

Vocabulary

1. Complete the sentences with the correct words below.

perfectionism stifling single-mindedness industrial estate subsistence optimism
 commitment perseverance cycle path harsh pedestrian crossing courageous
 tolerance inspirational remote inevitably speed bump road signs

1. _____ is the ability to feel hopeful about the future.
2. Safety concerns aren't a good enough reason for not using your bike. The _____ goes straight from your house to the office!
3. Demand for water will _____ become greater than supply.
4. It might have been _____ to enter a burning building, but the firemen didn't agree.
5. There are few people who I would say are heroes, but Malala Yousafzai is truly _____.
6. Her _____ meant that she set very high standards for herself.
7. I don't know why the car didn't slow down. The _____ was clearly marked. The engine must have been damaged.
8. Children often lack _____ and give up after the first setback.
9. _____ is about respecting and valuing other cultures.
10. It's easy to drive across Europe, but you must take time to familiarize yourself with the different _____ in different countries.
11. Much of Iceland is dominated by the _____ landscape of volcanoes and ice caps
12. It took the traveller four days to reach one of the most _____ hotels in the world.
13. The director thanked the actors for their _____ to the play.
14. The meeting was at the _____ on the edge of the city. It's full of large warehouses and small factories, so it's a perfect location for the company.
15. My great-grandparents led a _____ lifestyle, growing their own food.
16. His _____ completely focused him on completing the race.
17. There's too much traffic near the school in the mornings. Thankfully, plans for a new _____ have been approved. It will be so much safer for the children.
18. He found living with his parents too _____ and wanted to leave home.



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2. Multiple choice.

1. He couldn't _____ the news that he had lost his job.
a overcome **b** get over **c** conquer
2. Failing his maths exam was a major _____ to his hopes of going to university.
a benefit **b** adversity **c** blow
3. Tablets are an example of _____ and _____ technology.
a outdated **b** innovative **c** revolutionary
4. She won the Nobel Prize for her _____ research into cancer.
a conquered **b** ground-breaking **c** outdated
5. Fresh vegetables are said to have several health _____.
a obstacles **b** profits **c** benefits
6. Badly behaved students are a _____ to others who are trying to learn.
a blow **b** benefit **c** hindrance

3. Match the words (1–8) to the definitions (A–H).

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| 1. self-interest | A | the act of giving up something for others |
| 2. self-control | B | thinking too much about yourself |
| 3. self-assurance | C | the ability to not show your emotions |
| 4. self-preservation | D | being concerned for your own needs only |
| 5. self-defence | E | not being concerned about your own interests |
| 6. self-sacrifice | F | confidence in your own ability |
| 7. selflessness | G | the basic instinct to protect yourself |
| 8. self-obsession | H | the act of protecting yourself |

4 Complete the sentences with the words below and circle the correct prepositions.

benefits responsibility handful respect knowledge

- 1 There are many _____ **of / for** a degree in foreign languages.
- 2 Only a _____ **of / for** people live on the small island.
- 3 Not all societies have a great _____ **of / for** older people.
- 4 The best learners can take _____ **of / for** their own learning.
- 5 Teachers often have less _____ **of / for** new technology than their students.



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5 Match the words below to the words in bold with a similar meaning. There are extra words

conundrum attentive striking interim haggard a great deal incremental neglected
worthwhile abandoned thriving efficient renovated unappealing pointless

1. The business experienced a **slow, steady** growth. _____
2. The new park was **good value for money**, as people used it often. _____
3. The detective was famous for his ability to solve any **difficult problem**. _____
4. The centre was **not attractive** and put customers off shopping there. _____
5. The government introduced many new laws during that **period**. _____
6. The sighted guide was very **helpful** to his blind companion. _____
7. Amy looked **tired and ill** after her long illness. _____
8. The artists turned an old church into a **busy**, successful arts centre. _____
9. After the gallery was **cleaned and repainted**, more people visited it. _____
- 10 It was **no use** arguing with him, as he'd already made his decision. _____
- 11 Charities want the government to make better use of **empty** buildings. _____

6 Complete the sentences with the adjective form of the words in brackets.

- 1 The abandoned building was only _____ (access) through a small dark street.
- 2 The community elders had a _____ (value) knowledge of herbal medicine.
- 3 The benefits of drinking green tea are _____ (consider).
- 4 The river was made _____ (navigate) for small boats.
- 5 The pathway was not _____ (vision) in the fog.
- 6 She did not find her working conditions _____ (accept), so she left her job.
- 7 It was not _____ (sense) to travel alone across the country.

Grammar

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

1. Recently his perfectionism _____ (become) an obstacle in our relationship.
2. While she _____ (travel) in the jungle, she _____ (conquer) her fear of spiders.
3. At the moment I _____ (study) to become a lawyer.
4. The charity _____ (raise) millions for sick children last year.
5. He _____ (try) to solve this conundrum for years, but he not have an answer yet.

2. Write sentences using the past perfect or past perfect continuous.

1. By 2011 / he / work / at the hospital for ten years.
_____.
2. I / never / visit / someone in prison before.
_____.
3. At that time / she / live / in Prague for six months.
_____.
4. He / just / start dinner / when the doorbell rang.
_____.

3. Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. The hospital staff have bought a new X-ray machine with the money they **have raised** / **raised** / **had raised** last year.
2. When she left university she **studied** / **had studied** / **had been studying** for four years.
3. Back at work, Bill couldn't believe that the week before he **was lying** / **had been lying** / **lay** on a beach.
4. The school **penalized** / **had penalized** / **had been penalizing** Joe after he damaged one of the classrooms.
5. Zahara **overcame** / **was overcoming** / **had been overcoming** many obstacles to get to England.
6. His sister's mobile **has rung** / **rang** / **had been ringing** all morning, so he switched it off.
7. I **never saw** / **have never seen** / **have never been seeing** anyone with such a striking resemblance to my mother before.
8. Ari's life **has been** / **had been** / **had been being** difficult before his family left the country.



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4 Choose the best future form for each sentence.

1. The next train **leaves / will leave** at 10:15.
2. That baby doesn't look happy. He'll / **'s going to** scream any minute!
3. We'll eat / **'re eating** at that new restaurant tonight. I've reserved a table for four.
4. I don't think they'll find / **'re finding** that remote church without a map.
5. The shop probably **won't have / isn't having** a sale before Christmas.
6. I'm going to / 'll give up meat and become vegetarian. I decided last week.
7. I hope we'll see / **'re seeing** some fireworks tonight.
8. Zoe **is going to / might** win the game, but it all depends on her fitness level.

5 Complete the sentences using the future continuous, future perfect or the future perfect continuous.

1. By this time next year Sarah _____ (graduate) from university.
2. We _____ (not finish) cooking before the guests arrive.
3. _____ (you / take) photos at the wedding?
4. How long _____ (he / travel) with the band when he finally gets home?
5. By the time they stop hunting gorillas, their numbers _____ (decrease) dramatically.
6. This time tomorrow you _____ (wake up) from your operation.
7. Dan _____ (complete) the repairs in the kitchen by Monday.
8. When she finishes the marathon she _____ (run) for three hours.
9. Steph _____ (not finish) her dissertation by the end of term.

6 Complete the sentences with the time words below and the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

as soon as by the time while unless until as long as in case

1. _____ they _____ (clean) the windows, we'll be washing the car.
2. Scientists will continue research _____ they _____ (find) a cure for cancer.
3. _____ he _____ (get) home, we'll start dinner immediately.
4. _____ she _____ (arrive), the concert will have finished.
5. I'll wait at home _____ she _____ (come) to collect her books.
6. _____ it _____ (stop) raining, we can't have a picnic in the park.
7. _____ we _____ (catch) the train, we'll get to the cinema on time.