

# SPEAKOUT ADV. UNITS 5-9 - FINAL TEST

Name:

1.Underline the correct alternative.

1 Despite/Even if never having finished school, Dean went on to establish a very successful car manufacturing company. He's a billionaire now.

2 Difficult as it may/ought to be, it's time to address the controversial topic of teenage pregnancies and to discuss effective ways to tackle the issue.

3 In some countries, anyone who is able to vote ought/is compelled to do so. Failure to vote in a general election has serious consequences.

4 In an attempt to reduce traffic congestion in the capital, it's been announced that cars must be/have now been banned from the central zone during peak hours.

5 Isaac will probably/is due to be late to the match tomorrow. He said something about having to take the children to their grandmother's first.

6 One effective way to tackle the issue of juvenile delinquency is to introduce/will be introducing community programmes which help develop family relations and improve parenting skills in troubled families.

2.Complete the second sentence with no more than five words so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in capitals.

1 Our car is being repaired at the moment.

GETTING

We're.....at the moment.

2 We had to wear school uniform.

COMPULSORY

..... to wear school uniform.

3 They've built a lot of new houses in the village.

BEEN

A lot of new houses..... in the village.

4 There's a chance that someone saw what happened.

MIGHT

Someone .....

5 As children we couldn't stay up later than 9pm during the week.

ALLOWED

As children we ..... up later than 9pm during the week.

6 Sam and Jack are going on a walking holiday in the Alps tomorrow. They'll be there for ten days.

WALKING

This time next week, Sam and Jack ..... in the Alps.

7 I'd prefer to go to Spain this year, given the choice.

RATHER

..... to Spain this year, given the choice.

8 Imagine all your friends being at your birthday party.

IF

What ..... at your birthday party?

9 As soon as we heard the news, we rushed out of the house.

SOONER

..... the news than we rushed out of the house.

3. Underline the correct answer, a) b) or c).

1 I was ..... give up on my essay for the night, when I had a flash of inspiration that gave me all the ideas I needed to finish it.

a) due to b) would c) about to

2 While in Italy on our European tour, we ..... how to make pizza the traditional way as well as see all the famous sights.

a) were to learn b) were learning c) 've learnt

3 Not ..... to appear cowardly, Nick volunteered to climb up and rescue the cat stuck in the tree.

a) to want b) wanting c) wanted

4 It was only when Bill ..... to turn up to work that we started worrying about him.

a) fails b) failed c) failing

5 Our cruise was ..... us along the Norwegian coast up to the Arctic Circle but it was cancelled at the last minute.

a) to have taken b) taken c) taking

6 Fearing reprisal, the culprit ..... the scene in the dead of night and was nowhere to be found the following day.

a) was fleeing b) had fled c) flees

4. Complete the text with the words from the box. There are two words you do not need.

changed / had / Excited / given / going / Having meant / point / to / Tired / was / What / would

1 Having been brought up in a small village, Clare wanted to experience life in the big, wide world.

2 ..... she decided to do as a result 3 ..... take a gap year after school. She had initially thought about travelling with a friend and going backpacking around South America but her parents thought it was too dangerous and didn't want her 4 ..... do anything quite so adventurous or potentially dangerous. 5 ..... of all the arguing, Clare was on the 6 ..... of giving up her travel plans when, seemingly out of the blue, her mother had a complete, and somewhat unexpected, change of heart. The reason why she 7 ..... her mind was that in thinking back to her own teenage years, she'd seen her own spirit of adventure in her daughter. Recalling that she herself had obeyed her parents, who had wanted her to stay close to home, and 8 ..... now not get the chance to live out her own travel dreams until retirement, she saw why it was important for her daughter to go travelling. She'd always 9 ..... to travel the world but somehow life had taken her on a different journey and up to this point, she never 10 ..... Clare, fortunately for her, was 11 ..... to benefit from her mother's wisdom and erstwhile dreams of adventure!

5. Complete the text with one word in each gap.

1 Had I realised how underwhelming the journey 2 ..... be, I don't think I would 3 ..... even considered it but as they say, 'ignorance is bliss', so I set off on 4 ..... own one cold day in December last year. To start with, my flight was delayed and then, when I finally arrived, the hotel I stayed in was nothing 5 ..... its picture in the brochure. Not 6 ..... were the rooms tiny 7 ..... they were also absolutely filthy and there were cobwebs everywhere. To be honest, apart from some stunning views, the trip was a complete and utter 8 ..... of money. Next year, I think I 9 ..... rather stay at home 10 ..... go abroad to some unknown destination that may well disappoint. After all, this country is every 11 ..... as beautiful as many others and in some places, more so.

6.Underline the correct answer, a) b) c) or d).

- 1 The new laws aim to crack ..... on late night anti-social behaviour in city centres.  
a) off b) away c) down d) over
- 2 The witness cast her mind ..... to the night in question and told the police all she remembered.  
a) over b) back c) on d) around
- 3 The concert had to be called ..... because the band's singer had lost his voice.  
a) off b) away c) back d) on
- 4 Stop messing ..... and go and wash your hands. Dinner's going to be ready in a minute.  
a) on b) over c) away d) around
- 5 Fortunately they realised what a momentous decision it was for me to make, and they gave me a week to mull it ..... .  
a) down b) around c) over d) up
- 6 The waste produced by discarded gadgets is now getting ..... control as more people become obsessed with owning the latest technology.  
a) over b) on c) out of d) into
- 7 In the coming years, developed countries should invest more in sustainable energy sources than they are ..... present.  
a) on b) at c) around d) in

7.Complete the sentences.

- 1 It's a commonly .....held..... perception that putting dried hops under your pillow will help you sleep, as they are known to be soporific.
- 2 Lucia sometimes engages her mouth before her brain and almost let it ..... that we were planning a surprise party for Joe when she was talking to him the other day.
- 3 With only four remaining, expert say that the northern white rhino is in real ..... of becoming extinct in the next decade.
- 4 Doctors warn that many thousands of people are at ..... of contracting the disease in the most remote rural areas.
- 5 At ..... , with the current situation as it is, people are far more concerned about political and socio-economic instability than environmental issues.
- 6 Whatever you do, don't give the ..... away and tell Dad that Amy's flying in from Australia. We want to keep this quiet.
- 7 Rafe's always been very discreet and I trust him with my life so I knew it hadn't been him who had spilled the ..... and told everyone my secret.
- 8 Her portrayal of the hardships she'd endured struck a ..... with some members of the jury.

8. Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 The old cottage was barely habitable (habitation) for the first three months of the renovation project.
- 2 Every season Arner's has a ..... (clarity) sale to get rid of old stock and make space for the next season's products.
- 3 The interviewer failed to get Boris, who is adept at being ..... (evasion), to actually provide real answers to the questions asked.
- 4 If we are to prevent the farm animals from escaping, we have no option but to ..... (electricity) the fence around the field.
- 5 My daughter is completely ..... (trust) so I know nothing untoward will happen if I ask her to babysit for the evening.
- 6 We soon discovered that the contract we had signed was completely ..... (meaning) and had been worth less than the paper it was written on right from the moment we ..... it.

9. Complete the sentences using one word or phrase from box A and one from box B. There are two words or phrases in each box that you do not need.

A

a thing / behind/ by word / disproved / investigative / offensive / protect / stay / taking out /uncovering

B

an injunction / closed doors / its sources / journalism / language / of mouth / of the past / schtum / the myth / the truth

1 Even though vinyl records were supposed to have become ..... a thing of the past ....., they are making a real comeback, particularly with dance DJs.

2 An article written by an undercover reporter disclosed the truth of what went on ..... in the food industry.

3 It's about time that businesses realised that reviews passed on ..... can often have a far greater impact than any expensive marketing campaigns they opt to invest in.

4 Scientists have ..... of unidentified flying objects in a U.S. county known for its mysterious light display, and shown how weather conditions there can in fact cause car headlights to seemingly dance in the sky.

5 The teacher explained that the use of ..... would not be tolerated in any circumstances and that the boy's parents would be informed of his behaviour and subsequent detentions.

6 The paper behind the scoop was adamant that it must ..... and would not divulge which members of parliament had passed on information to them.

7 After a long investigation, the detectives succeeded in ..... behind the sudden and mysterious disappearance of the three women.

8 The judge ruled against the couple ..... to prevent their children being taken into care by social services.

10. Complete the sentences with a verb from the box and the correct preposition. There are two words you do not need.

brought / date / deal / let / presume /set / suffer / switch / take (x2) / was

1 He .....was ..... about ..... to go home when she finally arrived in a fluster.

2 We were told that the burglar alarm was incredibly sensitive and would be..... by a barely discernible movement.

3 Some people have a tendency to ..... migraines when they are under stress.

4 You never know, perhaps going out with us tonight would actually help..... your mind your personal problems.

5 Isn't it about time you relaxed a little? You really do need to ..... your hair ..... and unwind a bit for a change.

6 As a firefighter, Jack has to ..... potentially dangerous situations every day – it's all part and parcel of his job.

7 The Mayan site of Tikal is known to ..... to the pre-Columbian era.

8 Returning to her old school, this time as a teacher, ..... a lot of fond memories for Hayley.

9 She's going to..... time out ..... studying to celebrate her twenty-first birthday.

11. Complete the sentences using one word from box A and one from box B. There are two extra words in each box you do not need.

A

be / being / became / embark / held / make quit / serve / shot / speak / travel

B

apprenticeship / attention / compromises / esteem / fame / mind / perspective / publicity / spotlight / success / track

1 The rangers said never ....trave.....I off the beaten ... track..... and always tell someone of your plans.

2 Pam is never afraid to ..... her..... at meetings and whilst I may not always agree with her, I do admire her courage and conviction.

3 We weren't surprised that Antony said he wanted to go to drama school – he's always relished ..... the centre of .....

4 Mel's always been ..... in high ..... by her colleagues and is loved for her sense of fun.

5 When Daniel Radcliffe ..... to ..... as Harry Potter, his life changed forever and he was recognised wherever he went.

6 In the last series of X-Factor some contestants..... an overnight ..... even though they didn't go on to win the competition.

7 Wouldn't you hate to ..... in the..... all the time? I'd hate to have no privacy whatsoever.

8 Relationships are about give and take so to work in the long term, both parties need to ..... so they can reach agreements together.

9 If you want to become an electrician you usually have to ..... an ..... and learn the skills of the trade on the job.

12. Complete the sentences with one word.

1 Phil came up with the bright idea of a trial run.

2 Mark has been toying with the ..... of going round the world since he turned fifty last year.

3 I never really got the hang ..... how to throw the javelin, no matter how hard I tried.

4 My dad's always ..... up with innovative ideas for useful household gadgets.

5 If you don't stand ..... to bullies, they'll never leave you alone.

6 Be careful – you're not in Denise's good books at the moment and if she sees you, she'll want to give you a ..... of her mind.

7 Before setting ..... on his climb, Phil announced it would be his last trip before becoming a father