

**A** Complete the statements with the correct word or phrase.

ahead of schedule

at the last minute

elapsed

perception

slow motion

swiftly

tedious

the passage of time (x2)

- 1 Our \_\_\_\_\_ of one day being 24 hours is actually incorrect. A day is 23 hours, 56 minutes and 4.1 seconds.
- 2 There's a building in Barcelona, Spain which has taken 144 years to construct, and is still being built. It was due to be finished in 2026, however, construction is now \_\_\_\_\_, and works will be completed sooner than expected.
- 3 Research suggests that we get an adrenaline rush when we do things that we haven't planned or prepared for, spontaneously and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Time passes more \_\_\_\_\_ the younger you are, according to a new study. This is because the rate at which you process new information is quicker, so it makes time feel as though it is passing by much faster.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ is different for dogs than it is for humans. Dogs perceive human movements to be in \_\_\_\_\_; 25% slower than they are, to be precise.
- 6 Psychologists have determined that when you find something boring or \_\_\_\_\_, you're much more likely to blink more.
- 7 At the top of Mount Everest, the process by which time passes – also known as \_\_\_\_\_ – is longer than at sea level.
- 8 If you spent a day on the planet Mercury then came back, five years in Earth time would have \_\_\_\_\_.