

Part A • Grammar, Vocabulary and How to ...

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences with the correct words for comparing.

- 1 The hotel we stayed in was nothing _____ any hotel we'd ever stayed in before.
- 2 The higher test was a challenge but, in my opinion, the lower level was equally _____ difficult.
- 3 Unfortunately, the dish was _____ spicy as to be practically inedible.
- 4 Sunbathing in the garden yesterday was a bit _____ being in the Caribbean, it was so hot.
- 5 When the letter came it wasn't so _____ a disappointment as a complete shock to the system.
- 6 The second novel by the author is _____ near as complex as his first.
- 7 The effects of the storm were not _____ devastating as had been predicted.

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2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 No one could be any healthier **as** / **than** Ahmed, but he still came down with a bad case of flu.
- 2 The speed of my new car isn't a **part** / **patch** on that of my previous one, but it does have a smaller engine.
- 3 The second witness's report is **by** / **at** complete variance with what the first witness stated.
- 4 I'm afraid I can't train **that** / **any** more often than I do, as I've got a lot of work on right now.
- 5 They couldn't have built the houses **more** / **any** closer together. We can practically hear the neighbours snoring.
- 6 I'm **sadder** / **more sad** than angry about the decision.

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3 Complete the second sentence using the word in capitals so that it has the same meaning as the first. Use no more than four words.

- 1 As he had already commented, he said that complaining about the service would be ineffective.

REITERATED

He _____ that complaining about the service would be ineffective.

- 2 It's a shame that no further action can be taken.

REGRETFUL

I _____ that no further action can be taken.

- 3 She couldn't believe that any colleague would have made such a mistake.

PROFESSED

She _____ that any colleague would have made such a mistake.

- 4 We will certainly resolve the matter within a few days.

CONFIDENT

We _____ the matter will be resolved within a few days.

- 5 The councillor said that the extension of the park was an example of forward planning.

CITED

The councillor _____ extension of the park as an example of forward planning.

- 6 The opening hours of the museum will change according to what was said at the meeting.

MENTIONED

As _____, the opening hours of the museum will change.

- 7 She was dismissed because she said she thought the manager wasn't telling the truth.

QUESTIONED

She _____ integrity, which led to her dismissal.

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VOCABULARY

4 Match the sentence beginnings (1–5) with the endings (a–f). There is one ending you do not need.

- 1 Increased tourism will definitely have tangible
- 2 If I don't do this assignment tonight, I'll end up
- 3 Closing the car park in the city centre will have a detrimental
- 4 A significant increase in funding will facilitate
- 5 The planned exhibition will showcase

- a stuck with an enormous amount for the weekend.
- b the building of new cultural centres across the city.
- c the talents of local artists.
- d benefits for the whole region.
- e effect on the high street businesses.
- f boost for young people in the area.

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5 Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box. There are two adjectives you do not need.

commonplace deeply-rooted frowned
irrespective long-standing peculiar
stereotypical

- 1 The sense of identity is _____ in the history of the neighbourhood.
- 2 Everyone is expected to participate _____ of their age or gender.
- 3 Misusing commas is _____ in my students' work, and I highlight them every time.
- 4 We have a(n) _____ agreement with our neighbours to check each other's property when on holiday.
- 5 As far I know, our birthday tradition of giving hand-drawn cards is _____ to our family.

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- 1 My sister talked me _____ getting a totally new hair style and now I regret it.
- 2 Someone tipped _____ the press and the celebrity's flight was met by a lot of reporters.
- 3 Can you fill me _____ on what happened while I was on leave?
- 4 The teacher reeled _____ the answers so quickly I couldn't keep up with what he said.
- 5 The college is calling _____ volunteers to help with the charity event this weekend.

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7 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Walking through the bustling marketplace is a real **fight** / **assault** on the senses.
- 2 My favourite dessert came **mounted** / **topped** with a delicious chocolate sauce.
- 3 It's important to give new bands a **blast** / **shot** as you might be missing out on something amazing.
- 4 The meal was a modern **make** / **take** on a classic and we absolutely loved it.
- 5 The café has a **sole** / **unique** atmosphere which is partly down to its lighting and décor.

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HOW TO ...

8 Complete the sentences with the missing words.

- 1 I think there's a **f** _____ in your argument. You haven't considered all the points.
- 2 Maybe we're talking at **c** _____ purposes here? I meant today, not next Monday.
- 3 **F** _____ enough. That's a good reason for thinking about other options.
- 4 It's an interesting point, but I'm afraid I **b** _____ to differ.
- 5 Your comment about the timeline was very interesting. I'd never **c** _____ that.

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9 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 You're looking at things the wrong way **about** / **round**. Think of it from my point of view for a moment.
- 2 That's an excellent way of **making** / **putting** it. I wish I'd thought of that myself.
- 3 Regarding the plans for the new park, I'm definitely **beside** / **with** you there.
- 4 I **take** / **agree** your point about the cost of the plane tickets. We could always consider driving.
- 5 You make a good point, and I couldn't agree **further** / **more** about delegating some of the responsibility.

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