

## Level 11 – Unit 9 - Use of English 1



3 Complete the article with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.  
Add a preposition if necessary.

# Find your **perfect** pet through an algorithm

Few would deny <sup>1</sup> ..... (feel) concerned about the problem of pets that are abandoned because their owners can't look after them.

However, a new service claims <sup>2</sup> ..... (ease) the process of rehousing them for everyone involved.

Pet-matching company Pawslikeme have boasted <sup>3</sup> ..... (use) an algorithm that will help match potential dog owners with their perfect pet with astonishing accuracy. Founder Elizabeth Holmes insists <sup>4</sup> ..... (it / be) possible to achieve a ninety percent accuracy rate with their search engine algorithm.

Existing pet owners are advised <sup>5</sup> ..... (complete) a personality assessment for their furry friends. Then new owners agree <sup>6</sup> ..... (meet) certain criteria for the pet, such as the size of the garden, the ages of the other members of the household and any pre-existing pets. New owners are urged <sup>7</sup> ..... (consider) their human lifestyle considerations very carefully before being matched with unique canine qualities, such as energy levels, independence and the need for affection. The company admits <sup>8</sup> ..... (adapt) their assessment from work in the fields of animal behaviour and veterinary psychology.



4 Read the exam tip and complete the task.

### exam tip: key word transformation

In reported speech, don't forget to change pronouns and adverbs where necessary.

**What do these words change to in reported speech?**

I – .....

tonight – .....

here – .....

**5 e** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between three and six words.

1 Olivia said that hurting John's feelings wasn't intentional.

**MEAN**

Olivia said that she

..... John's  
feelings.

2 Emily said I'd done something wrong.

**BLAMED**

Emily .....

something wrong.

3 The man said, 'It was me that let the dog out.'

**CONFESSED**

The man .....

the dog out.

4 'I'm going to have to say that I made this mistake,' said Diana.

**ADMIT**

Diana said she was going to have to

..... mistake.

5 Max said, 'I won't go with you tonight, Susie'.

**REFUSED**

Max .....

Susie that night.

6 Jack said he shouldn't have kept so many animals in his flat.

**REGRETTED**

Jack .....

a lot of animals in his flat.