USE OF ENGLISH: Mini-dialogues

Complete the mini-dialogues by choosing the correct option. Circle the letter a, b or c.

TASK 9

1 **X:** Thank your mum from me, OK?
Y: I will, _____ I get home.
a provided that
b until
c as soon as

2 **X:** My girlfriend and I were born on the same day.
Y: What a _____!
a difference
b coincidence
c disturbance

3 **X:** Can I take a photo of you?
Y: _____
a Sure, where do you want me to stand?
b OK, take it easy, won't you?
c Of course, what is it?

4 **X:** Could you hold the door for me, please?
Y: _____
a It's hard to tell.
b No problem.
c It doesn't matter.

5 **X:** Are you into sports?
Y: _____
a Not really.
b I'd love to.
c Yes, I agree.

TASK 10

1 **X:** How about _____ a short break?
Y: I couldn't agree more.
a giving
b making
c taking

2 **X:** I'm not sure I understand.
Y: _____
X: Why don't you explain it to me again?
a How can I help?
b I see what you mean.
c OK, why not?

3 **X:** I used to fight with my brother a lot.
Y: _____
a Nor did I.
b But I did.
c So did I.

4 **X:** You look great in that pullover.
Y: Really? I only paid £4 for it.
X: _____
a What a pity!
b That's incredible!
c Shame on you!

5 **X:** I think the best idea would be to stay here.
Y: _____ The teacher won't like it.
a I couldn't agree more.
b I wonder if you could tell me something.
c Are you sure it's the right thing to do?

TASK 11

1 **X:** Would you like more coffee?
Y: _____
a You're right.
b Me too.
c I'm OK, thanks.

2 **X:** _____
Y: I haven't got a clue.
a Do you speak English?
b Could you give me a hand?
c Where was this photo taken?

3 **X:** Can I help you, madam?
Y: Thanks, but someone _____.
a will serve me
b is already serving me
c hasn't served me yet

4 **X:** Could you copy it for me?
Y: _____
X: Thanks, you're very kind.
a With pleasure.
b That's a pity.
c I could have done that.

5 **X:** Why don't we _____ till tomorrow?
Y: I'm all for it.
a put it aside
b put it off
c put it out

TASK 12

1 **X:** Will you and Mark join me tomorrow?
Y: Unfortunately we won't. We _____ yesterday.
X: Sorry to hear that.
a broke up
b went out
c broke down

2 **X:** I didn't do well, I'm afraid.
Y: _____
a What a shame!
b You're right!
c Actually, I do.

3 **X:** Could you show me the way to the city centre, please?
Y: _____
a You can always use the lift.
b It's quite easy, you can't miss it.
c Just go straight on for about 5 minutes.

4 **X:** How old is he?
Y: _____
X: Well, you used to date him, didn't you?
a Why should I tell you that?
b What makes you think so?
c I'm not sure. Why?

5 **X:** What _____ his children like?
Y: Comedies and cartoons, I think.
a do
b are
c were

LIVEWORKSHEETS

USE OF ENGLISH: Sentence Paraphrasing

Choose the options that can best replace the words in bold. Circle the letter a, b or c.

TASK 1

1 We**'d better** get going.
a can
b should
c may

2 **Can I buy this magazine** in Ukraine?
a Is this magazine sold
b Do you buy this magazine
c Who can sell this magazine

3 They **turned down** his application.
a didn't reject
b didn't fill in
c didn't accept

4 **The last time I spoke to Alexandra was two months ago.**
a We haven't spoken for two months.
b We didn't speak for two months.
c We hadn't spoken for two months.

5 **I wish I could dance** well.
a If only I danced
b I regret not dancing
c Imagine I could dance

TASK 2

1 Why are you **wearing smart clothes**?
a in casual clothes
b dressed up
c wearing designer clothes

2 Let me know **as soon as** you see him.
a provided that
b as long as
c the moment

3 My uncle Jack doesn't smoke and **his wife doesn't smoke either**.
a so does his wife
b nor does his wife
c also his wife

4 For the past three weeks George has been **off work** because of the flu.
a unemployed
b on sick leave
c looking for a job

5 **It isn't necessary to** wear a tie.
a You don't have to
b You had better not
c You ought not to

TASK 3

1 Their son **was too short** to go on some of the rides at the funfair.
a wasn't tall enough
b wasn't so tall
c wasn't too tall

2 How can I **get in touch with** your cousin?
a remind
b contact
c appreciate

3 **Having realised** he was late, Michael texted his girlfriend.
a After realising
b Before realising
c While realising

4 My mum **took up** yoga last year.
a started doing
b preferred doing
c enjoyed doing

5 **Shall I get you something to drink?**
a Will you order something to drink?
b Let's prepare something to drink, shall we?
c Would you like something to drink?

TASK 4

1 Are you in favour of **capital punishment**?
a corporal punishment
b a suspended sentence
c the death penalty

2 **I hardly know you.**
a I know a lot about you.
b I know very little about you.
c I know nothing about you.

3 **As far as I'm concerned** you should do it.
a To my mind,
b To start with,
c To be honest,

4 I know the man with glasses but I don't recognise **the rest of the people**.
a the other
b another
c the others

5 **Her car has been repaired** by a mechanic.
a She has her car repaired
b She has had her car repaired
c She had her car repaired

LIVEWORKSHEETS

USE OF ENGLISH: Sentence Paraphrasing

Choose the options that can best replace the words in bold. Circle the letter a, b or c.

TASK 5

1 Jake **is almost as tall** as his sister.
a is about the same height
b isn't quite as short
c is taller than

2 **Could you say that again, please?**
a Sorry?
b Repeat!
c Again!

3 **They say he hijacked** a plane.
a He is said to hijack
b He is said to be hijacking
c He is said to have hijacked

4 **The trip was so amazing** that we recommended it to all our friends.
a It was a very amazing trip
b It was such an amazing trip
c The trip was amazing enough

5 **May** I open the window?
a Do you mind if
b Are you in favour of
c Do you approve of

TASK 6

1 I need to **go through my notes again** before the Biology exam.
a register
b resit
c revise

2 **Even though** he likes me, he doesn't respect me.
a Despite
b Although
c Nevertheless

3 **If you ask me**, I think he's honest.
a You should ask me
b If I may add something
c If you want to know my opinion

4 **She can't have done it alone.**
a She must have done it on her own.
b It's impossible that she did it alone.
c She might do it with somebody else.

5 In our Chemistry lessons we often **carry out** interesting experiments.
a conduct
b analyse
c discuss

TASK 7

1 **'I know you did it,' he said to me.**
a He persuaded me to do it.
b He warned me against doing it.
c He accused me of doing it.

2 She'll fire him **unless he apologises** to her.
a on condition that he apologises
b if he doesn't apologise
c by the time he apologises

3 We can **go to Greece or we can go to Croatia** for our summer holiday.
a either go to Greece or to Croatia
b neither go to Greece nor to Croatia
c go to both Greece and Croatia

4 **We have never visited this place before.**
a We've already been to this place.
b It's the first time we have visited this place.
c We've just visited this place.

5 Unfortunately the film was rather **dull.**
a disappointing
b boring
c awful

TASK 8

1 She asked me **'Are you OK?'**.
a was I OK
b I am OK
c whether I was OK

2 They **set up** the company in 2010.
a closed
b started
c sold

3 **It's high time you talked** to him.
a I'd rather you talked
b Suppose you talk
c You'd better talk

4 The film **is about to begin.**
a is going to start shortly
b ought to start soon
c must have just started

5 **Actually**, I disagree.
a All in all
b In fact
c Also

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TASK 9

1 Philip is really shy, **but on the other hand**, he's very friendly.
a in the meantime
b however
c unfortunately

2 She **admitted** stealing the money.
a confessed to
b was charged with
c reported

3 **I started collecting paintings 20 years ago.**
a I collected paintings for 20 years.
b I've been collecting paintings for 20 years.
c I'd collected paintings for 20 years.

4 We always **set off** early to avoid traffic jams.
a leave
b finish
c return

5 **Do you fancy** going for a swim?
a Perhaps we could
b Why don't we
c How about

TASK 10

1 He goes to a **school where students live and study.**
a vocational school
b comprehensive school
c boarding school

2 It looks **like** it's going to rain.
a how
b as if
c likely

3 I have three pen-friends but **they're not** British.
a neither of them is
b any of them is
c none of them are

4 She **stopped to talk to her neighbour.**
a met her neighbour and started talking to him.
b got angry with her neighbour and decided not to talk to him.
c will never talk to her neighbour again.

5 **His wife has died recently.**
a He's become a foster parent not long ago.
b He's become a widower not long ago.
c He's become an orphan not long ago.

TASK 11

1 **I'd rather eat vegetables than** meat.
a I prefer eating vegetables to
b I like eating vegetables as much as
c Eating vegetables is better than eating

2 She **had twins** at the age of 25.
a raised twins
b gave birth to twins
c brought up twins

3 **Eventually**, they won the race.
a Suddenly
b Finally
c Actually

4 Could you complete this **survey** for me?
a receipt
b questionnaire
c prescription

5 **I'd go for the second option.**
a I find the second option better.
b I should choose the second option.
c I appreciate the second option.

TASK 12

1 **They showed me** the new swimming pool.
a I was showing
b I was shown
c I showed

2 Can you help me **do up** my room?
a renovate
b tidy up
c vacuum

3 **Is she used to working** in a team?
a Did she use to work
b Is she getting used to working
c Is she accustomed to working

4 **'Are you leaving tomorrow?' she asked.**
a She asked me why I was leaving the following day.
b She wanted to know if I was leaving the next day.
c She wondered whether I was leaving that day.

5 **I can't stand it.**
a I quite like it.
b I really hate it.
c I recommend it.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

USE OF ENGLISH: Sentence Pairs

Choose the word that correctly completes the gaps in both sentences. Circle the letter a, b or c.

TASK 1

1 I must stop eating sweets. I've put _____ too much weight recently.
I think that, _____ average, girls are better at academic subjects than boys.
a in
b off
c on

2 We're _____ rid of our old clothes.
Unfortunately, his parents are _____ a divorce.
a becoming
b taking
c getting

3 They live in a terraced _____ in Green Street.
Could you tell us when you are moving _____?
a house
b flat
c home

4 To get this job, you must have a _____ in Economics.
Last night the temperature was one _____ Celsius below zero.
a title
b degree
c grade

5 When you _____ the end of the street, turn left.
The jury couldn't _____ a verdict for two days.
a reach
b get
c arrive

TASK 2

1 What do you do to _____ fit?
Your son finds it hard to _____ up with the rest of the class.
a keep
b stay
c get

2 We're in our final year so we don't have much _____ time.
You should always carry a _____ tyre in your car in case you have a puncture.
a free
b leisure
c spare

3 We're planning to _____ this hotel for three more years.
I don't think this software will _____ on my old computer.
a operate
b run
c go

4 We were brought _____ by our grandmother.
The price of petrol has gone _____ recently.
a up
b in
c on

5 Next summer I want to _____ a Spanish course in Alicante.
I promise you I'll try to _____ my best.
a take
b make
c do

TASK 3

1 I've _____ this exam three times but failed each time.
I don't recognise the place. Where was this photo _____?
a taken
b passed
c made

2 Don't worry, son! You have to keep _____ trying.
The best way to travel around this city is _____ foot.
a at
b on
c by

3 Excuse me, sir! I think you've _____ something!
The temperature _____ suddenly this morning.
a cut
b dropped
c lost

4 The man was quite tall and of _____ build.
I'll have a _____ rare steak, please.
a middle
b mild
c medium

5 My favourite band _____ in my city last week.
The surgeon _____ an emergency operation on the accident victim.
a played
b performed
c made

TASK 4

1 She played the leading _____ in our school play.
Teenagers need positive _____ models that they can look up to.
a role
b part
c example

2 It is commonly known that World War II _____ out in 1939.
Somebody _____ into our flat when we were on holiday.
a came
b burgled
c broke

3 Are you _____ any sharp objects with you, sir?
They're _____ out the experiment in the school lab.
a taking
b carrying
c hiding

4 In British schools, parents pay a fine if their children _____ classes.
I've been away for so long that I'm beginning to _____ my country.
a skip
b miss
c leave

5 He tends to spend most of his free time _____ the Internet.
They've just bought a house _____ the outskirts of London.
a in
b by
c on

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Choose the word that correctly fills the gaps in both sentences. Circle the letter a, b or c.

TASK 5

1 Just _____ on! I'll be back in a second.
Where shall we _____ the still life? Below your portrait?
a hang
b put
c take

2 I'm going in your direction, so I'll _____ you home.
This noise from the street is beginning to _____ me mad.
a take
b drop
c drive

3 I got up, _____ the bed and took a shower.
The customer was dissatisfied so he _____ a complaint.
a laid
b made
c tidied

4 I'm not interested _____ anything you have to say.
When does the next train get _____ ?
a about
b by
c in

5 I know her phone number by _____.
We found a perfect house in the _____ of New York.
a memory
b centre
c heart

TASK 6

1 Can you give me a recipe for a traditional British main _____?
Eight students from my class have signed up for an evening History _____.
a course
b meal
c dish

2 The music's too loud. Can you _____ the volume down a little bit?
Don't _____ around! Your ex-girlfriend is sitting behind you in the corner.
a put
b turn
c make

3 I'm really fed _____ with this weather. It's been raining for two weeks.
Peter, can you tidy _____ your room today?
a at
b out
c up

4 Could I borrow your phone? Mine's got a _____ battery.
The countryside was completely _____. There were no mountains in sight.
a dead
b flat
c clean

5 You can use that bottle _____ to get rid of empty bottles.
Let's have a picnic by the river _____ on Saturday!
a bin
b coast
c bank

TASK 7

1 Unfortunately, I did not manage to _____ the bills today – the bank was closed.
Could you stop talking? You must _____ attention in class.
a pay
b draw
c book

2 What's that actor's name? It's on the _____ of my tongue.
We gave the waiter a big _____ for his excellent service.
a tip
b end
c top

3 When will you make up your _____ ?
To my _____, this plan won't succeed.
a opinion
b belief
c mind

4 All the paparazzi knew the actress had _____ in at the Ritz Hotel.
Have you _____ that all the doors are locked?
a checked
b stayed
c ensured

5 Ukraine is trying to _____ up with the biggest EU countries.
He didn't _____ the 7.15 bus so he had to take a taxi to work.
a put
b catch
c take

TASK 8

1 There isn't enough _____ in the wardrobe for this suitcase.
The changing _____ is at the back of the shop.
a place
b room
c space

2 She works as a personal _____ at the local gym.
Mum, have you seen my other red _____? I can't find it in my room.
a coach
b assistant
c trainer

3 His latest album goes on _____ next week.
I've heard that our neighbours' house is for _____.
a offer
b rent
c sale

4 We'd like to start the meeting so could you please _____ your seats?
How long does it _____ you to get to school?
a have
b take
c get

5 How are you _____ on with your new classmates?
My brother and his fiancée are _____ married soon.
a getting
b becoming
c doing

LIVEWORKSHEETS

USE OF ENGLISH: Sentence Pairs

Choose the word that correctly fills the gaps in both sentences. Circle the letter a, b or c.

TASK 9

1 I think you're overreacting. I'm not laughing _____ you.
Thanks for telling me all this. Now I know that _____ least you're honest with me.
a for
b at
c from

2 The lift is out of _____. We need to take the stairs.
All the books in the library are in alphabetical _____.
a function
b operation
c order

3 Why are you trying to change the _____?
Maths is not my favourite school _____.
a topic
b subject
c theme

4 I've _____ on a diet many times in my life.
The company has _____ bankrupt after three months.
a gone
b been
c put

5 The _____ from the balcony was amazing.
His point of _____ is quite interesting.
a sight
b view
c look

TASK 10

1 I desperately need a job. Where can I get information on job _____?
I'm sorry, we have no _____ at the moment. We're fully booked for the weekend.
a adverts
b vacancies
c offers

2 The party was a disaster because nobody showed _____.
It's _____ to you what subjects you want to study in the future.
a over
b up
c in

3 This puzzle is too difficult for me. I can't _____ out the answer.
We need to get rid of that old printer. It doesn't _____ anymore.
a think
b make
c work

4 It is commonly believed that nurses are _____ paid.
My grandfather was _____ injured in the war.
a poorly
b slightly
c badly

5 I should get an alarm _____ in my car.
There was a nice _____ carpet on the floor in her room.
a fitted
b installed
c fixed

TASK 11

1 How did you come up _____ this solution?
Is hip hop still popular _____ young people?
a for
b about
c with

2 Josh, could you _____ the table before dinner, please?
How many eggs do sea turtles normally _____?
a set
b lay
c have

3 I promised my parents that I'd do the _____ after dinner.
The restaurant opposite our house serves delicious Italian _____.
a meals
b plates
c dishes

4 There were about 60 guests at my sister's wedding _____.
Ask the man at _____ what time we should leave the room tomorrow.
a ceremony
b party
c reception

5 He's been _____ with shoplifting three times so far.
I think the plumber _____ us too much for the repairs.
a charged
b accused
c released

TASK 12

1 I'm afraid the meat has gone _____. It smells horrible.
It's really hot in here. You can take _____ your jacket.
a out
b over
c off

2 I think I'll _____ another glass of orange juice, please.
You look really tired. Why don't you _____ a rest?
a order
b take
c have

3 Unfortunately the situation soon got out of _____ and we had to call the police.
Could you give me a _____ here? I can't do it on my own.
a control
b hand
c help

4 They've just bought a lovely house _____ the suburbs.
One _____ three people think that he will be the next president.
a in
b on
c over

5 He'll _____ his A-level exams in May.
I've never managed to _____ through that film.
a sit
b pass
c take

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