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VOCABULARY

1 Choose the correct words.

- The volcano won't *erupt* / *shake* because it's extinct.
- The joke was so funny that Maria laughed her *heart* / *head* off.
- I've decided to *raise* / *donate* some money to the Save the Jungles charity.
- I was late because there was a traffic *block* / *jam* on the main road.
- I can't carry this by myself, so could you give me a *hand* / *leg*?

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2 Complete the words in the sentences.

- My uncle works in the f _____ l _____ s _____ r so he knows a lot about banking and investments.
- The t _____ t i _____ y is very important to a country like Greece, which depends on visitors for its income.
- I think I've d _____ l _____ c _____ t _____ d my shoulder.
- After walking through the dense, dark forest, we came to a c _____ r _____ g where the sun was shining.
- Our local river rose to r _____ d l _____ v _____ s this winter – it had never been so high before.

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3 Complete the text with the correct form of the words in the box. There are three words you don't need.

bruised	broad	strength	deep
short	long	widen	high

My family and I visited San Francisco last year. Our hotel was at the top of one of the steepest hills, and the view from such a great
¹ _____ was just amazing. On our third night there, I was woken up by the feeling that my bed was moving. I knew immediately that it was an earthquake. Fortunately, the quake wasn't very ² _____ – it was only a three on the Richter scale – and when I read about it the next day I learnt that it had happened at an extreme ³ _____ underground, so it didn't cause much damage. My only injury was a small ⁴ _____ on my arm, but that was because I'd jumped out of bed in the dark and bumped into a door! I was a bit nervous for the whole ⁵ _____ of our stay, imagining there might be another quake, but I still had a good time.

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GRAMMAR

4 Choose the correct words.

- If the weather *was* / *would be* nicer, we would go for a picnic.
- I wish you *won't* / *wouldn't* play loud music all the time!
- Sam isn't here. He *must went* / *must have gone* home.
- If you *took* / *had taken* more care, you wouldn't have spilled your coffee.
- Max, *who* / *whose* brother is a professional footballer, goes to lots of matches.

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5 Correct the mistakes in the sentences. Three sentences are correct.

- Jack, who father is from Germany, can speak English and German.

- I'd like to be teacher when I leave school.

- If only I would have more money!

- I can't imagine living in a megacity.

- His parents come from Netherlands.

- The film, that came out last year, is one of the best I've ever seen.

- Did you used to live in London?

- You wouldn't be so fit if you didn't go to the gym.

- I think governments should do more to tackle poverty.

- I would have been very surprised if I would have won the competition.

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USE OF ENGLISH

6 Decide which answer, A, B, C or D, best fills each gap.

Scientists know that the Amazonian rainforests contain thousands of different kinds of plants. They believe that we could benefit ¹____ studying these plants, as many of them could be used to create medicines. There have been many scientific expeditions to the rainforest in order to ²____ contact with some of the tribes who live there and learn about the ways in which they use rainforest plants. Occasionally scientists have come ³____ tribes which have had little contact with the outside world, and they are the most knowledgeable because they depend entirely on what grows around them. When scientists arrive at remote villages, they always ask to speak to the chief. Everyone in the village looks ⁴____ to the chief, so they will follow his lead in the way they behave towards the visitors. Scientists hope that if the people of the Amazon are willing to share their knowledge, it will be possible to ⁵____ the beliefs of traditional drug makers and to find new ways to treat diseases.

- 1 **A** of **B** with **C** from **D** to
2 **A** make **B** do **C** get **D** find
3 **A** along **B** off **C** across **D** into
4 **A** up **B** away **C** out **D** on
5 **A** break **B** doubt **C** challenge **D** destroy

7 Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

Last summer, I ¹ _____ riding my bike to a friend's house. My parents usually ² _____ me put on my bike helmet before I get on my bike, but they were out that day so I didn't bother to think about safety. Of course, you can guess what happened. I had an accident and ended up in hospital. The doctor, ³ _____ was very nice, said that if I ⁴ _____ had a helmet on, I wouldn't have suffered such serious injuries. If I was giving advice to a young cyclist now, I ⁵ _____ definitely advise them to wear a helmet!

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8 Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fills each gap.

Every few years, world leaders hold an Earth Summit to discuss the many	
¹ _____ problems	ENVIRONMENT
that the world now faces, and they sometimes make	
² _____ as to what	DECIDE
should be done to lessen the impact of issues such as climate change and rising sea levels. Unfortunately,	
businesses are often more	
³ _____ than	POWER
scientists, so many good ideas are never implemented. It is true that the endless	
⁴ _____ of warnings	REPEAT
from the scientific community often fall on deaf ears, but as environmental changes become more	
obvious to the population, I believe they will begin to	
demand positive	
⁵ _____ from	ACT
businesses and governments alike.	

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9 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words.

- 1 It's annoying that I get hay fever. WISH
I _____ hay fever.
- 2 We'll leave when it stops raining. STAY
We _____ it stops raining.
- 3 No other mountain in the world is as high as this. HIGHEST
This _____ in the world.
- 4 I would love to live in a hot country. ONLY
If _____ in a hot country.
- 5 I didn't help you because you didn't ask. WOULD
I _____ if you had asked.

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READING

10 Read Texts 1 and 2 and choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

Text 1

After our children had left home for good, my husband and I came to the conclusion that we really needed to find ourselves a smaller house. Our house had far too many rooms, which meant constant cleaning, and it was over a hundred years old, so problems were constantly coming up. After watching a couple of TV shows and doing a bit of research online, we decided that a tiny, in other words very small, home was the right solution for us. We didn't need to keep all of the things we had, and a tiny home on wheels would give us the opportunity to move it wherever we fancied.

Instead of immediately putting our old house up for sale, however, my husband – who is down-to-earth and practical – suggested renting a tiny home in a holiday spot for a week. All I can do is thank our lucky stars that he had this idea before we had made any final decisions.

The tiny home seemed perfect during the daylight hours. It had a lovely seating area, a perfectly usable kitchen, and the bathroom – though extremely small by anyone's standards – was certainly adequate to our needs. But when it was time to go to sleep, it was a different story. The bed was in a tiny space under the roof, and once I'd managed to get up there, I felt as if I'd put myself into a drawer for the night!

The area was certainly wide enough, but it was so shallow that sitting up even halfway was a challenge for me. And for my husband, who is nearly two metres tall, it was pretty much life-threatening. We did manage to sleep a little, but I kept hearing a bang, followed by a loud 'Ouch!' and knew that my husband would be covered in bruises in the morning.

We survived three days in the tiny house before giving up. We are still talking about downsizing, and it's possible that there is a tiny home designed for a semi-giant and his claustrophobic partner. I rather think, though, that we will look for a smaller but more traditional place. Our children, who were excited at the beginning, have expressed some disappointment. But when I pointed out that they may need a place for an extended stay in the future, they changed

their minds and congratulated us on going a more traditional route.

Text 2

There are a number of reasons which influence the choice to move into a tiny home. The fact is, though, that the number of people doing so is increasing quickly. A study of people who have an interest in tiny living showed that 20% of them are already living tiny, while a large majority are planning to make the change as soon as they can. The percentage of people actually living in tiny houses is still small when compared to the general population, but it is definitely a growing trend and may continue to be so.

Why are so many making the change? For one thing, people feel that their houses are too large, that they have too many things, and that going tiny will help them simplify their lives and give them more free time. The environment is another major factor. As one expert says, 'Living tiny reduces the harm you do to the environment enormously. You use far fewer building materials, a lot less energy for heating and lighting, and you simply take up less space in our increasingly crowded environment.' Money is also a big influence. Housing is expensive, especially in large urban areas, and some people are simply not willing to work more just so they can pay for an unnecessarily large dwelling. A tiny home is far cheaper than a conventional home to buy and maintain, and even though you may have to rent a piece of land to put it on, it still costs far less in the long run.

Is everyone happy with their choice to go tiny? We interviewed one tiny home dweller in Cambridge, England who has ended up with mixed feelings about her decision. Kim Layton said: 'I design and make clothes for a living, and I've worked from home for years. For some reasons I thought I could make the tiny space function for my business, but I simply couldn't make it work. I've ended up renting a space, which of course is an added expense. On the other hand, it means I'm not constantly surrounded by my work, which I'm finding to be really relaxing.'

In conclusion, if you're thinking about going tiny consider all of the advantages and disadvantages before making a decision. And if you have the chance to try it out before

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deciding, by renting a tiny home for a short period for example, that is definitely the best way to go.

1 A reason for moving to a different house NOT mentioned by the writer is ...

- A the size of the house.
- B the age of the house.
- C the number of people living there.
- D the expense of keeping up the house.

2 The writer feels that renting a tiny home temporarily...

- A saved them some money.
- B gave them more time to think.
- C showed them the realities of tiny home living.
- D turned out to be a waste of time.

3 The main problem with the tiny home was that ...

- A the bathroom was unusable.
- B the sleeping arrangements were very uncomfortable.
- C the space was generally too small.
- D it was dark and unattractive.

4 According to the article ...

- A 20% of all homeowners live in tiny homes.
- B fewer people are moving to tiny homes.
- C many people choose tiny homes for economic reasons.
- D tiny homes can be adapted to every lifestyle.

5 Both texts emphasise the point that ...

- A you should try something before you commit to it.
- B moving to a smaller home is necessary for some people.
- C tiny homes are a temporary trend.
- D tiny homes are great for people who work from home.

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