



### 1. Fill in the correct word. (There are extra words)

summit      conservation      perfectly      confined      millennia  
hissed      colony      supply      transition      flourished  
volcanic      high      scoured      apparatus      nomadic

- Two \_\_\_\_\_ ago, Rome ruled the Mediterranean.
- The twins \_\_\_\_\_ after being placed in separate classes.
- After the flood, the town's water \_\_\_\_\_ became contaminated.
- The prisoner was \_\_\_\_\_ to his cell for one week.
- Most of the population in developed countries are used to \_\_\_\_\_ standards of life.
- He planted a flag on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountain.
- The snake \_\_\_\_\_ in warning as the boy approached.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ eruption in Iceland was one of the strongest in the XXI century.

### 2. Choose the correct preposition.

- I haven't decided yet so I'm open \_\_\_\_\_ suggestions.
- In order to achieve results you should focus \_\_\_\_\_ the general picture and not the small details.
- The meeting is \_\_\_\_\_ progress at the moment.
- It's not good to blame others \_\_\_\_\_ everything that went wrong.
- The scientist discovered the cure \_\_\_\_\_ accident.

### 3. Put the words in brackets in the correct tense form.

- Take an umbrella in case it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain).
- We \_\_\_\_\_ (see) our professor lately. He may be ill.
- By 2050, scientists fear that the polar ice caps \_\_\_\_\_ (melt).
- Samantha \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a bath when the phone rang, so she didn't answer it..
- Look out! You \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) the plates if you're not careful.

### 4. Read the text and choose the correct option to complete each gap correctly.

#### A Great Adventure

Imagine, you have just finished high school and you are about to face one of the biggest challenges of your young life. You will be **1)** \_\_\_\_\_ away from home to start your university education.

Some students may find a place at a university close enough to their homes to avoid some of the problems faced by the majority. If the university is nearby, you will not need to worry **2)** \_\_\_\_\_ accommodation or food and, even if you do not know any of the other students on your course, you will at least have some **3)** \_\_\_\_\_ faces to come home to.

Surprisingly enough, perhaps, for most young people starting out on their university careers, being close to home is not important. It seems that **4)** \_\_\_\_\_ numbers welcome the chance to **5)** \_\_\_\_\_ away from the family home and start out on their own. Being accepted by the university



they have set their hearts on is the main **6)** \_\_\_\_\_, even if that university is situated at the far end of the country! There is also the excitement of making new friends and, in your second or third year away, perhaps setting **7)** \_\_\_\_\_ home with a couple of your fellow students. Going off to university really is the start of a great adventure.

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|----|------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1  | 1. leaving | 2. moving     | 3. departing  | 4. drifting |
| 2. | 1. from    | 2. for        | 3. about      | 4. of       |
| 3  | 1. known   | 2. common     | 3. familiar   | 4. popular  |
| 4  | 1. further | 2. developing | 3. additional | 4. growing  |
| 5  | 1. break   | 2. crack      | 3. separate   | 4. run      |
| 6  | 1. demand  | 2. thought    | 3. call       | 4. priority |
| 7  | 1. off     | 2. down       | 3. up         | 4. out      |

**5. You are going to read an article about a job interview. For statements 1-7, choose the option to complete each statement correctly. There is one part of a sentence you do not need to use.**

### **My First Job Interview**

In my experience, a job interview can take many different forms, from a quick chat over the telephone to a five-day grilling by a panel of experts. To a large extent, the nature of the interview depends on the type of job involved; you are unlikely to be interviewed by telephone if you are applying for the post of managing director in a large international company!

I remember my first interview as if it were yesterday. I was still at school **A** \_\_\_\_\_. A few of us, those students who were interested in electronics, agreed to meet them as we thought we would hear a talk about the industry. To be honest, I don't think that even our teacher had a clear idea of what was going to happen, **B** \_\_\_\_\_.

We were totally unprepared for the reality. Instead of a talk that got us away from dull lessons for a couple of hours, we were spoken to one by one. We were, in fact, being interviewed as potential trainee engineers for the company. When this became apparent, many of my friends decided not to continue, **C** \_\_\_\_\_. After all, I was still undecided about what I was going to do when I left school so I felt I had nothing to lose.

For the next hour I answered questions on my background, interests and future plans. The two gentlemen who interviewed me seemed quite pleased with my responses and then asked me to read a circuit diagram. I was a bit worried by this, **D** \_\_\_\_\_. I happily explained the function of the main components and traced the signal path for them and that was it. I was told that the interview was over and that I would be hearing from them shortly.

I immediately put the whole business out of my mind. I didn't mention it to my parents, thinking that would be the last we would hear from the company. After all, I was supposed to be preparing for a university education, not training to be an engineer for an electronics firm. Surely, they would find more suitable candidates in other schools?

The company had other ideas. About three weeks later, I returned home to find my mother in a very agitated state. She demanded to know what I thought I was doing applying for a job as an electronics engineer **E** \_\_\_\_\_. Apparently, I had no sense of responsibility or respect for her wishes.

Eventually she calmed down enough to show me the letter she had received. I must admit that I was rather flattered by the contents. It seemed that, in the company's opinion, I had all the right qualities to become one of their leading service engineers and I was invited to start training at once. I immediately sat down and wrote back to decline their kind offer, **F** \_\_\_\_\_. Peace in the family home was restored.

So that was my first job interview. It came totally out of the blue and I was completely unprepared for it, but I obviously did rather well. For all my subsequent interviews, I followed the conventional advice. I made sure that I arrived in plenty of time for the interview and that I was smartly dressed.

Unfortunately, I never felt quite as relaxed as I had done during that first interview. Sometimes, I wonder whether perhaps, just perhaps, I should have accepted their offer.

1. thinking that this could be the start of an exciting career
2. but I decided to carry on
3. when she fully expected me to go on to be a top lawyer or doctor
4. when representatives of an electronics company paid us a visit
5. so I don't blame him for the farce that developed
6. but then I recognised it as part of a television receiver
7. explaining that I had set my sights on a different sort of career

A	B	C	D	E	F

