

Upper-int+ Unit 2

1 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the words in brackets.

- He lost his brother's car keys.
What _____ his brother's car keys. (lost)
- She made a cake for his birthday.
What _____ a cake for his birthday. (made)
- George loves swimming in the ocean.
What George _____ in the ocean. (doing)
- Nabil goes to the gym to stay fit.
What _____ to the gym to stay fit. (go)
- Paola has a passion for poetry.
What _____ a passion for poetry. (is)
- The shopkeeper gave me too much change.
What the shopkeeper _____ me too much change. (did)
- I water the garden every morning before the sun rises.
What _____ water the garden every morning before the sun rises. (do)
- We want to tell you about a product that will change your life.
What _____ you about a product that will change your life. (do)
- They'll teach us how to be better parents.
What _____ us how to be better parents. (do)
- She was hiding from her teacher.
What _____ hiding from her teacher. (doing)

2 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

a few	do	doing	do so	get	hadn't	has
one	so	the same				

- Danny hasn't got home yet, but Jessica _____.
- My wife had been to Thailand before, but I _____.
- We haven't got a car, but I wouldn't mind _____.
- I haven't got many plants, but I've got _____.
- None of them play sports regularly, but I _____.
- We should put our money together and _____ a flat.
- Cora's been eating more healthily and _____ more exercise.
- A: Do you think the directors are going to resign?
B: I don't think _____.
- Everyone else chose cheesecake for dessert, so I did _____.
- He threatened to cancel his gym subscription, but I don't think he'll _____.

3 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box. There are three words or phrases you do not need.

at all costs	con	disgraceful	done thing	fair
faking	get away	on top		

- The referee's decision was _____. There's no way the ball was out.
- I think he's _____ his illness. He looks fine to me.
- They never play _____. They're always breaking the rules.
- You can't call teachers by their first name in the UK. It's not the _____.
- We need to win this match _____, otherwise we're out of the competition.

4 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- He was trying to **bend** / **fold** the rules of the game, but we didn't let him do it.
- Despite being the **favourite** / **underdog**, Walters managed to defeat the champion.
- The team was losing badly, but they didn't want to **concede** / **give** to their opponents.
- She's just **playing** / **wasting** for time and trying to delay the end of the match.
- She was put **away** / **off** by the fans shouting insults.

5 Complete the sentences with words and phrases for industry competition.

- We hope that our new production methods will help us gain a **c** _____ **e** edge.
- The two companies were **a** _____ **s** until they merged fifteen years ago.
- We are hoping to **f** _____ **e** partnerships with other companies in the scientific sector.
- They want to **o** _____ **o** us, but they'll never be more successful than us.
- We expected more **c** _____ **n** from other firms, but no one was prepared to work with us.

6 Match the sentence beginnings (1–5) with the sentence endings (a–e).

- 1 I know the rules of cricket inside ____
- 2 They suggested playing best of ____
- 3 When it came down ____
- 4 At this point, the players are neck ____
- 5 Just wait until the nerves ____

- a three, but we didn't have time.
- b kick in. You won't be so relaxed then!
- c and neck in the race.
- d and out, but I'm a terrible player.
- e to it, we weren't good enough to win.

7 Choose the correct option (a, b or c) to complete the sentences.

- 1 We need to make some ____ which is why we are going to reduce the number of employees.
a cutbacks b efficiency c profitability
- 2 The company hopes that better training will improve our staff's ____.
a bankruptcy b productivity c turnover
- 3 We are launching a new ____ to improve relations with the local community.
a initiative b profitability c efficiency
- 4 The new shop assistant is ____ helping customers. He seems rude and unhelpful.
a useful for b useless at c ineffective for
- 5 Our new office is ____ more spacious than the old one.
a almost b nowhere near c way
- 6 The new advertisement is ____ more attractive than the last, but not a great deal.
a marginally b nothing like c equally
- 7 This cleaning product is especially ____ removing difficult stains from your clothes.
a effective in b useless for c valuable to
- 8 The latest version of the software is ____ as impressive as previous versions.
a considerably b every bit c a little
- 9 We visited the new theme park, but it was a ____ of time. Most of the rides were closed.
a loss b rubbish c waste
- 10 His skills and knowledge have been ____ our team. He has helped us greatly.
a ineffective in b invaluable to c unhelpful for