

20. Choose the correct answer.

- 1 The film was *quite / quite an* interesting but *fairly / a bit* too long.
- 2 We had *quite a / a quite* nice time at the party.
- 3 She's a *bit / very* careless.
- 4 I'm *quite / a bit* certain that you will pass the test if you work *a little / very* harder.
- 5 Don't look so worried -- I promise you, I'm *very / a very* careful driver.
- 6 It came as *rather / rather an* unpleasant surprise to get a bill for 1,000 euros.
- 7 I was *a bit / very* pleased to get such a lovely present but *rather / quite a* disappointed that you couldn't come to the party.
- 8 This milk has gone *sour / to sour* -- it smells!
- 9 If you water the plants, they will grow *healthy / to healthy and strong / a bit strong* in a month or so.
- 10 His hair has turned *grey / to grey*.
- 11 Dave appears *he understands / to understand* what really happened.

26. In the interview below from a plane passenger who had a lucky escape, the last letters of each line have not been printed. Complete the lines.

**PILOT'S ACTION SAVES LIVES**

It was terrible. If it hadn't been for the pilot's quick thinking (1) w \_\_\_\_\_ probably all be dead now. I can't explain my feelings. It was (2) s \_\_\_\_\_ scary. I heard this bang and looked out of the window and saw a (3) fir \_\_\_\_\_ on the wing. My life didn't flash before my eyes. There wasn't (4) en \_\_\_\_\_ time for that. I remember thinking 'Help! I don't want to die. (5) I'm t \_\_\_\_\_ young to die.' I suppose everybody thinks that. There were too (6) m \_\_\_\_\_ things I still wanted to do. Anyway, we're all very lucky, we (7) kn \_\_\_\_\_ that for sure. And you know what the captain said? Honestly, (8) he's s \_\_\_\_\_ modest! He said he was only doing his job, but he made the (9) decisi \_\_\_\_\_ to ignore the rule book and make an immediate crash (10) landi \_\_\_\_\_ Apparently, a fire on the wing isn't supposed to be serious enough (11) t \_\_\_\_\_ cause us to turn back, but in fact, if we'd carried on we (12) prob \_\_\_\_\_ would have crashed into houses and we'd all have died. He's (13) s \_\_\_\_\_ a hero!

43. Fill in *like* or *as*.

- 1 Although it lives in the sea, the whale is classified \_\_\_\_\_ a mammal. It may look \_\_\_\_\_ a dangerous beast, but it is really \_\_\_\_\_ gentle \_\_\_\_\_ a lamb.
- 2 My friend George describes himself \_\_\_\_\_ a great singer. He thinks he has a voice \_\_\_\_\_ an angel, but when he sings it sounds \_\_\_\_\_ a cat wailing! He works \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi driver and everybody keeps telling him not to give up his job!
- 3 McTaverty's Tavern has been described \_\_\_\_\_ the best restaurant in Perthshire, with dishes that smell delicious and taste \_\_\_\_\_ they have been made with only the finest ingredients. Surprisingly, the prices are not \_\_\_\_\_ high \_\_\_\_\_ you might expect.
- 4 Majorie works \_\_\_\_\_ a criminal lawyer and is regarded \_\_\_\_\_ an expert in her field. She works extremely hard and at the end of a long day in court all she feels \_\_\_\_\_ doing is collapsing in front of the TV.
- 5 If you want to go on a diet, do \_\_\_\_\_ your doctor tells you. There are some foods such \_\_\_\_\_ vegetables which you can eat \_\_\_\_\_ much of \_\_\_\_\_ you want. Why not try soya meat? It tastes just \_\_\_\_\_ real meat and can be used in the same way \_\_\_\_\_ mince, but is a low-fat food.

45. Complete the conversations. Put in these nouns: **business (x2), experience (x2), glass, iron, light, paper, space, time.** Put *a/an* or *some* before each noun.

- 1 Harriet: Did you manage to park in town?  
Mike: It took me ages to find \_\_\_\_\_. And all I wanted was to buy \_\_\_\_\_ to wrap this present in.
- 2 Sarah: Are you busy tomorrow?  
Mark: I'm meeting someone in the office. We've got \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss.
- 3 Trevor: Do you think I need to take \_\_\_\_\_ with me for my shirts?  
Laura: Oh, surely the hotel will have one.
- 4 Vicky: I was going to have some juice, but I can't find \_\_\_\_\_.  
Rachel: If you turned \_\_\_\_\_ on, you might be able to see properly.
- 5 Claire: I've never met your brother.  
Mark: Oh, he's usually very busy because he runs \_\_\_\_\_. But he's been ill recently. The doctor has ordered him to spend \_\_\_\_\_ resting.
- 6 Daniel: How did your interview go?  
Emma: Well, I didn't get the job. I think they really wanted someone with \_\_\_\_\_ of the work, and that's what I haven't got. So it was a bit of a waste of time. And the train coming back was two hours late. That's \_\_\_\_\_ I don't want to repeat.