

Part A • Grammar, Vocabulary and How to ...

GRAMMAR

1 Choose the correct options (a, b or c) to complete the sentences.

- My parents expect me ____ studying every spare moment I have.
a been b to be c to have been
- The new employee is extremely insecure and liable ____ any offers of help from the team.
a resent b resenting c to resent
- We can't risk ____ the submission of the report.
a delaying b to delay c delay
- The company is known ____ significant profits last year.
a to make b to be making c to have made
- I simply can't imagine him ____ to our demands easily.
a to give in b giving in c give in
- He's the first teacher ever ____ fired by the school.
a being b to have c to have been
- Since the row, my sister has gone to great lengths to avoid ____ the topic.
a mention b mentioning c to mention
- How can we justify ____ so much money on a new TV?
a to spend b spend c spending
- The builders aim ____ the repairs by tomorrow afternoon.
a finishing b to be finished c to have finished
- My brother will never allow his sports car ____ by anyone other than him.
a to be driven b driving c being driven

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- We _____ (think) of moving house for a while but didn't do anything about it until last year.
- I'm afraid I have to correct you – I definitely _____ (not / refer) to you in what I just said.
- _____ (you / stay) in town after the conference? Would be great to catch up.
- The jury _____ (consider) their verdict and I'll let you know as soon as I know anything more.
- By 3 o'clock I _____ (wait) a full six hours for him to call me back.
- So, I put out the takeaway and Tina's attacking it as if she _____ (not / see) food for a week!
- The dog _____ (bark) in the garden for hours before its owner finally returned home.
- I _____ (share) some files with you. Here's the link.
- They _____ (not / edit) all the materials by lunchtime, so you'll probably have to wait another couple of hours.
- Markellos _____ (cough) a lot lately and I hope he sees a doctor soon.

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VOCABULARY

3 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- The promise of a bonus payment can often **load** / **fuel** motivation among employees.
- The college needs to **raise** / **donate** funding for the extension to the science block.
- To **inform** / **satisfy** my curiosity, I checked out the history of the building and it was indeed originally a school.
- The professor was given a special award on his retirement for having **served** / **managed** science well.
- Last month I finally **realised** / **perfected** my dream of visiting the Acropolis Museum in Athens and it was just amazing.

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4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. There are two verbs you do not need.

face give go have let make spread

- Most people are willing to _____ a helping hand to those who are in need.
- Use social media to _____ the word that you're trying to fund Fran's operation.
- I can never _____ the day without at least two cups of coffee.
- Whatever we decide at this meeting will _____ a knock-on effect throughout the company.
- There are several support networks available for people who find it hard to _____ ends meet.

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5 Complete the sentences with words related to the economy.

- We are depleting the planet's **f** _____ resources rapidly and must change our way of thinking.
- James and Lucas have come up with an interesting business **m** _____ for their new enterprise.
- Do you think it's realistic to think that we shall ever reach the position of having **z** _____ waste?
- After the recent price hikes, customer **i** _____ with the company is at an all-time low.
- I do my part for the **s** _____ economy and use hire bikes to get round the city.

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6 Choose the correct options (a, b or c) to complete the sentences.

- 1 There are many worldwide appeals to save animals on the ____ of extinction.
a bounds b brink c bank
- 2 Local police forces are ____ together evidence to track down a criminal gang operating in the region.
a pouring c amassing c pooling
- 3 The number of students applying to study traditional academic subjects is falling at an ____ rate.
a unquestioned b unprecedented c undeserved
- 4 Unless immediate action is ____, habitat loss will devastate the populations of rare wild birds.
a taken b shown c seen
- 5 The refusal by governments to address climate change properly will have ____ impacts.
a infinite b undervalued c grave

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HOW TO ...

7 Complete the text with the words in the box.

cite consensus expressed fluctuation
generally having limited presumably
respondents whole

Regarding the recent survey about extending the school day for secondary school students, the ¹ _____ seems to be that it would be a good idea. Most ² _____ tended to think that an extra hour would be of benefit and on the ³ _____ agreed that this hour could be spent on assisted homework. ⁴ _____ said that, there were also suggestions that the hour should be spent doing sport or other academic activities. To ⁵ _____ one example, a suggestion was made that adding the study of a new language to the curriculum would be excellent, but current school hours do not allow for this. There was ⁶ _____ interest in opening school for Saturday lessons and people ⁷ _____ their belief that this would encroach on family time, although there was an interesting ⁸ _____ to this in the responses from families who worked at weekends. The majority of these were in favour of Saturday schooling. Their interest ⁹ _____ reflected the difficulty of arranging childcare at the weekends. ¹⁰ _____ speaking though, extending the school day was by far the preferred option.

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