

## Vocabulary

### Helping people

#### 1 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Ric just asked for \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 My brother has been a real \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I had to pull \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I can't find my phone and am getting \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I'm sorry to say that we're mourning \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Mohammed always acts as a \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 The B&B was fantastic, so we gave them a rave \_\_\_\_\_

a over with a flat tyre earlier.  
 b the loss of our grandfather.  
 c the bill.  
 d desperate now.  
 e review.  
 f comfort to me since I got sick.  
 g mentor to new apprentices.

#### 2 Choose the correct option a, b, c or d.

- 1 A: I've got tickets to a local gig tonight. Do you want to come?  
 B: Oh no, I've just offered to babysit for my sister. What a shame. I don't want to <sup>1</sup> her down now I've agreed to it.
- 2 A: Bill, can I ask you to share your computer <sup>2</sup> for a minute? I can't work out how to add a new account.  
 B: No problem. Happy to help.
- 3 A: Have we got enough petrol?  
 B: Yeah, don't worry. We won't run out and be left <sup>3</sup> on the side of the motorway.
- 4 A: The engineering company down the road is <sup>4</sup> an apprenticeship if you're interested.  
 B: Oh, right. Yeah, I am.  
 A: I know the boss. He's a great <sup>5</sup> to all the young employees. I'll put in a good word for you.
- 5 A: I saw Mary the other day. She's still feeling <sup>6</sup>.  
 B: It's not surprising really. It's only been a year since she lost her husband.  
 A: She said her kids have been a real <sup>7</sup> to her, but she still feels lonely.

1 a make    b allow    c let    d permit  
 2 a understanding    b information    c familiarity  
 d expertise  
 3 a lost    b stranded    c abandoned  
 d homeless  
 4 a presenting    b giving    c offering  
 d providing  
 5 a guide    b mentor    c helper    d coach  
 6 a down    b unsatisfactory    c unwanted  
 d sympathetic  
 7 a ease    b calm    c advantage    d comfort

## Grammar

### Narrative tenses

#### 3 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 How long *did you live/had you been living* in London when you decided to move?
- 2 I was sure that Jason and I *had met/were meeting* on a previous occasion.
- 3 We *tried/were trying* to get the photocopier to work yesterday, but couldn't manage it.
- 4 Steve gave us a call when his plane landed to say he'd *arrived/been arriving*.
- 5 Neither driver *had driven/was driving* very fast when the accident occurred.
- 6 My mum *was going/went* to find a new skirt while I looked for some new sunglasses.

#### 4 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 We were just got onto the motorway when we heard there was a five-hour traffic jam up ahead.
- 2 I looked up and was seeing a huge bird heading towards my ice cream.
- 3 Greg had been sitting at the computer for hours before he'd finally been realising the time.
- 4 We were asking Mariella to help us, but she refused.
- 5 I looked everywhere for James, but he was already leaving.

#### 5 Complete the comments with the correct past form of the words in the box.

buy    drive    find out    have    lose    not/get    raise  
 sleep    support

### Community Challenge Awards

We're giving awards to those people in our area who helped to make our community a better place to live last year. Who do you think deserves an award and why? Tell us here.

I'd like to nominate my 16-year-old sister Sabeena. Last year, she <sup>1</sup> that she was losing her hearing. She <sup>2</sup> angry or go into a depression. Instead, she organised several events and <sup>3</sup> over £25,000 for a children's charity she <sup>4</sup> for years. Pretty special, I'd say.

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Before my colleague Mikael first came to work with us, he <sup>5</sup> a bad year. He <sup>6</sup> his job and home in the same week and <sup>7</sup> rough for a few days. My boss saw him on the streets one day and gave him a job and a place to stay. Once Mikael was back on his feet, he wanted to help others, so last year he <sup>8</sup> an old bus with his savings, and put some beds and a heater in it. On cold winter evenings, he <sup>9</sup> round the area, offering homeless people a place to sleep. All that after a full day's work!

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