

## EXERCISES

### PREPOSITIONS

#### A Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 She's attached ..... the Department of Health.
- 2 She really reminds me ..... my mother.
- 3 The book is translated ..... English from French.
- 4 There was a lack ..... interest in the idea.
- 5 The city walls defend them ..... attacks.
- 6 He's always very patient ..... his little sister.
- 7 The visitor was embarrassed ..... her accent.
- 8 We struggled ..... paying for our holiday.
- 9 There won't be sufficient food ..... everyone!

### WORD FAMILIES

#### B Complete the expressions with the correct form of the word in bold.

- 1 **achieve** success a great .....
- 2 **present** a paper give a .....
- 3 be **fluent** in Spanish speak three languages .....
- 4 **appreciate** good food show great ..... for her cooking
- 5 have no **ambition** be an ..... student
- 6 **behave** badly be rewarded for good .....

#### C Which TWO words in the box below are NOT both a noun and verb?

|         |        |          |         |      |
|---------|--------|----------|---------|------|
| present | master | struggle | possess | lack |
| limit   | attend | gesture  |         |      |

### COLLOCATIONS

#### D Complete the collocations with the verbs in the box. Look up the verbs if you need help.

|        |        |        |         |         |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| master | attend | get by | give up | pick up |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|

- 1 ..... a language easily
- 2 ..... in French
- 3 ..... a conference
- 4 ..... the art of language learning
- 5 ..... trying

#### E Match the nouns to the verbs. Look up the nouns (a-f) if you need help.

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 to download   | a) patience    |
| 2 to lose your  | b) the basics  |
| 3 to switch on  | c) legend      |
| 4 to start with | d) software    |
| 5 to be a       | e) an ambition |
| 6 to have       | f) an engine   |

### PHRASAL VERBS

#### F Choose the correct phrasal verb.

- 1 I'm not very good with computers but I *get by* / *give up*.
- 2 He's very intelligent. He *picks things up* / *gets by* very quickly.
- 3 A man *came up* / *went out* to him and asked him where he was going.
- 4 She *gave up* / *got by* trying to persuade them to attend the meeting.

### PATTERNS

#### G Put the verb in brackets into the correct form (to + infinitive or -ing).

- 1 We struggled ..... her because she spoke very fast. (understand)
- 2 She lacked the ability ..... a big team of people? (manage)
- 3 I gave up ..... for them when it started to rain. (wait)
- 4 The teacher tried to motivate her students ..... more. (study)
- 5 My job sometimes involves ..... at weekends. (work)
- 6 He rushed ..... the door. (open)