Unit 8

Reporting verb patterns

1 Choose the correct option.

1 The accused man denied ___ the money.
A to steal
B that he hadn't stolen
C having stolen

2 The blackmailer threatened ___ the photos to the man's employer.
A sending
B him to send
C to send

3 The angry visitor insisted ___ to the editor of the newspaper.
A to talk
B on talking
C that he talked

4 She apologised sincerely ___ the unverified gossip about us.
A that she repeated
B having repeated
C for repeating

5 Someone informed ___ a photo of me that I knew nothing about on Facebook.
A me that there was
B that there was
C of seeing

6 The president's advisers persuaded him ___ on his communication skills.
A to work
B that he work
C about working

7 At the meeting two members of our group proposed ___ the design of our website to suit mobile phones better.
A to change
B that we change
C us changing

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 four words in each gap.

1 I congratulated _____ (she / win) the award.

2 Someone accused _____ (he / post) anonymous offensive comments on social media.

3 My parents suggested _____ (I / share) my location with them through my smartphone, so that they'd always know where I am.

4 The tabloids reported _____ (see / the actress) with an unidentified young man.

Passive reporting structures

Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than six words in each gap.

1 It is believed that the two reporters have been living in the rebel camp in the mountains for the last month.
The two reporters _____ in the rebel camp in the mountains for the last month.

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2 People say their video materials are attracting more viewers every day.
Their video materials _____ more viewers every day.

3 It is reported that the film cost 300 million dollars to make.
The film _____ 300 million dollars to make.

4 It is considered that reality TV stars are 'famous for being famous'.
Reality TV stars _____ 'famous for being famous'.

5 People think some teenagers imitate the behaviour of participants in popular TV shows.
Some teenagers _____ the behaviour of participants in popular TV shows.

Information and the mind Prefixes Verb-noun collocations Phrases with *mind*

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

1 I'm in two **m**_____**s** – should I go straight to university or should I take a year off to work and travel?
2 He kept asking me personal questions until I finally told him to mind his own **b**_____**s**.
3 My eyes are sore and I get headaches; all those hours in front of a computer are taking their **t**_____**l**.
4 I can't do several things at the same time: **m**_____**g** is definitely not my strong point.
5 Let's not **o**_____**e** the problem: it's not as serious as it seems.
6 He follows a **s**_____ **i**_____ regime of work, study and physical exercise.

2 Choose the best option. WRITE THE LETTER

1 I think you can do it if you _____ your mind to it.
A give **B** put **C** concentrate
2 You want to put these photos on the Internet? You must be _____ your mind!
A off **B** away from **C** out of
3 My family problems _____ on my mind a good deal.
A weigh **B** lie **C** sit
4 Why do people choose to _____ their thoughts with pointless news about the private lives of celebrities?
A clutter **B** crowd **C** pack
5 Has it ever _____ your mind that that your opinions might be wrong?
A passed **B** crossed **C** noticed

3 Complete the sentences with the words formed from the words in CAPITALS using prefixes.

1 When she tried to get at the truth, the journalist encountered a web of secrecy and _____ (INFORMATION).

2 It is a place where the modern and the traditional _____ (EXIST) in harmony.

3 When playing games, never _____ (ESTIMATE) your opponent. Assume he or she is strong and do your best.

4 On some days the information _____ (LOAD) is so bad it makes my head ache.

5 The people weren't unfriendly, but I think they treated us with _____ (TRUST): we were strangers and they didn't know what to expect of us.

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