

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

- Don't be _____. I'm sure you'll do great today.
- When I told Mrs. Mahoney I got accepted, she said we should _____.
- Sorry I'm late! I _____ my way.
- I can't _____ that shelf. I'm too short.
- Where were you? Did you _____ we were supposed to meet for lunch today?
- This year's science fair _____ was to make a plane from household materials.
- Sorry, I can't come to your party. I just got my _____. I have to work this weekend.
- My _____ is to get the highest marks in all subjects.
- Dave's _____ he'll pass his exams because he is really smart.
- 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.

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| 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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- Sorry, I have to _____ your offer. I already have a job.
- Did Ryan ever _____ for the soccer game?
- The weatherman was right—it did _____ to be a rainy day.
- 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 |

