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Date: Group: Pre-intermediate

1 ▷ Listen to a woman giving a talk on a radio show about starting her own business. Decide if sentences 1–5 are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Eleni first got the idea of making bags after seeing something interesting in a shop. _____
- 2 By the time of the shopping fair, Eleni felt nervous about speaking to customers. _____
- 3 Eleni believes her bags are popular because they're all different. _____
- 4 The biggest help Eleni got with her business was employing someone else to make the bags. _____
- 5 According to Eleni, the most important thing when starting a business is being confident about your abilities. _____

▷ Listen again. Complete sentences 6–10 using one word in each space.

- 6 Eleni says that many of her _____ at university loved the first bag she made.
- 7 Eleni sold her first bags at a shopping fair in her town in _____.
- 8 Eleni called her business 'Bags of _____. '.
- 9 Eleni's father gave her information about giving _____ to her customers.
- 10 Eleni's plans involve opening a little shop in her town next _____.

2 Choose the best answers to complete the text about the early life of Nelson Mandela.

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was probably the ¹ _____ famous South African who has ever lived. He was born on 18 July 1918, in a village called Mvezo in the Umtata region of the country. His parents didn't know how to read and write, ² _____ his birth mother understood that education was important. ³ _____, she decided to send Nelson to school when he was about seven years old. It was at school that he ⁴ _____ the English name 'Nelson' from his teacher. Nelson then went on to secondary school and university. He decided ⁵ _____ English and politics at university. However, he got into ⁶ _____ trouble while he was there, and did not finish his degree. He ⁷ _____ the university in 1940 without ⁸ _____ qualifications.

In 1941, Nelson moved to Johannesburg, one of the biggest cities in South Africa. He soon found a job and was successful. His boss was happy with him because he was very ⁹ _____. Nelson made several new friends and became interested in politics again. In fact, at that time, he ¹⁰ _____ to be a politician one day. And the rest, as they say, is history!

1 a more	b less	c most
2 a since	b but	c because
3 a Therefore	b As	c Since
4 a became	b got	c caught
5 a studying	b study	c to study
6 a some	b enough	c many
7 a has left	b left	c is leaving
8 a any	b lots	c a few
9 a untidy	b shy	c hard-working
10 a hoped	b imagined	c enjoyed

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3 Complete the posts on a social networking site with the expressions in the box. Use each expression only once. There are two expressions that you don't need.

congratulations get well soon
bad luck I've got bad news good luck
you lucky thing great pic

Okan Denizli is feeling nervous.

3 comments

Hasan Demir What's up, mate?

Okan Denizli Meeting my girlfriend's parents tonight.

Hasan Demir ¹ _____! I'm sure you don't need it, though – you'll be fine!

Ingrid Fischer Enjoying Paris

15 likes 3 comments

Rachel Dupont You're here?! How exciting! Lovely photo!

Angela Schmidt Have a great weekend! xx

Monika Schwinghammer Yeah, agree with Rachel.

² _____! xx

Natalia Kopilova is at the O2 Arena for the Beyoncé concert.

25 likes 2 comments

Eszter Moldovan ³ _____! Wish I was there too – have fun! xx

Aga Wielopolski Have a fab evening!

Natalia Kopilova Thanks guys!

Stefan Andersson Passed my university exams! ☺

9 likes 3 comments

Heike Roberts Well done!

Lars Torensen Nice one!

Tomas Gandrud ⁴ _____!

Wei Ching Yao Missed my flight to Hong Kong

3 comments

Kumiko Okari Oh no! That's awful!

Harry Cheng My sister works at the airport – call me.

Stacey Tang ⁵ _____! Hope you get the next one. xx

4 You recently bought a pair of shoes from an online shop. However, you now wish to return the shoes because there are some problems with them. Write an email to the online seller. Write 120–150 words.

In your email, you should:

- say when you bought them
- describe the shoes
- explain what the problem is
- say what you want to happen next

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