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There are always three speeches, for every one you actually gave.
The one you practiced, the one you gave, and the one you wish you had given.
Dale Carnegie, American lecturer

10B The power of words

1 READING

a Read the article once. Why didn't Marlon Brando accept his Oscar?

b Read the article again and choose the correct answer.

1 For the writer, the most interesting part of the Oscars ceremony is when...
   a we find out who has won each category.
   b the celebrities pose for photographs.
   c the winners speak.
   d we see excerpts from the nominated movies.

2 When Sacheen Littlefeather went up on stage, she...
   a refused to accept the Oscar statuette.
   b greeted the two presenters.
   c announced the winning actor.
   d turned off the microphone.

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3 Marlon Brando was protesting because he thought that the movie industry should...
   a employ more Native Americans in their movies.
   b apologize to Native Americans.
   c return the Pine Ridge reservation to Native Americans.
   d stop contributing to a negative stereotype of Native Americans.

4 While Ms. Littlefeather was speaking, the people in the audience...
   a sat in silence.
   b were divided in their opinion.
   c showed their support.
   d wanted her to stop.

5 After Marlon Brando's boycott, the organizers of the ceremony...
   a declared their support for Native Americans.
   b reduced the length of acceptance speeches.
   c changed the rules for who could pick up Oscars.
   d gave an award to Sacheen Littlefeather.

Reading: Confusion and controversy at the Oscars

Every year, movie-goers all over the world eagerly await the annual Academy Awards ceremony, better known as the Oscars. The red carpet is rolled out, the actors are photographed in their elegant **gowns** and **tuxedos**, and the winners are announced. And then comes the moment of truth: the acceptance speeches. Some of these are more memorable than others, but none will be remembered more than one that was made at the 45th Academy Awards ceremony of 1973. This is what happened.

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The moment had arrived for the announcement of the winner of the Oscar for Best Actor. The award was to be presented by Roger Moore, who was the current fames Bond, and Norwegian actress Liv Ullman. The two opened the envelope and announced the name of the winner: Marlon Brando for his role as Vito Corleone in the movie The Godfather. To everyone's surprise, it was not Mr. Brando who came on stage, but a young woman in Native American dress. The woman was a Native American activist named Sacheen Littlefeather. She proceeded to **brush aside** Roger Moore when he tried to give her the statuette and made her way toward the microphone. Here she gave a 60-second speech introducing herself, explaining why she was there instead of the famous actor, and apologizing for interrupting the ceremony. The audience - and the presenters - were shocked!

The reason for Mr. Brando's absence was that he was **boycotting** the ceremony. In previous years, he had become increasingly upset by the treatment of American Indians on television and in movies, where they were always **portrayed** as savage and evil. He was also very concerned about an **ongoing** incident on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Tired of their corrupt leader, who was backed by the US government, a group of armed Native Americans had taken over the town of Wounded Knee. At the time of the Oscar ceremony, the Native Americans were still **holding** the town against US officials, including the FBI.

Mr. Brando had written down the reasons for his boycott in a 15-page speech that he had given Ms. Littlefeather to read at the ceremony. The organizers, however, had prohibited her from making this speech, so she had **gone ahead** and improvised with her own much shorter version, which **caused quite a stir** Halfway through, some of the audience started **booing** and others began to cheer. Yet she continued bravely to the end and then allowed the two presenters to escort her **backstage**, where she shared Mr. Brando's original speech with the press. The next day it was printed **in its entirety** in the New York Times.

Ms. Littlefeather received several death threats after her intervention at the Oscar ceremony, but she continued fighting for the cause and still works with the Native American community today. The Wounded Knee incident finished after 73 days and succeeded in making Americans more aware of the injustice suffered by American Indians in their country. And as far as the Oscar ceremony is concerned, it was the last time that an actor was allowed to nominate someone else to accept an award on his or her behalf.

2 GRAMMAR articles

a Complete the sayings with *a*, *an*, *the*, or no article (—).

1 All you need is — love.
2 He's _____ man of his word.
3 _____ women are from Venus; _____ men are from Mars.
4 _____ time waits for no man.
5 Don't worry! It's not _____ end of _____ world!
6 That's _____ life!
7 It's _____ small world.
8 _____ actions speak louder than _____ words.

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b Complete the sentences with *the* where necessary.



1 The toy industry in ___ China is the biggest in the world.



2 There are 50 states in ___ US.



3 ___ 5 Freeway was closed yesterday because of the floods.



4 ___ Central Park is one of ___ largest green spaces in New York City.



5 Edmund Hillary was ___ first man to climb ___ Mount Everest.



6 ___ Lake Victoria is ___ largest lake in ___Africa.



7 ___ Panama Canal connects the Atlantic Ocean to ___ Pacific Ocean.



8 ___ Balearic Islands are situated in ___ Mediterranean Sea.

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c Right (✓) or wrong (✗)? Correct the mistakes in the highlighted phrases.

1 The college in my town has a very good reputation. ✓

2 Mae-Ting can't still be at the work. It's really late. ✗ *at work*

3 The man has gone to the prison for the crimes he committed when he was younger. _____

4 Daisy takes advantage of the time her children are at the school to take an online course. _____

5 The prison is on the outskirts of the city. _____

6 Somebody broke into my parents' house while they were at the church. _____

7 Did you have time to finish the work I left for you? _____

8 My boyfriend's in the college. He's studying architecture. _____

9 My brother teaches at the elementary school that we both attended. _____

10 The church in my village dates back to the fifteenth century. _____

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3 VOCABULARY collocation: word pairs

a Find the word pairs in the box and link them with *and* or *or*. Then complete the sentences.

all	bed	breakfast	fork	~~jelly~~	knife	later	less
more	never	nothing	now	once	peace		
~~peanut butter~~	pepper	quiet	salt	sooner	twice		

1 Would you like a *peanut butter and jelly* sandwich for lunch today?

2 I enjoy the _____ of the countryside when we go for a walk.

3 I got a new wisdom tooth. I suppose I'll have to go to the dentist _____.

4 It takes a long time for children to learn how to eat with a _____ well.

5 We stayed in a cheap _____ when we visited Toronto.

6 Nathan has _____ finished his homework – all he has to do now is to print it out.

7 It's _____ with Sue; either she calls every day or you don't hear from her for weeks.

8 This soup doesn't have any taste. Can you pass the _____,please?

9 Patricia's about to leave, so it's _____ – I may not get another chance to ask her out.

10 I've been skiing _____, but I'm not very good at it.

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b Complete the word pair idioms.

1 There wasn't much left at the furniture sale, just a few o*dds* and e_____.
2 I'm s_____ and t_____ of having to clean up after my children.
3 She left her husband because there wasn't any g_____ and t_____ in their marriage.
4 My life has its u_____ and d_____, but in general I'm very happy.
5 The streets were very dangerous because of the lack of l_____ and o_____ in the city.
6 We arrived s_____ and s_____ after a three-day journey through the mountains.
7 I have no idea what we're having for lunch because my wife told me to w_____ and s_____.
8 We go to the movies n_____ and a_____, but more often than not we just watch a movie on TV.

5 LISTENING



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a iChecker Listen to a radio program about an English king with a stammer. Choose the correct answer.

1 The king with the stammer was…
   a George V.
   b Edward VIII.
   c George VI.

2 The man who helped him overcome his stammer was…
   a his wife's therapist.
   b an actor.
   c his father's doctor.

3 The King had to give his most important speech…
   a at the end of the British Empire Exhibition.
   b when his brother abdicated as King.
   c at the beginning of an international conflict.

b Listen again and answer the questions.

1 What was the King's name when he was a child?
2 What did his father make him do?
3 Who was unkind to him when he was little?
4 In which year did he make his first disastrous speech?
5 How did his father's doctors try to treat him?
6 Where did his new therapist treat him?
7 How long was it before the treatment showed results?
8 Why did his brother abdicate?
9 Who was with the King when he made his important speech?
10 What did the therapist say after the speech that was unusual?

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