

PREPARE SECOND EDITION LEVEL 7

UNIT 20 VOCABULARY: STANDARD

1 Match the definitions (1-8) to the idioms (A-H).

- 1 to be unaware of the time D...
- 2 to be annoying
- 3 to think about something for a short time
- 4 to make someone feel surprise and admiration
- 5 to be good at noticing a particular thing
- 6 to make you feel very sad
- 7 to be very easy
- 8 to make people feel more relaxed

- A** a piece of cake
- B** break someone's heart
- C** be a pain
- D** lose track of time
- E** have an eye for something
- F** break the ice
- G** take someone's breath away
- H** cross someone's mind

2 Choose the correct options.

- 1 On the first day of class we played a game with our teacher to *lose track of time* / *break the ice*.
- 2 This view of the ocean is so beautiful it *takes my breath away* / *breaks my heart*.
- 3 That exam *was a pain* / *was a piece of cake*, I should get 100%.
- 4 I'm sorry I'm late, I was reading a great book and I *lost track of time* / *had an eye for it*.
- 5 I cried at the end of the film, it *broke the ice* / *broke my heart* when the man left.
- 6 Did it *cross your mind* / *take your breath away* that they might be busy tonight?
- 7 My younger brother can *be a pain* / *be a piece of cake* sometimes but he's funny, too.
- 8 You *cross your mind* / *have an eye for* what clothes look good together, are you interested in fashion?

3 Complete the puzzle to find the mystery word.

- 1 a situation in which you have the chance to do something
- 2 the act of travelling from one place to another, usually in a vehicle
- 3 to give an answer when you do not have all the facts
- 4 a method or way of doing something
- 5 to watch someone or something closely
- 6 to hurt a person, animal or part of your body
- 7 humorous, causing laughter
- 8 Mystery word:

4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

damage fun guess harm know
opportunity possibility way

- 1 I'm not sure how tall I am, but I guess I'm around 1.65m.
- 2 The hurricane caused a lot of damage on the island and many homes were totally destroyed.
- 3 We had a lot of fun at the park.
- 4 It's only snow, it won't ruin your clothes, just dry them later.
- 5 Do you know how much paint we need to cover the whole wall?
- 6 There must be a way to solve this equation.
- 7 This internship is a great opportunity to gain some office experience.
- 8 There's a possibility that dad might get a job in the US, but he doesn't know for sure yet.

5 Choose the correct options.

A: Did you complete the application form?

B: Yes, it was a ¹*piece of cake* / pain. It just required a few personal details.

A: Good. I think it would be a great ²*opportunity / possibility* for you and you'd get some valuable experience.

B: I ³*guess / know* so. I'm just not sure if I want to work in advertising.

A: Well, it's only a ⁴*short-term / grown-up* summer position, but it might help you decide. You ⁵*cross your mind / have an eye for* detail and a way with words, so you're an ideal candidate.

B: We'll see. I'll certainly ⁶*have a go at it / look bright* if I get offered the job. I just wish it wasn't so ⁷*badly paid / rewarding*. I really need to save up for college.

A: Perhaps there's a ⁸*journey / way* you can make more money; evening work in a café or bar, for example.

B: Maybe.