

Class

Name

Vocabulary Comprehension**① Fill in the blanks with the best words from the box.**

challenge	celebrate	aim	lazy	nervous
schedule	lost	forget	reach	confident

1. Don't be _____ . I'm sure you'll do great today.
2. When I told Mrs. Mahoney I got accepted, she said we should _____ .
3. Sorry I'm late! I _____ my way.
4. I can't _____ that shelf. I'm too short.
5. Where were you? Did you _____ we were supposed to meet for lunch today?
6. This year's science fair _____ was to make a plane from household materials.
7. Sorry, I can't come to your party. I just got my _____. I have to work this weekend.
8. My _____ is to get the highest marks in all subjects.
9. Dave's _____ he'll pass his exams because he is really smart.
10. Kerry's cat is so _____ ; all it does is sleep and eat all day.

Grammar Practice**② Read the sentences. Circle the tense they are in.**

1. She had been studying abroad before she became a doctor.	past perfect simple	past perfect continuous
2. We'd been organizing the cupboards before Mom came home.	past perfect simple	past perfect continuous
3. He'd gained a lot of weight after he started working.	past perfect simple	past perfect continuous
4. Anita didn't speak until Stephen had finished talking.	past perfect simple	past perfect continuous
5. I'd been dancing with my friends when the music stopped.	past perfect simple	past perfect continuous

Expressions Practice**③ Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verbs from the box.**

turn up	turn down	turn it around	turn out
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1. Sorry, I have to _____ your offer. I already have a job.
2. Did Ryan ever _____ for the soccer game?
3. The weatherman was right—it did _____ to be a rainy day.
4. Our team is losing! Come on, guys, we need to _____!

Reading Comprehension

Hi, I'm Stephen. I'm excited because today my company is taking us on a fun trip downtown to participate in Toronto's 44th Annual Cake-Making Contest. The aim of this event is to bake and decorate a cake in one hour. There's only one problem: I've never baked before, so it's going to be a challenge. I'm anxious about how it will turn out, but they give you instructions to follow, so there's a chance I can win. I decided to practice last night, but while I was reading the recipe, I reached for the bowl of cake batter, and it spilled all over the floor. Instead of baking, I spent an hour cleaning up the mess! This morning, I was talking to my colleague Aiden about the contest because he'd participated in it last year. When he told me that he'd made a triple-chocolate cake with strawberries on top, I couldn't believe it. He said he'd been planning the cake for weeks beforehand, and he was very happy it had won. I was surprised because he doesn't seem like a baker! He says he's confident he'll win again this year. I think maybe he's forgetting one very important part of the contest, though—the hardest part is being creative! I hope I have a chance to win!

④ Circle true or false.

1. The contest challenges people to decorate a cake in one hour.	true	false
2. Stephen is nervous about baking.	true	false
3. Stephen was careless when he was practicing.	true	false
4. Aiden had some difficulty at the contest last year.	true	false
5. Aiden won last year's contest because Stephen had spilled his batter.	true	false

⑤ Circle the correct answers.

1. What is the passage mainly about?	2. How is Stephen feeling about the contest?
a. a competition that happens once a year	a. confident he can bake
b. a contest that helps people learn to bake	b. anxious he will spill his batter
c. a company event	c. hopeful he might do well
d. a man celebrating because he won a competition	d. cheerful his colleague succeeded
3. What did Stephen do the night before the contest?	4. How does Stephen plan to beat Aiden?
a. practiced baking a cake	a. by making a bigger cake
b. cleaned up spilled batter	b. by practicing all night
c. made a triple-chocolate cake	c. by surprising him at the contest
d. planned his cake	d. by being more creative

