

Grade 8. UNIT 2 (HIGHER)

Listening

1 Listen to the conversation between Susie and Jack. Answer the questions. Write complete sentences.

- 1 What did Jack finally decide to do at the start of the summer?

- 2 Why did he keep putting off joining the gym?

- 3 When Jack first visited the gym, what did he think of the people there?

- 4 How often does he go to the gym now?

- 5 What do Jack and his friends do on Saturday mornings?

Vocabulary

2 Complete the sentences. Write one word.

- 1 Please get in _____ soon so we can decide on a weekend to meet.
- 2 I didn't say 'yes' because I wanted to keep my options _____.
- 3 She _____ out of the course because she didn't have any free time.
- 4 I _____ into the decision and now I regret it. Next time, I will think about it more.
- 5 Lisa and I are getting _____ next week. I can't wait to see her!
- 6 You need to get _____ with it, otherwise you won't have enough time to do the course.
- 7 Zac wanted to be a musician, but he's changed his _____ and now wants to be a chef.
- 8 Don't _____ making lunch for me. I'm eating out.
- 9 The bad weather _____ Jill off from going for a walk earlier.
- 10 Do you want to _____ out this new restaurant? I hear it's really good.

3 Read the definitions. Write the words.

- 1 take part in something, e.g. a community
g _____ i _____
- 2 think about carefully before making a decision
c _____
- 3 make a definite decision c _____
- 4 become enthusiastic about something
g _____ i _____
- 5 wait before making a decision
h _____

Language focus

4 Complete the sentences with *already*, *just*, *since*, *yet*, or *for*.

- 1 Toby has been walking _____ hours.
- 2 I've _____ seen Ben – he looks tired!
- 3 They haven't been skiing _____ 2012.
- 4 You don't need to tidy your bedroom. I've _____ done it.
- 5 Sasha hasn't bought her ticket _____.
- 6 This watch hasn't worked _____ months.
- 7 I've _____ watched this film once. I don't want to watch it again.
- 8 Amelia is very happy. She's _____ heard some good news.
- 9 I've been living in this town _____ I was nine years old.
- 10 Hasn't that film finished _____?

5 Complete the sentences. Use the **past simple**, **present perfect simple** or **present perfect continuous** form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 _____ up his mind. (he / make / already)
- 2 _____ tennis two days ago. (they / play)
- 3 _____ all day. I hope it stops soon. (it / rain)
- 4 _____ my work now, so let's go out. (I / finish)
- 5 What time _____ up this morning? (you / get)

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- 6 _____ for the bus for ten minutes and they are still there. (they / wait)
- 7 _____ to school yesterday. I was ill. (I / not / go)
- 8 _____ forward to the show since we booked the tickets. (we / look)
- 9 _____ your bag yet? (you / find)

6 Correct the sentences.

- 1 He has already been changing his mind twice.

- 2 I have done the course three years ago.

- 3 Karen didn't start her new job yet.

- 4 We have already been buying the food for the party.

- 5 He hasn't been dropping out of the course yet.

- 6 Pablo considered getting a new car since June.

Reading

7 Read Amy's blog post. Match sentences A–G with gaps 1–5. There are two sentences that you do not need.

- A I have always accepted any invitation to see or do something new.
- B It never fails.
- C Take up a new sport, learn a new language or learn to play a musical instrument.
- D I can't make up my mind.
- E Get to know people of all ages.
- F Think for yourself!
- G They just don't work.

Making your mind up! – by Amy Wilson

Have you hesitated to make a decision or even put off making one? If, like me, you answer 'yes', read on. In my experience, it's all about confidence. Here are some ideas to help you:

- Learn a new skill. ¹ _____ I have been taking art classes for two years now. It really allows me to concentrate more easily and it makes me feel good.
- ² _____ When I've spent time with older people, they have told me about the mistakes they have made. This helps me plan for my future. When I've listened to the dreams of people my own age, it makes me think about my own. This has helped me make decisions and commit to them.
- Have lots of experiences. Get together with your friends and do different things. ³ _____ These experiences have given me more confidence, and the knowledge that I can do things myself.
- Don't always ask other people for their advice. Some people think very differently. What is right for them may not be right for you. For example, if your friends have different tastes in clothes, don't ask for their advice.
⁴ _____
- Write down the pros and cons. ⁵ _____ I can always see whether there are more advantages than disadvantages. Big or small – I do this for many decisions. Follow these tips and you'll never have to avoid making a decision again!

Communication

8 Complete the dialogue.

- A I like these jackets. Which do you ¹ _____ is best, the red one or the black one?
- B It's ² _____ to you. I like the red one.
- A I'm in two ³ _____. The good ⁴ _____ about the black one is that it's cheaper.
- B Have you ⁵ _____ looking in another shop?