

1 Look at Appendix 1 on pages 239–245, then fill in the correct particle(s) for the phrasal verbs.

- If you don't pay your water bill, your water supply will be **cut** *off*
- You must **cut** the amount of sugar you consume.
- The village was **cut** for days because of the snow.
- The Prime Minister decided to **cut** government spending.
- Most countries have **done** the death penalty.
- I'm really thirsty. I could **do** a drink.

Similies

quiet as a mouse = very quiet
deaf as a post = very hard of hearing
blind as a bat = very bad eyesight
fit as a fiddle = very healthy
heavy as lead = very heavy
good as gold = very well-behaved

2 Look at Appendix 2 on pages 246–253, then fill in the correct preposition.

- My grandmother takes great **delight** *in* telling stories.
- My grandfather **died** old age.
- This holiday was **different** all the others.
- Last night I **dreamt** my favourite pop star.
- I can only **dream** owning a larger car.
- Mr Parrs is an **expert** Physics and has written many books.

3 Fill in the correct simile.

- Put your glasses on! You're as .. *blind as a bat* .. without them!
- Speak up! I'm as when I haven't got my hearing aid in.
- Everyone in my family is coming down with a cold. Luckily, I feel as
- If you're as today, I'll let you stay up late tonight.
- I'm so tired! My arms feel as
- Please be as until the baby wakes up.

4 Use the word in bold to form a word that best fits each gap.

Chocolate

Chocolate! The 0) *majority* of people around the world love it and some people even find it 1)

Think about your friends and family. It's highly 2) that you know someone who hates it. So how did this love affair begin?

The story of chocolate began in the 3) rainforests of Central and South America. Thousands of years ago, natives mixed seeds from the cacao tree with 4) spices and water. The result was a bitter frothy drink that was very stimulating. A few mouthfuls was like drinking three or four cups of coffee!

This special drink became very important to the natives and some 5) believe that only the highest members of society drank it.

When the first 6) arrived in South America and tried this drink, they didn't like it at all. Nevertheless, they took their 7) back to Europe with them. There, honey, sugar and vanilla were added to the drink. This 8) quickly became popular among the wealthy in Europe. And the rest, as the saying goes, is history!

MAJOR
ADDICT
LIKELY

TROPIC
VARY

HISTORY

EUROPE
DISCOVER
MIX

5 Read the text below and decide which answer best fits each gap.

Starting a Business

Have you ever thought of running your own business? Many entrepreneurs say that 0) *deciding* to start their own business was the best decision they ever 1)! Working for yourself means you are in 2) of your life. Not only that, you get to decide exactly how things should be done – not someone else!

Starting a business isn't easy though. It involves a 3) deal of risk. It is hard work, too. Putting in 18-hour days is not unusual. What's 4), if your business doesn't make any money, you won't be able to pay yourself at the 5) of the month!

Running a business certainly isn't for everyone. You need to be the type of person who never 6) up. You have to love challenges. You can't be someone who is 7) of risk.

So, if you are someone who has always 8) about starting your own business, don't let anyone talk you out of it. Because who knows! If you're lucky enough and smart enough, you might just become the next Bill Gates!

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| 0 | A realising | B going | C coming | D deciding |
| 1 | A caused | B made | C did | D produced |
| 2 | A duty | B charge | C head | D position |
| 3 | A strong | B wide | C great | D deep |
| 4 | A more | B added | C further | D additional |
| 5 | A last | B close | C end | D finish |
| 6 | A quits | B gives | C stops | D surrenders |
| 7 | A alarmed | B worried | C troubled | D afraid |
| 8 | A desired | B dreamed | C wished | D hoped |

In Other Words

- *She is taller than her brother.*
Her brother isn't as tall as her(she is).
- *He's a terrible driver.*
He drives terribly.
- *That table is similar to this one.*
That table and this table are alike.

- *This car is much more expensive than that one.*
This car is far/a lot more expensive than that one.
That car is much/far less expensive than this one.
- *Ann is very friendly to everyone.*
Ann behaves in a friendly way to everyone.

6 Complete the sentences using the words in bold, as in the example.

- 'She cooks well,' Ann said.
good 'She *is a good cook*, ' Ann said.
- Our house and theirs are alike.
similar Our house theirs.
- She is always respectful towards her parents.
way She always towards her parents.
- My car is not as fast as his.
much His car mine.
- Tom is less aggressive than Jim.
as Tom is Jim.