

ADVANCED LEVEL (C1)

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets. Add any extra words necessary.

- 1 Magda and her brother ended up having a _____ about politics. (heat / argue)
- 2 It really _____ when people deliberately drop litter in the street. (get / nerve)
- 3 The test results completely _____ when I realized I'd passed with distinction. (take / surprise)
- 4 Don't _____ if I don't come out later, I'm just not feeling too good. (take / personally)
- 5 Teachers need to have a lot of patience and must _____ at all times. (keep / temper)

2 Choose the correct metaphor from the words in italics to complete the sentences.

- 1 Dina was in **low spirits / high spirits** after her boss had publicly praised her work.
- 2 We had a few **ups and downs / downs and ups** during our house move, but overall it went pretty smoothly.
- 3 Finally scoring a goal for his team really **gave the new player the lift / was a roller coaster of emotion** that he needed.
- 4 Adam felt **up-hearted / down-hearted** when he found out that his important business trip had been cancelled.
- 5 Going out for the day with Emma is always **in high spirits / a roller coaster of emotions** – you never know what's going to happen!

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I wish Boris _____ telling the truth for a change. (start)
- 2 If only someone _____ earlier, we'd have been able to avoid these problems. (speak up)
- 3 I'd rather you _____ the TV as I'm trying to study for my exam tomorrow. (turn on)
- 4 It's high time Elsa _____ giving everyone orders – she's not the boss! (stop)
- 5 It's time we _____ on our way because the roads will be quite busy. (be)
- 6 Some people spend money as if they _____ an endless supply of it. (have)
- 7 To be honest, I'd sooner we _____ home straight after the cinema. (go)
- 8 You're behaving as though you _____ surprised to get promoted! (be)
- 9 I'm sure you'd rather _____ go back to the dentist's again next week. (have to)
- 10 I wish I _____ into town now – there was just so much traffic! (drive)

4 Complete the sentences by replacing the words in brackets with one word.

EXAMPLE: To be honest, I felt quite indifferent (showing no interest in) when Andrew started going on again about his problems.

- 1 Paola felt very _____ (nervous about what people thought of her) as she took to the stage to perform.
- 2 The team are bound to be _____ (extremely upset) when they hear the news about the potential redundancies.

- 3 Most people feel _____ (annoyed about something they couldn't do) when bad weather prevents them from going out while on holiday.
- 4 We were a bit _____ (worried about something we had to do) about staying in such a remote location in the mountains.
- 5 I must admit that I did feel a little _____ (wanting the same thing as someone else) when Karla showed me the photos of her fabulous new apartment!

5 Rewrite the sentences to hypothesize about how things could be or could have been different.

Begin each sentence with IF.

*Example: Ulla doesn't speak French, so she didn't understand.
If Ulla spoke French, she would have understood.*

1 I didn't know what would happen, so I lent him the money.

2 You were late, so you couldn't meet Mia.

3 James loves that new car, so he's buying one.

4 We did plenty of research, so we didn't end up making a huge mistake.

5 Dina didn't know the facts, so she didn't tell me.

6 Read the introduction from a blog about photography. Match underlined sentences 1–4 with the way A–D that the writer has linked the sentence with one before it.

Beautiful Photos

I think the real beauty of a photograph is the memory it stands for. I mean, as soon as you look at pictures, they stir up thoughts and feelings that can take you back to long-forgotten places. ¹And you can end up feeling really happy because of that. I mainly use my smartphone for taking photos and, to be honest, most of them just end up staying on my phone or laptop. ²I'm not great at organizing them all. Some of them do move a step further and get used in my blog. The photos I take are mostly OK. But, you see, I'm one of those people who has to be the best at anything I turn my hand to. ³So, as far as I'm concerned, 'OK' isn't really good enough when it comes to photography. As a result, I've decided to sign up for a self-study course written by award-winning photographer Amy Gault, which I hope will take me through the steps I need to become a bit more accomplished, and blurred out-of-focus shots will become a thing of the past. ⁴Under her guidance, I hope to become a little more expert soon. The first module is about composition and framing.

- A a different way of saying something
- B an example of an idea expressed in the previous sentence/clause
- C a reason for a previously expressed idea
- D a consequence or a result of the idea expressed previously

1 _____
2 _____

3 _____
4 _____