

Topic vocabulary: Time

A Write a word from the box in each gap.

obsolete • overdue • provisional • punctual • seasonal • simultaneous • temporary • timely

- 1 'I'll only be working here for a couple of weeks. I'm a worker.'
- 2 'It couldn't have happened at a better time! What a arrival!'
- 3 'It depends on the time of year. It's a problem.'
- 4 'I get to work at nine o'clock on the dot every day. I try to be'
- 5 'We both said it at exactly the same time. Our answer was'
- 6 'We can't use that software on our new computers. It's !'
- 7 'It's the first draft of the text. We can change it later if we want. It's only'
- 8 'They should have sent that to us ages ago. It's long'

B Write a word from the box in each gap.

century • era • frequency • millennium • phase • span • spell • stint

- 1 We live in a/an of mass communication.
- 2 After a short of being unemployed, I decided to set up my own business.
- 3 It was in the twentieth that humans first developed nuclear weapons.
- 4 Despite advances in technology, no human being will ever live for a in my opinion.
- 5 The council is planning to increase the of buses to the city centre.
- 6 I did a brief in the navy, and then decided it wasn't for me.
- 7 I've got a very short concentration
- 8 It's just a that most teenagers go through. Don't worry!

C Choose the correct word.

Dear Alan,

I am writing to thank the organisation for the (1) service I received when my membership (2) As you may know, I am a (3) member of the Chaversham (4) Car Club, having spent most of my (5) working with cars built in the (6) following the First World War. Indeed, I was under the impression that I did not have to renew my subscription each year as I had been granted the status of (7) member' for the (8) I spent as Chairperson of the organisation in the 1970s. I was therefore more than a little surprised to receive a rather (9) e-mail from the club saying that as three months had (10) since my membership ran out I was no longer eligible to attend the (11) dinner next month. I, of course, immediately replied, stating the facts as I saw them.

I received a (12) e-mail from the same person, apologising for the confusion, explaining that although I did not have to pay to renew my subscription, I still had to renew it. They kindly explained how I could do this online, and I must say I was most impressed with the whole thing, as the change from my being a non-member to being a member again was literally (13)

I am now looking forward to meeting up with some of my (14) at the dinner next week. I hope to see you there. Warmest regards,

Robert Thompson