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Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation A

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Example: Fiona doesn't fancy going (go) out for dinner tonight.

- 1 The art thieves are believed _____ (steal) two priceless paintings.
- 2 I enjoyed the film, despite _____ (see) it before.
- 3 Marius denied _____ (leave) the car door unlocked.
- 4 I remember _____ (play) cricket in the garden when I was little.
- 5 Criminals used _____ (give) longer prison sentences in the past.
- 6 The family business is going to _____ (sell) next week.
- 7 I'm so sorry – I completely forgot _____ (buy) any bread.
- 8 It _____ (think) that the gang escaped in a black 4x4.
- 9 Dogs must not _____ (bring) into the park unless they are on a lead.
- 10 My parents convinced me _____ (not go) straight to university after finishing school.

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2 Complete the sentences with one word.

Example: This milk carton has already been opened – take it back to the shop.

- 1 We'll have to leave that box. There's _____ more room in the van.
- 2 We love India, but we can't _____ used to eating spicy food every day.
- 3 I have good chats with my hairdresser while I'm _____ my hair cut.
- 4 My sister's with me – she insisted _____ coming.
- 5 Darcy _____ have gone home – her coat is still on her chair.
- 6 That sounds _____ a really good idea!
- 7 I'm _____ to working in this kind of heat. I lived in Abu Dhabi before I moved here.
- 8 _____ of my brothers are older than me – I'm 19 and they're 22 and 25.
- 9 Sandy looks _____ if he's had some really bad news. Is he OK?
- 10 You _____ have spoken to the customer like that – it was very rude!

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3 Underline the correct form.

Example: It took my father-in-law a long time to **be** / get used to being retired.

- 1 All the staff in this hotel **is** / **are** really friendly.
- 2 I bought a book and a magazine in the shop. **The** / **A** book is for my sister.
- 3 I'm going to **get my car serviced** / **get serviced my car** tomorrow.
- 4 Selma's going to (–) / **the** hospital tomorrow to visit her friend who has just had a baby.
- 5 **Every** / **All** room in the hotel has a spectacular view.
- 6 **Any** / **None** of the children wanted to go ice-skating so we went bowling instead.
- 7 There'll be (–) / **a** terrible traffic if you leave before 9.30.
- 8 Do you feel **as if** / **like** going to a concert tonight?
- 9 We used to **live** / **living** in Denmark. It was nice, but the weather wasn't great in winter.
- 10 A great place to go to escape the cold winter is **the** / (–) Canary Islands.

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VOCABULARY

4 Underline the odd word out.

Example: duvet pillow sleeping pills blanket

- 1 fraud robbery evidence blackmail
- 2 biased accurate sensational censored
- 3 ankle heel calf wrist
- 4 newsreader advert presenter commentator

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5 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

Example: There was a big advertising campaign to launch their latest mobile phone.
produce launch manufacture

- 1 We _____ most of our manufactured goods from China.
export import expand
- 2 The Sun's so bright when it _____ off the water like that. I need my sunglasses!
dissolves scatters reflects
- 3 It's an interesting proposal but we should consider the _____ before making a decision.
cause and effect forwards and backwards pros and cons
- 4 A _____ is somebody who studies plants and their structure.
zoologist geneticist botanist

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6 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: My wallet was stolen / **robbed** from out of my jacket when I went to the toilet.

- 1 The drug is no longer used because of its harmful side **results** / **effects**.
- 2 Scientists **made** / **carried out** an experiment to see whether the plant could be developed into a new medicine.
- 3 Did you **notice** / **realize** whether the post office was open when we drove past?
- 4 Prices have **raised** / **risen** by over 10% during the last year.
- 5 Governments must cut carbon emissions to avoid environmental disaster. It's **sooner or later** / **now or never**!
- 6 Which of the company's branches **did** / **made** the biggest profit this year?
- 7 Unfortunately, our favourite restaurant has **gone out of** / **unfinished** business. Apparently, the owner had financial problems.
- 8 **Remember** / **Remind** me to buy some stamps when we're in the newsagents.

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7 Complete the words in the sentences.

Example: You should turn off the tap while you're brushing your teeth!

- 1 The men were tried, but a _____ because of a lack of evidence.

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- 2 The noise of the traffic going past the hotel kept me **a** _____ all night.
- 3 This hard drive is so small you can hold it in the **p** _____ of your hand.
- 4 As wind turbines **r** _____, they produce energy.
- 5 The audience clapped so long that the singer gave another **e** _____.
- 6 I'd hate to suffer from **i** _____ because I love sleeping!
- 7 I've sent Maya a lovely **b** _____ of flowers for her birthday.
- 8 We were absolutely **s** _____ stiff walking home through the woods in the dark!

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PRONUNCIATION

8 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: or|a|tor

- 1 ad|ver|tis|ing
- 2 black|mail
- 3 me|ga|ci|ty
- 4 em|ba|r|rased
- 5 lone|i|ness
- 6 per|mit (verb)
- 7 sci|en|ti|fic
- 8 con|vince

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9 Match the words with the same sound.

ver|dict s|leep re|f|use cou|rt viol|in an|kle
i|ury anti|social grow

Example: ax|e an|kle

- 1 comb _____
- 2 review _____
- 3 law _____
- 4 peace _____
- 5 journalist _____
- 6 deny _____
- 7 judge _____
- 8 guilty _____

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