## GRAMMAR

**1** **Complete the conversation with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.**

A: What do you do?

B: I'm a gardener. I [1] _____ (love) cooking, too.

A: Oh really? [2] _____ you _____ (grow) your own vegetables and cook with them?

B: No, but I [3] _____ (think) about doing that next year.

A: I [4] _____ (not grow) vegetables. I don't know how!

B: What do you do?

A: At the moment, I [5] _____ (learn) to be a plumber at college and I [6] _____ (work) part-time at a shop at the weekends, but being a plumber is what I [7] _____ (want) to do in the future.

**2** **Complete the sentences with the *-ing* or infinitive form of the verbs in the box.**

| clean | come | get | have | help | walk |
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**1** I miss _____ lots of free time, like I had as a child.

**2** We'd love _____ and visit you next week.

**3** I try to avoid _____ outside on my own in the dark.

**4** _____ the house is really boring!

**5** Shall we get some food before _____ the bus home?

**6** Jack's agreed _____ us tidy the garden.

**3** **The sentences below have a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.**

**1** It's quite a lot hard to see without the light on.
**a** a lot **b** pretty **c** quite a

**2** I'd like to practise my French quite often than I do at the moment.
**a** relatively **b** a lot more **c** a bit

**3** We were all quite a pleased with the way we played during the match.
**a** fairly **b** quite an **c** a bit

**4** The meal cost pretty less than we'd thought so we were happy!
**a** reasonably **b** quite a **c** quite a lot

**5** **Complete the college library sign with one preposition in each gap.**

### Important notice

The library will close [1] _____ 24 June for the summer holidays. You have [2] _____ 5 p.m. on that day to return any books you have borrowed. We will close [3] _____ 6 p.m. [4] _____ returning your books, please check that you haven't left any papers or money inside them. You'd be surprised at what we find! If you want to borrow books [5] _____ the holidays, please use the city library.

Have a great summer. See you [6] _____ August when we open again (22 August).

**6** **For each question, write the correct answer. Write one word for each gap.**

## Seven stories

How many stories do you think you [1] _____ heard in your lifetime? Hundreds? Thousands? Some people believe there are really only a few basic plots, and that these are repeated in all the stories we choose [2] _____ read, listen to or watch. [3] _____ the early 2000s, while author Christopher Booker [4] _____ doing research for a book on stories, he decided that there are just seven plots.

Booker suggests that one story is 'Rags to riches'. This is where the main character starts off poor and ends up rich. Another is 'The quest' where the hero goes on an adventure. If you [5] _____ reading a book at the moment, think about what type of story it is. You'll probably realise it's quite [6] _____ common one.

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## VOCABULARY

**7** **Complete the text with words from the box.**

characters ending TV shows hero plots storytellers

### Are fairy tales important today?

Fairy tales have been around for hundreds of years, so are they still useful today? Yes, I think so, although they're not perfect. Some of the [1] _____ can be scary for children, especially when terrible things happen to the main [2] _____. But they teach children useful life lessons. For example, sometimes bad things happen to the [3] _____ of the story, but that person stays strong and later gets a happy [4] _____. This teaches children that bad things can happen to all of us, but good things happen too. Children can learn this lesson from films or [5] _____ but with fairy tales parents who read the story are the [6] _____.

**8** **Choose the correct options (a–c) to complete the sentences in each pair. You do not need one of the options.**

1 I'm a financial consultant for a company, but I want to run
2 My company isn't doing very well, so I might be
   **a** in a full-time job.
   **b** my own business one day.
   **c** out of work soon.
3 I tried to get here on time, but I got
4 I'm late because I made
   **a** held up on the way.
   **b** a mistake with the address.
   **c** the traffic was slow.
5 I'm a head teacher, so I'm responsible
6 I like my school and really look
   **a** for the care of all staff and students.
   **b** up to some of the teachers.
   **c** with a lot of the other students.
7 I'm close to my brother, but I don't get
8 My brother moved away, so I stay
   **a** in touch with him by social media mostly.
   **b** after my sister all that much.
   **c** on very well with my sister.

**9** **Complete the definitions with one word in each gap. The first letter is given.**

1 If you have a p_____ - _____ job, you do not work the whole week.
2 If you do something silly and it makes you go red in the face, you feel e_____.
3 A funny film about love is called a r_____ comedy.
4 If you couldn't find your way to a place, you got l_____.
5 If you have to call someone right now, you had to m_____ an urgent phone call.
6 If you're really tired, you're e_____.

**10** **A** **Match the sentence halves.**

1 Let's ask the shop
2 You two are always talking about food
3 I saw quite a good TV
4 I hate being frightened so I never watch horror
5 I don't think that I take
6 It looks like Amanda and Julio are in

**a** after either of my parents.
**b** assistant to help us.
**c** show yesterday evening.
**d** films on TV or at the cinema.
**e** or eating out!
**f** love with each other.

**B** **Complete the sentences with the words in the box.**

bossy career colleagues mechanic proud upset

1 My sister's a _____ and she helps me with all my car problems.
2 I'm sorry you were _____ about the argument.
3 I'd love to have a _____ in the fashion industry one day.
4 I usually go out with my _____ after work on a Friday.
5 Stop being so _____ and telling people what to do!
6 I'm really _____ of Max for doing so well in his exams.

**C** **Choose the correct words to complete the text.**

### How to make new friends

How do you make new friends these days? Do you sit on a park bench and start conversations about the [1]**politics / weather / studies** with strangers? Do you wait until you meet your friend's friends? Or go online?

Social media can make new friendships seem easy to make, but sometimes these sites are not [2]**helpful / kind / polite** for making new friends. How do we know that we'll [3]**do / get / make** on well with someone just from their profile and a few comments online? They might seem calm and [4]**bossy / crazy / patient** at first, but they might actually be [5]**funny / rude / tidy** and angry when we meet them.

Other ways to make friends include joining a club, or being a [6]**career / profession / volunteer** for a local charity. We can ask people we work with to go out somewhere, and maybe get to know their friends. And of course, we can be [7]**bossy / friendly / tidy** to strangers when we're in the park or at a bus stop as they might make a good friend. Just don't talk about what's happening in [8]**politics / wages / weather** in your country. That's never a good way to try to start a friendship!

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