

A  Listen to the conversation between two friends, Anna and Tim. Then read the statements and decide if they are True or False.

- 1 Anna is a little anxious about spending time alone this weekend. T / F
- 2 Anna has bought a couple of books about home organization. T / F
- 3 Tim has heard of the woman mentioned by Anna. T / F
- 4 Anna has already managed to organize her dresses, T-shirts, and shoes. T / F
- 5 Anna isn't planning to help Tim with his children's closet this weekend. T / F

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

B Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

disorganized fold them hang them up jumbled up line up
neatly organized put away throw them on

EXAMPLE If you share an office space with other people, you can't be disorganized.

- 1 I'm looking for the phone bill, but these papers are all _____. It's impossible to find it.
- 2 This room is very messy! Nothing is in the right place. Please try and be more _____. _____
- 3 My son always arranges his clothes _____ in the closet, but my daughter leaves them on the floor!
- 4 If you always waste time looking for your keys, why don't you _____ on the wall by the door?
That way you will always know where they are.
- 5 Jack and Zoe are very organized. They even _____ their books from the tallest to the shortest.
- 6 Please put the dirty clothes in the laundry basket. Don't just _____ the floor or the bed.
- 7 Could you _____ all the toys in their box when you have finished playing with them?
- 8 The clothes are dry. I'm going to _____ and put them on the table, ready to iron.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

C Match the definitions to the expressions.

EXAMPLE in a hard way; with problems E

- 1 in a regular and gradual or continuous way
- 2 at a speed that is comfortable for you
- 3 with no difficulty, effort or pain
- 4 in a slow or gradual way
- 5 in a way that achieves the desired results
- 6 in a way that achieves the best results with the least waste
- 7 in a detailed way

- A with ease
- B thoroughly
- C efficiently
- D at my own pace
- E with difficulty
- F little by little
- G steadily
- H successfully

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

D Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE Hurry up and sit down. The concert is *certain* / about to start.

- 1 They were *supposed* / *forced* to arrive on Monday, but I think they may have changed their plans.
- 2 I don't think children should be *bound* / *forced* to eat things they don't like.
- 3 It's 10 p.m. and they usually go to bed early, so they are *allowed* / *sure* to be asleep.
- 4 Stephen loves animals, he's *bound* / *forced* to love this sweet tiger.
- 5 I'm *unlikely* / *about* to finish this project by next Wednesday.
- 6 At the airport security, I was *permitted* / *required* to take off my shoes.
- 7 We aren't *allowed* / *certain* to use our phones here. Please turn it off.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

E Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE The receptionist ___ you the information you need in a minute.

A will give B will be giving

1 The library ___ in twenty minutes. Please return your books to any of the librarians.
A is closing B might close

2 They ___ a house downtown to be near their children.
A will be buying B are going to buy

3 There ___ a lot of interest in this product. The last one they designed was a great success.
A may be B isn't going to be

4 We ___ your services after the spring vacation.
A are not needing B won't be needing

5 I think ___ this afternoon. I can feel it in the air.
A it's raining B it's going to rain

6 I can't come to the meeting because ___ at that time.
A I'll travel B I'll be travelling

7 Hello and welcome to our hotel. ___ those bags for you.
A I'll carry B I'll be carrying

8 ___ this winter, according to the weather forecast.
A It might snow B It will be snowing

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

F

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

Digital de-clutter

Most of us are familiar with the argument that de-cluttering our houses can be a positive and beneficial way to create order in our lives. Who hasn't seen one of those TV shows about people who hoard too many unnecessary items in their houses and then need help to get rid of them? However, what about our digital clutter? Take a look at your cloud storage, your inbox, and the photos and videos stored on your phone. You will be amazed at how much stuff you actually keep.

It is easy to understand why we collect too much digital clutter. One of the most common reasons is the "just in case" argument. For example, many people keep emails "just in case" some of these might be needed or useful one day. Another reason is that we are usually encouraged to save more than we need. With cloud storage becoming relatively cheap, for instance, and offering us plenty of space, we feel we can store whatever we want and for as long as we like.

But digital hoarding can cause as many problems as material hoarding. Think about the frustration of searching for that one perfect shirt in a closet full of similar shirts put away in no particular order. Finding a document you need in a jumbled-up drive can be just as frustrating and time-consuming. Another potential problem is that the more we store digitally, the more vulnerable we are to fraud. Little by little we are storing more and more potentially sensitive financial information or personal photos and videos online. Although cybersecurity has been steadily improving, the number of hackers has also been similarly increasing.

So, maybe it is time for us to consider this as serious a problem as the physical one and start de-cluttering our digital lives. Here are a few easy steps for those who are ready to start clicking "delete."

- 1 Which is not mentioned as a reason for storing too much?
 - A We have enough space to store a lot of stuff.
 - B We may regret throwing things away.
 - C We don't know how to de-clutter.
- 2 Which is not listed as a problem that might be caused by hoarding?
 - A Our best clothes may be lost forever.
 - B We might waste time trying to locate items.
 - C Our private information could become public.
- 3 Which comparison is not made in the text?
 - A Physical de-cluttering is a more familiar topic than digital de-cluttering.
 - B Both material and digital hoarding may have similar consequences.
 - C Digital clutter is much more common than physical clutter.
- 4 Which is an assumption not made by the writer?
 - A That the readers are likely to have some type of digital device.
 - B That the readers are certain to be aware of the benefits of de-cluttering.
 - C That the readers probably don't need all the digital items on their devices.
- 5 Which is not one of the main purposes of the text?
 - A To warn us about a type of cybercrime.
 - B To give us some practical tips to digitally de-clutter.
 - C To inspire us to de-clutter our computers, phones, and cloud storages.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)