

# Vocabulary/Grammar activities

## Unit 1

### A Complete the sentences with these words.

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|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| <u>anger</u> | <u>arm's</u> | <u>back</u> | <u>courage</u> | <u>edge</u>  | <u>foot</u> | <u>grudge</u> |
|              | <u>head</u>  | <u>head</u> | <u>pain</u>    | <u>pride</u> | <u>rut</u>  |               |

- 1 The problems between my grandparents and their neighbours go \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- 2 My life is in a \_\_\_\_\_, I need to get out and about and do new things.
- 3 I hate having to get up at 6am for school. It's a \_\_\_\_\_ in the neck.
- 4 He's got an interview later today, so he's really on \_\_\_\_\_. Be nice to him.
- 5 Shut up, would you! You're doing my \_\_\_\_\_ in! Stop criticising people!
- 6 It's always best to keep obnoxious people like that at \_\_\_\_\_ length.
- 7 Sarah's a very easy-going character, and she's not the kind of person to bear a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 I know you've had a bad day, but try not to vent your \_\_\_\_\_ on other people.
- 9 He's not very subtle, he often says exactly what he thinks and puts his \_\_\_\_\_ in it.
- 10 I'm trying to work up the \_\_\_\_\_ to ask him out.
- 11 Can't you just swallow your \_\_\_\_\_ and accept that you made a mistake?
- 12 "I've got my driving test on Monday!" "Keep a cool \_\_\_\_\_ and you'll be fine."

### B Circle the correct words.

- 1 Her parents were **adamant** / **overjoyed** at her exams results.
- 2 When you go to university, write to me every day, otherwise we'll just **drift** / **fall** apart.
- 3 She loves him so much but I'm not sure it's **mutual** / **reciprocal**.
- 4 She doesn't have much phone coverage as her house is so **distant** / **remote**.
- 5 My little brother's very cheeky to my aunt, but I suppose familiarity **asserts** / **breeds** contempt.
- 6 The doctor said that anxiety was the cause of his **abnormal** / **dysfunctional** behaviour.
- 7 My mother and her sister are **inseparable** / **unified** and they're identical twins too!
- 8 He needs to stop thinking about it; he's being too **impassive** / **obsessive**.
- 9 The huge smile on your face is **arousing** / **bearing** curiosity.
- 10 Don't you know he's joking? You're so **gullible** / **vulnerable**!
- 11 He says their relationship is purely **companionable** / **platonic**, but we're not convinced.
- 12 Her behaviour is very **beside** / **out** of character; I don't know what's wrong.

**C Choose the correct answers.**

- 1 As people get older, they \_\_\_\_\_ their memory to a greater or lesser degree.  
a have lost      b lose      c are losing      d have been losing
- 2 Pete \_\_\_\_\_ a habit of falling out with people over nothing since his football team lost the league.  
a has developed      b is developing      c develops      d has been developing
- 3 When I \_\_\_\_\_ my boyfriend's parents, I felt totally at ease right from the start.  
a was meeting      b had met      c met      d have met
- 4 In recent weeks, since his bike was stolen, Max \_\_\_\_\_ signs of a more cynical side to his character.  
a is showing      b shows      c has been showing      d would show
- 5 Although everyone \_\_\_\_\_ why he was in her bad books, nobody wanted to explain it to him.  
a understands      b understood      c was understanding      d is understanding
- 6 They get on incredibly well. They \_\_\_\_\_ on the same wavelength right since the moment they met.  
a are      b were      c are continuing      d have been
- 7 He \_\_\_\_\_ her every day and it's beginning to put stress on their relationship.  
a teases      b is teasing      c has teased      d has been teasing
- 8 When I told Polly she could tell me what the problem is, she really \_\_\_\_\_ everything off her chest.  
a gets      b is getting      c has got      d got

**D Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the correct form of the Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect Simple or Past Perfect Continuous.**

- 1 She \_\_\_\_\_ (start) to tell him what she thought of him, but then decided to bite her tongue.
- 2 They \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) about her behind her back for years when she finally found them out.
- 3 Doctors \_\_\_\_\_ (recommend) eating bananas and fish to improve his brain's efficiency.
- 4 Julia \_\_\_\_\_ (stick) up for him when no one else would.
- 5 As a teenager, my dad was an apathetic student who \_\_\_\_\_ (always/miss) classes.
- 6 Fred \_\_\_\_\_ (train) very hard for months, so I wasn't surprised when he beat the record.
- 7 Harry \_\_\_\_\_ (be) withdrawn all morning, so eventually I asked him if he was all right.
- 8 Carrie \_\_\_\_\_ (hope) to settle down in their new home, but her parents hated living there.

**E Circle the correct words.**

- 1 My grandma would watch / was watching old films while she was knitting, every afternoon!
- 2 Mum would meet / love meeting me after school every afternoon, when I was little.
- 3 He would promise / promised he would never tell her a lie. Unfortunately, he often did.
- 4 Who would you / did you use to spend your 'misspent youth' with, Dad?
- 5 As a child, Kay would / used to love lying in the sun, reading adventure stories.
- 6 At primary school, I used to / would hate having to study for spelling tests every week.
- 7 I would never / never used to enjoy getting my hair cut. I love it now!
- 8 My grandparents wouldn't / didn't use to have so many electrical appliances in their kitchen, when they were young.