

July 2nd

Grammar

1 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 By the time Nigel *was arriving/arrived* at the party, everyone *ate/had eaten* and *was dancing/danced*.
- 2 The boys *had been playing/played* in the garden for hours and when I *went/was going* to check on them, they *had kicked/were kicking* a football around and *laughing/laughed*.
- 3 Ellen *was thinking/had been thinking* about going to Hawaii to visit her sister for some time, so when she *had lost/lost* her job and was given a generous redundancy package, she immediately *called/had called* her sister to let her know and then *was booking/booked* her flight.

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

- 1 If only we had the money to buy that house in the country – it was stunning! (have)
- 2 I really wish they _____ me about that job. I just want to know if I've got it or not! (call)
- 3 If only he _____ us the truth! I wonder why he didn't?
- 4 I wish I _____ more about the range of creative jobs that exist when I was at school. I'm sure I'd be doing something else now if I had. (know)
- 5 If only it _____ possible for us to take a year off work. I'd love to travel around the world and take a break from it all. (be)
- 6 I wish your mother _____ us when she's planning on visiting instead of just turning up on our doorstep unannounced. (tell)

Vocabulary

3 Complete the sentences using one word from box A and one from box B. There are two extra words in each box.

Box A

bitten caught cloud goes if ventured when
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Box B

coating comes do gained lining make shy
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- 1 Julian's dad has always encouraged him to follow his dream of starting his own hotel and to give it a go, even though it was risky. He used to say: 'Nothing ventured, nothing gained'.
- 2 Whenever I travel abroad, I always observe and follow what the locals do – after all, '_____ in Rome, _____ as the Romans do'.
- 3 The last time Amanda gave Brian a helping hand, he took all the credit for her ideas and didn't even thank her, so when he said he needed help again yesterday, she decided to ignore him. After all, once _____, twice _____.
- 4 Last week, Amy's boss told her he couldn't attend the annual conference as his wife was ill. She knew he'd expect her to give up her weekend and go instead of him but every _____ has a silver _____ as this year it was being held on the beautiful island of Fiji.
- 5 When Vic broke her leg, Sandra was incredibly supportive and helped her in any way she could. I guess what _____ around _____ around, as last month Sandra wasn't well and Vic really looked after her.

4 Underline the correct answer, a), b), c) or d).

1 Gavin admitted it was the initial two weeks that were the hardest when he gave smoking.

a) up b) over c) in d) by

2 Tomás has got such a talent for languages! He only has to spend a few months in a country to pick ___ enough of the language to speak fluently to native speakers.

a) out b) up c) off d) on

3 We were all devastated when Fabrizia's grandmother passed ___ as she had always been at the heart of the family. We miss her very much.

a) out b) by c) away d) up

4 The problem that Louise is currently facing is that she's taken ___ a new role at work but still has to manage her old one at the same time until a replacement is found for her.

a) out b) in c) off d) on

5 When Dad told me he was going to take ___ hang gliding when he retired, I assumed he was pulling my leg. How wrong can you be?

a) on b) up c) in d) over

5 Match beginnings 1–6 with endings a)–g). There is one ending that you do not need.

1 A fun way to improve your English without really trying is to find the lyrics a

2 I'd suggest you refer to the instruction ___

3 In our last political studies seminar, we discussed an interesting online ___

4 Our class would like to set up an online ___

5 Miki's son loves Manga comics ___

6 I've never been into reading gossip ___

~~a) to some songs you like and to sing along to them.~~

b) article that evaluated the pros and cons of immigration.

c) magazines as it seems such a waste of time.

d) manual when setting up your smart television.

e) autobiography but written by a ghost writer.

f) forum so we can talk about the various issues which affect us.

g) and dreams of becoming an illustrator.