

## INTERMEDIATE UNIT 7

## 7.1 Success

- 1 Complete the text with *at, for, in, on*, to or no article (-).

Not everyone has a natural talent  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_ sport or art, but most people  
 can be successful if they work hard  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_ something. One theory by  
 writer Malcolm Gladwell is that if you  
 focus 3 \_\_\_\_\_ a skill when you're young  
 and spend 10,000 hours practising it  
 before the age of twenty, you can  
 master 4 \_\_\_\_\_ it. So any teenager who  
 has the opportunity 5 \_\_\_\_\_ learn a  
 skill should give it a try. It will help  
 them believe 6 \_\_\_\_\_ themselves and  
 they may even become world-class  
 7 \_\_\_\_\_ something.

- 2 Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.

be a runner-up   be nominated  
 be on a shortlist   come first  
 got an 'A'   on the winning team  
 win an award   won a medal

- 1 I can't believe I \_\_\_\_\_  
 in my English exam.  
 2 I was second today. If I keep training,  
 one day I'll \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3 Well, I didn't win the race, but I  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for coming  
 third.  
 4 We all did so well. It's great to be  
 \_\_\_\_\_.  
 5 I didn't win the Best Actor Oscar, but  
 it was great to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 6 I'm so honoured to  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for the Best  
 Poem Prize.  
 7 Nobody wants to  
 \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone  
 wants to win.  
 8 I hear you might  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for best  
 newcomer.

## Verb phrases

- 3 Match 1–7 with endings a)–g).

- 1 I'm not sure if I can come tonight. It depends  
 2 That programme last night picked  
 3 He really has a talent  
 4 If you put  
 5 I have a lot  
 6 You never pay attention  
 7 If I'm going to finish this essay, I need access  
 8 What are you laughing

- a) in common with my brother. We both really love rugby.  
 b) to what I'm saying. Listen to me!  
 c) in a lot of hours, you'll be fluent in two years.  
 d) to the library.  
 e) on how much homework I get.  
 f) at? Something funny?  
 g) for taking beautiful photos.  
 h) up on some interesting environmental issues.

- 4 Match the beginnings in A with a word in B and an ending in C to make sentences.

A	B	C
1 My aunt works	on	being a new mother. It's very stressful.
2 Martin's working	about	their poor salaries again.
3 I want to be an author. I'm going to write	to	it too. It's fun!
4 I don't like trying new things. I like to stick	for	my childhood growing up in Kenya.
5 We're doing a fun run tomorrow. You should take part	about	what I know.
6 It's not easy to cope	with	an interesting project at the moment.
7 The postal workers are protesting	to	problems with your teeth.
8 Eating too much sugar can lead	in	a vet, looking after sick animals.

1 My aunt works for a vet, looking after sick animals.

## 7.2 Ability

- 5 Put the letters in brackets in the correct order to complete the sentences.
- 1 Andrew Graham-Dixon is an \_\_\_\_\_ (pexte) in Russian art.
  - 2 Pablo Picasso had a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ (ibyalit) as a painter.
  - 3 Evelyn Glennie has an \_\_\_\_\_ (updateit) for drumming, despite begin deaf from the age of twelve.
  - 4 Thiago Silva is a \_\_\_\_\_ (deltaten) defender for the Brazilian national football team.
  - 5 Emily Richmond is a \_\_\_\_\_ (fluskil) round-the-world sailor.
  - 6 Professor Stephen Hawking is \_\_\_\_\_ (defitg) at maths.

## 7.3 Qualifications

- 6 Match the words in the box with their meanings 1–8. Then tick the items that you have got or done in your life.

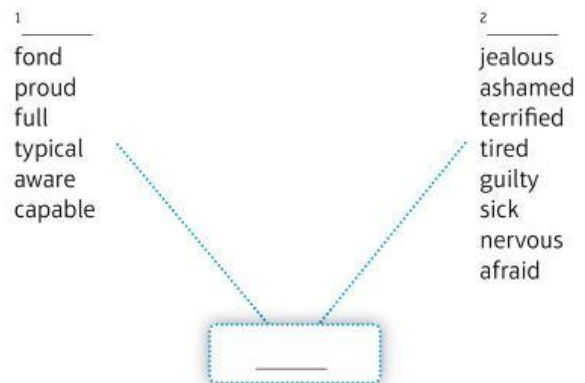
apprenticeship certificate degree  
distance learning driving licence online course  
PhD qualification

- 1 The document which states you completed a course.
- 2 A series of lessons on the internet.
- 3 An advanced qualification that makes you a doctor.
- 4 Time spent working for a company in order to learn a job.
- 5 A system of education where information is broadcast on TV or on the web.
- 6 An exam or course you have completed.
- 7 A document which states you can be in charge of a car.
- 8 A university course.



## Focus on adjective + preposition

- 7 Look at the adjectives in the spidergram. What preposition follows each one? Write it in the box.



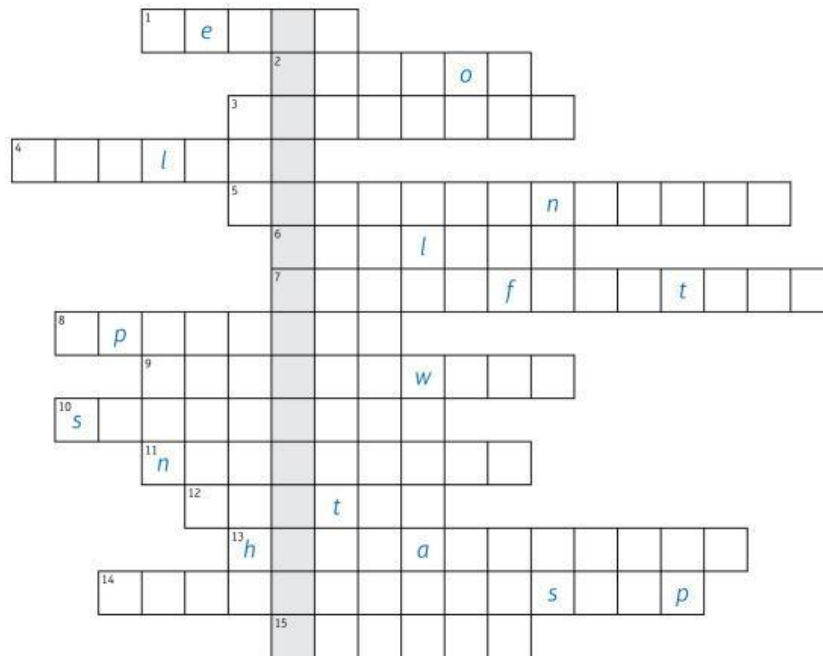
- 8 How have the adjectives been organised? Write a title for each group.

- 9 Complete the sentences with the adjectives from the spidergram plus a preposition.

- 1 I have to say, I'm a little jealous of Martin's huge new TV.
- 2 I'm \_\_\_\_\_ all these flies in my house. They make me feel ill!
- 3 When driving in the mountain area, be \_\_\_\_\_ falling rocks.
- 4 I was so \_\_\_\_\_ my dirty kitchen when my friends visited.
- 5 This cake's \_\_\_\_\_ calories. We shouldn't really eat it.
- 6 The man was found \_\_\_\_\_ speeding and lost his driving licence.
- 7 I'm really \_\_\_\_\_ Paulo. He's such a lovely guy.
- 8 I was really \_\_\_\_\_ my last exam result. It was the best in the class.
- 9 If you don't try, you'll never know what you're \_\_\_\_\_!
- 10 Late again! That's so \_\_\_\_\_ Sami.
- 11 You should never be \_\_\_\_\_ failure. Just take a risk!
- 12 I'm \_\_\_\_\_ sitting in traffic jams every morning. I don't want to do it anymore!
- 13 Mauro used to be absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ the dentist, but now he's just a bit \_\_\_\_\_ it.

## Crossword

**10** Use the clues to complete the crossword with words and phrases from Unit 7.  
There is a question in the shaded squares.



- 1 a prize for doing well, usually a metal circle (5)
- 2 depend on (4, 2)
- 3 be owned by someone (6, 2)
- 4 a skill you have (7)
- 5 say you aren't satisfied with (something) (8, 5)
- 6 to be very bad at something (7)
- 7 an exam or course you have completed (13)
- 8 a natural ability (8)
- 9 receive a prize or recognition of success (3, 2, 5)
- 10 a few people being considered for a prize (9)
- 11 be suggested for prize (9)
- 12 skilled (6)
- 13 a person who is very successful in all parts of their lives (4, 8)
- 14 time working for a company so you can learn to do a job (14)
- 15 a university course (6)

