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UNIT 12



UPPER - INTERMEDIATE LEVEL (B2)

- 1 ▷ Listen to a young fashion designer talking about her work. Complete the text with the phrases you hear.

Well, I've been interested in fashion and design since I was a kid. I always ¹ _____ knew I wanted to work with clothes when I grew up. I used to love dressing up and was always getting my mum to adjust my clothes in some way ... you know, like sewing new buttons on, painting on new designs ² _____. So I guess I've always been ³ _____ creative! Nowadays I go to vintage clothing shops and ⁴ _____ to get inspiration for my new designs. There were some really great ideas around in those days. I just love the fashions and ⁵ _____ from the 50s and 60s.

- 2 Complete the extract from an autobiography with the correct form of the verbs from the box.

be close be devoted bring up care get on look up to
spoil by take after tell off turn to

My childhood wasn't an ordinary one. When I was just a baby and my sister was two years old, our father got a new job which meant he had to spend long periods abroad. Because she had two young children, my mother decided to go back and live with her parents. As a result, my sister and I were ¹ _____ partly by my mother's parents, so that she could go out to work. My grandparents ² _____ to us and did the best they could for us. We had a great relationship, but we certainly weren't ³ _____ them and we were ⁴ _____ whenever we behaved badly. It was tough for my grandmother because as well as looking after us, she had to ⁵ _____ for her own mother, who was elderly at the time. My grandmother has often told me that I ⁶ _____ my mother, that I'm like her in so many ways, and that's comforting to know.

I was lucky in that I had a very good relationship with my sister. When I was growing up, I always ⁷ _____ her, admiring everything she did. And I ⁸ _____ to her to this very day. She feels the same and, in fact, she ⁹ _____ me before anyone else when she needs a second opinion on something or just wants to express her hopes and fears about things. It's a lovely bond to have and it really ¹⁰ _____ my nerves when I hear people complaining about their brothers and sisters. Enjoy the time you have together, I say!

- 3 Complete the sentences with COMPOUND ADJECTIVES. Choose one word from A and one word from B. There are two extra words in each box that you don't need.

A brand eco high home last run sugar tight
B down free fitting friendly heeled made minute new

- We decided against moving to the Redwoods area because it was rather _____ and had few facilities.
- I generally prefer eating _____ food to dining out in restaurants.
- That _____ lemon cake I made at the weekend turned out to be surprisingly sweet!
- Nowadays many people are choosing _____ forms of energy such as solar power.
- How on earth can that actor breathe properly in such a _____ costume?
- To be honest, I hadn't planned on coming tonight. It was a _____ decision.

4 For each pair of sentences a and b, tick (✓) the sentence which does not contain a mistake.

- 1 a I wish people would stop complaining about the weather. There's nothing we can do about it!
b I wish people complained about the weather. There's nothing we can do about it!
- 2 a Karl wishes he had fallen out with his friend because he misses him now.
b Karl wishes he hadn't fallen out with his friend because he misses him now.
- 3 a If only she hadn't lost that lottery ticket.
b If only she had lost that lottery ticket.
- 4 a I wish you'd consider coming with us. It'll be fun!
b I wish you wouldn't consider coming with us. It'll be fun!
- 5 a They wish they'd gone to that holiday resort. They've had nothing but problems.
b They wish they'd never gone to that holiday resort. They've had nothing but problems.
- 6 a If only I were taller, I could reach that shelf.
b If only I had been taller, I could reach that shelf.
- 7 a I wish our teacher doesn't give us quite so much homework.
b I wish our teacher didn't give us quite so much homework.
- 8 a Maria wishes she had never accepted the invitation.
b Maria wishes she would never accept the invitation.
- 9 a Greg wished he had gone for a more expensive tablet.
b Greg wished he went for a more expensive tablet.
- 10 a I wish you saved some money.
b I wish you would save some money.

5 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given.
Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

EXAMPLE: I was too worn out to go to the concert.

THAT

I was *so worn out that* I couldn't go to the concert.

- 1 There's no point asking Luke to help us as he's really busy.

WASTE

It's _____ asking Luke to help as he's really busy.

- 2 We demanded to see the receipt to check the prices.

INSISTED

We _____ the receipt to check the prices.

- 3 Because of the heavy snow last night, the motorway is closed today.

DUE

The motorway is closed today _____ that there was heavy snow last night.

- 4 I don't care what my cousin does tomorrow.

CONCERNED

As _____, my cousin can do what he likes tomorrow.

- 5 Although the music was loud, we had a great evening.

SPITE

We had a great evening _____ the loud music.

6 Complete the blog entry. Use ONE word in each space.

I wish I had ¹_____ some of the things I know now when I was a teenager. My life would ²_____ been very different. If only I'd ³_____ to the advice my parents and teachers gave me, I might be following a much ⁴_____ rewarding career today. I don't get much job satisfaction in my current role as an office administrator. But I know it's not ⁵_____ late to retrain, so I'm planning to go back to university and do an engineering degree.

7 Complete the sentences with the correct word. The first letter of each word has been given.

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- 1 My boss admits that one of her biggest career _____ is not moving to the New York office when she had the chance.
- 2 Buying _____ can certainly be a good investment, but you need to know about the local market.
- 3 As children we were always taught to _____ up for ourselves if other students were giving us a hard time.
- 4 I switched my phone off and shut my laptop down. I didn't want anything to interfere with the _____ time I was having with my kids.
- 5 Many people prefer to focus on their careers first before _____ down with a partner.
- 6 Sara and Josh didn't speak to each other for months after their argument about money. They finally _____ up at New Year.
- 7 I'm fortunate to enjoy my work as a teacher and I'm sure that I chose the right career p_____.
- 8 There's nothing kind about Stefan. In fact, he's one of the _____ people I've ever met!

8 For each situation write a **CONDITIONAL SENTENCE** to say how the situation could be or could have been different. There may be more than one possible answer.

EXAMPLE:

A I missed the bus, so I was late for work.

B If I hadn't missed the bus, I wouldn't have been late for work.

- 1 A We can't go out tonight because we spent all our money.
B _____
- 2 A I haven't got his email address, so I couldn't send him the details.
B _____
- 3 A Laura wasn't listening to the instructions so she doesn't understand how to set up her computer.
B _____
- 4 A Sanjay was available to help, so we knew what to do.
B _____
- 5 A You're hungry now because you skipped breakfast this morning.
B _____