

## 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.