
g. to have the strength or energy to do something

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Now complete the sentences with the prepositions *in, on, by, with,* or *out of*.

1. It's the first time Marian has played _____ **public**.
2. Graham's paintings are _____ **display** in the Modern Art Gallery.
3. I made this blue mark _____ **mistake**, but then I liked it, so I decided to add more blue to the picture.
4. We couldn't believe they got up and walked out _____ **the middle** of the concert!
5. I like all his films _____ **the exception** of *Johnny's Day*.
6. She works in a post office _____ **day** and as a musician _____ **night**.
7. They are showing *King Lear* _____ **television** next week, live from the National Theatre.
8. I didn't play very well today. I'm _____ **practice**.
9. We're writing to you _____ **regard to** the hiring of the theatre for our school play.
10. There didn't seem to be anything _____ **the ordinary**, until they realised he couldn't actually paint. It was his wife's paintings he had been selling all these years!

Read sentences 1–9 and match the idioms in bold to the definitions a–i.

IDIOMS

1. My daughter was used to **stealing the show**, and now that there's a new baby in the family, she's quite jealous. ☐
2. James is very studious and always **has his head buried in a book**. ☐
3. When you first meet Drake you think he's a kid who forgot to grow up, but don't **judge a book by its cover**; just the opposite is true. ☐
4. As an employee, you have no alternative but to **dance to** your employer's **tune**. ☐
5. My mum **has** bread-making **down to a fine art**, as she makes at least five loaves a week to give to friends and family. ☐
6. My dad's really going to shout at me when he sees the damage I've done to his car, but I have to go home and **face the music**. ☐
7. Marjorie **is an open book**; you always know if she's had good news or if something is troubling her. ☐
8. When my father became ill, he **put on an act** so that the rest of the family wouldn't know how serious the situation was. ☐
9. After a hard day's work, I can't wait to go home to my children. The sound of their voices **is music to my ears**. ☐

a. to accept punishment and/or criticism for sth you did or failed to do
b. to be busy reading
c. to behave in a way that is not true or typical of yourself
d. to be sth that sb is pleased to hear
e. to do what sb asks
f. to form an opinion about sb/sth because of their appearance
g. to get all the attention
h. to have done sth so many times that now you do it fast and/or well
i. to show exactly what you're thinking and/or feeling

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