

UNIT 1

Perfect and continuous aspect

1 Complete the sentences with the correct continuous, perfect or perfect continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I'm going through a hard time and right now I _____ (find) it difficult to communicate with people.
- 2 My friend and I met when we _____ (take part) in a holiday art course.
- 3 This time tomorrow I _____ (get) ready to go out to a party that I'm really looking forward to.
- 4 She _____ (prepare) for the dance competition for a long time, and then at the last moment she had to give it up.
- 5 I hope by the time I'm thirty I _____ (discover) what I want to do in life.
- 6 At the end of this month I _____ (play) with the band for a whole year.
- 7 I don't know what's happened to Claire; she used to be very easy-going, but now she _____ (become) so stubborn and difficult that it's not easy working with her.

Personality and relationships Adjectives Collocations Phrases

1 Complete the sentences with the missing words. The first and the last letters of the words have been given.

- 1 It feels good to know you have a f_____l friend who will stand by you in difficult situations.
- 2 Being o_____e may be good when you have to overcome difficulties, but it becomes a problem when a compromise is necessary.
- 3 I try to be c_____e, to pay attention to other people's feelings and wishes.
- 4 If you want to have a useful discussion, it's important to start with an u_____d attitude, not with a fixed opinion of your opponent's ideas.
- 5 She has an incredibly s_____p mind; she will spot a logical mistake in any argument.

2 Choose the best option. (WRITE THE LETTER)

- 1 I'm impressed with anyone who can hear very good or very bad news and not _____ an eyelid.
A open B close C bat
- 2 When you think of the hardships the refugees _____, it makes you feel for them.
A suffered B had C took
- 3 In the end, I _____ my foot down and just told everyone what to do.
A stamped B put C set
- 4 Adding another storey to your house _____ the approval of the city planning authority.
A acquires B requires C compels
- 5 There's no need to feel sorry for me; I do this work of my own _____ will.
A free B voluntary C independent

3 Complete the sentences with the missing prepositions.

- 1 I think it is sometimes a mistake to always try to see the best _____ people.
- 2 My Art teacher looked at my work and nodded _____ approval without saying anything.
- 3 People sometimes blot _____ unhappy memories so effectively that they really cannot recall them.
- 4 Don't leave work until later, just get on _____ it and then you'll have some time to yourself.
- 5 I was impressed with the way he managed to put _____ a brave face after his defeat.

Future in the past

Transform the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than five words in each gap, including the words in CAPITALS.

1 I was going to get really angry in another moment, but my friend's joke defused the situation.

VERGE

I was _____ very angry, but my friend's joke defused the situation.

2 It was Hannah's job to inform everyone and she forgot about it.

SUPPOSED

Hannah _____ everyone and she forgot about it.

3 We were on the point of leaving when my phone rang.

ABOUT

We _____ when my phone rang.

4 Everyone hoped the important guest was going to arrive soon.

WOULD

Everyone hoped _____ soon.

5 I knew exactly who I was going to talk to in the next three hours.

TALKING

I knew exactly who I _____ in the next three hours.