

## Grammar

### 1 Complete the sentences with *a/an, the* or **no article** (–).

- Unfortunately, we usually only get to see my sister Pamela and her partner Stuart twice a year, as they live in Kirkwall, the capital of the Orkney Islands.
- A beautiful and romantic city of a Paris, which boasts a population of over twelve million inhabitants, is situated on a River Seine in a France.
- Where's a cat gone? I haven't seen it for hours. Is it in a garden or upstairs?
- I'm really sorry to tell you this but Uncle Horace is in a hospital for a operation. We should be able to go and visit him next week.
- Alina and Victor support a charities for a poor and underprivileged.
- Christopher's been working seven days a week for a last six months. He's going to have a heart attack if he's not careful.
- My best friend and I decided to travel around a Central America for a year after we left a school. It was amazing!
- Did you know that in our solar system a Mercury is a closest planet to a Sun?

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### 2 Cross out the alternative that is **not possible**.

- If you ask Joanne nicely, she *might/would/ll* change her mind and accept your invitation.
- Unless/Providing/If* there are no delays at the airports, I should be home by 9p.m.
- If you pay in cash, you *get/will get/would get* a five percent discount on the price of the car.
- Imagine you *were to win/would win/won* the competition, what do you think you would do next?
- If you tell them you work for the local radio station, you *shouldn't/will/won't* have any problems getting tickets.
- They *won't/might not/wouldn't* catch the 8.35 train unless they leave right now.
- If she gets lost, she *should/'ll/'d* stop and ask someone for directions.
- If you go to the sales today, you *can/'ll/wouldn't* get some great reductions.
- I *might go/'d go/went* to the gym every day if I had more free time.
- If/Suppose/As long as* he asked her out, what *would/did/should* she say?

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## Vocabulary

### 3 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- I'm pleased to announce that newly introduced employee benefits have had a positive \_\_\_\_\_ on staff morale.  
a) effect    b) harm    c) damage
- The new legislation has completely \_\_\_\_\_ the way in which companies must secure personal data.  
a) adjusted    b) transformed    c) enabled
- Surprisingly, it only took Jack a few weeks to \_\_\_\_\_ to his new role as area manager.  
a) enable    b) revolutionise    c) adjust
- Ian's current line of research is to determine the extent to which mobile phones \_\_\_\_\_ the hearing of phone users.  
a) effect    b) harm    c) transform
- Clara has \_\_\_\_\_ to her new circumstances after only a matter of months.  
a) enabled    b) transformed    c) adapted
- It's hard to comprehend why so many people seem unconcerned about how their actions do \_\_\_\_\_ to the environment.  
a) adapt    b) effect    c) damage

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### 4 Complete the words in the sentences.

- The communication **b r e a k d o w n** occurred because neither side was prepared to make the first move in the negotiations.
- According to lead economists, the **o** \_\_\_\_\_ for the country's economy is looking very stable for the coming year.
- The only real **d** \_\_\_\_\_ of the proposed restructuring is that some staff will lose their jobs and have to be made redundant.
- The recent discovery of a new medicine capable of fighting major infections has been a radical **b** \_\_\_\_\_ for the team.
- The **t** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ for keeping the business afloat during the worst of the recession was that employees would have to face a pay cut.
- The **o** \_\_\_\_\_ of the review demonstrated that company protocol had not been adhered to during the negotiations.

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**5 Underline the correct alternative.**

- 1 A true entrepreneur has a real gift for spotting business opportunities and can always see/advertise a gap in the market.
- 2 When a rival company raised/launched an identical product to ours, we swiftly took legal action against them.
- 3 If you reduce/increase your prices, your profit margins will rise because you'll sell more units but at a lower price – it's all a question of economies of scale.
- 4 Jeff's company folded after the first year of trading, having failed to successfully promote/break into the market as a result of a poor marketing strategy.
- 5 When a leading sports personality agreed to endorse/dominate our new energy drink, we knew we'd hit the jackpot.
- 6 At our product meeting, it was suggested that we entered/set a more realistic time period for the production of our prototype.

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**6 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are three extra words you do not need.**

combine   come up with   developed brilliant   go with   predictable reject   struck   unrealistic
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- 1 I knew my boss would reject my idea if I was the one to put it forward so I asked a colleague to propose it instead.
- 2 After much discussion, we decided to \_\_\_\_\_ Marta's proposal on how to market the new brand in Asia.
- 3 The idea of opening a themed restaurant based on Tolkien's literary creations \_\_\_\_\_ Josh in the middle of the night.
- 4 Mel's hadn't taken any of the practicalities on board when she came up the idea of climbing Everest without any support or training. It was a completely \_\_\_\_\_ idea and simply wasn't achievable.
- 5 Max's tutor was impressed with his project proposal and suggested he \_\_\_\_\_ his ideas further and created a business plan.
- 6 When told to tackle the company's high rate of staff turnover, Seb struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ a practical solution.

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**Function**

**7 Complete the conversation with the words and phrases in the box.**

be great if   could be <del>do you feel</del> grab me   How does   Let's go my first choice   on the wrong track sounds like   Suppose   What about
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- A:** So, how <sup>1</sup>do you feel about the two properties we've viewed today?
- B:** Well, I have to admit, the first one doesn't really <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and it wouldn't be <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ – that's for sure. I mean, it's a nice enough house but it's too far out of town and the public transport is almost non-existent, so I don't think it'd be practical for the children.
- A:** <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the second one, then? I know it's a bit small and needs a bit of work doing to it but it'd <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ we could fix it up and get an extension built.
- B:** Mmm... well, that's a great idea in theory but I think we're <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ here. Renovating a property and then extending it too would take a lot of time and cost a fortune. That <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a real problem for us. <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ we simply look for a property that fits the bill, needs no repairs and is either closer to town or on a good bus route?
- A:** Ok, you're right. <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with that idea and just carry on house hunting until we find the one we really want.
- B:** Perfect. <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the idea of expanding our search area sound?
- A:** That <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a great idea! After all, if we're not finding what we like near Tonbridge perhaps we should broaden our horizons and also look around the Wells area...

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