PROGRESS CHECK UNITS 1–2

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

1 **Write a form of the word in capitals in each gap.**

21ST CENTURY SCRABBLE

When the spelling board game Scrabble first made an (1) _____ over 70 years ago, it wasn't an immediate (2) _____. But over time it has become one of the biggest board games in the world and is now sold in 121 countries. There are many (3) _____ and every year the world's best players enter the World Scrabble (4) _____.

With the introduction of versions of the game for smartphones and on Facebook, Scrabble's (5) _____ has grown with younger players in recent years. It is now possible to play a game against anyone in the world providing both players are connected to the internet.

Why do people get so much (6) _____ out of using a few letters to spell out words on a board? Some people (7) _____ that Scrabble's winning formula is its simplicity. It doesn't require you to have any (8) _____ skills to play the game. In fact, if you can read this text, you can play Scrabble.

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2 **Write a form of *do*, *make*, or *take* in each gap.**

1 We _____ our time because we wanted to make sure we hadn't made any mistakes.
2 I find having someone to study with really _____ a difference.
3 You _____ your best – now we just have to wait for your exam results.
4 Dan _____ part in a whole range of activities since he joined the club.
5 It was the first time Lauren and Will _____ me such a big favour.

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3 **Match 1–5 to a)–f) to make words and phrases. There is one extra word you do not need.**

1 screen	___	**a)** demand
2 special	___	**b)** buster
3 on	___	**c)** maker
4 block	___	**d)** play
5 box	___	**e)** office
		f) effects

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4 **Choose the correct word.**

1 They found the programme boring so they turned **over / off** to watch something else.
2 We'd said we'd go to the cinema, but we ended **up / with** just staying in.
3 I'm thinking of **taking / setting** up an online group for people our age who like photography.
4 On Sundays, I usually just hang **off / out** with my friends in the park.
5 Homework takes **up / down** most of my time in the evenings at the moment.
6 You haven't got school tomorrow, so you can **lie / laze** in if you want to.
7 After missing several lessons, it took Angie quite a while to **catch / hold** up.

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5 **Write one word in each gap.**

1 Can everyone pay careful attention _____ this, please?
2 You can't criticise Lizzie _____ trying her best.
3 My sister's just qualified _____ a dental hygienist.
4 There's nothing wrong _____ using a dictionary if you don't know the meaning of a word.
5 You need to concentrate _____ your studies and spend less time online.
6 I've decided _____ becoming a doctor. I want to be a vet instead.
7 I'm not very experienced _____ organising events, so could you help me?
8 I don't know how you succeeded _____ persuading Adam to lend you his favourite jacket!

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

6 Choose the correct word or phrase.

1 The teacher was very angry because **no** / **none** of the students had done their homework.
2 Have you heard **a** / **any** / **many** news about the new games console that's coming out?
3 After spending so much on going out, Lauren's got **few** / **a few** / **little** money left over to buy new trainers.
4 I think **all** / **all of** young people would benefit from getting involved in drama.
5 I have enough free time for **either** / **either of** a sport or going to Zumba tonight, but not both.

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7 Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. Do not change the word given. Use two to five words, including the word given.

1 Not many people came to the party. **ONLY**
There _____ people at the party.
2 For a long time, Emma found living in a foreign country difficult. **USED**
It took a long time for Emma _____ in a foreign country.
3 It was my second time in a helicopter. **BEEN**
It was the _____ in a helicopter.
4 Do you really think that aliens exist? **EXISTENCE**
Do you really believe _____ aliens?
5 If you really try hard, you'll succeed. **EFFORT**
If you really _____, you'll succeed.
6 I'm trying to think of a good excuse! **COME**
I'm trying to _____ a good excuse!

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LIVEWORKSHEETS