Building up Vocabulary

1 Match the words (1–8) with their definitions (a–h).

1.	To bang	a) to prepare a book, piece of film etc for printing or broadcasting by removing the mistakes;
2.	To relieve	b) a long, narrow connecting way, esp. inside the building;
3.	A turnip	c) to move suddenly and quickly in a particular direction;
4.	A cane	d) a natural tendency to behave in a particular way;
5.	To spring	e) a large round pale yellow vegetable that grows under the ground, or the plant that produces it;
6.	An instinct	f) a long thin stick with a curved handle that you can use to help you walk or punish other people;
7.	To edit	g) to hit something hard, making a loud noise;
8.	A passageway	h) a small green fruit that grows on a bush with thorns;
9.	Gooseberry	i) to reduce someone's pain or unpleasant feelings.

2 Choose the correct word from Ex. 1 to complete the sentences.

1. The newspaper editor_____letters before printing them.
2. Tom_____out of bed and ran downstairs.
3. He pulled all the_____in a half-ripe condition.
4. He led me down a narrow _____.
5. Most animals have an_____to protect their young.
6. We_____to hear that you had arrived safely.
7. I was often punished with a_____when I was a child.
8. Stop_____on the door.
9. _____taste sour and are usually cooked to make jam.

3 Choose the correct item to complete the sentences:

1. I had some doubts when I agreed to edit ..... .
   a) an agricultural magazine
   b) an agricultural paper
   c) a book on agriculture
2. I was naturally pleased with ..... .
   a) their admiration

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b) his attention
c) their attention

3. Great care is necessary in looking after ..... .
   a) the turnip
   b) the guano
   c) the pumpkin

4. It is the first time I ever heard of man's having to know anything in order to ..... .
   a) establish a newspaper
   b) edit the newspaper
   c) read the newspaper

5. I .....that ever an agricultural paper had.
   a) have written the best articles
   b) have included the best photos
   c) have given you the best class or readers

4 Number the events in order they happen in the story.

____ A. I was naturally pleased with the attention of a group of men and boys.

____ B. But the editor has taken a great load off the mind of a long pale

____ C. After his coming back the regular editor was displeased with the reputation of the paper.

____ D. I took the offer of the regular editor of the paper.

____ E. Nevertheless, the new editor has done his duty.

____ F. The old person who was displeased by the paper, got up, tore his paper into small pieces, broke several things with his cane, went out and banged the door after him.

5 Say and tick the statements T (True) or F (False).

____ 1. The young man agreed to edit an agricultural magazine.

____ 2. Every year millions and millions of turnips are spoiled by being pulled in a half-ripe condition.

____ 3. In the winter the pumpkin should be kept in a warm place.

____ 4. The regular editor was looking happy after his holiday.

____ 5. The street out here is full of people who think that you are crazy.

____ 6. You are the loser in this situation, not me.

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