VOCABULARY

describing attitudes

Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

1 Reading about how people sometimes just freeze in exams really **struck a chord** / **trotted out a trite phrase** with me. I've experienced the same thing, many times.

2 The advice about never giving up was, in my opinion, **spot on** / **way too oversimplistic**. It's misguided to say you should 'never' do something.

3 People might think it's **a sweeping statement** / **spot on**, but I'd say that to be successful at something you just need to practise.

4 It's **a complete fallacy** / **an element of truth** to claim you can become proficient in a foreign language within a few weeks, as the adverts suggest – we all know that can't be done. People **strike a chord** / **trot out these trite phrases** to get us to buy things.

5 I get irritated when I hear people coming out with **spot on** / **vacuous** comments on topics that are actually quite complex.

6 I think it's **an element of truth** / **patently not true** that our ability to learn a new language disappears as we become older.

7 It **rings true** / **is a complete fallacy** for me when people say that all things are good in moderation. Therefore, some level of failure is helpful to us, and beyond a certain point it becomes harmful.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1 The idea that failure creates opportunities really _____ true for me.

a calls **b** rings **c** strikes

2 To say all successful people are rich is a bit of a _____ statement.

a brushing **b** wiping **c** sweeping

3 What you said about your experience when travelling really struck a chord _____ me.

a for **b** to **c** with

4 The idea that we can learn from mistakes is spot _____, in my opinion.

a on **b** in **c** off

5 Some of the things people believe about politicians are complete _____.

a fallacies **b** paradoxes **c** deviations

6 There's _____ of truth in the idea, but it's not without its problems.

a a component **b** an element **c** a segment

7 I hate the way the media just _____ out these trite phrases all the time.

a trot **b** run **c** spread

8 You can't say that. It's _____ not true.

a officially **b** patently **c** openly

LIVEWORKSHEETS

4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are three words you do not need.

chord element fallacy patently ring spot sweeping trot

1 I suppose there's an _____ of truth in what he's saying, but I still don't trust him.

2 In my opinion, Eoin was _____ on when he asked that question at the meeting.

3 They make these _____ statements about how everything's going to change, but trust me, nothing will.

4 The politician came out with something yesterday that was _____ not true.

5 The policy on housing will strike a _____ with a large number of people in the area.

LIVEWORKSHEETS