

Unit 12

A Complete the words in these sentences.

- 1 No matter what they tell you, you should stick to your g _ _ _ and don't let anyone make you change your mind.
- 2 If we manage to be the first to put the product on the market, we could make a k _ _ _ _ _.
- 3 Everybody knows about the new space project – it's no state s _ _ _ _ _.
- 4 There's no way I'm parting with my hard-earned c _ _ _ to buy shares in that company.
- 5 There is no funding for this research. In fact, the scientists often have to pay out of their own p _ _ _ _ _ to get the supplies they need.
- 6 I went to a lecture on artificial i _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , and was fascinated to learn that computers can almost think like human beings!
- 7 If you were to make a time capsule, what would you want to put inside to preserve for p _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ?
- 8 Many of the greatest scientific b _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ were made by accident while the researchers were investigating something completely unrelated.
- 9 That lecture was so boring that every second I spent in there seemed like an e _ _ _ _ _ _ _ !
- 10 My new phone has a speech r _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ feature – I just dictate to it and it writes the texts.

B Circle the correct words.

- 1 Sorry, what were you **about / around** to say when I interrupted you?
- 2 The change of seasons is caused by the Earth's **timeless / perpetual** movement around the sun.
- 3 What do they expect the **outcome / upshot** of their experiment to be?
- 4 You can't base your whole future on a **bunch / hunch**! You need to consider every aspect carefully before you make a decision.
- 5 I don't like to **estimate / speculate**. I'll let you know when I have all the facts.
- 6 The decisions you make today will **pattern / shape** your future, so think things through.
- 7 So you've applied to train as an astronaut. Well, I certainly didn't see that **approaching / coming**!
- 8 Access to better health care has given rise **to / at** a longer life span for many people.
- 9 Don't tell me you actually believe you can read what the future **carries / holds** in the stars!
- 10 Do you think that the destruction of the planet by human activities is really **inevitable / disposable**?
- 11 Many scientists are **of / in** the opinion that the effects of global warming are reversible.
- 12 I know you haven't reached a final conclusion yet, but can you make a(n) **knowledgeable / educated** guess?

C Choose the correct answers.

- 1 We need to work night and day _ _ we can be the first to publish a paper on that research.
a so that b so as c such as
- 2 _ _ so much at stake, we can't afford to make any mistakes.
a For b With c As
- 3 Years of research and trials are needed _ _ be able to put a new drug on the market.
a so as b in order that c in order to
- 4 He's always been fascinated by science fiction, _ _ his brother prefers documentaries
a whereas b despite c in spite
- 5 You could _ _ bring the documents yourself or have someone bring them to me; I don't mind as long as they are here on time.
a either b neither c nor
- 6 _ _ these fields of study appeal to me; what I want to study is completely different.
a Either b Either of c Neither of
- 7 I am going to apply for a scholarship _ _ study space engineering.
a for b to c so as
- 8 We stayed up all night to see the meteor shower _ _ we had to work the next day.
a even though b despite c whereas

D Rewrite the sentences using the words in bold.

- 1 They didn't accept our invitation, but they didn't refuse it either.

REFUSED

They _____ our invitation.

- 2 Peter didn't show up for work today and he didn't call in sick.

DID

Peter didn't show up for work today, _____ call in sick

- 3 Karen couldn't solve the maths problem, and Sam couldn't either.

ABLE

Neither _____ solve the maths problem.

- 4 I didn't like the book and I didn't like the film.

EITHER

I didn't think _____ good.

- 5 He carried on with his studies, even though he found them very difficult.

DESPITE

He carried on with his studies _____ very difficult.

- 6 That star is too far to be seen by a common telescope.

CLOSE

That star _____ to be seen by a common telescope.

- 7 The requirements for the space programme are so high that he doesn't stand a chance.

TOO

The requirements for the space programme are _____ stand a chance.

- 8 Can your mother or your father help you study for your physics exam?

OF

Can _____ help you study for your physics exam?