

## EXERCISES

### PREPOSITIONS

**A Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.**

- 1 A lot ..... companies have gone bankrupt.
- 2 The work will be carried out ..... a private company.
- 3 We need to get to the root ..... the problem.
- 4 Everything was captured ..... film.
- 5 Pollution puts strain ..... the environment.
- 6 The court ruled ..... his favour.
- 7 There will be an investigation ..... the issue.

### WORD FAMILIES

**B Complete the sentences with the correct nouns from the verbs in the box.**

donate	tolerate	cut back
reverse	reflect	rule

- 1 The judge made a ..... against her.
- 2 I am a blood ..... I help save people's lives.
- 3 There will be spending ..... because of bad sales.
- 4 The ..... of slavery was not considered acceptable.
- 5 That simple fact is worth some .....
- 6 There was a dramatic ..... in government policy.

**C Tick the words which are both a noun and a verb.**

- 1 abuse .....
- 2 claim .....
- 3 undermine .....
- 4 assault .....
- 5 conduct .....
- 6 boost .....

### COLLOCATIONS

**D Complete the collocations with nouns from the unit.**

- 1 a decisive v \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y
- 2 walk at a leisurely p \_ \_ e
- 3 provoke an armed c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t
- 4 plant a cash c \_ \_ p
- 5 find the r \_ \_ t cause
- 6 follow the plan s \_ \_ p by step

**E Choose the correct verbs to complete the collocations. Look up the nouns to help you if necessary.**

- 1 *provoke / raise* a conflict
- 2 be *announced / declared* bankrupt
- 3 *cut back / conduct* an investigation
- 4 *award / capture* someone damages
- 5 *harvest / launch* a new initiative

**F Which of the following words do not collocate with the nouns?**

- 1 drug / food / alcohol / substance **abuse**
- 2 humanitarian / fashion / financial / foreign **aid**
- 3 conduct / launch / decide / carry out **an investigation**
- 4 award / win / succeed / claim **damages**

**G Complete the missing adjectives.**

- 1 She's too s \_ \_ t on her son.
- 2 He was convicted of p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ l assault.
- 3 People lose their jobs during an e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c recession.
- 4 It was a highly c \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ l decision.
- 5 He thinks all politicians are m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y corrupt.

### PHRASAL VERBS

**H Choose the correct phrasal verb.**

- 1 We are going to *carry out / cut off* some laboratory tests.
- 2 He *comes across / comes out* as very rude.
- 3 The doctor told me to *wipe out / cut back on* fast food.