

A. Read the dialogues and choose a, b, c or d.

1. **Linda:** What's the matter?

Jane: I've gained five kilos.

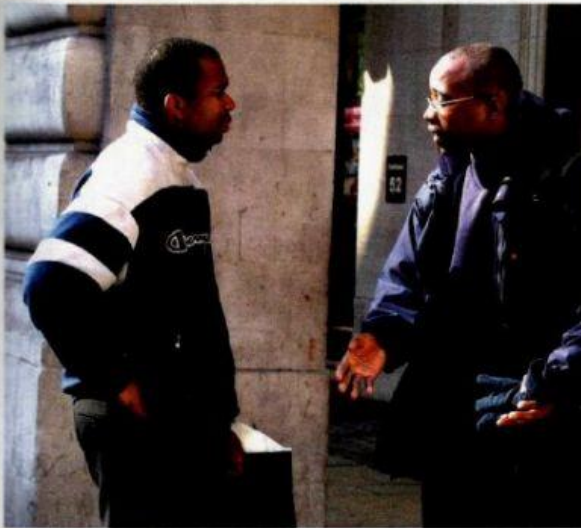
Linda: So what? Why don't you start going to the gym? That way you can (1) _____ calories and lose some weight.

Jane: Well, I've thought about that, but the (2) _____ fee is quite expensive. And anyway doing the same type of exercises is a bit too (3) _____ for me.

Linda: How about playing volleyball? You can come and play in our school team.

Jane: That sounds like a good idea.

Linda: OK. Then make sure you show (4) _____ at the school yard tomorrow at three o'clock.



2. **Mark:** I'm never going to a match with you again. What you did was so embarrassing!

Alan: My team was losing. How did you expect me to react?

Mark: Well, certainly not like that! I never knew you were such a bad (5) _____.

Alan: I'm not. I'm a good (6) _____. I just have a lot of team (7) _____.

Mark: That's not a reason to shout at the other team's players. Games could be (8) _____ if more people were like you!

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| 1. a. burn | b. to burn | c. burning | d. burnt |
| 2. a. member | b. members | c. member's | d. membership |
| 3. a. bored | b. boringly | c. monotonous | d. monotonously |
| 4. a. up | b. off | c. out | d. in |
| 5. a. lose | b. loser | c. loss | d. lost |
| 6. a. sport | b. sports | c. sporty | d. sporting |
| 7. a. energy | b. preference | c. spirit | d. achievement |
| 8. a. cancel | b. to cancel | c. cancelling | d. cancelled |

B. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than *three* words.

1. Paul helped Jack to solve his problem.

Paul helped Jack to find _____ his problem.

2. Our plans have changed.

There has been _____ our plans.

3. Tom reacted to the news in a very funny way.

Tom's _____ the news was very funny.

4. My dad is able to jog for hours.

My dad has the _____ jog for hours.

5. Kara finally managed to meet her favourite singer when she went to his concert.

Kara finally had the _____ meet her favourite singer when she went to his concert.

6. Jill is a very talented violin player.

Jill has got _____ playing the violin.

C. Complete the essay with the words/phrases in the box.

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| a. To begin with | b. while | c. Personally |
| d. Moreover | e. To sum up | f. for instance |
| g. In fact | h. On the other hand | |

When it comes to watching sports, fans have different preferences. Some people like watching sports on television, (1) _____, others prefer seeing them live, in a stadium or a basketball court, (2) _____.

There are quite a few advantages to watching sports on television. (3) _____, fans do not have to go to a stadium and wait in a queue to get in. Instead, they can sit and watch the game from somewhere comfortable, like their living room sofa. (4) _____, watching sports at home is cheaper as you do not need to pay for a ticket.

(5) _____, watching sports on television is not the same as being in a stadium. (6) _____, sharing the excitement with the rest of the spectators is what makes the experience unforgettable.

(7) _____, watching sports on television may be easier and cheaper but certainly not as exciting as watching it live. (8) _____, I believe that fans can choose the way they prefer to enjoy sports.

D. What's the topic the writer was asked to write about in the essay above?



E. Match the paragraphs 1-4 of the essay with the topics a-d below.

Paragraph 1:

Paragraph 2:

Paragraph 3:

Paragraph 4:

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| a. disadvantages | _____ |
| b. conclusion and opinion | _____ |
| c. introduction to the subject | _____ |
| d. advantages | _____ |