

Complete the table with alternative words and expressions from the box.

appreciate      be unsure      complaint      concern      dilemma  
downside      drawback      enhance      get pleasure from  
go for      have doubts      issue      opt for      select      upgrade

1 be not so sure

2 disadvantage

3 choose

4 improve

5 enjoy

6 problem

Use suitable words from the box to complete the links in the following sentences. Three of the words in the box are not needed.

misconceptions      reassurances      conclusions      attempts  
conditions      structures      skills      agreements      facilities

1 The resort where I stayed has a comfortable new hostel and a restaurant which offers healthy but affordable meals.

Such ..... are likely to attract more visitors, of course.

2 The snow on the higher fatbiking tracks was extremely soft, but then turned icy.

These sorts of ..... can be very challenging.

3 When you start riding a fatbike, you need to learn how to lean in a certain way and lift your handlebars as you move forward.

These ..... take some time to develop.

4 My instructor told me about an experienced road cyclist he knew who had wrongly assumed that fatbiking was very similar to mountain biking.

Apparently, ..... of this type are very common.

5 The second part of the route was very steep and icy. 'You'll find this hard,' my instructor said. 'But give it a go.' After three unsuccessful ..... I got off my bike and pushed it up the track.

6 'Don't worry,' my instructor said. 'It's normal for beginners like you to fall off.'

These ..... made me feel less embarrassed.

## UNDERSTANDING WHAT IS BEING TESTED

1 Listen to the recording and answer these questions about it.



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1 **Attitude:** What is the man's attitude to the job interview?

- A He's sure he will do well.
- B He's going to do his best to get the job.
- C He's keen to find out if the job really suits him.

2 **Function:** What is the woman doing?

- A suggesting ways to prepare for the interview
- B warning the man of potential difficulties in the interview
- C giving the man information about the company

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3 **Detail:** What does the man think is the best way for him to prepare for the interview now?

- A to do background research on the company before the interview
- B to think about what they might ask him at the interview
- C to act out the interview with someone

4 **Opinion:** The woman thinks the job ad provides

- A some unexpected information.
- B some unhelpful information.
- C some confusing information.

5 **Gist:** How does the woman's viewpoint change during the conversation?

- A She questions the man's motives less.
- B She doubts the man's abilities more.
- C She understands how she can help the man better.



Follow the exam instructions, using the advice to help you.

You will hear a citrus fruit grower, called Ben Tyrell, giving a presentation to students. For questions 7 – 14, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

## CITRUS FRUIT FARMER

Ben has an organic farm, so he relies primarily on (7) ..... to assess the health of his trees.

If the (8) ..... of a tree are the wrong colour, the tree usually requires fertiliser.

When to give trees fertiliser is determined principally by the

(9) .....

To control fungi on the fruit, Ben uses (10) ..... as an organic fungicide.

Ben only worries about weeds if they are growing near his (11) ..... system.

The (12) ..... of the fruit is the last criterion to check before picking begins.

The only tool fruit pickers use is (13) ..... , otherwise fruit may be damaged.

Ben uses the phrase '(14) ..... ' to describe what he aims to teach school children.

## USEFUL LANGUAGE: AGREEING AND DISAGREEING

1 In Part 4, you have the opportunity to say whether you agree or disagree with a statement or with what your partner has said. Complete the responses to the comment below. The first letter of each word is given.

*All fast food and soft drinks should be banned in schools.*

Agreement	Disagreement
I (1) c..... agree more, their impact on the health of young people is terrible.	I think that's a bit extreme. (7) W..... it be better to educate them to make the right choices?
I (2) a..... with you one hundred percent – they do more harm than good.	I (8) t..... your point, but there has to be some choice, don't you think?
That's exactly how I (3) f..... They are terrible for young people's health.	I beg to (9) d..... Young people should be allowed to make their own choices.
(4) A.....! Young people need to be healthy.	Not (10) n..... If you ban them completely, you'll just make people want them all the more.
That's so (5) t..... They have a terrible effect on health.	I'm not so (11) s..... about that. Won't that just make them more popular outside school?
You have a (6) p..... there. Young people will always be tempted if these things are available.	I'd say the (12) e..... opposite, actually. Keep them in schools, but make them more expensive to put people off.

Match the verbs on the left with the phrasal verbs that have the same meaning.

1 respect	a chill out
2 become fashionable or popular	b turn down
3 compensate	c bump into
4 absorb	d catch on
5 relax	e stem from
6 meet someone unexpectedly	f make up for
7 refuse	g look up to
8 develop as a result of	h soak up

Use the correct forms of the phrasal verbs from the box above to complete the following sentences.

- 1 This game is so complicated to play that I don't think it will ..... with children.
- 2 Paloma ..... the offer of a job in London because she wanted to stay in Spain.
- 3 Many of the company's problems ..... not investing enough in new technology.
- 4 At weekends, Adam mainly likes to stay at home and ..... with his brother and sister.
- 5 We spent the day walking around the historic centre of Naples trying to ..... the atmosphere.
- 6 At the supermarket yesterday, I ..... a teacher from primary school who I hadn't seen for years.

Read the following paragraphs and answer the questions below them. Underline the key parts of the text to help you.

1

I think Gantner has *certain limitations* as a film-maker. Although his editing is sharp and energetic, and his application of special effects can't be faulted, his story-telling skills are considerably less impressive. The actors he casts tend to make up for his shortcomings in this respect, though.

The words *certain limitations* refer to the way Gantner

- A tells a story.
- B directs actors.
- C includes special effects.
- D edits his films.

2

Three years ago, I joined a singing group. It is often said that music is an international language and, despite our age differences – the youngest member is 18 and the oldest nearly 80 – and the fact that we include two nurses, a bus driver, two accountants, a student and a retired judge, we are living proof of *that cliché*. We are from Nigeria, Japan, Mexico, Korea, as well as several European countries, with the diversity of mother tongues, customs and ways of thinking that you would expect, but when we're singing, we're as one.

The words *that cliché* refer to the idea that

- A people of all ages enjoy music.
- B music appeals to particular professions.
- C cultural differences can be explored through music.
- D people from different parts of the world can communicate through music.