Step 6 Let's Learn Something New

Vocabulary

1. Choose the correct words.

1 At university, you have to *take / have* responsibility for your own learning.
2 Excuse me, Miss. Did you *take / have* a chance to mark our homework?
3 I *took / had* such a good time at school. I miss my school friends a lot.
4 I think Mr Hastings *takes / has* something against me. He always ignores me in class.
5 My parents don't *take / have* an interest in what I do at school.
6 Sometimes you need to *take / have* risks in order to succeed.

2. Complete the email with the correct form of the words from the box.

degree • fail • good • graduate • pass • sit • take

Hi Rita,
How are you getting on in your exams? I'm doing better than last year. Yesterday, I (1) …… for my French and German exams. Do you remember that I (2) …… them both last year? I had to (3) …… them again in September. That was awful. Well, this year I've done much better. I'm sure I've (4) …… them both. In fact, I think I'm really quite (5) …… at languages when I try. Of course, I'm not as good as you are. Are you still hoping to do a French (6) …… at university? It's a good idea. My cousin has just (7) …… in German and she's already found a job!
Write soon,
Lola

Grammar

3. Put in a *few, few,* a *little* or *little.*

0 I don't think I can do this exercise on my own. I need a little help.
1 …… tourists visited Northern Ireland in the 1980s because of the terrorism there.
2 The postman doesn't often come here. We receive …… letters.
3 The snow was quite deep. There seemed …… hope of completing our journey.
4 Trevor isn't finding it easy to write the essay. He's having …… trouble.
5 Sarah is exhausted. She's having …… days' holiday next week.
6 David quite likes physics, but unfortunately, he has …… ability.
7 I can speak …… words of Swedish, but I'm not very fluent.

4. A student wants to do a research degree and is talking to a university teacher in the coffee bar. Complete the dialogue by crossing out the wrong expression in each case.

Student: Hello Professor Ramsey. Would you like (0) *some/ ~~any~~* coffee?
Professor: Yes, please.
Student: Milk and sugar?
Professor: Just (1) *a little/a* few milk, but (2) *any/no* sugar. Oh, and a biscuit, please!
Student: I'm afraid there aren't (3) *any/some.* I've looked (4) *everywhere/somewhere* but I couldn't find any.

Professor: That's all right. I shouldn't really eat (5) *anything/nothing* between meals.
Student: Please sit down (6) *anywhere/nowhere* that you'd like, Professor Ramsey. May I ask you (7) *some/any* questions about doing a research degree?
Professor: Sure. Do you know (8) *much/many* about what's involved?
Student: Well, I've thought (9) *a lot of/a lot* about it. I've read (10) *everything/something* on The university website and I've also spoken to (11) *a few/a little* students who have already started.
Professor: Have you read (12) *much/many* research papers?
Student: Well, we had to read (13) *a lot of/a lot* them for our degree project.
Professor: And have you written (14) *any/some* articles?
Student: (15) *A few / A little*, but (16) *none / nothing* that have been published, I'm afraid.
Professor: Hmm... Well, you're not an ideal candidate, but you can take the preparatory course, and I'll take a decision after that.

5. These are the five members of a team that is going to take part in a general knowledge quiz. Complete the questions and answers about the team using the words from the box.

	Profession	**Hobbies/Interests**
Sara	photographer	fashion, astrology
Mike	lawyer	gardening, foreign films
Lester	chef	skiing, snowboarding
Mary	chemist	theatre
Ron	astronomer	languages

something • nobody • everything • somebody • everything • anybody • anybody • somewhere • something • anything • anybody • somebody • everything • everywhere • anybody • everything • everything

Jane: Have you got (0) *anybody* who knows about fashion?
Frank: Yes, Sara reads all the magazines. She knows (1) …… about the latest styles.
Jane: You must have (2) …… who knows about the universe, they often ask about the planets.
Frank: I think Ron knows (3) …… about astronomy.
Jane: Is there (4) …… who knows (5) …… about cinema?
Frank: Yes, Mike knows (6) …… about it. He mostly watches European films though, I think.
Jane: Have you got (7) …… who works in politics?
Frank: No, we've got (8) …… who actually works in politics. But Mike will know about current legislation from his work. He works (9) …… in the city and he often meets members of the local council.
Jane: You need (10) …… who knows about sports.
Frank: Well, Lester knows (11) …… about winter sports, he's a fanatic! I'm sure he's been skiing (12) …… you can in Europe!
Jane: Is there (13) …… who knows about sciences?
Frank: Yes, Mary. And she also knows (14) …… about theatre. She's got an amazing memory.
Jane: Great! Sounds like you've got (15) …… covered. Good luck!