



Read the examples and write original sentences using the words in bold to demonstrate their meaning.
Focus on creating sentences that show how the words are used in real-life situations.

- I found a **listing** for a beautiful house in the countryside, and it had all the features I'd been dreaming of.

- His actions throughout the day didn't **add up** to his usual behavior; something was off.
- After not seeing each other for years, my old friends and I decided to meet up and **catch up** on our lives over a cup of coffee.
- She has her **fingers crossed** that she'll get the job she interviewed for last week.
- The restaurant's quality used to be excellent, but lately, it seems to be **going belly-up** with poor service and food quality.
- The school had to **disband** the after-school art club due to a lack of funding and low participation.

Read the text and fill in the gaps with words from the box

fingers crossed **going belly-up** **listing** (*3) **catch up** **add up** **disband**

Once upon a time in a small, cozy town, there was a group of coworkers who decided to try their luck with a lottery syndicate. They discovered an enticing online **listing** for a syndicate promising riches and decided to give it a shot. With **fingers crossed** and dreams of a life of luxury, they each contributed a bit of money.

Every Friday, they'd **catch up** in the office break room, chatting about what they would do if they struck it rich. Sarah wanted to travel the world, Frank wished for a pet elephant, and John had a vision of owning a mansion with a giant swimming pool.

But as time passed, something didn't **add up**. Their lottery tickets seemed to bring nothing but disappointment. It appeared that their "foolproof" plan from the online **listing** was anything but, and their dreams of a lavish lifestyle were on the verge of **going belly-up**.

Disappointment started to creep into the group, but they decided to stick together, **their** sense of humor intact. They laughed about Sarah's future adventures, Frank's quirky pet elephant, and John's grand mansion plans.

One day, they decided to throw a "We Almost Won the Lottery" party right there in the break room. They ordered pizza, and Frank showed up with an elephant-shaped party hat. Laughter filled the room as they celebrated their shared dreams and realized that they were the real winners all along - winners in the game of friendship.

As they shared stories and enjoyed the party, they made a collective decision. They might not have won the lottery, but they had gained something far more valuable - a friendship that would never **disband**, no matter how many lotteries they tried.

