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## Vocabulary

1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. The first letters are given.

0 The actors made several mistakes, but they decided to continue as if nothing had happened.  
The actors made several mistakes, but they decided to carry on as if nothing had happened.

1 The group's new album is going to be released next week.  
The group's new album is going to c  
o next week.

2 The people watching the play were absolutely silent during the final scene.  
The a were absolutely silent during the final scene of the play.

3 A number of actors have decided to start knitting as a way to pass the time between scenes.  
A number of actors have decided to t  
u knitting as a way to pass the time between scenes.

4 I know you are afraid of going on stage now, but the feeling will disappear as you perform more.  
I know you are afraid of going on stage now, but the feeling will w  
o as you perform more.

5 She is a person who writes and performs her own songs and who appears all over the world.  
She is a s  
s who appears all over the world.

2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are three extra words.

gig	engage	emotions	upload	cast
appear	drummer	enhance	viral	

0 That rock group is doing their first live gig in nearly ten years.

1 A good \_\_\_\_\_ keeps the musicians together by clearly marking the beat.

2 The musical soundtrack of a film helps to stir up \_\_\_\_\_ which people might otherwise not feel.

3 Audiobooks can \_\_\_\_\_ the reading experience for some people by adding more drama.

4 My favourite singer is going to \_\_\_\_\_ in a TV series soon, and she is going to play herself.

5 Many parents \_\_\_\_\_ videos of their children doing funny things so that others can view them on the Internet.

## Grammar

3 Complete the Reported Speech sentences with one word in each gap.

0 Helen pointed out that I was wrong.

1 We suggested meeting for lunch in Oxford the \_\_\_\_\_ day.

2 The actress explained in a press interview that she \_\_\_\_\_ not going to work in the US in the future.

3 Allan was very happy when I told \_\_\_\_\_ that I wanted to offer him a role in my new film.

4 The film producer was looking for actors who \_\_\_\_\_ swim and were good with children.

5 Nobody believed Andrew when he claimed that he \_\_\_\_\_ studied acting in London.

4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use Report Speech.

0 'Who do you want to be in the future?' the teacher asked us.  
The teacher asked us who we wanted to be in the future.

1 'Please don't use your mobile phones,' the teacher told her students.  
The teacher told her students \_\_\_\_\_ their mobile phones.

2 'Why didn't you phone me at the weekend?' my friend asked.  
My friend asked me \_\_\_\_\_ her at the weekend.

3 'Have you seen that advertisement before?' the woman asked Elena.  
The woman asked Elena \_\_\_\_\_ the advertisement before.

4 'Will you invite your family to the performance?' I asked Vincent.  
I asked Vincent \_\_\_\_\_ to the performance.

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## Use of English

5 Complete the text with the correct form of the words in the box. There are two extra words.

attend	engage	be	distract
entertain	memorise	encourage	

### AUDITIONS

If you <sup>0</sup>were a major Hollywood movie star, you would probably get a lot of offers and everyone would ask you to appear in their films. If you aren't a major star, you'll have to go to auditions if you want to make it in acting, and going to endless auditions is the usual accompaniment to any actor's early career. An audition is like a job interview, so prepare for it carefully. Dress nicely but simply, avoiding extreme styles which might create a <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ from your acting skills.

A word-for-word <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ of the part you are trying out for isn't necessary, but do be familiar with the director's style and what the role is about. Don't expect any <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ from the people watching the auditions. – in fact, don't expect any criticism either. Directors and producers need time to think, so they seldom react during an audition. Generally, in the <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ industry, it's difficult to know whether you have done well or not, but don't worry about it. When you have finished the audition, thank everyone for their time, go home and wait for a response.

6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 0 I need a new *pair of glasses* (pair / glasses).
- 1 I enjoy watching thrillers, but that new \_\_\_\_\_ (crime series / be not) exactly what I like.
- 2 Robert asked me \_\_\_\_\_ (if / I / see) that programme before.
- 3 The struggling musician got \_\_\_\_\_ (piece / good / advice) from a famous music producer.
- 4 Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (add / her / father / be) her favourite actor.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (you / mind) we take a few photos of your house?

6 Wendy told her sister \_\_\_\_\_ (not / believe) the rumours about her.

7 Complete the sentences with the missing words. Use phrasal verbs.

- 0 I signed up for an acting class in order to improve my skills.
- 1 After months of anticipation, when the film \_\_\_\_\_ out it was a huge success.
- 2 It's not unusual for actors to \_\_\_\_\_ up during the first performance of a play. Everyone makes mistakes.
- 3 It always surprises me when famous actors \_\_\_\_\_ up in TV advertisements. I expect them to have a bit more pride!
- 4 After the terrible flood, a group of musicians decided to \_\_\_\_\_ on a show and raise money to help the victims.
- 5 Cristina's friend suggested that she should \_\_\_\_\_ up acting because she was so good at expressing herself.

8 Complete the reported questions with the words in the box. Sometimes more than one answer is possible. There is one extra word.

where	how much	how old	if
whether	who	whose	

- 0 Quentin asked me where the museum was.
- 1 Phil asked his dad \_\_\_\_\_ he had ever sung in front of a live audience.
- 2 Eve asked the man \_\_\_\_\_ had given him her number.
- 3 Ingrid asked the shop assistant \_\_\_\_\_ the DVDs cost.
- 4 Rose asked us \_\_\_\_\_ our family car was since it was obviously not new.
- 5 Mark asked his friend \_\_\_\_\_ he was keen on modern art.

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## Reading

Read the text. Complete gaps 1-5 with fragments A-F. There is one extra fragment.

### THE FUTURE OF TELEVISION

Television has changed a lot since the days when there were only two or three channels to choose from. People were happy with that because there was nothing else but, with the introduction of videos and later, the Internet, television needed to offer something better. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Whilst people were excited to begin with, they soon came to be disappointed. That's because many of the programmes were poorly made which meant that more time was spent changing channels trying to find something interesting to watch than actually watching it.

So, what does the future hold for television? Firstly, more and more people are now buying smart TVs which are linked to the Internet. (2) \_\_\_\_\_

One of them is for the television to remember what you have watched and, when you next switch on, it will tell you about programmes that you might be interested in. We will also be able to link our televisions to our friends' televisions and find out what they are watching so we can watch the same. So rather than talk about our favourite TV shows, we'll simply find out from our own televisions! This idea, though, still assumes that television will work as it does now, with programmes appearing at a certain time each week. (3) \_\_\_\_\_

There are now online television providers who allow you to watch what you like, when you like. You can watch a whole series in one night. This is great for people who hate waiting to find out what is going to happen next. However, parents who are trying to encourage their children to watch less TV may disagree. It will certainly be a challenge for some.

A big advantage of not having specific times for programmes is that no one can complain that 'there's nothing worth watching this evening'. This is a feeling we are all familiar with, and it can be extremely frustrating. (4) \_\_\_\_\_

This is because television companies can show programmes for everyone, from popular series to documentaries that only a handful of people will be interested in. So, there will always be something to watch, whoever you are.

One big problem faced by all television channels is the rise of so many free video channels on the Internet. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ This means that, if the service is too expensive, no one will sign up for it. Of course, if it is too cheap, the company won't be able to afford to buy or make enough programmes. It is, perhaps, a bigger problem for television companies than keeping up with the latest technological advances. One solution is to create very high quality programmes that vloggers and YouTubers can't compete with. I guess, we'll have to wait and see what they come up with.

- A Many companies offer a catch-up service where you can watch programmes from the previous week that you have missed, but do we need to miss programmes at all?
- B At first, this was done by satellite or cable companies offering hundreds of channels for a monthly fee.
- C It means that people can subscribe to their favourite channel and all their favourite programmes will be organised in a personal playlist.
- D This will allow a number of new ideas to be introduced.
- E Why should people pay to watch television when they can spend their evenings watching almost anything for free?
- F Just because some of the programmes aren't for you, it doesn't prevent you from watching what you want.