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1 Complete the blog post using these words. There are two extra words you do not need.

a alike b contrast c distinct d identical e like f nothing resembles g same h

I am [1]_____ like my younger brother when it comes to technology. Where I have one electronic device, Luke has several. His latest passion is robots: he currently has three. He has one called Pepper, which [2]_____ a human in the way it very cleverly appears to understand emotions. He has another robot which, in [3]_____ to Pepper, knows nothing about emotions, but is very good for giving reminders, making the home secure and for entertaining his two children. His third robot is absolutely [4]_____ to the second one in terms of what it can do and to me they even look [5]_____ too. However, his children seem to prefer it because it has a funnier voice! Luke wants to get another robot soon, which he promises will be [6]_____ from these three robots in so many ways.

2 Choose the correct option in each sentence.

1 My new digital camera is much *as / like / similar* my other one, except the lens is slightly more powerful.

2 The amount of electricity my new robot uses is comparable *to / in / with* two standard light bulbs.

3 My husband differs *to / from / in* the rest of us, because he is afraid of technology.

4 In comparison *of / by / with* my last car, my current one is much more basic.

3 Complete the second sentence so it has the same meaning as the first, using the word in capitals.

1 Gerard's phone is not at all similar to my phone. NOTHING

Gerard's phone _____ my phone.

2 My tablet is totally unlike my old one. DIFFERS

My tablet _____ my old one.

3 That android robot resembles my cousin, except for her hair! MUCH

That android robot _____ except for her hair.

4 While the original model was quite heavy, this new one weighs just over a kilo. CONTRAST

_____, which was quite heavy, this new one weighs just over a kilo.

5 Physically, the two friends had many similarities and many people thought they were sisters. ALIKE

Physically, the two friends _____ and many people thought they were sisters.

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GRAMMAR // *like*, *unlike*, *as if*, *as though*

4 Complete the sentences with *like* or *as if*.

1 That robot acts _____ it's extremely shy of everything.
2 Honestly, sometimes he treats her _____ a robot.
3 It speaks _____ it feels real emotions.
4 The drone looks _____ it could do a huge number of tasks.
5 That Japanese robot behaves _____ a genuine teenager.
6 That robot's eyes seem _____ human ones.

5 Match the sentence halves 1–8 with a–h.

1 When called, the robot assistant appeared as
2 Look! The robot looks as
3 That robot butterfly flies
4 That chatbox application is unlike
5 That robot sounds as though
6 The new product looks like

a) it's got a cold.
b) another one I'm very familiar with.
c) anything I've ever heard before.
d) though it was going to help us, but then it moved away.
e) if it were sleeping.
f) around like a real living creature.

6 Complete the responses in each dialogue.

1 A: Did you like trying out that new robot in the kitchen?
B: Oh yes, it was unlike ...
2 A: Don't you find that robot's expression a little odd?
B: Yes. It's a bit scary. It's as if ...
3 A: That robot has a strange accent, doesn't it?
B: It does! It sounds as though ...
4 A: Don't you want to hold the baby?
B: Well, I was planning to, but she looks as though ...
5 A: Why did you decide to eat your lunch inside, rather than in the garden?
B: It was dark. It felt as if ...
6 A: The robot kangaroo moves in a very natural way, doesn't it?
B: It's amazing. It moves as though ...

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1 Match the nouns (1–8) with the prepositions (a–f). Some prepositions can be used more than once.

1 sympathy	a) against
2 respect	b) of
3 contact	c) to / towards
4 attitude	d) for
5 prejudice	e) with
6 grasp	f) in
7 proficiency	
8 awareness	

3 Cross out the reflexive pronoun where it is not needed.

1 There's no point blaming yourself. It's not your fault.
2 I remembered myself our visit to north Africa.
3 My cat cleans itself thoroughly every morning.
4 After breaking the speed limit, they found themselves in trouble with the police.
5 Before we went, we worried ourselves about the trip abroad, but it turned out well.
6 Phil had to remind himself that he wasn't dreaming when he saw his birthday present.
7 I'm teaching myself Danish at the moment.
8 The children had a huge pizza but then felt themselves ill after it.

2 Complete the sentences using a noun and preposition from exercise 1. Use each one only once.

1 Zara's _____ Japanese meant that she was the first choice to send to the Tokyo office.
2 We were given training in intercultural communication to raise _____ how to behave in our offices overseas.
3 When I moved to Thailand, I had only a basic _____ _____ Thai, but it helped me get by.
4 After two embarrassing cultural incidents, we lost _____ the company in Japan.
5 That manager has a very strange _____ foreigners and I don't like it.
6 It is a company's responsibility to stop any kind of _____ any minority group.
7 When working in business, it's essential to show _____ visitors from abroad by acting appropriately.
8 Most people have some _____ foreign visitors, generally ignoring any small cultural mistakes they might make.

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4 Circle the correct option. In some cases, both options are possible, but the meaning is different.

1 They married *one another* / *themselves*.
2 Jimmy and Maya often talk to *each other* / *themselves*.
3 She hurt *herself* / *each other* playing football last month.
4 The two colleagues introduced *one another* / *themselves* to the others.
5 In my opinion, you take *one another* / *yourselves* too seriously.
6 I sometimes sing to *myself* / *each other* in French.
7 To improve your vocabulary, you need to test *each other* / *yourself* regularly.
8 We always enjoy *each other* / *ourselves* when we go shopping.

5 Complete each sentence with up to four words. Include the verb given in the correct form and a reflexive pronoun or *each other*.

1 It's been a week. Don't you think it's time that you and your brother started talking to _____(again) ? (*talk*)
2 What is that all over your faces? Here's a mirror, so you can look at_____. (*look*)
3 Why don't you sit over there, opposite me, and then we can see_____? (*see*)
4 When I'm having a bath or on my own at home, I can't help singing to_____. (*sing*)
5 Her phone and laptop were stolen, so for days we haven't been able to communicate with_____. (*communicate*)
6 Look. Why don't you both stop talking at the same time and actually listen to_____? (*listen*)
7 Ginny's just gone to hospital. She was chopping carrots earlier and unfortunately (she) cut_____. (*cut*)
8 No one else was eating any of the delicious party food, so we just helped_____. (*help*)

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6 Complete each sentence by adding a reflexive pronoun for emphasis in the appropriate place. There may be more than one possible answer.

1 I am from a minority culture, so I am very aware of issues about prejudice.
I_____am from a minority culture / I am from a minority culture_____

2 The room was not a problem, it was the hotel staff.
The room_____was not a problem, it was the hotel staff. / The room was not a problem, it was the hotel staff_____.

3 They don't realise it yet, but they are responsible for creating this huge mess.
They_____don't realise it, but they are responsible for creating this huge mess. / They don't realise it, but they_____are responsible for creating this huge mess. / They don't realise it, but they are responsible for creating this huge mess_____

4 The prime minister said it was time to start working together.
The prime minister_____/_____said ...

6 You have to reach a solution by Saturday, so get on with it
You_____/_____have to reach a solution by Saturday ... / You have to reach a solution_____/_____by Saturday ... / You have to reach a solution by Saturday _____/_____

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