

VOCABULARY TEST



SUCCESS & FAILURE - Choose the best option.

- 1) Her latest creation ____ the limits of modern design.
A- IMPROVES B- PUSHES C- REJECTS
- 2) When you follow the news, you may sometimes get the impression that athletes will do anything to ____ their performance.
A- WIN B- SUCCEED C- ENHANCE
- 3) Vintage fashions from the nineteen-sixties and seventies have ____ a resurgence in recent years.
A- ENJOYED B- ACQUIRED C- ACCOMPLISHED
- 4) I don't think you realise the seriousness of what you've done. You have ____ the security of the project.
A- SPOILED B- COMPROMISED C- THREATENED
- 5) Research into artificial intelligence is ____ enormous strides all the time.
A- ACHIEVING B- DOING C- MAKING

Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- 1) Digital compact cassettes were an audio format which fell _____ the wayside so quickly that hardly anyone remembers it any more.
- 2) If you want to start an online magazine, a great deal rides _____ whether you understand who your readers are going to be.
- 3) Artists are worried about the downturn _____ their income from recorded music.
- 4) When selling things online, you can capitalise _____ any expert knowledge you have that's related to the products you sell.
- 5) Print books are convenient to browse because you can flick _____ the pages.

EMPLOYMENT & CAREER - Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are more words than you need.

GUTS MENIAL MINIMUM POTENTIAL RAPPORT

- 1) He did several _____ jobs to support himself while writing his novel.
- 2) 'Fight for 15' is a movement in the USA that demands a _____ wage of \$15 an hour.
- 3) He claims to have a great _____ with all his employees.
- 4) You need to have the _____ to try something new that may or may not succeed.

Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- 1) I can't go out this weekend – I'm totally snowed ____ and must catch up on my studies.
- 2) We were exhausted and hungry, but we pressed ____ until we finished the project.
- 3) Have you heard? The local arts centre is taking ____ interns. Shall we apply?
- 4) It's important to be able to stand ____ for yourself and not allow people to exploit you.
- 5) I'm sick and tired of people ordering me _____. Even the most junior employee deserves some respect.

Complete the sentences with the missing words. The first and the last letters of the words have been given.

- 1) This job is a terrific opportunity for me; I hope it may help me **j**_____ **p**-start my career.
- 2) When you work **o**_____ **e**, you're entitled to higher pay than during your normal working hours.
- 3) Will the company **c**_____ **r** all our expenses on this trip?
- 4) Working without a **p**_____ **t** contract can make you feel insecure.

Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are more words than you need.

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- 1) Would it annoy you if you had to do _____ tasks in your first job?
- 2) My parents are keeping _____ on me – I have to text them to let them know I'm OK.
- 3) The trick is to make yourself _____ – then they can't fire you.
- 4) It's not a permanent job, just a short-term _____.
- 5) Salespeople often work on _____: they get paid according to how much they sell.

Choose the best option.

- 1) I'd just like to earn enough to ____ ends meet – is that asking too much?
A- DO **B- GET** **C- MAKE**
- 2) These days, employers look for candidates who can ____ the ground running and don't need a lot of training or explaining.
A- HIT **B- STRIKE** **C- STAMP**
- 3) We're setting up our own business. We hope to start ____ a profit within one year.
A- DOING **B- MAKING** **C- GETTING**
- 4) After five years at university, do I really have to start in a job that barely pays the ____ wage?
A- MINIMUM **B- MINIMAL** **C- MINIMALIST**
- 5) A silly move like that can scupper your ____.
A- LUCK **B- CHANCES** **C- FORTUNES**

TRAVEL & SIGHTSEEING - Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- 1) We can try to get tickets for the next ferry, but I wouldn't bank _____ it.
- 2) I tried to fit _____ with their plans, but in the end it proved too difficult.
- 3) On that day I decided to forget the guidebook and just soak _____ the atmosphere of the place.
- 4) Travelling _____ a shoestring can be fun if you're with someone you really like.
- 5) Knowing a bit of the local language will stand you _____ good stead if any problems pop up and need solving.

Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are more words than you need.

DWINDLE FLOW SOAKING STEAD TICK-BOX WISDOM
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- 1) Don't plan too much; go with the _____ and allow the unexpected to happen.
- 2) I'm not keen on people who always speak as if they were pronouncing words of _____.
- 3) An internship done while at university may stand you in good _____ when you apply for a job.
- 4) If you treat travelling as a _____ exercise and focus on collecting experiences, it stops you enjoying them while they happen.
- 5) _____ up the local atmosphere is very pleasant, but I also like to actually learn something about the places I see.