

**1 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences. There is one extra word in each sentence.**

1 can I / the children / amused / How / all day / keep / make / ?

.....How can I keep the children amused all day?.....

2 You got in / should / to college / celebrate / so we / achievement / your / ambition

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3 the news online / up / comment / to / with current affairs / date / I check / to / keep

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4 they're too controversial / events / Please don't / comment / on / tonight / current / at dinner / gossip

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5 the royal family / headlines / around the world / make / This story about / is going to / fun

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6 usually / stories / This journalist / very sensitive / covers / reads

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7 newspapers / do / I don't like / of / that / fun / people / make

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8 a night in / gossip / Let's have / and / people / to watch films / about / over

.....

**2 Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.**

celebrate the achievements comment on current events covering a great story

gossip keep up to date keep you amused made fun of made headlines

1 I don't like to .....gossip....., but the new family at number fifteen is extraordinary.

2 Mary is upset because several people ..... her new hairstyle.

3 We're going to ..... of three students today with special awards.

4 I'm so excited, I'm ..... right now.

5 The story about the president ..... around the world last week.

6 While I'm on holiday I'll check my emails every day to ..... with things at the office.

7 If you're going to ..... people, make sure you get your facts right.

8 Try reading this book, it's got 800 pages so it should ..... for a while.

**3 Complete the phrasal verbs with a preposition. Then match the meanings to the phrasal verbs.**

back ..... bring ..... catch up ..... clear .....

follow ..... get ..... leave ..... out ..... look .....

1 to not include someone or something .....leave out.....

2 to give or find an explanation for something .....

3 to support or help someone .....

- 4 to examine the facts about a problem or situation .....
- 5 to learn the newest facts about something .....
- 6 to start to talk about a particular subject .....
- 7 to find out more about something .....
- 8 to manage to make someone understand or believe something .....

#### 4 Find four mistakes in the sentences and correct them.

Hi Jared,

I've only just got back to the office, so I need to ..... *catch up on* ..... ~~keep up to~~ date my emails. However, I will get across the problem that you mention and see what has been done to clear up the misunderstanding. I'll bring up with a meeting to highlight the important points so we can avoid this happening again. In the meantime, while I was away a client brought up the issue of data protection. I assured them no procedures had been caught up or overlooked and I hope you can back me up on this. Could you speak to them and clear up the message that we take this issue very seriously?

Many thanks.

Tom

#### 5 Choose the correct options.

- A:** So, what's been (1) *making the headlines* / commenting on current events / *gossiping about* recently?
- B:** Nothing much, it's been so busy we've had no time to (2) *make fun of* / *celebrate your achievement* / *gossip*!
- A:** Right!
- B:** Now, I know you've (3) *kept amused* / *up to date* / *covered the story* with your emails so you're aware there are lots of calls that you need to (4) *leave out* / *follow up* / *get across*. There are also a couple of reports that Fran wants you to (5) *bring up* / *look into* / *bring up* as the figures don't add up.
- A:** OK! Back to work then. Thanks for all your (6) *cooperation* / *collection* / *criticism* while I was away. I'm sorry I had to rush off at the (7) *long-distance* / *last-minute* / *short-term*. It was such a relief to know I had you to (8) *clear me up* / *back me up* / *leave me out*.
- B:** No problem.