

USE OF ENGLISH

1. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word given.

1 This kind of heat is normal for us.

USED

We are used to this kind of heat.

2 One or two of our friends will come over later.

FEW

A _____ coming over later.

3 I can't wait to see them.

FORWARD

I'm _____ seeing them.

4 We didn't know about the issue, so we didn't help.

IF

We _____ we'd known about the issue.

5 Clare's nearly the same height as you.

TALL

Clare's almost _____ you.

6 It's possible that you'll have to take some money.

NEED

You _____ some money with you.

2. Complete the text with one word in each gap.

If you enjoy thrillers, or true-life crime stories, then you ¹ will love this week's recommendation. Recently I've ² _____ reading *The Father* by Anton Svensson. I've ³ _____ liked Nordic noir, and I'm intrigued by stories about the bonds of family, but I think everyone will find something of interest in this story. The writing is well-paced

and the characters are really believable. But what makes it ⁴ _____ a fascinating story is that it is written by the younger brother of the main characters – a group of young men ⁵ _____ robbed banks during the 1990s in Sweden. It is thought that the brothers were the ⁶ _____ effective bank robbers in Europe at that time. As the drama unfolds, the police have a great ⁷ _____ of footage of the robberies, but ⁸ _____ ideas about who they are dealing with. Leading the investigation is a tough detective who won't give up, but this isn't another stereotypical crime novel. Just when you are getting ⁹ _____ to the story taking a more formulaic route, it changes to become a very personal account of a family in crisis. It's this honest and sensitive approach which makes an already exciting book all the more original. One word of warning – once you start you ¹⁰ _____ not be able to put it down! And with a sequel ¹¹ _____ to be published soon, now is a good time to immerse yourself in the drama.

3. Match 1–6 with a)–f).

- 1 The last time I saw her she gave me the cold d
2 Don't worry, I'm sure there's a rational ___
3 To be honest, you shouldn't take ___
4 If you want to be happier, try to live ___
5 I've read your complaint and I'll look ___
6 She's never seemed comfortable in her own ___

- a) into what can be done about it.
b) skin – I don't think she's a very happy person.
c) his support for granted. He may change his mind.
d) shoulder – I don't think we see eye to eye.
e) in the moment, instead of worrying about the future.
f) explanation for this, although it may not seem like it.

4. Underline the correct alternative.

1 I suppose they lead quite an *active/alternative* lifestyle – they start each morning with yoga and meditation.

2 He's definitely a bit of a telly *addict/junkie* – once the football season starts he's always on the sofa.

3 We make the furniture here, on site, then it goes to our *factory/warehouse* to be distributed.

4 I know that they want to keep the business in the family, but they should really *do/make* a deal with the bank to get extra funding.

5 *Literally/Realistically* thousands of students applied for a place on the course.

6 She's on a decent *income/salary* in her current job so she should think carefully before moving on.

7 I've never had such a *hideous/terrifying* experience before – I was sure the plane was going to crash.

8 The latest report *proves/suggests* conclusively that education standards are in decline.

9 Our project has been set up to *measure/monitor* changes in air pollution over a year and offer any solutions.

10 Sadly, what he wrote was incredibly *flawed/misleading* – I'm not sure I'll be able to trust his opinions in future.

5. Match gaps 1–6 in the conversation with a)–f) below.

A: ¹ f that in a few years people will be talking about him as one of the most influential artists of the 21st century.

B: Really? ² _____ is that he's very good at getting publicity, but doesn't really have any talent.

- A: ³ ____ how can you even say that? He's doing things that nobody else has even thought about.
- B: ⁴ ____ there are so many people who are far more talented, but just don't get the attention they deserve.
- A: ⁵ ____ you aren't interested in coming to his latest exhibition, then. I got a couple of tickets for the opening event.
- B: ⁶ ____ I could give it a go. You never know, I might change how I feel about him ...

- a) No way!
- b) Well, perhaps
- c) I guess
- d) The way I see it
- e) In my opinion
- f) You can take it from me

6. Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box. There are two phrases you do not need.

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- 1 I've got this *feeling that* things are going to change around here.
- 2 I'm _____ that we should be discussing this.
- 3 What's your _____ the way the government has tried to control the media?
- 4 There's _____ that so many people can be wrong.
- 5 Can I have a minute? _____ I need you to do something about this mess.
- 6 There's _____ about it – she's going to get elected this time.

7. Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 According to/*With* recent studies, the level of happiness has increased in this country.
- 2 My parents saw that I was a talented runner. *Consequently*/*Furthermore*, they encouraged me to join an athletics club.
- 3 While the story is quite entertaining, it's fairly *persuasive*/*unconvincing* in parts – it's quite outdated too.
- 4 The *object*/*objective* is to provide data on the population density in the city.
- 5 Once again, I apologise for any inconvenience caused. *All the best*/*Yours sincerely*,
T.R. Jones.
- 6 This story *is placed*/*takes place* in a small village high in the mountains.