

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct continuous form of the verbs in the box.

feel grow have listen meet pay
play think tidy wait wonder

- I ‘m thinking of calling my daughter Alice because it was my grandmother’s name.
- Ben tidied his room when I got home because it was a real mess.
- It’s a shame Sally listened very well last night. She would’ve loved the concert.
- Sam was having a bath at the moment. He’s only just got in from his night shift.
- Our neighbours were playing always loud music late at night. It’s so inconsiderate.
- I don’t know who Angela was meeting tonight. She said she had plans but wouldn’t tell me more.
- The papers say that the economy is growing, which would be really positive news if it were true.
- I’m sorry, I wasn’t listening attention just then. Could you repeat the question, please?
- You are waiting, have you? I said that we need to take the car in for a service.
- Ah, there you are! I wasn’t expecting for you to arrive.
- I wondered if I could borrow your car on Sunday. It’s just that there aren’t any buses then.

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- Emma would start crying whenever she didn’t get her own way. (would/start)
- Jim loses his temper when tired. (prone/lose)
- As rules, I talk about work when I’m at home. (rule/not talk)
- Bob keeps in front of our house even though we’ve asked him not to. (keep/park)
- Lou tells always tell jokes. (be/tell)
- On this occasion I believe Dan’s story. It does sound plausible. (inclined/believe)
- You know what Sarah’s like! She exaggerates. (tendency/exaggerate)
- It’s an odd habit but she spends often hours getting ready, then decide she doesn’t feel like going out. (spend/get)
- Jan isn’t used to all tidy but now she’s got her own flat, it’s spotless! (used/be)
- When I was a first-year student, I forgot to do my homework. (forever/forget)
- Janet takes everything in her stride and is never daunted by any challenge. (tend/take)

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Vocabulary

3 Match 1–6 with a)–h). There are two options you do not need.

- As no-one else seemed interested in the position, I put my c
- Sarah literally became a household ---
- Charlotte told me she was named ---
- I think June said her maiden ---
- After ten years in the industry, she’s made ---
- Although my given ---

a) name is Christine, everyone calls me by my middle name: Emily.
b) up to the family name and reputation that preceded her.
c) name forward for captain of our local cricket team.
d) after her great-grandmother, who was an incredibly strong and determined woman.
e) name only as she had no real political power or authority.
f) name overnight after appearing on a popular reality TV show.
g) name was Crayford before she married Pete and changed it to Bracey.
h) a big name for herself in Hollywood. It’s well deserved – she’s a very talented actor.

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4 Complete the personality adjectives in the sentences.

- Jane’s son Harry is very inquisitive and always wants to know what’s going on.
- I wasn’t surprised when Mandy’s parents told me she was a very rebellious teenager. She still doesn’t react well to being told what to do.
- My sister often overreacts to things. She also becomes anxious when she can’t control situations. She really is quite nervous.
- Si’s extremely methodical and applies himself to everything he does. He’s always methodical and meticulous when it comes to reports.
- Nowadays a lot of people are apathetic when it comes to politics and so when it comes to election time, they don’t bother to vote.
- Lindsay will stubbornly refuse to change her opinion in spite of all attempts to persuade her otherwise. She’s the most obstinate person I’ve ever met!

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5 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- I had no idea Maggie was such an amazing singer. She's a dark horse.
- Jenny is always so entertaining to have around as she's typically the _____ and soul of the party.
- Jan is very set in her _____ so don't expect her to change now.
- My brother's always felt like the black _____ of the family because he didn't go to university.
- I generally try to ignore Chris, as he can be a real _____ in the neck when you're trying to concentrate on your work.
- Dan's been a mechanic for over thirty years now – you could say he's an old _____ at repairing cars.

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6 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- The Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, in Malaysia, are a truly b landmark of the capital city.
a) iconic b) revealing c) judgemental
- Turner's paintings always seem to me to truly the beauty of England's seascapes.
a) chart b) capture c) encourage
- The newspaper was taken to court for publishing some _____ images taken when the celebrity couple were on a beach in Thailand.
a) inspiring b) revealing c) recognisable
- Amsterdam will be host once more to an incredibly _____ array of photos at this year's exhibition of World Press photojournalists' best work.
a) striking b) iconic c) photographic
- His poorly judged _____ comments on women in the workplace sparked outrage and caused a national uproar.
a) unique b) inspiring c) provocative
- As a journalist she always strove to create headlines that would instantly attract the attention of readers.
a) iconic b) evocative c) photographic

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Function

7 Complete the conversation with a)–m) below. There are two options you do not need.

- A: I ¹ d Spencer's not going to make the match tonight.
B: Really? Why do you say that?
A: Well, I'd ² _____ that now he's with Suzanne, he's not going to feel so passionately about playing a bit of five-a-side with the boys on a Friday night.
- A: If I had ³ _____ guess, I'd ⁴ _____ Warner is going to beat Linden.
B: Oh, I don't know. It ⁵ _____ though Linden is getting his second wind. I've seen him like before. What he does is he gives his opponent ⁶ _____ he's done for and then suddenly takes over the game!
A: Are you sure? It ⁷ _____ that he's exhausted. And he's limping too!
- A: What's that weird sound in the garden?
B: I ⁸ _____ could be some sort of bird but I'm not sure. It could be a cat, or even a fox!
A: Mmm... I ⁹ _____ what we'll see if we keep watching. Do you want to stay up for a while? It could be kind of exciting!
- A: You look ¹⁰ _____. Are you alright there, darling?
B: Erm ... I can't seem to find my phone. I'm ¹¹ _____ I left it in my jacket pocket but it's not there now. That's very odd.
B: Well, I tell you what. If I call your phone, perhaps we'll hear it ring ...
a) a bit puzzled
b) to make a
c) guess it
d) reckon
e) something knowing
f) seems to me
g) looks as
h) hazard a guess
i) pretty sure
j) wonder
k) the impression
l) makes me
m) say that

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Total: 50