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UNIT 9



INTERMEDIATE LEVEL (B1+)

1. Complete the sentences so that the second sentence has the same meaning as the first. Use the words in brackets.

- Abdul isn't as tall as Farid.
Farid _____ Abdul. (taller)
- In my opinion, Sydney is more exciting than Melbourne.
In my opinion, Melbourne is _____ Sydney. (less)
- Beauty and intelligence are both important.
Beauty _____ as intelligence. (just)
- Some people are less confident about their looks than others.
Some people _____ about their looks as others. (as)
- My new brand of lipstick is far better than my old brand.
My old brand of lipstick _____ than my new brand. (lot)

2. Complete the sentences with words from the box. There are three words that you don't need.

bald blonde curly dyed elderly eyelashes fringe
moustache overweight shape shoulder slim well-built

- If you want to keep in good _____, it's advisable to do some exercise every day.
- My father started losing his hair in his thirties and now he's completely _____.
- Do you think Anya's hair is _____? I'm sure it used to be much lighter than it is now.
- Not playing any sport and eating too much are two main causes of becoming _____.
- This dress is a bit too tight and I'm not _____ enough to wear it.
- Jessica always had really long hair but she wanted a change and now has it _____-length.
- When Ahmet was a little boy, he always wanted to grow a _____ just like his dad!
- The hairdresser in my village offers a 20% discount for _____ people over seventy years old.
- That girl's _____ is so long that I'm surprised she can see anything through it!
- Chiara had beautiful eyes; they were green, with long, dark _____.

3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of a verb from A and a particle from B. Each particle from B can be used more than once.

A
come get look put take

B
across off on up

- In the exam, I'm afraid you won't be able to _____ any unknown words in a dictionary.
- Bruno has only recently _____ tennis, although his brother has been playing it for years.
- It's quite natural for people to _____ unpleasant jobs until another day.
- Which member of your family do you _____ with best?
- I've looked everywhere for that old photograph but I still haven't _____ it yet.

4. Complete the sentences with words from the box. Use each word once.

bright colourful curves detailed historical modern
mysterious old-fashioned traditional warm

- 1 With all those reds, greens and blues, her dress was so _____ that she felt happy whenever she wore it.
- 2 I'm not very keen on _____ art; I much prefer paintings from the seventeenth or eighteenth century.
- 3 This is a _____ recipe for making cheese – it's been used by farmers in this area for hundreds of years.
- 4 The statue was so _____ that we could see all the separate hairs on her eyebrows!
- 5 I love walking in the countryside when the leaves are falling from the trees. All the yellows, golds and reds are so _____ even if the temperature can be quite low.
- 6 *War and Peace* is one of the greatest _____ novels; it's about the French war with Russia 200 years ago.
- 7 Many couples today think that marriage is _____, so they choose just to live with each other instead.
- 8 My teenage brother once painted his bedroom black, not exactly what you'd call a _____ colour!
- 9 Don't you think there's something rather _____ about Tom's new girlfriend? No one really knows anything about her.
- 10 If you'd prefer a design without so many _____, this table has much straighter lines.

5. Complete the dialogue using MODAL VERBS OF DEDUCTION.

- Diego** I do love looking around art galleries. Look at that photograph over there – it's amazing!
- Inghar** It's beautiful, but it ¹ _____ be a photograph – it looks too old. I don't think they had cameras then.
- Diego** Well, I think it's much more recent – but maybe you're right. It ² _____ be a photograph or a painting, I guess.
- Inghar** Why don't we ask the lady by the wall? She's wearing a uniform so she ³ _____ work here.
- Diego** Excuse me ... we were wondering if this is a photograph or a painting?
- Assistant** You're not the first person to ask that question! If you look in the corner you'll notice the artist's signature. That's always a good clue that it ⁴ _____ be a photograph! It's actually a painting, but an incredibly realistic one.
- Diego** Thanks – it ⁵ _____ have been done by a really talented artist!

6. Complete the dialogue with phrases from the box. There are two phrases that you don't need.

Do you think you could I didn't mean to I'll make sure I think it's unfair that Sorry
to bother you The problem's been going on for there's something I'm not happy about

- Mr Flores** Excuse me. ¹ _____ but are you the manager?
- Manager** Yes, sir, I am. How can I help you?
- Mr Flores** I'm afraid ² _____.
- Manager** I'm sorry to hear that, sir. What seems to be the problem?
- Mr Flores** It's the noise in my room. The traffic outside is very loud and it's keeping me awake at night.
³ _____ several days now, and I haven't been getting enough sleep.
⁴ _____ see if there's another room available that I could move to?
- Manager** Of course, sir. I'm terribly sorry about that. ⁵ _____ that you are given another room immediately.
- Mr Flores** That's very good of you. Thanks for your help.

7. Read the text about different ideas of beauty. Decide if the sentences are true (T), false (F) or 'not given' (NG).

- 1 Many different professions are interested in understanding beauty.
- 2 Cosmetic surgery can be very expensive.
- 3 Almost every culture agrees that a slim body is a sign of beauty.
- 4 More attractive people are usually more successful in life.
- 5 The Maasai tribe believe that beauty is about caring for how you look.

IDEAS OF BEAUTY

Although beauty is something that is desired throughout the world, its definition can be different from one culture to the next. In some cultures, for example, beauty indicates good health or a high social position while in others it suggests someone's suitability as a marriage partner. It's a topic which attracts a great deal of attention, from scientists who study the factors involved in physical attraction, to fashion and cosmetics companies who are keen to make money by selling products that will apparently make us more beautiful and therefore attractive to others.

But beauty can sometimes come at a price. Cosmetic surgery is very common nowadays, with people keen to change the way they look by having surgery to make their noses smaller or their lips larger, but not all of these operations result in an improved appearance. For many, a suntanned body represents a wealthy lifestyle of relaxing days at the beach, but nowadays we should all be aware of the possible consequences of spending too much time in the sun.

In many cultures, symmetry is a key part of beauty, so people prefer balanced features on the face. In some Asian cultures, large eyes are considered more beautiful than narrower ones. A slimmer body may suggest a healthy and active person, so in the West in particular, people diet in order to look like models. In other cultures, however, a larger build suggests that someone is wealthier because they can afford to eat more and are therefore of a better social class. In Nigeria, women with a fuller figure are considered to be more fertile and more able to have babies.

The Maasai people of East Africa regard beauty as something that can be controlled, and believe that anyone can be beautiful just by looking after their appearance. For them, beauty exists in clean white teeth, short hair and simple jewellery. This idea of beauty is perhaps something everyone can achieve.