

### Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the past perfect simple or continuous form.

- 1 She had given her parents a thoughtful gift for their anniversary. (give)
- 2 We sailed round the island several times before. (sail)
- 3 I thought about what to say to my boss all week. (think)
- 4 Jonah cooked the meal by the time you got there? (cook)
- 5 It was pretty clear to me when I saw her that she was crying. (cry)
- 6 I knew he had been to Mexico even though he claimed that he had. (never, be)
- 7 The sun shone all day. (shine)

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2 Choose the correct answer, a, b or c to complete the sentences.

- 1 Gabriel is more creative and artistic b his father.  
a as b than c like
- 2 We were by a the stronger team in the first half of the match.  
a bit b much c far
- 3 She is a much more experienced than we realised at the interview.  
a as b slightly c so
- 4 In the end, the meeting wasn't as difficult a we thought it would be.  
a as much b as c as far
- 5 He thinks he's far a clever to fail the test.  
a too b by c more
- 6 The longer I work here, the a surprised I am that the company's still in business.  
a much more b more c far more
- 7 I've just read her latest novel, but it's not a good as her last one.  
a nearly as b nearly c as nearly

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3 Use the correct form of the words in the box and match them with the definitions.

accept	child	classic	history
nightmare	point	poison	tradition
use			

- 1 something that is attractive because of its simple, older style classical
- 2 harmful and able to cause illness or death poison
- 3 no real purpose or reason to do something point
- 4 following customs or agreed ways of behaving tradition
- 5 used to describe things in the past classic
- 6 behaving in a bad or silly way child
- 7 not working or not good at all use
- 8 good enough, but not very good accept
- 9 very unpleasant and frightening nightmare

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### Vocabulary

4 Match 1–8 with a–h.

- 1 People often find it difficult to c
  - 2 Can you recall a
  - 3 He said he had no b
  - 4 Usually you have a very good memory d
  - 5 Please bear in e
  - 6 I'll never f
  - 7 I like this painting. It reminds me h
  - 8 We didn't think the event was very g
- a for names, so I was surprised you forgot his!  
b mind I was only ten when I met her.  
c memorise lists – we need contexts for things.  
d forget the first time I rode a bike.  
e the name of our maths teacher at school?  
f memory of the incident at all.  
g memorable, to be honest.  
h of where I grew up.

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### 5 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 People just don't like him much – they find him arrogant / remarkable.
- 2 He's only been working here for a year, so he's still quite inexperienced / bold.
- 3 It was really confident / remarkable – none of us believed it could happen.
- 4 They were just more competitive / reasonable than us, which is why they won.
- 5 He'll never change his mind, he's so thoughtful / stubborn.
- 6 I find my boss very arrogant / reasonable – she seems to treat everyone fairly.
- 7 The weather was terrible, but they were determined / tough to get to the top of the mountain.
- 8 Business is a bit confident / unpredictable at the moment. No one knows what's going to happen next.
- 9 She's very tough / thoughtful. She looks at everything closely before making a decision.

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### 6 Complete the conversation with the words and phrases in the box.

back down   contradicts   eye-to-eye  
ganging up on   picking fights  
underlying issue

- A: I'm having a problem with my flatmate at the moment. We just don't seem to see <sup>1</sup> eye to eye on anything.
- B: Oh dear. That's not good.
- A: I know. She never does the housework when I ask her, and she <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ everything I say.
- B: Oh. Do you think there might be some <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?
- A: What do you mean?
- B: Well, people generally don't go <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ without a reason.
- A: Are you suggesting that I should <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_? So now you're <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ me too!
- B: No, I'm not! I just thought you might try to find a compromise ...

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### Function

#### 7 Put the words in the correct order to make questions and sentences.

- 1 completely / in / middle / the / cold / it's  
It's completely cold in the middle.
- 2 but / ordered / this / we / isn't / what / sorry, / I'm  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- 3 check / the / on / order / you / could / me / for  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- 4 to / be / is / so / dish / supposed / this / spicy  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- 5 haven't / side / yet / the / dishes / come  
\_\_\_\_\_?
- 6 not / we / salad, / ordered / steamed vegetables / a  
\_\_\_\_\_?

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#### 8 Choose the correct answer, a, b or c to complete the sentences.

- 1 The c feeling was that the service is poor.  
a biggest      b usual      c general
- 2 The desserts get a big up.  
a thumbs      b heads      c hands
- 3 I'll take that on \_\_\_\_\_.  
a view      b writing      c board
- 4 I want to \_\_\_\_\_ my side.  
a explain      b take      c respond
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_, people felt you do your job well.  
a General      b Overall      c Unfortunately
- 6 Perhaps you could bear that in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a mind      b hand      c thought

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