

## GRAMMAR

## 1 Complete the extracts with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

While they <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) in the mountains, a heavy storm suddenly <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (come) in from the west. Neither of them <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (experience) such a terrible storm before. They <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to hide in a cave until the worst of the storm <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (blow) over.

I <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Greece when I first <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) Susie. She just <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (walk) into the bar where I <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (work). She <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (be) the prettiest girl I <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (ever / see), and I <sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (fall) in love with her at first sight.

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## 2 Complete the sentences with the correct participle form of the verb in brackets.

- All the people \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) to the party were able to come.
- The number of people \_\_\_\_\_ (injure) in the explosion has doubled.
- Children \_\_\_\_\_ (play) near the railway line were warned about the dangers by police.
- A thief \_\_\_\_\_ (arrest) outside the bank has admitted the crime.
- The huge crowds \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) outside the stadium were disappointed when the star left early.
- There is some awful weather \_\_\_\_\_ (move) in from the north.
- An egg \_\_\_\_\_ (throw) at the politician's head narrowly missed its target.
- The number of holidaymakers \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the country this weekend is lower than in recent years.

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## VOCABULARY

## 3 Match the weather words 1-7 to the groups of words a-g.

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|---------|------------------------------|
| 1 storm | a humid, boiling, unbearable |
| 2 heat  | b thick, sudden, lift        |
| 3 wind  | c loud, flashes, thunder     |
| 4 rain  | d freeze, blue, death        |
| 5 cold  | e clouds, soaked, miserable  |
| 6 fog   | f skid, settle, fall         |
| 7 snow  | g strong, sail, damage       |

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## 4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

hit pour blow stick pull ease turn flood

- It \_\_\_\_\_ down all week, and there's water everywhere. Now it \_\_\_\_\_ to hail and I can hear it hammering on the windows.
- Last night's powerful winds \_\_\_\_\_ down the garage. Fortunately, the winds \_\_\_\_\_ off now, so we can get outside and start repairs.

- It was snowing so hard we had to \_\_\_\_\_ over and stop. We couldn't see out of the windscreen and we were worried about getting \_\_\_\_\_ in the car overnight.
- Heavy rain has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ in parts of the south-west. Some homes are under water.
- Suddenly, we \_\_\_\_\_ the fog. We couldn't see a thing.

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5 Complete the sentences with *so*, *as* or *like*.

- There were something \_\_\_\_\_ a thousand people there at the concert!
- Our hotel was \_\_\_\_\_ magical a place as you could possibly imagine.
- Andy is a great entertainer, but his brother is nothing \_\_\_\_\_ as good.
- The weather was \_\_\_\_\_ awful that we stayed indoors all week.
- I had never been to a concert before where the music was \_\_\_\_\_ loud that I had to put earplugs in.
- The clouds are \_\_\_\_\_ lovely and white as ice cream.
- Steve drove \_\_\_\_\_ fast that I thought we were going to crash.

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## 6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box. Use the same word for each sentence in the pair.

blossom gather plant root settle stem  
storm water

- a The falling snow \_\_\_\_\_ on the rooftops.  
b Drink this to \_\_\_\_\_ your stomach.
- a It took ages to dig out the \_\_\_\_\_ of the old apple tree after we had chopped it down.  
b The investigation hopes to find the \_\_\_\_\_ of the problem.
- a Could you \_\_\_\_\_ the plants in the living room for me while I'm away?  
b All the \_\_\_\_\_ in the pools had dried up under the strong sunlight.
- a His writing career didn't begin to \_\_\_\_\_ until he had completed his fifth novel.  
b In the spring, the cherry \_\_\_\_\_ on the trees is a beautiful sight.
- a A large crowd has begun to \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the palace to wait for the announcement.  
b We have hired some people to help \_\_\_\_\_ the apple harvest before the bad weather starts.
- a The two brothers have always had a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship. They're always arguing and fighting.  
b The weather's looking \_\_\_\_\_. Close all the windows.
- a The flowers have very long \_\_\_\_\_ and look beautiful in the garden.  
b The fair in our village \_\_\_\_\_ from an ancient festival hundreds of years ago.
- a Terrorists have \_\_\_\_\_ a bomb in the building so the police have asked everybody to leave.  
b We have hundreds of different \_\_\_\_\_ in our garden.

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