

A  Listen to a radio call-in program. Then read the questions and choose the correct answer.

- 1 What is the radio show about?
 - A people's views on happiness
 - B people's views on the ideal lifestyle
 - C people's views on salaries
- 2 Why did Andrés decide to make a change?
 - A because he realized he was unhappy
 - B because he hated his job
 - C because he wanted a better salary

- 3 What does Kendra think about Andrés' lifestyle choice?
 - A She understands because she also likes traveling.
 - B She is surprised by his decision.
 - C She thinks that he is a very different and unusual person.
- 4 Why does Kendra work so hard?
 - A because things are becoming more expensive
 - B because she wants more free time
 - C so she can buy what she wants and feel secure

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B Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE: I work four days and spend three days with my family. I think I have a good _____.

A balance
 B cost of living
 C salary cut

- 1 I want to buy a new car but I can't _____ it right now.
 - A boost
 - B afford
 - C value
- 2 I don't want to work long hours because I _____ time with my family.
 - A value
 - B trade
 - C afford
- 3 I have a family, a home, and a job. I think that's a good _____.
 - A standard of living
 - B cost of living
 - C quality of life
- 4 My work is stressful. I want a new job, even if it means taking a _____.
 - A salary cut
 - B trade
 - C lifestyle
- 5 I want to learn another language to _____ my chances of getting a good job.
 - A value
 - B afford
 - C boost
- 6 My salary is the same but the _____ has gone up. It's hard to pay the rent and the bills.
 - A standard of living
 - B cost of living
 - C quality of life
- 7 It took us more than three years to build our house. It was _____ because we love it!
 - A quality of life
 - B a salary cut
 - C time well spent
- 8 I spent a fortune on my vacation to Chile. But I got to see my family, so it was _____.
 - A worth it
 - B quality of life
 - C time well spent

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C Complete the sentences with a preposition (*of, on, for, in, to, with*).

EXAMPLE: Have you come up with a solution to the problem?

- 1 The weather is beautiful. Let's have a picnic and make the most of it.
- 2 Smoking has a negative effect on our health.
- 3 The rent for this apartment is OK. I think it's a fair price to pay for it.
- 4 Where you go on vacation really depends on your budget.
- 5 There's a big sale today. Let's take advantage of it and go shopping.
- 6 I love these boots. I'm going to treat myself to them when I get paid.
- 7 Some vendors let you bargain. You can suggest a price for souvenirs.
- 8 I can't believe it! They charged me for using the restroom in the restaurant.
- 9 Regular exercise plays an important part in being healthy.

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D Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE: There are too many people in this kitchen. I don't have room to cook.

A too much	4 I'd love to buy a motorcycle, but I don't have <u>enough</u> money right now.
B too many	A too much
C enough	B enough
1 It's <u>too</u> hot to sit outside.	C too
A too much	5 We need a new table for the dining room, but that one's <u>too</u> small.
B too	A too
C enough	B too much
2 If you're <u>not warm enough</u> , then put on a sweater.	C not enough
A not warm enough	6 We can't have the meeting because <u>too many</u> people are coming. We need five more.
B not too	A enough
C too warm	B not enough
3 I'd love to play soccer during the week, but I don't have <u>enough</u> free time.	C too many

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E Complete the paragraphs with the words in the boxes.

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Maria Helena and Cristina are both Spanish and they now live in Brazil. Maria Helena has lived here a bit longer than Cristina because she moved here six months earlier. They both like Brazil, but I think Cristina likes it ¹ Maria Helena because she always seems happy. Also, she speaks Portuguese ² Maria Helena because she learned it in school. Maria Helena's pronunciation is ³ Cristina's. Cristina is ⁴ language learner I've ever met!

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Oleg is a painter, and he is ⁵ talented artist I've seen. He sold about ten paintings last year, but so far this year he has sold ⁶ paintings. Because Oleg is becoming more popular, the prices of his paintings are ⁷ they were before. He works slowly, so he takes ⁸ most other artists, but the wait is worth it! I think that Oleg is ⁹ some of the famous artists who exhibit their work in the big galleries. Perhaps he's even better!

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F Read the restaurant review. Circle *True* or *False* for each statement.

Maurizio's

Maurizio's restaurant opened its doors last week to customers. The owners of this restaurant are Maurizio and his wife Angelica. The restaurant is located in the Old Quarter of town and is a little small. It has only 25 tables inside and about 20 tables outside.

Maurizio invited me to his restaurant, and so I took advantage of his offer and had dinner there last week. I expected it to be very small, but actually it was not nearly as small as I had imagined. It is decorated with a mixture of traditional Italian style and very modern bright colors. On the day I visited, Maurizio's was almost full, but it was comfortable and there was enough space to move around. The customers all seemed very happy with the new restaurant in town.

The prices on the menu were much lower than I was expecting. Maurizio's is nowhere near as expensive as other Italian restaurants like it around town. The menu was a little smaller than other restaurants, but the quality of the food was almost as good as the expensive neighboring restaurants. I had a delicious pasta dish with an terrific sauce of tomatoes and eggplant.

Restaurants play an important part in the social life of our town. Unfortunately, the cost of living is always going up, so it was a pleasure to find a restaurant like this that is affordable. Maurizio's is by far the most exciting new restaurant in town.

Fernando Gonzalez.

1 Fernando went to the restaurant because he and Maurizio are friends.	True / False
2 Fernando was surprised by two things about the restaurant.	True / False
3 The size of the menu and quality of the food at Maurizio's is similar to other restaurants in town.	True / False
4 Maurizio's could be described as an expensive, small Italian restaurant with excellent food.	True / False
5 Fernando thinks that this restaurant is good value for good quality.	True / False

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