Use your English phrasal verbs; prepositions; completing gapped texts; open cloze

1 Complete the sentences with these phrasal verbs.

cheer up chill out fall out get down
go off hit off stand up

1 Watching all the depressing news on TV really _____ me _____ .
2 Receiving a nice get well soon card from his brother really _____ him _____ .
3 You're much too nervous about the exam. You need to _____ a bit.
4 I _____ it _____ straightaway with my new classmates.
5 They _____ over a family matter and have never spoken since.
6 I used to love going to that restaurant, but I _____ it when they changed the chef.
7 I hate it when people _____ you _____ at the last moment.

2 Complete the sentences with a preposition.

1 Everybody burst _____ tears during the final scene of the play.
2 People respond _____ difficult situations in very different ways.
3 We need to focus _____ the real causes of anxiety.
4 He gave up his job to concentrate _____ writing a novel.
5 The lack of clear instructions led _____ a lot of confusion among people.
6 The key to a happy life is accepting that you are responsible _____ your own happiness.



3 Read the Exam Reminder. What words will help you complete the gap?

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Exam REMINDER

Completing gapped texts

- It's a good idea to read the text first to get the general idea of it.
- Then look carefully at what comes before and after each gap to decide what type of word is missing.
- Don't forget to read the completed text again to make sure it all makes sense.

4 Read and complete the Exam Task.

Exam TASK

Open cloze

For questions **1–8**, read the text below and think of a word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap.

What does the expression on a person's face tell you? A lot, according to scientists. It seems that we focus **(1)** _____ certain facial features such as the eyes and mouth before deciding how someone may respond **(2)** _____ certain situations. For example, someone's eyebrows will usually move upwards or their mouth may open slightly if they are surprised or **(3)** _____ for words. On the other hand, a broad smile and shining eyes reveal a person's happiness. This is probably the easiest emotion to detect simply by **(4)** _____ at the face.

There are times, however, when people need to hide their real emotions. For example your boss may really get **(5)** _____ your skin on a Monday morning. Or in a class full of difficult students, a teacher may feel like **(6)** _____ into tears, but this would cause embarrassment to the teacher and probably amazement among the students. The employee or teacher may therefore need to fake a smile to cover up their true emotions.

Recent **(7)** _____ has helped psychologists gain a deeper understanding of how we interpret facial expressions and come to conclusions about other people's emotions. Additional studies with subjects from different cultures have shown that tone of voice and overall body language also **(8)** _____ us understand the person we are talking to.

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