

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use the past perfect, past continuous, or (*didn't*) *use to* and the words below.

be copy inherit pass play rain speak study

- 1 It _____ when we left the cinema, and we didn't have an umbrella.
- 2 When Rachel and Carlos got married, they _____ engaged for very long – only a few weeks.
- 3 Megan has forgotten her German now, but she _____ it really well.
- 4 Did your parents meet while they _____ at Chicago University?
- 5 You _____ the piano when you were younger. When did you learn to do that?
- 6 Tessa's father bought her a second-hand car after she _____ her driving test.
- 7 No, I _____ your answers when we were in the exam! I didn't look at your test paper.
- 8 John moved to a much bigger house after he _____ some money.

2 Read the text and choose the correct words.

When my grandad ¹**used to grow up / was growing up** in Jamaica, he ²**was going / used to go** to the beach every day after school. He ³**used to have / had had** a lot of friends in Jamaica, and he was really happy there. But when Grandad was six, his parents ⁴**used to move / moved** to Britain because his dad, my great-grandad, ⁵**had found / was finding** a good job there. He ⁶**used to / didn't use to** like it here in Britain because the weather was cold and he ⁷**had left / was leaving** all of his friends behind in Jamaica. But slowly he ⁸**used to / got used to** living here, and he made new friends. He ⁹**used to meet / met** my Grandma when they ¹⁰**were both living / had both lived** in Leeds. At the time, she ¹¹**was studying / had studied** maths at Leeds University. Grandma and Grandad went out for a long time, but they ¹²**used to get / didn't get** married until Grandma had left university in 1971. That was years ago, of course, but I think they're still in love.

Vocabulary

3 Match the words below with the definitions. There is one extra word.

bitter centenarian concerned dependence elderly pass away

- 1 This person is one hundred years old. _____
- 2 This phrase means 'to die'. _____
- 3 When you can't forgive someone or forget something bad. _____
- 4 Worried about someone or something. _____
- 5 We use this word to describe an old person. _____

4 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 My son's daughter was born two days ago. I can't believe I've just **got married** / **become a grandparent**. 2 We have to do something right now – this problem is very **urgent** / **bitter**!
- 3 Ted promised to do a bungee jump with us, but he's really scared about it. He'll never **go through with** / **put up with** it.
- 4 Grandma often looks at old photos of when she was young, and she feels very **sarcastic** / **nostalgic**. 5 You said, 'I'll help you to organise the party,' so don't **walk out** / **go back** on your promise.
- 6 Can you **look up** / **get up** this word in the dictionary for me? I don't understand what it means.

5 Complete the phone conversation with the words below.

calm freedom grateful irritating miserable put up with run out of schoolwork stay out

Josh Hi, Maria. How's your exchange programme going?

Maria It's not going well, to be honest, and I feel pretty ¹ _____ about it.

Josh Poor you. Why's that?

Maria There are lots of rules in my host family's house. I can't ² _____ late, and I have to do all of my ³ _____ before dinner. I've got no ⁴ _____ at all.

Josh So you don't like the family?

Maria Well, the mum and dad are nice to me, and they help me a lot. I am ⁵ _____ to them, but they aren't easy to live with!

Josh Have they got any children?

Maria Yes – Mandy and Peter. Mandy is great, but Peter is really ⁶ _____ sometimes. **Josh** Why? What does he do?

Maria Well, it's difficult to ⁷ _____ all of his sarcastic jokes. I think I'm going to ⁸ _____ patience with him one day and hit him!

Josh Don't do that! Try to be ⁹ _____ and relax.

Maria I am trying, but it's difficult!

Use of English

6 Read the dialogue and find ten mistakes (an unnecessary word, a word missing or an incorrect word). Circle the mistakes and write the corrections.

Hannah On my experience, students who are shy really build their self-confidence on ¹ _____ exchange trips.

Michael I'm agree that staying with families and making conversation with people in ² _____ another language is good, but I'm still scared!

Hannah You shouldn't to worry. It'll be fine. ³ _____ **Michael** But I'm worried about being with the family. For an instance, what if I can't think ⁴ _____ of anything to say to them?

Hannah You ought trying asking people about themselves first to get them talking and ⁵ _____ that will take the pressure off you.

Michael Good idea! Personally, I believe in people love talking about themselves! ⁶ _____ **Hannah** You should to also listen actively to what someone is telling you. ⁷ _____ **Michael** I should make eye contact with strangers or people older than me? Won't ⁸ _____ they think I'm rude?

Hannah It's not true to tell that for people in the UK. If you look people in the eye, it ⁹ _____ shows that you're listening to them. I'm not think you should be too anxious. ¹⁰ _____ Just act naturally and feel positive about yourself!