

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

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!

IDIOMS

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

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



