

A Complete the blanks with the verbs go, come, reach or get.

_____ better	_____ to sleep	_____ revenge	_____ on sb's nerves
_____ a decision	_____ rid of	_____ red	_____ off sb's back
_____ to terms with	_____ ready	_____ an agreement	_____ down to business
_____ into trouble	_____ the sack	_____ lost	_____ over the top
_____ dark	_____ in handy	_____ the job	_____ even with

B Complete the sentences with the collocations / expressions in the box below. Use each one only once.

in somebody's shoes on top of in search of on the safe side in charge of in trouble with

- 1 Mr Johnson is _____ the company's marketing department.
- 2 People who systematically cheat the tax system will one day be _____ the Tax Department.
- 3 The doctor insisted that I should be given a thorough check-up just to be _____.
- 4 The children wandered around the neighbourhood _____ their lost dog.
- 5 Nobody would want to be _____, not with all those debts he has to pay off.
- 6 After weeks of hard work, Kevin was confident he was finally _____ the situation.

C Complete the collocations below with the words in the box. You may use some of the words more than once. In some cases more than one word may be correct.

bar bunch can clap flash flock pair pint set sheet swarm tube

a _____ of pyjamas

a _____ of lightning

a _____ of beer

a _____ of traffic lights

a _____ of flowers

a _____ of paper

a _____ of soap

a _____ of sunglasses

a _____ of birds

a _____ of toothpaste

a _____ of scissors

a _____ of sheep

a _____ of rules

a _____ of thunder

a _____ of bees

Words with Prepositions

A Complete the blanks with prepositions.

Adjectives	Nouns	Verbs	
excellent _____	an answer _____	associate _____	praise sb _____ sth
experienced _____	an expert _____	concentrate _____ sth	provide sb _____ sth
happy _____ sb	(take) pride _____	congratulate sb _____ sth	provide sth _____ sb
happy _____ sth	a reply _____	cooperate _____ sb	succeed _____
proud _____	a report _____	deal _____	supply sb _____ sth
respected _____	an opportunity _____	include _____	supply sth _____ sb
responsible _____			

B Read the following sentences and complete them with prepositions.

- 1 Congratulations Rodney! I'm so **happy** _____ you and your wife.
- 2 I would be more than happy to **provide** you _____ our company's catalogue.
- 3 We **supply** all major companies _____ our products.
- 4 She **takes** great **pride** _____ her work. That's why she's the best in her field.
- 5 The government will **provide** housing _____ the homeless.
- 6 You shouldn't be **proud** _____ yourself. What you **did** was wrong!
- 7 The government **supplied** food and medicine _____ the victims of the hurricane.
- 8 The journalist was **praised** _____ his **report** _____ the starving children of Africa.

Words easily confused

Use the correct form of the words in the boxes to complete the sentences in each group A-H below. You may use some of the words more than once. In some cases, more than one word may be correct.

A job occupation work employment profession

- 1 People in the medical _____ work long hours.
- 2 In order to get a(n) _____ as a computer analyst, you need a degree in computer science.
- 3 Betty has been out of _____ since January.
- 4 _____ agencies help people find work in their field.
- 5 I was asked to write my present _____ on the application form.

B task course duty

- 1 They were set the _____ of cleaning the room after the meeting.
- 2 It is a nurse's _____ to make the patients feel comfortable.
- 3 Her marks are quite high, so she can choose between a medical or a law _____ at university.

C employer employee colleague assistant clerk officer attendant

- 1 The shop _____ helped me choose a jumper that suited me.
- 2 The car park _____ is responsible for parking customers' cars.
- 3 All _____ are expected to be at work by 8.30. Our _____ insists on it.
- 4 Jill worked as a(n) _____ for a law firm before entering politics.
- 5 All my _____ at the office are friendly.
- 6 Bob is a senior _____ in the armed forces.

D party crew staff

- 1 A member of a political _____ gave a speech in the town centre last night.
- 2 The teaching _____ at our school have formed a basketball team.
- 3 The search _____ had no luck in finding the missing child.
- 4 The ship's _____ served drinks as the ship set sail.

E aim goal intention challenge success ambition

- 1 The Maths problem was a(n) _____ and took me over an hour to solve.
- 2 The _____ of environmental organisations is to stop environmental destruction.
- 3 People with _____ will always try to achieve their _____.
- 4 Their first album was a great _____ and sold two million copies worldwide.
- 5 I have no _____ of changing my plans for tonight.

F achieve fulfil cope deal face succeed

- 1 John _____ in convincing his boss to give him the day off.
- 2 He doesn't _____ with crisis situations very well.
- 3 Despite his health problems, Joe _____ his ambition to play in the local football team.
- 4 The Johnstons are _____ financial difficulties after Mrs Johnston lost her job.
- 5 Kim put a lot of work into her project and _____ excellent results.
- 6 During his career as a teacher, he has _____ with students from different backgrounds.

G manage run operate undertake

- 1 You have to read the instructions carefully before you _____ the photocopying machine.
- 2 Brett couldn't find experienced staff so he _____ his business on his own for a few months.
- 3 Kate was supposed to _____ the training of the new staff.
- 4 The company is _____ by two people who share the responsibilities.

H skills qualities qualifications experience

- 1 To get the job you must have three years' _____ in telecommunications and the necessary _____, one of which is a university degree.
- 2 Leadership _____ are required by a Prime Minister, as well as communication _____.
- 3 Learning to windsurf was a fantastic _____!