

Grammar

adverbs and extreme adjectives

Complete sentences 1–8 below with an appropriate adjective from the box.

difficult intelligent angry frightened
tired enormous big terrified exhausted
impossible brilliant furious

- 1 The test was really and most of the students got low marks.
- 2 Max is certainly very clever but his brother Albert is absolutely
- 3 I'm a bit with Tim. He completely forgot my birthday.
- 4 We really wanted to meet up but it was completely in the end.
- 5 I'm going to have an early night. I'm absolutely
- 6 She was very of dogs when she was a child, but now she loves them.
- 7 Fauzia's new house is absolutely! It's got so much more space than her last place.
- 8 If you're really, a coffee might help.

Listening

Multiple choice (Part 4)

About the exam:

In the Listening paper, Part 4, you hear a person speaking alone or talking to someone else. You have to answer questions with three options to choose from. In the exam you have one minute to read the questions before you listen.

Strategy:

- Read the questions and the three options.
- The first time you listen, underline any key words you hear and mark the possible answers.
- The second time you listen, check your answers.

1  **03** You will hear an interview with a young actor called Danny Fisher, talking about his relationships during his career. For questions 1–7, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 How does Danny feel about his family?
 A glad that he came from a big family
 B grateful for the support of his parents
 C happy that his parents wanted him to be an actor
- 2 What does Danny say about his relationships at school?
 A They were difficult to maintain.
 B They helped him deal with life outside school.
 C They were upsetting because of the attitude of others.
- 3 Danny thinks that being rich and famous is
 A better than he'd been told.
 B fun because he has money to spend.
 C different from what other people think.
- 4 What does Danny say about his relationships with the people he works with?
 A They were sometimes rude to him.
 B They are very critical of his acting.
 C They change his mental attitude.
- 5 Danny says his best friend is important to him because of her
 A approach to her work.
 B attitude to others.
 C acting ability.
- 6 How does Danny feel about his life?
 A He is angry that others criticise him.
 B He is sorry he didn't have a normal childhood.
 C He is pleased that he has earned a lot of money.
- 7 What is Danny's attitude towards winning awards?
 A He finds it embarrassing.
 B He thinks he does not deserve them.
 C He dislikes the whole awards system.

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verb patterns with *-ing* and infinitive

1 Underline the best ending for sentences 1–4.

- 1 I stopped running because *it was raining too hard*/I needed the exercise.
- 2 I tried to write an email but *he wouldn't accept my apology*/I couldn't think what to say.
- 3 I remembered buying the milk but I couldn't remember where I put it/so I put it in the fridge.
- 4 I regret to tell you that *I was breaking up with you*/you have not got the job.

2 Complete sentences 1–6 with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I started when I was only three. (*dance*)
- 2 Do you ever regret her about the problem? (*tell*)
- 3 Sadly, although I wanted his friend, he didn't like me. (*be*)
- 4 I want a new mobile phone, but what should I get? (*buy*)
- 5 I actually enjoy to the cinema on my own. (*go*)
- 6 I can't stand football – it's so boring! (*watch*)

Speaking

agreeing and disagreeing (Part 3)

1 04 Complete dialogues 1–3 with the phrases in the boxes. Then listen to the recording and check your answers.

1 I hadn't thought of that. I'm not sure about that.
So do I. What about you? Exactly!

A: I think it's so important to get on well with your parents.

B: (1) I have a great relationship with my folks. I think it's more important than getting on with your brothers and sisters.

A: Hmm. (2) I mean, I think it's important to have a good relationship with them too.

B: It's much more difficult if you come from a very large family.

A: (3) I guess it's almost inevitable that there will be someone you don't get along so well with if there are a lot of you.

B: (4) There are five of us and though I get on fine with my older brother and with my two sisters, my younger brother and I just don't have anything in common. (5)

A: Well, I've only got one sister and I really enjoy doing things with her.

2 Good point. I'm not convinced. Well, actually ...
I see what you mean but ... What's your view on that?

A: I saw a programme about relationships last night that said that friends were more important than family.

B: I saw it too – but (6) Certainly friends are pretty crucial – it'd be a poor social life without them! But family must always come first.

A: (7) some things the programme said are certainly true for me. They said your friends have a lot more influence on you when you're young than your parents do. (8)

B: (9) in my case it was the other way round. I learnt my values from my parents. I think it's their responsibility to teach you how to behave.

A: (10) Parents do need to teach their children how to behave, but I think you can also learn from your friends.

3 Neither do I. I'm not sure about that. I suppose so.
That's very true. What do you think?

A: They say that people are having fewer and fewer children.

B: (11) I don't plan to have a large family myself.

A: (12) But in some ways, it's a pity. It must be fun to grow up with lots of brothers and sisters. I mean you always have someone to play with.

B: (13) I'm an only child so I don't really know what it would be like. My friends who come from large families seem much more sociable than me. Being part of a big family might help you to get on better with other people. (14)

A: (15) It depends a lot on the family.