VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT ex. 6

*1 And so we had, as was **the norm**, live-in domestic help, who would often come from nearby rural villages.*

a *the thing people aspired to*

b *the usual thing*

c *the middle class way*

*2 I was **startled**. It had not occurred to me that anybody in his family could actually make something.*

a *ashamed* **b** *surprised* **c** *encouraged*

*3 Her **default** position toward me, as an African, was a kind of patronizing, well-meaning pity.*

a *friendly or caring*

b *necessary or compulsory*

c *standard or automatic*

*4 Although I still get quite **irritable** when Africa is referred to as a country, ...*

a *defensive* **b** *annoyed* **c** *confused*

*5 There were endless stories of Mexicans as people who were **fleecing** the healthcare system, ...*

a *taking money from or using unfairly*

b *avoiding using something*

c *causing something not to work*

*6 ... **sneaking** across the border, being arrested at the border, that sort of thing.*

a *moving secretively*

b *coming in large numbers*

c *travelling openly*

*7 ... we have big dreams of building libraries and **refurbishing** libraries that already exist ...*

a *restocking* **b** *renovating* **c** *re-opening*

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Ex. 7

1 And for many years afterwards, I would have a _____ **desire** to taste ginger beer.

2 But the _____ **consequence** was that I didn't know that people like me could exist in literature.

3 So, the year I _____ **eight**, we got a new house boy. His name was Fide.

4 Now, the _____ **wisdom** was that Nigerians don't' read literature.

5 ... it is 'nkali'. It's a noun that _____ **translates** to 'to be greater than another'.

6 ... such as the fact that 5,000 people apply for one **job** _____ in Nigeria.

7 The consequence of the single story is this: it **robs** people _____ dignity.

8 ... a remarkable man who left his job in a bank to _____ **his dream** and start a publishing house.

7 Complete the sentences in your own words. Then compare your sentences with a partner.

1 Unusual facts about foreign countries? I was pretty startled when I learned that ...
2 It's the norm when you travel abroad to ...
3 You can avoid being fleeced by dishonest taxi drivers if you ...
4 I'm not normally an irritable person, except when ...

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Grammar page 155-156, ex.5 and 6.

5 Complete the conversations with the correct form of the verb.

1

A: Would you rather [1] _____ (go) out to eat tonight or would you prefer [2] _____ (me / cook) something here?

B: I don't mind, really, but if we are staying in, I'd just as soon [3] _____ (not / have) pasta again.

2

A: I prefer [1] _____ (snowboard) to [2] _____ (ski). What about you?

B: I don't really like either. I'd sooner [3] _____ (spend) my money on a nice summer holiday.

3

A: Would you prefer [1] _____ (call) Jake or shall I?

B: I'd rather you [2] _____ (do) it, if that's OK. I need to leave for work.

A: Oh, yes it has got quite late. Do you think it'd be better [3] _____ (wait) and call him later?

6 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1. She is most naturally gifted student in the class.
2. Please can you speak quieter? I'm trying to concentrate.
3. The journey takes twice longer by car as it does on the train.
4. The sooner he arrives, the sooner can the meeting start.
5. The more complicated the idea is, more it is difficult to convince other people of it.
6. I'd rather we leave going to the movies for another night.

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