

FOCUS

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the missing words. First letters are given. There is one space for each missing letter.

- 0 Jack used to be a b u l l y but now he's kind to everyone in the class.
- 1 I used to study French but I've had a long break so I'm taking lessons to s _ _ _ _ _ my skills.
- 2 I only have a v _ _ _ _ memory of my first day of school, but I think I enjoyed it.
- 3 Mr Brown is quite I _ _ _ _ _. I'm sure he won't mind if you hand in your homework tomorrow.
- 4 The house next to ours was s _ _ _ _ _ by lightning. There was a big fire but no one was hurt.
- 5 I just told you the exam is next Tuesday! Really, you have a memory like a s _ _ _ _.

2 Match the verbs in A with the nouns in B. Then complete the sentences. You may need to change the form of the verbs. There is one extra verb.

A	feel	rack	write	find
	regain	jog	have	
B	consciousness	one's brains	an urge	
	a brainwave	one's memory		
	one's dissertation			

- 0 Can you jog my memory what the homework is?
- 1 He's going to his on Ancient Greece.

- 2 I don't to study for the exam, it's an easy subject.
- 3 I've my but I can't remember what her name is.
- 4 After three hours of trying to find a solution, Jenny and solved the problem.
- 5 It was at least five minutes before I when the ball hit me on the head.

Grammar

3 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

– Did you really ⁰ use to skip a lot of classes when you were a student, Mum? I can't believe it! Then why ¹ you always telling me that attendance is so important? This is so unfair.
 – Well, yes, it's true. I made this mistake and I'd like to save you from it. My mum ² always trying to explain this to me but I ³ never listen to her. Even now, when she gives me advice, I ⁴ usually roll my eyes although deep inside I know she's almost always right! I ⁵ to think I would be such a relaxed mum to my kids but now I can see I'm just like her!

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 0 You can't afford to waste (waste) any more time. You'll miss the train.
- 1 Will you remember (feed) the cat twice a day?
- 2 The degree enabled me (get) a better-paid job.

- 3 She made us _____ (swear) we wouldn't tell anyone.
- 4 My dad keeps _____ (lose) his keys so I'm always late to school.
- 5 I've tried _____ (drink) warm milk but it didn't help me fall asleep.

Use of English

5 Read the text and choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

An Unexpected Career

My brother, who is a researcher, is the brains ⁰ behind a revolutionary new technique of brain surgery which has saved hundreds of lives. I'm so proud of him because he ¹ _____ a very good student. He had a ² _____ for science but was quite disruptive in lessons and was often reprimanded. Most of his teachers gave up on him and he fell ³ _____ with all his school work. After wasting time doing dead-end jobs, he decided to go back to school and pass his exams. He went on to do a master's degree and then worked in the ⁴ _____ of research for many years. He is now very successful and in ⁵ _____ of his achievements he was even given an award. I'm so happy he decided to follow his dreams.

- 0 A with **B** behind C of
- 1 A didn't used to be B didn't use to being
C didn't use to be
- 2 A passion B brain C knowledge
- 3 A down B behind C off
- 4 A field B scholarship C career
- 5 A success B honour C addition

6 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the words in capitals. Write up to six words.

- 0 I was in the habit of drinking coffee before breakfast. **USED**
I used to drink coffee before breakfast.
- 1 I think you would find this book interesting. **INTEREST**
I think this book would _____ you.
- 2 My brother always makes a mess when he cooks anything. **WILL**
My brother _____ when he cooks anything.
- 3 I wasn't in the habit of putting off work until the last moment. **USE**
I _____ work until the last moment.
- 4 After the exams we'll have a big party. **FOLLOWED**
Our exams will _____ a big party.
- 5 I haven't trained since my knee injury. **STOPPED**
I _____ when I had my knee injury.