

8 Complete the gaps with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

## Child prodigy

Eleven-year-old Nigel Matschek <sup>1</sup>has become (become) the youngest person ever to be accepted at Oxford University. He <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate) with his family yesterday after he <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (get) a letter offering him a place to study physics. 'When he heard the post arrive, he <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to check it,' explained his mother, 'and when we heard him shout "Yes!" we knew he <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (receive) the news he wanted. He <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (work) so hard over the last few years and it's what he really wants to do. We <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (be) so proud of him.'

## Jackie Lane: Live Tonight!

'My next guest <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (never have) any problems with getting what he wanted. When he first came to the United States he <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not have) any money and he <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a factory during the day and at a nightclub at night to support his family. Now he <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (become) one of the richest people in the world. Between 1997 and 2004, while he <sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Florida, he <sup>13</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (manage) two hugely successful e-businesses and he <sup>14</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (just write) a best-selling book: *Ten Steps to Success*. This week, he <sup>15</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (visit) his business school in Chicago and tonight he <sup>16</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (spend) an evening with us. Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome Simon Bach!'



Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

1 I've always been very close <sup>a</sup> with <sup>b</sup> to <sup>c</sup> my sister. We do lots of things together.

2 Natalie wasn't enjoying her job after she fell <sup>a</sup> out <sup>b</sup> off <sup>c</sup> on with her boss.

3 Don't listen to them, they're jealous <sup>a</sup> of <sup>b</sup> about <sup>c</sup> your success.

4 Do you get <sup>a</sup> about <sup>b</sup> of <sup>c</sup> on with your cousins?

5 I hate being around Owen and Liz. They're always putting each other <sup>a</sup> on <sup>b</sup> down <sup>c</sup> around.

6 Josh had always been loyal <sup>a</sup> to <sup>b</sup> on <sup>c</sup> with his friend, even when other people didn't believe him.

7 Will always felt threatened <sup>a</sup> from <sup>b</sup> with <sup>c</sup> by his brother's musical abilities.

8 Even as young boys, Mark and Chris would always compete <sup>a</sup> with <sup>b</sup> at <sup>c</sup> by each other.

## A date with disaster?

9a 1.1 Listen to and/or read the stories and decide who had the worst experience.

b Listen and/or read again and choose the correct name: Celine, Rodrigo, Robert or Claire.

- 1 Who had a date by the sea?  
Celine and Rodrigo
- 2 Who had known the other person for some time before the date?  

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- 3 Who wanted to impress the person they dated?  

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- 4 Who was much older than the person they dated?  

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- 5 Who had an accident?  

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- 6 Who was embarrassed by the other person's behaviour?  

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- 7 Whose date was very expensive?  

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- 8 Who went out with the person again?  

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