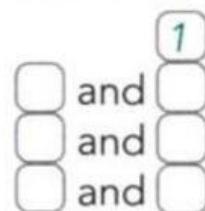


## 2 Put the words in order to complete the sentences.

- 1 a great day out / I'm going / about / to tell you  
Right, so I'm going to tell you about a great day out.
- 2 the presentation / expected / was lengthy and tedious  
As \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 look back / I always / on that day now / I / smile to myself  
When \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 and there she was / sudden / of a / we turned a corner  
All \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 the / a car appeared on the horizon / of / blue  
Out \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 to be / worth / turned / all the effort / out / in the end  
It \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 we left / as / it started snowing heavily / soon  
As \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Match the sentences in Exercise 2 with their functions.

- 1 introducing an anecdote
- 2 sequencing events in an anecdote
- 3 describing events vividly
- 4 finishing an anecdote



## 4 Complete the anecdote using the words in the box.

There is one extra word.

enough fortunately initially just place  
predictably story unexpectedly without when

OK, so this is a story about a weekend I'll never forget. It took <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ last summer in Staffordshire, in England. I was visiting my cousin and we both love cycling, so we decided to go on a trip. We packed up our stuff, got on our bikes and cycled about 50 miles to a campsite very near the famous theme park, Alton Towers. <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ after we set off, it started raining and, <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for England, it didn't stop all day. We arrived at the campsite like a pair of drowned rats. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, we managed to get the tent up quickly and began the long process of drying out. Or so we thought.

<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ we woke up the next morning, we discovered that the tent had <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ leaked in the night and all our things, including our clothes were still wet through. There was nothing we could do, so we pulled on wet jumpers, jeans and shoes and headed for the theme park. Funnily <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, it turns out that the fastest and most exciting way to get dry is to ride a rollercoaster with 14 loops at 50 miles per hour. <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a doubt, that weekend was one of the wettest and funniest I've ever had.

## 5 Read the anecdote in Exercise 3 again and put the following parts in order.

- A What happened step by step
- B Where and when the anecdote took place, and other background information
- C What the anecdote is going to be about and background information
- D Why the day was so memorable
- E Who was involved in the day



## JUDGING PEOPLE

It is extremely A to avoid forming an opinion about people we don't know at all. Most of us have a nasty <sup>1</sup> of judging people by their appearance. Still, it is useful to remember that our perception might be wrong. A normally cheerful person might <sup>2</sup> miserable on a particular day for a number of reasons. Maybe they <sup>3</sup> badly the night before? Or maybe they have a toothache?

Since we can't help forming opinions about each other, it's a good idea to try to make a great first impression on others. So, when you are introduced to someone new, make sure you <sup>4</sup> say politely and say your name clearly. A good handshake is <sup>5</sup> important. Sometimes your body language can say more about you than your words.

<b>A</b>	difficult	B	neat	C	normal	D	casual	
1	A	trend	B	routine	C	habit	D	tradition
2	A	feel	B	set	C	keep	D	look
3	A	slept	B	went out	C	turned up	D	expected
4	A	roar	B	smile	C	glance	D	laugh
5	A	healthy	B	equally	C	painfully	D	bitterly

2 ★★ Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

The main aim of this project is to challenge commonly held *beliefs* (BELIEVE) regarding education.

- 1 The stand-up comedian's performance was so funny that, after a few minutes, the public was roaring with \_\_\_\_\_ (LAUGH).
- 2 Brad is very relaxed and good at making people feel at \_\_\_\_\_ (EASY), even strangers.
- 3 In a conflict, both sides need to give up something to reach an \_\_\_\_\_ (AGREE).
- 4 Without her vivid \_\_\_\_\_ (IMAGINE), the filmmaker wouldn't have created such a fascinating world.
- 5 It was surprising to find out that Glenn and I shared an \_\_\_\_\_ (INTERESTING) in psychology and wanted to become therapists.
- 6 I'm pretty sure my application will be rejected as I don't meet some of the \_\_\_\_\_ (REQUIRE).

3 ★★★ Replace **very** with the correct adverb form of the words in the box.

bitter deep high painful perfect supreme

He must have been **very** disappointed when his application was rejected. *bitterly*

- 1 Maggie is quite outgoing, but her twin sister, Carol, is **very** shy. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Don't worry. It's **very** normal for people to feel a bit nervous about school life. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 After moving towns and changing schools in the same month, Rick felt **very** depressed. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 In my opinion, Sophia is a **very** intelligent and well-liked student. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The rock band seems **very** confident on stage even though they've never played in front of so many people. \_\_\_\_\_

4 ★★★ Complete each pair of sentences with the same answer A-C.

My parents taught me to share so I didn't mind when my sisters B with my toys.

His acting career started when he B the part of a teenage boy in a popular TV series.

A took      B played      C had

1 There are \_\_\_ bedrooms now that David's guests have left.  
Their parents encouraged them to be \_\_\_ spirits, which meant they were often in trouble at school.  
A spare      B free      C unoccupied

2 During the storm, the lights went \_\_\_ and the room was in complete darkness.  
It is common for folk traditions to die \_\_\_ when people move to the city.  
A off      B down      C out

3 Our next full-time \_\_\_ starts on February 3rd. The price of the tour includes a three-\_\_\_ meal in a local restaurant.  
A course      B dish      C part

4 Regular exercise is an important part of a \_\_\_ lifestyle.  
Nuts and seeds are a great \_\_\_ snack for your lunchbox.  
A healthy      B organic      C vegetarian

5 Have you worked for an international \_\_\_ before?  
My brother is good \_\_\_. People enjoy spending time with him.  
A firm      B team      C company

5 ★ Circle the best answers to complete the letter.

Dear Professor Brown,

I apologise for the delay in responding to your letter / getting back to you so late. We have been badly / extremely busy over the last few months.

I am delighted / over the moon to let you know that we want to publish your book / your book proposal has been accepted for publication.

We believe that your book, which / whose message is loud and clear / neat and tidy, will be well-received.

Please find attached / Here comes a draft contract. Could you check that your personal details are up-to-date and return / send back two signed copies as soon as possible?

Please do not hesitate contact / to contact me should you require any further information.

Best, / Yours sincerely,

Raphael Morgenstern  
Senior Editor

6 ★★ Complete the sentences using the prompts in brackets. Do not change the order of the words. Change the forms or add new words if necessary. Use up to six words in each gap.

The committee hasn't reached an agreement yet – the voting has been postponed till (voting/postpone) next week.

1 I was waiting for the bus when I realised that I forgot / lock the front door.

2 My car has nasty/habit/break down when I have a morning meeting.

3 My brother and I not/use/share bedroom when we were small.

4 Mark had a terrible headache because his neighbour's dog bark/ages.

5 I raise/parents in a small ski resort in the mountains.

6 I don't spend much time with Connor because he always/complain his personal problems.

7 ★★★ Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use between two and five words, including the word in capitals.

I haven't got enough money to go to the concert.

**CAN'T**

I can't afford to go to the concert.

1 I ran faster than this when I was younger. **USE**

I run this slowly when I was younger!

2 First we made some sandwiches, and then we watched the film. **HAD**

We watched the film some sandwiches.

3 The teacher let us leave early yesterday. **PERMISSION**  
The teacher early yesterday.

4 Dave had started planning the wedding ten months before he married Kate. **HAD**

Dave for ten months before he married Kate.

5 Where did you grow up? **TELL**

Could you grew up?

6 My sister was angry with me for borrowing her dress. **OFF**

My sister borrowing her dress.

7 You shouldn't eat chocolate if you're trying to be healthy. **AVOID**

You chocolate if you're trying to be healthy.

8 ★★★ Complete the text with one word in each gap

## Marry me!

A proposal of marriage is an important moment and in the past it <sup>1</sup> to be a very private one. However, today some people make it an extremely public event. Some men have proposed <sup>2</sup> their girlfriends on big screens at football matches or on TV programmes in front of millions of people. One man <sup>3</sup> proposed in front of the crowd at Glastonbury music festival also organised the wedding at the site. Others have got married after putting the words 'Will you marry me?' into crossword puzzles <sup>4</sup> their girlfriends to solve.

One of the most unusual proposals happened in 2015, when a Japanese man decided to cover 7,000 kilometres around Japan on foot, by car, ferry, and bicycle.

He <sup>5</sup> planned his trip very carefully, recording each step with GPS technology, <sup>6</sup> is used to monitor the location of things and people. At the end of his journey, the GPS drawing spelt out an enormous 'Marry me!' Was it worth the effort? Judging <sup>7</sup> the fact that he's a married man now, it turned out well! This was probably the world's most extraordinary proposal. Having said that, no doubt someone will soon try to make an <sup>8</sup> crazier one!