

VOCABULARY

2 Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

41 My best friend and I ___ over our shared love of American literature.

- A bonded
- B confided
- C trusted
- D stuck

42 If you give Claire a chance, I'm sure you'll ___ to her.

- A fall
- B hang
- C make
- D warm

43 It won't be easy to ___ the old building because most of the original features have been taken.

- A demolish
- B merge
- C restore
- D spruce

44 The airport is on the ___ of the city so the noise doesn't affect the residents so much.

- A residential
- B outskirts
- C slums
- D suburban

45 I found this ___ bar of chocolate in my bag. I guess it was too warm in there.

- A filling
- B greasy
- C melted
- D rich

46 She's so ambitious. She wants to win ___.

- A at all costs
- B fair
- C on top
- D the done thing

47 Even though you didn't win, you can still ___ your head up. You should be proud!

- A get
- B hold
- C put
- D reach

48 I know how it feels to be the ___. My team never wins.

- A beaten
- B favourite
- C unbeaten
- D underdog

49 Their competitor managed to ___ them by launching a more fuel-efficient car, which was far more successful.

- A form
- B gain
- C outdo
- D push

52 That song ___. Can you please turn it off?

- A drives me up the wall
- B has butterflies in my stomach
- C kills me laughing
- D tears my hair out

53 I can't believe you lost your ___ at work. You shouldn't get angry with your colleagues.

- A anger
- B edge
- C pain
- D temper

54 We were bursting ___ when our son won the school chess tournament.

- A in the dumps
- B with pride
- C on cloud nine
- D our day

55 My auntie's enthusiasm for rugby has ___ off on us and now we're all fans.

- A gave
- B pushed
- C rubbed
- D strove

56 Food waste has been practically ___ in our supermarkets. Less than one percent of our food is thrown away.

- A eliminated
- B imposed
- C implemented
- D restricted

57 We were ___ going to Menorca and Sicily. It was very difficult to decide.

- A broken off
- B cracked up
- C ripped apart
- D torn between

58 If you ___ a change of heart about going to the cinema, let me know and I'll get you a ticket.

- A get
- B have
- C make
- D put

63 Choosing the right university is important. You shouldn't make that sort of decision on ____.

- A all outcomes
- B dilemma
- C impulse
- D second thoughts

64 If you want to use a gun to hunt ___, you need a special licence.

- A game
- B poaching
- C breeders
- D ecosystems

65 The software allows scientists to track the ___ patterns of salmon.

- A migrate
- B migrator
- C migration
- D migratory

66 My cousin is an ___ activist who attends lots of demonstrations.

- A environment
- B environmental
- C environmentally
- D environmentalist

68 The strength of the wifi signal will ___ how fast the internet is.

- A dictate
- B generate
- C process
- D forecast

69 We asked the pupils to ___ the blocks according to their size and colour, and put each type in a different box.

- A process
- B reinforce
- C determine
- D categorise

70 I'm afraid I've ___ and deleted the wrong photos.

- A mislead
- B mistake
- C slipped up
- D presumed

71 We ___ the assumption that there would be enough food for everyone.

- A did
- B gave
- C had
- D made

75 This document ___ up the main points of the meeting and a more detailed report will follow.

- A adds
- B joins
- C marks
- D sums

76 It would be helpful if you could ___ this word to avoid confusion about the meaning later on.

- A convey
- B define
- C spell
- D signify

77 The hot weather has led to a ___ in sales of cold drinks. We've sold much more than usual for this time of year.

- A catalyst
- B decline
- C shift
- D surge

78 After a decrease in demand for housing, the market has ___ to normal levels of growth.

- A evolved
- B exploded
- C reverted
- D shrunk

81 Seeing these classic children's books ___ to my childhood.

- A brings back
- B recaptures
- C recreates
- D takes me back

85 We bought a house in the countryside because the ___ appealed to us.

- A oppression
- B tranquillity
- C paradise
- D surveillance

88 The new electric vehicle will ___ the car market. Things will never be the same again.

- A convert
- B modify
- C monitor
- D revolutionise

89 My oven isn't very ___. It uses far too much electricity.

- A energy-efficient
- B hand-held
- C hazardous
- D recyclable

LISTENING

1 [Audio ET.01] Listen to five people talking about learning a second language. Match the speakers (1–5) with the statements (A–E).

1 Noah: _____
2 Eva: _____
3 Winston: _____
4 Lucy: _____
5 Jerry: _____

A Initially I was quite motivated to start learning a second language.
B Learning a second language has helped me be better than my competitors.
C Learning a second language is essential for forging overseas partnerships.
D At the beginning I was nervous about learning a second language.
E The skills you develop as a second language learner are helpful in other areas.

2 [Audio ET.01] Listen again. Choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

1 What does Noah say about learning a second language?
A It is something which most of his business rivals do.
B It will help improve his problem-solving skills.
C It is not necessary for him to learn it in much depth.

2 Why did Eva decide to learn a second language?
A She needed to learn it after being offered a job.
B She wanted to learn it before applying for a new job.
C She agreed to learn it before accepting a new role.

3 How does Winston feel about learning a second language?
A It is difficult to travel abroad if you don't speak one.
B It is best to use an app if you want to progress.
C It has been a rather frustrating experience for him.

4 What does Lucy say about software development?
A She wishes she'd had the opportunity to study it at university.
B She had been unaware of the similarities with language learning.
C She will need to develop more patience in order to avoid making mistakes.

5 What happened after the mistake with the labels?
A Jerry's overseas partner had an unfortunate accident.
B Jerry had to check the words with an online translator.
C Eventually, Jerry was able to rectify the mistake.

READING

3 Read an article in which four professionals give careers advice. For questions 1–4, choose the correct speaker (A, B, C or D).

Which speaker ...

1 has a different opinion to Gabi about the fact you should always be prepared to go out of your comfort zone? _____
2 shares Mohamed's opinion that you need to be able to work in a team? _____
3 has a different view to Natalia about the need to keep your career in perspective? _____
4 takes the same view as Jaime regarding the value of accepting failure and seeing it as an opportunity to learn? _____

Careers Advice

Four professionals offer advice for people starting new careers.

A Gabi, brand manager

Before moving into my current role, I worked in graphic design. However, having had the chance to work on various branding projects, I was desperate to get involved in brand management. Since I hadn't studied business or marketing like most brand managers, I had to prove myself by taking on new tasks at every opportunity. In my opinion, you should always be prepared to go out of your comfort zone because it helps you expand your range of skills and experience. You might feel uncomfortable doing it, but it's the best way to advance your career, no matter what your qualifications are. Another piece of advice for anyone thinking of going into brand management is not to worry too much about what others think about you. As long as you strive to do your best, it doesn't matter if you make mistakes. The truth is that our mistakes can teach us a great deal and we shouldn't get embarrassed when things go wrong.

B Mohamed, photographer

Some people think that being a photographer means working alone. The reality, though, is that photography is often a collaborative effort. Whether you're working with other professionals, like models and stylists, or with your clients, you need to be on the same wavelength as them. I was recently on a photo shoot and I just couldn't click with the model. We both ended up tearing our hair out and we had to abandon the shoot because we weren't getting anywhere. Another thing that's worth bearing in mind is that photography can be all-consuming. In general, we're taught about the importance of maintaining a healthy work-life balance. However, if you want to be successful, photography has to be your life. It's not like a 9–5 job, which you can switch on and off, because you never know when you'll get the chance for that perfect shot. That's why you're unlikely to ever find a professional photographer without a camera.

C Natalia, architect

Having graduated from university with a degree in architecture, I thought it would be a piece of cake to find a job. However, I didn't realise how competitive the sector is and I was beginning to have second thoughts. In the end, I stuck with it and I managed to find a job, but it almost cost me my health. I'm happy to learn new skills, but you should be able to develop at your own pace. If you're constantly being asked to do new things, it can become overwhelming. For that reason, you should always place clear limits about what you're prepared to do. In my case, there was so much pressure to take on tasks which I hadn't been trained for that it pushed me to my limits. It felt like work was consuming my entire life. No matter what you do, try to keep your career in perspective. It's only one part of your life and you shouldn't forget the things that really give your life meaning, like your family and friends.

D Jaime, mathematician

I work as a mathematician for an insurance company so I spend much of my time analysing data and trying to forecast the likelihood of future events. In the past, that would have been carried out with a pen and paper, but nowadays we use Machine Learning (ML) algorithms. You might think it's a solitary job, but it's absolutely essential to be a team player. You have to work with different departments, so good communication skills are invaluable. It's not an easy job and, even though university provides you with knowledge of the subject, it doesn't really give you the practical skills. The only way to acquire them is on the job and things are bound to go wrong from time to time. In fact, just after starting, I miscalculated one of my forecasts and made a costly error. I was kicking myself at the time, but I've since learnt to embrace failure and treat it as an opportunity for learning. That's the most useful piece of advice I could give anyone who's starting a new career.

4 Read the article again. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 Gabi was determined to switch from graphic design to brand management. **T / F**
- 2 Gabi's experience in business and marketing was invaluable in getting her a new job. **T / F**
- 3 Mohamed advises against having close relationships with the people you work with. **T / F**
- 4 Mohamed thinks photographers should avoid restricting their working day to fixed times. **T / F**
- 5 Natalia almost changed her mind about pursuing a career in architecture. **T / F**
- 6 Jaime finds it easier to work with traditional tools rather than complicated computer instructions. **T / F**
- 7 Jaime has never regretted making a mistake with one of his predictions. **T / F**