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11.1 From section A. Use a verb from the box in the correct form to complete each collocation.

achieve	beat	earn	gain	make	win

1 I don't have ambitions to ..... a lot of money; I just want to be happy in life.

2 Jack has already ..... a very good reputation as a talented lawyer.

3 Sophia has ..... several prizes for her singing.

4 It is important to have goals even if you do not always .....

them.

5 Chris ..... a lot of money when he sold some old shares on the stock exchange.

6 In the tournament Hannah ..... all her opponents and

..... the gold medal.

7 Nowadays Alex ..... a very good salary.

8 In the cycle race, Henrik ..... an advantage when several of his opponents had punctures.

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11. 2 Look at the picture and answer the questions.



1 What is the woman wearing?

2 What is the woman carrying?

3 What is the woman using?

4 What is the man wearing?

5 What is the man using?

6 What is the man carrying?

11.3 Correct the nine collocation errors in this paragraph.



Last year I got a new job and started gaining a lot more money. I realised I could afford to use more money on my holiday than I usually do and decided to pass a month in Australia. I knew it would be hot there and so I wouldn't need to carry warm clothes with me. In fact, I used a t-shirt and jeans all the time I was there. I carried a hat all the time too, of course, to protect me from the sun. It was fantastic there. I passed a week sightseeing in Sydney and then stayed the rest of the time travelling round the country. I even did my lifelong ambition of stroking a koala.

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11.4 Change the underlined words so that each sentence has the opposite meaning.

1 The Democratic Party lost the election.

2 The ruling power has lost control of the situation.

3 Our team was defeated in the match.

4 I spent a lot of money last month.

5 Our company made a loss last year.

11.5 Complete these questions. Then answer them.

1 Where did you ..... your last holiday?

2 How much money did you ..... last week?

3 What do you always ..... with you when you go out?

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4 Have you ever ..... a trophy?

5 What aim would you particularly like to ..... in life?

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