UNIT 2

Abstract nouns with and without *a/an*

1 Complete the sentences with the correct words from the box.

clue	hope	hurry	sleep	understanding

1 I think I have a good _____ of how this software works and what can be done with it.
2 I don't have a _____ of getting a place at Oxford or Cambridge; my results are not good enough.
3 I'm sorry, I'm in a bit of a _____ right now, but I'll call you back later, OK?
4 Before an exam or competition, it's important to get a good night's _____.
5 I haven't got a _____ where I've put those notes! And I need them now!

2 Write *a, an* or – (no article) in the gaps.

1 Visiting a traditional boarding school in the UK was _____ interesting experience for me.
2 I don't find _____ pleasure in criticising other people.
3 When I think about how a good society should be organised, sooner or later I return to the question of _____ education.
4 My friend was _____ great help when I needed cheering up before the exam.
5 Do you believe _____ love is what makes people happy?

Speculating

1 Choose the correct form. WRITE THE LETTER

1 You must ___ terribly nervous in the oral exam. You looked so pale.
A have felt
B be feeling
C feel
2 He ___ have completed the training yet, there hasn't been enough time.
A can't
B must
C may
3 The art studio at my school is very old; it ___ before my mother went to this school.
A must have created
B must have been created
C may be creating
4 He ___ to revise; perhaps that's why he's not answering the phone.
A may be trying
B may try
C could have been trying
5 Why don't you talk to the instructor and tell her how you feel? She ___ it.
A can't realise
B may not realise
C could have realised
6 We've been thinking about taking up dancing, and ___ a beginners' salsa class next month.
A will probably join
B probably will join
C will join probably
7 These vocal exercises ___ ridiculous to you, but all professional singers do them.
A can't sound
B could be sounding
C may sound

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2 Complete the sentences using the words in brackets in the correct forms. Add other words if necessary, but do not change the order of the given words. Use no more than six words in each gap.

1 She _____ (must / practise) a long time in order to achieve this level.
2 Lily _____ (may / find) a new dance partner by now.
3 Where did these kids get such expensive equipment? It _____ (must / lend) them.
4 You _____ (can / not / learn) that much by just watching and copying. Did someone teach you?

Studying and exams Synonyms Phrasal verbs Phrases to describe being relaxed/stressed

1 Choose the correct option. WRITE THE LETTER

1 I remember a student in my class who was always late and used to _____ up the strangest excuses.
A invent **B** cook **C** take
2 Ever since I remember, adults have been _____ it into us that school results are the most important thing in life.
A insisting **B** telling **C** hammering
3 I'm afraid of speaking in public; I have to _____ up all my courage to even give a presentation in class.
A summon **B** collect **C** use
4 We've been studying so hard; let's go out tonight to _____ up a little.
A lighten **B** amuse **C** relax
5 You don't understand how I feel. You've always _____ through exams without any difficulty.
A swum **B** rushed **C** sailed

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

1 It wasn't easy to calm her down – she was a **b**_____**e** of nerves.
2 You'll find it easier to relax if you keep things in **p**_____**e**.
3 I'd revised that topic thoroughly, but when the examiner asked me the first question my mind just went **b**_____**k**.
4 When the reporter returned home from the war zone, his family felt as if a **w**_____**t** had been lifted.
5 With the right attitude, exams don't have to make you a nervous **w**_____**k**.

3 Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are more words than you need.

calm looming minefield pounding regurgitating stride

1 With exams _____, everyone is under a lot of stress.
2 As he entered the room, his hands were sweaty and his heart was _____.
3 I wouldn't start a discussion on this topic at a party. It's a _____ – it'd be very easy to offend someone and make a few enemies.
4 I feel I've been doing nothing but memorising facts and then _____ them.
5 He's very confident and generally takes everything in his _____.

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