

A  Listen to the conversation between Diego and Laura. Then read the statements and decide if the information is True, False, or Not Given.

1	Laura and Diego have gone camping together once.	T / F / NG
2	Laura thinks that going camping would be a waste of time.	T / F / NG
3	Diego thinks that glamping can be almost as comfortable as a hotel.	T / F / NG
4	Laura and Diego agree that they shouldn't spend too much money on the vacation.	T / F / NG
5	Diego has managed to convince Laura to stay in a treehouse.	T / F / NG

_____ /10 (2 points each)

B Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

contribution difference influence pleasure reassurance satisfaction use value worthwhile

EXAMPLE In my opinion, lawyers, doctors and firefighters all make a wonderful contribution to our society.

- 1 My teacher was kind and tried to _____ me that the exam wouldn't be very difficult.
- 2 Before going to college, I did some voluntary work abroad. It was hard work, but also really _____.
- 3 I work extremely hard all week, so I really _____ the time that I spend with my family on the weekend.
- 4 Gina is a nurse and she takes _____ in caring for her patients.
- 5 John is a good _____ on other students – he is very hardworking, responsible, and always shows an interest in class.
- 6 You look like you know what you are doing. But if I can be of _____, just let me know.
- 7 I love cooking and I take great _____ out of preparing complex dishes, especially to share with my friends.
- 8 This paint color is beautiful, and it really makes a _____ to the room. It's much brighter now.

_____ /8 (1 point each)

C Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE We bought a new table for the dining room, but it *doesn't make financial sense* / looks ridiculous. It's too big for the space.

- 1 There are too many stairs in this house, so it isn't very *practical* / *foolish* for my grandparents.
- 2 My brother *convinced* / *purchased* me to upgrade my computer, and I'm glad I did it.
- 3 These watches *have appeal* / *make financial sense*, but they are also really overpriced.
- 4 I wasn't sure about this painting, but my friend *regretted* / *encouraged* me to buy it.
- 5 If you can find the same car for a lower price, then it would be *foolish* / *practical* to buy this one.
- 6 I want a new couch and I think this one has *potential* / *appeal* because it looks really comfortable.
- 7 I don't know why I *purchased* / *encouraged* these boots. They are so uncomfortable!

_____ /7 (1 point each)

D Complete the sentences with the infinite or gerund form of the verbs in the box.

complain find have know meet support take on wait walk

EXAMPLE It's hard to know what will happen in the future.

- 1 There will be no time to find you at the station. Could you take a taxi to our place?
- 2 My mom has no problem to complain if she isn't satisfied with the service at a place.
- 3 In this city, it's unusual to meet restaurants that are still open at midnight.
- 4 I get bored pretty easily, so I always have fun to take on new challenges.
- 5 It was scary to walk into a room full of people I didn't know.
- 6 When we get to a hotel, it's always good to have a warm welcome.
- 7 It was boring to wait at the airport when the flight was delayed.
- 8 We all need somebody to support us through hard times.

____ /8 (1 point each)

E Decide if these sentences are grammatically correct (C) or incorrect (I).

EXAMPLE They asked to speak to the manager about the damaged item. C/I

- 1 When he was in college, my husband used to teach to swim. C/I
- 2 My boyfriend and I chose to get married in the fall. C/I
- 3 We hope them to finish the meeting on time today. C/I
- 4 They agreed to meet us outside the movie theater. C/I
- 5 Our parents always told to be kind and polite. C/I
- 6 It tends to rain more in March than in April in this area. C/I
- 7 The police officer warned not to drive so fast on the highway. C/I

____ /7 (1 point each)

F Read the article. Then read the questions and choose the correct answers.

In the family business

by Lillian Brown

I started this job right after high school. Most of my friends were either going to college or to larger cities to work for big companies. My dream was to do the same and move away from our small town, but my parents wanted me to work in our family store. At the time, I thought it would be something temporary, but here I am ten years later!

I know that some of my friends think that was a bad decision, but I don't think so. There are many advantages to working in a family business. On a practical level, for example, there is the flexibility of being able to take time off when needed, or coming in later one day and leaving earlier on another. On an emotional level, there is a sense of security, of knowing that, unless I do something really wrong, I will always have this job if I want to. There is also the awareness that one day this business will be mine, which encourages me to be really devoted to my job.

Of course, nothing is perfect. Because it belongs to my family, there is also much more pressure to keep the business successful. After all, we are responsible not only for our survival, but also for those of the people we oversee. And often that means taking on a lot of responsibilities and working very long hours if necessary – which, I won't deny, can sometimes be pretty stressful.

However, when my friends complain about having to cope with unreasonable bosses, panicking about the possibility of losing their jobs, or growing frustrated with projects that don't seem worthwhile, I feel really reassured about my job and don't regret my decision at all.

- 1 Why did the writer choose to stay in her town?
 - A Because that was what she had always hoped for.
 - B Because she wanted to go to college.
 - C Because her family asked her to.
- 2 What is true about the decision she made a decade ago?
 - A She is certain it was the best decision.
 - B Sometimes she thinks it was a foolish one.
 - C Everyone she knows agrees it was the right one at the time.
- 3 What is one aspect of her current job that makes it worthwhile?
 - A She only has to work a few hours every day.
 - B She might become her own boss in the future.
 - C She won't lose her job even if she doesn't perform well.
- 4 What is one aspect of the job that doesn't seem to have much appeal to her?
 - A She doesn't enjoy working with relatives.
 - B Her responsibilities can sometimes stress her out.
 - C The company she works for hasn't had a lot of success lately.
- 5 Overall, how does the writer feel about her job?
 - A She thinks it is better than some of her friends'.
 - B She is not convinced it was the right choice.
 - C She would prefer to have a different boss.

_____ /10 (2 points each)