

Grammar

1 Complete the second sentence with no more than five words so that it means the same as the first.

1 May remembered her passport at the last minute. It was only at the last minute that May remembered her passport.

2 I love travelling because you meet so many interesting people.
What I enjoy most _____ you meet so many interesting people.

3 I want to know who told Tim where I was.
What _____ who told Tim where I was.

4 We only booked the hotel yesterday.
It was only _____ the hotel.

5 John had lost his keys so he couldn't get in.
The reason why John _____ he'd lost his keys.

6 Our neighbours didn't realise they'd been burgled.
What our neighbours _____ they'd been burgled.

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2 Complete the sentences with a participle form of the verbs in brackets.

1 Overwhelmed (overwhelm) by all the attention, Hannah burst into tears during her first performance, which startled the audience.

2 _____ (wander) away from the group, Mark started to feel rather lost and alone.

3 _____ (stand) by the door is my cousin, Mike.

4 _____ (want) to make a fuss, Lucinda left the room without saying goodbye and it was a long time before anyone noticed she'd gone.

5 _____ (visit) by millions of tourists every year, Berlin is a fascinating city.

6 Although _____ (admire) by many for her creativity, Kate could be quite ruthless and had made a few enemies along the way.

7 _____ (mean) to be rude at all, Ken apologised profusely for having spoken out of turn.

8 _____ (be) a natural at dancing, Hugo felt like he was falling over his feet at the salsa class.

9 Do you know the woman _____ (do) the crossword by the window? She looks really familiar but I can't remember her name.

10 _____ (eat) two pizzas and a tub of ice-cream, Carla began to feel rather nauseous.

11 _____ (know) George as I do, I'm not surprised he left the party to go to the pub. He can't stand making small talk.

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Vocabulary

3 Match 1–6 with a)–h). There are two options you do not need.

1 The problem with working split _____ *d*
2 I searched everywhere in the house but _____
3 The missing sailor was presumed _____
4 If you suffer really badly from _____
5 Before we decide whether to launch _____
6 If we're not back at the base by this evening, please raise _____

a) dead after a futile three-day search of the area where his boat had been found.
b) amnesia, you'll often have no recollection of important events in your life.
c) an investigation, we need to determine the actual damage caused.
d) shifts is that you don't really get much time to relax before going back to work.
e) hay fever, summers can become hell.
f) the alarm and send a search party.
g) frantically in and around the building.
h) to no avail. My keys were nowhere to be found.

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4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in CAPITALS.

1 Derek's unhappiness was predominantly due to his poor social skills, which meant that he had a virtually non-existent social life.

HAPPY

2 The sudden _____ of our much-loved cat, who had been missing for months, brought us no end of joy and relief.

APPEAR

3 When our lead actor _____ fell off the stage and broke his leg in a dress rehearsal, we wondered if the show would be cancelled.

DRAMA

4 The problem with using _____ to clean your home is that it eradicates both good and bad bacteria.

INFECT

5 The honey ant is _____ strong given its size and can pack a punch way above its weight – so much so that it can even protect itself against the larger harvester ant.

DECEIVE

6 These instructions are utterly _____ – they might as well as be written in code! I can't make head nor tail of them!

COMPREHEND

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5 Complete the idioms to do with relaxing.

- 1 I'm going to have a **breather** now as I've been at the computer for hours.
- 2 Perry finds the best way to **u** _____ after a fraught day in the office is to do some calming activities like yoga and meditation.
- 3 Vic always goes for a long run when she wants to take her **m** _____ off of her family problems.
- 4 After two months of working crazy hours, Kay decided to take the weekend off and let her **h** _____ down completely.
- 5 It's important to take **t** _____ out to reflect and recharge your batteries every now and then. I always make sure I take my full holiday allowance every year.
- 6 At the end of a frenetic week, it's wonderful just to switch **o** _____ from work and relax with family or friends.

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6 Put the letters in order to complete the sentences to do with safety and risk.

- 1 My parents have always given me opportunities to take responsibility for myself, which on reflection encouraged **independence** (dneiepnednec) from my early teens.
- 2 We live in such a _____ - _____ (kaversesir) culture nowadays that health and safety regulations seem to have thwarted any freedom for common sense to prevail in matters of day-to-day life.
- 3 Oscar knew the window had been _____ (ebalyetilerd) broken as he'd seen the culprit running off moments after the brick came flying through it.
- 4 As children we were often left _____ (senderipuves) while Mum would go out to do the food shop. On these occasions my older sister would always blame me if anything untoward happened.
- 5 Liam's _____ - _____ (necesservoperttvio) was making Candy feel suffocated. She had to get away from him and find some space to herself.
- 6 Walter's mother always used to _____ (dloceldlomy) him as he was often a sickly child who required more care and attention than the other children.

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Function
7 Complete the conversations with phrases a)–m). There are **two options you do not need.**

1 A: I find it really irritating when shops try to push other products on me at the checkout.
B: I couldn't ¹ **h** _____. If it's not a store magazine, it's stamps or top-up phone cards.

2 A: It's good that children can learn how to use a gun in the States.
B: How ² _____? You can't ³ _____ children should be given that responsibility.
A: Well, I suppose you've ⁴ _____, but all I'm trying to ⁵ _____ children should be taught how to defend themselves.

3 A: Did you hear that our politicians are getting a 10% annual pay rise?
B: Oh, ⁶ _____! You can't be serious!

A: Yes, but it's ok as it's not going to cost the taxpayer anything extra.
B: Oh come on, you ⁷ _____!

A: No – their expenses and pensions are being restricted, so it's all going to balance out.

B: Where's ⁸ _____ in that?
4 A: Isn't it odd that Paul's wife and brother both now work in the marketing department that he's in charge of?
B: Surely you ⁹ _____ something funny is going on?
A: It just ¹⁰ _____ to me. Neither of them has any marketing experience.

5 A: I think mobile phones should be banned from schools. They're too disruptive.

B: Absolutely! I'm ¹¹ _____ on that.

- a) doesn't make sense
- b) got a point
- c) up to a point
- d) can you say that
- e) don't think that
- f) with you one hundred percent
- g) that's ridiculous
- h) agree more
- i) say is that
- j) the logic
- k) against my better judgement
- l) honestly think that
- m) must be joking!

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