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Vocabulary Comprehension

A. Match the words and phrases with the correct definitions.

1. ambitious	a. extremely interested
2. introvert	b. during one period without stopping
3. ideal	c. having a strong wish to be successful or rich
4. surroundings	d. in the end; after a long period of time
5. time to kill	e. someone shy and quiet
6. fascinated	f. the place where you are and the things in it
7. in one sitting	g. a period when you have nothing to do
8. in the long run	h. perfect; the best possible

B. Fill in the blanks with the correct words and phrases from the box. Two will not be used.

particular	snorkel	down-to-earth	fins	in a rush
allergic	materialistic	kayak	litter	bit by bit

1. When you have a picnic in a public park, be sure to clean up. Never leave _____ behind.

2. I like cats, but I can't have one because I'm _____ to them.

3. Bora doesn't care about designer clothes or expensive cars. She's not _____.

4. If we leave for the train station early, we won't have to be _____ to find our platform.

5. Jamie is very _____ about his coffee. It has to be very hot, with just the right amount of sugar.

6. You should stop dreaming about impossible things and be more _____.

7. The author wrote the book _____ over two years—about ten pages a month.

8. _____ are helpful in the water, but it's hard to walk on land when you're wearing them.

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Grammar Practice

A. Circle the correct words.

1. Cassie gets her hair cut (several / every) month.
2. Quite (a few / a bit of) people seem to like this restaurant.
3. I'll get you another chair. That one might not be (comfortable enough / enough comfortable).
4. Chris (cleaned / was cleaning) his room when he found his glasses under his bed.
5. I couldn't answer your call because (I'd forgotten / I'd been forgetting) to bring my phone.

B. Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1. did / article / what / say / the

_____?

2. where / from / you're / I / ask / can

_____?

3. to / you / would / speak / who / like to

_____?

4. know / I'd / whether / is / the library / open / like to

_____.

5. hurt / his feet / had / walking / for hours / because / been / he

_____.

C. Underline the error and write the correction on the line.

1. Do you remember meet Jina at my party last week? _____
2. I wish I live near the ocean. _____
3. Who did leave this message? _____
4. There are hardly any boy in our class. _____

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5. I shouldn't had bought this expensive jacket. _____

Listening Comprehension

Listen to the conversation. Then read the statements and circle *true* or *false*.

1. Claire asks Pete if he liked his Christmas presents.	**true**	**false**
2. Claire had an exciting Christmas with friends.	**true**	**false**
3. Pete spent the holiday with his parents.	**true**	**false**
4. Pete thinks that he has gained weight.	**true**	**false**
5. Pete is not going to order any food for lunch.	**true**	**false**

Practice for Speaking

Fill in the blanks with the correct phrases from the box.

make up my mind	what if we	how do you feel about
would be great if	time like the present	could work

A: So, where should we go on holiday this year?

B: I don't know. I can't (1) _____.

A. (2) _____ went to Thailand? We could lie on the beach for a week.

B: It (3) _____ we could do that. But I think it's too expensive.

A: Well, then, (4) _____ driving around the country? We could rent a caravan and save money on hotels. It would be fun.

B: That (5) _____! We'll need to look up caravan prices and plan where to go…

A: Well, there's no (6) _____. Let's get started.

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Reading Comprehension

Read the conversation between a car salesman and a customer. Then read the statements and circle *true* or *false*.

Salesman: Morning, madam. How can I help?
Customer: Well… I'm looking for something second-hand…
Salesman: Well, you've come to the right place. What are you looking for? Do you want something sporty?
Customer: Just something reliable, please – and not too big.
Salesman: All our vehicles are reliable. Can I ask how much you want to pay?
Customer: Well, I'm on quite a tight budget.
Salesman: Not a problem… We have this very nice model over here.
Customer: Yes, it is nice, isn't it?
Salesman: And we're offering it at a very special price.
Customer: I see the door's been painted. What happened to it?
Salesman: Oh, it had a few scratches – nothing serious.

1. The customer wants a brand-new car. **true** **false**
2. She doesn't want a large vehicle. **true** **false**
3. She is not very worried about the price. **true** **false**
4. She likes the car that the salesman shows her. **true** **false**
5. The car that the salesman shows her needs to be painted. **true** **false**

Writing

Write about something that you know how to do. Give advice to someone who is doing this activity for the first time.

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