

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct continuous form of the verbs in the box.

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- I *'m thinking* of calling my daughter Alice because it was my grandmother's name.
- Ben _____ his room when I got home because it was a real mess.
- It's a shame Sally _____ very well last night. She would've loved the concert.
- Sam _____ a bath at the moment. He's only just got in from his night shift.
- Our neighbours _____ always _____ loud music late at night. It's so inconsiderate.
- I don't know who Angela _____ tonight. She said she had plans but wouldn't tell me more.
- The papers say that the economy _____, which would be really positive news if it were true.
- I'm sorry, I _____ attention just then. Could you repeat the question, please?
- You _____, have you? I said that we need to take the car in for a service.
- Ah, there you are! I _____ for you to arrive.
- I _____ if I could borrow your car on Sunday. It's just that there aren't any buses then.

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

- Emma *would start* crying whenever she didn't get her own way. (would/start)
- Jim _____ his temper when tired. (prone/lose)
- As _____, I _____ about work when I'm at home. (rule/not talk)
- Bob _____ in front of our house even though we've asked him not to. (keep/park)
- Lou _____ always _____ jokes. (be/tell)
- On this occasion I _____ Dan's story. It does sound plausible. (inclined/believe)
- You know what Sarah's like! She _____ . (tendency/exaggerate)
- It's an odd habit but she _____ often hours _____ ready, then decide she doesn't feel like going out. (spend/get)
- Jan never _____ at all tidy but now she's got her own flat, it's spotless! (used/be)
- When I was a first-year student, I _____ to do my homework. (forever/forget)

- 11 Janet _____ everything in her stride and is never daunted by any challenge. (tend/take)

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Vocabulary

3 Match 1–6 with a)–h). There are two options you do not need.

- 1 As no-one else seemed interested in the position, I put my c
- 2 Sarah literally became a household -----
- 3 Charlotte told me she was named -----
- 4 I think June said her maiden -----
- 5 After ten years in the industry, she's made -----
- 6 Although my given -----

- a) name is Christine, everyone calls me by my middle name: Emily.
- b) up to the family name and reputation that preceded her.
- c) ~~name forward for captain of our local cricket team.~~
- d) after her great-grandmother, who was an incredibly strong and determined woman.
- e) name only as she had no real political power or authority.
- f) name overnight after appearing on a popular reality TV show.
- g) name was Crayford before she married Pete and changed it to Bracey.
- h) a big name for herself in Hollywood. It's well deserved – she's a very talented actor.

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4 Complete the personality adjectives in the sentences.

- 1 Jane's son Harry is very *inquisitive* and always wants to know what's going on.
- 2 I wasn't surprised when Mandy's parents told me she was a very **r**_____ teenager. She still doesn't react well to being told what to do.
- 3 My sister often overreacts to things. She also becomes anxious when she can't control situations. She really is quite **n**_____.
- 4 Si's extremely **c**_____ and applies himself to everything he does. He's always methodical and meticulous when it comes to reports.
- 5 Nowadays a lot of people are **a**_____ when it comes to politics and so when it comes to election time, they don't bother to vote.
- 6 Lindsay will stubbornly refuse to change her opinion in spite of all attempts to persuade her otherwise. She's the most **o**_____ person I've ever met!

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5 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- 1 I had no idea Maggie was such an amazing singer. She's a *dark* horse.
- 2 Jenny is always so entertaining to have around as she's typically the _____ and soul of the party.
- 3 Jan is very set in her _____ so don't expect her to change now.
- 4 My brother's always felt like the black _____ of the family because he didn't go to university.
- 5 I generally try to ignore Chris, as he can be a real in the neck when you're trying to concentrate on your work.
- 6 Dan's been a mechanic for over thirty years now – you could say he's an old _____ at repairing cars.

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6 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- 1 The Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, in Malaysia, are a truly _____ landmark of the capital city.
a) *iconic* b) revealing c) judgemental
- 2 Turner's paintings always seem to me to truly the beauty of England's seascapes.
a) chart b) capture c) encourage
- 3 The newspaper was taken to court for publishing some _____ images taken when the celebrity couple were on a beach in Thailand.
a) inspiring b) revealing c) recognisable
- 4 Amsterdam will be host once more to an incredibly _____ array of photos at this year's exhibition of World Press photojournalists' best work.
a) striking b) iconic c) photographic
- 5 His poorly judged _____ comments on women in the workplace sparked outrage and caused a national uproar.
a) unique b) inspiring c) provocative
- 6 As a journalist she always strove to create headlines that would instantly attract the attention of readers.
a) iconic b) evocative c) photographic

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Function
7 Complete the conversation with a)–m) below. There are two options you do not need.

- 1 A: I ¹ *d* _____ Spencer's not going to make the match tonight.
B: Really? Why do you say that?
A: Well, I'd ² _____ that now he's with Suzanne, he's not going to feel so passionately about playing a bit of five-a-side with the boys on a Friday night.
- 2 A: If I had ³ _____ guess, I'd ⁴ _____ Warner is going to beat Linden.
B: Oh, I don't know. It ⁵ _____ though Linden is getting his second wind. I've seen him like before. What he does is he gives his opponent ⁶ _____ he's done for and then suddenly takes over the game!
A: Are you sure? It ⁷ _____ that he's exhausted. And he's limping too!
- 3 A: What's that weird sound in the garden?
B: I ⁸ _____ could be some sort of bird but I'm not sure. It could be a cat, or even a fox!
A: Mmm... I ⁹ _____ what we'll see if we keep watching. Do you want to stay up for a while? It could be kind of exciting!
- 4 A: You look ¹⁰ _____. Are you alright there, darling?
B: Erm ... I can't seem to find my phone. I'm ¹¹ _____ I left it in my jacket pocket but it's not there now. That's very odd.
B: Well, I tell you what. If I call your phone, perhaps we'll hear it ring ...

- a) a bit puzzled
- b) to make a
- c) guess it
- d) ~~reekon~~
- e) something knowing
- f) seems to me
- g) looks as
- h) hazard a guess
- i) pretty sure
- j) wonder
- k) the impression
- l) makes me
- m) say that

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Grammar
1 Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences. Tick the correct sentences.

- 1 If I've d listened to you, I would be in a much worse situation right now.
- 2 If you'd failed your driving test, how would you felt?
- 3 But for John's quick thinking, the boy would've been badly maimed for life.
- 4 We'll have helped you if we'd known you were in trouble. Why didn't you call us?
- 5 Ashley wouldn't have lived in Australia if he hadn't met Rachel but is very glad that he did.
- 6 If we hadn't forgotten to tell Jill where we were going. She'll be worried sick.
- 7 Now that he's in his twenties, Leigh is regretting playing truant at school when he was a teenager.
- 8 I wish you'd say that you'd be arriving early. I'm still at work!
- 9 Had he not gone to the university to study sports science, Joe would've joined the navy instead.
- 10 If you'd known he was an imposter, what would you do?
- 11 If only I didn't tell my boss what I really think. I'm not surprised he sacked me.

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

- 1 *Don't* you just hate being told what to do?! (hate/tell)
- 2 I _____ from Matt until tomorrow as I know he's very busy today. (expect/hear)
- 3 You _____ an opportunity _____ questions at the end of the lecture. (give/ask)
- 4 Esra _____ Mick some support but knew how difficult that might be. (want/offer)
- 5 Kim _____ Alex _____ the quiz as she was sure he'd do well. (encourage/enter)
- 6 Will was surprised when his boss asked him if he still _____ with him. (enjoy/working)
- 7 After seeing the doctor, Tom _____ another appointment for two weeks' time. (advise/make)
- 8 Although Jen _____ a few times, she never had. (contemplate/move)
- 9 Finally, they _____ the job. I expect they'll send us the bill now. (seem/finish)
- 10 Pam _____ in a noisy, crowded city and said nothing would make her move. (refuse/live)
- 11 I really _____ in front of a lot of people. I get very anxious. (dislike/speak)

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Vocabulary
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| 1 My father told me to always trust | <u>d</u> |
| 2 I'm glad that my science teacher always made us figure out | ----- |
| 3 It was only after a health scare that I realised I had been working myself | ----- |
| 4 Having never set up a company of my own before, I was on a very steep | ----- |
| 5 I was told that after I'd learnt | ----- |
| 6 If you always take advantage of | ----- |

- a) how to do our own experiments as it taught me to think more creatively and logically.
- b) learning curve for the first few years of trading.
- c) feeling which led me instinctively to make the right decision.
- d) ~~my instincts when making important decisions.~~
- e) the ropes, I'd really start enjoying the challenging of working in the company.
- f) into the ground in an attempt to make the business work.
- g) effect of being awarded a scholarship for further research.
- h) opportunities that come your way, you'll be surprised at what you can achieve in life.

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4 Complete the words in the sentences.

- 1 Being well qualified and ambitious, it didn't take Joel long to reach the peak of his profession.
- 2 My boss believes t is money and takes umbrage at anyone who wastes his.
- 3 Initially, the detectives found the witness's account of what had happened hard to s. It seemed so implausible.
- 4 The unexpected offer of a job managing the company's office in Hong Kong certainly gave Chan food for t.
- 5 After completing her research project, Katrina found herself at a c and had a difficult decision to make.
- 6 The business started to go d when it failed to react fast enough to changes occurring in the market.

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5 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

convincing eye-opening mind
 narrow-minded perspective preconceptions
 stereotypes thoughts

- 1 A new set of resources which will instigate discussion on racial stereotypes, particularly those which students have found to be untrue, is now being piloted in U.S. high schools.
- 2 Although she'd initially gone along with her friend's idea of doing a bungee jump, Jane began to have second _____ when they were standing on the bridge the following day.
- 3 Dealing with other people's _____ about depression added to Lee's anxiety when he returned to work.
- 4 While Liam looked the part, his ideas on how to turn the company around and make it a big success were far from _____.
- 5 If you imagine yourself in someone else's shoes, you may start to appreciate a whole new on life.
- 6 The documentary on social conditions in parts of the country really was _____. I hadn't expected it to be so revealing or shocking, to be honest.
- 7 The judge kept an open _____ and based her verdict on the evidence presented.
- 8 There's no point trying to change Bev's opinions. She's incredibly _____ and inflexible in her thinking and is never open to new ideas.

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6 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- 1 Look, there's nothing wrong with b your mind but sometimes you really should try to be more tactful!
 a) saying b) speaking c) talking
- 2 Just take anything Derek says with a pinch of salt; he loves _____ devil's advocate just to create a heated discussion.
 a) playing b) showing c) acting
- 3 If you truly believe that Robin's plan will sink the company, you can't _____ on the fence. You have to say something.
 a) get b) stay c) sit
- 4 Let's not _____ about the bush. You have ruined the company's reputation and we have lost faith in your integrity.
 a) hit b) beat c) boot

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Function

7 Underline the correct alternative in the sentences below.

- 1 The reality stands/is that we really don't know how secure our computer system is and that is why we need to hire an IT expert.
- 2 To my knowledge/reality, no other individual was involved in the scandal, only the one person accused.
- 3 As long/far as I'm concerned, the way in which the issue has been dealt with does comply with employment regulations.
- 4 See/Look at it this way, if we can buy more shares in the company, we'll have a bigger stake in it and therefore more control.
- 5 From what I can gather/take, employees are feeling increasingly disgruntled at the lack of transparency within the company.
- 6 I find it highly unlikely/unsure that the money from the robbery will ever be found. It's been two months and I think the trail's gone cold.
- 7 With/In reality, the economy is going to reach rock bottom before it starts making a recovery.
- 8 Quite honest/frankly, I don't understand why they awarded themselves a generous pay rise during the recent recession.
- 9 If you tell/ask me, most of these so-called celebrities are completely overrated. What skills or talents do they really have?
- 10 According to the statistics/figure, the majority of young people feel disenchanting with politicians and ambivalent about voting.
- 11 If you want my honest/really opinion, we should decline both offers and instead, come up with our bailout strategy.

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