VOCABULARY

QUALIFICATIONS

1 What are the people in 1–10 talking about? Choose from the words in the box.

qualifications a certificate a degree an MA a driving licence an online course a PhD face-to-face learning distance learning an apprenticeship

1 I got my first degree in 2005 and always wanted to study the subject more deeply so I finally began one last year. _____

2 I much prefer it because I like to be with other students in the same room. That's how I learn best. _____

3 My brother did one in a fashion company. They were nice to him and they showed him the basics of the business. _____

4 I don't really have any because I left school when I was fourteen, but I worked hard and was a success. _____

5 Mine is framed and hanging on my wall! It's evidence that I took the one-month course and it was necessary for me to get a job. _____

6 You really need it to be a university professor. It's the hardest academic qualification and it involves original research, but it's necessary. _____

7 I did one once. It was interesting because you write lots of messages to the other students but you never meet them. I passed. _____

8 It's the way education has been going for a long time. It means people from isolated parts of the world can study at a good university even if they can't travel there. _____

9 It took me five attempts to get mine! The first time I tried, I crashed and the instructor just said, 'OK, come back next week!' _____

10 When I finish school I'd like to go to university to study history, so I hope I'll have one by the time I'm twenty-one or twenty-two. _____



FUNCTION

CLARIFYING OPINIONS

2 A 7.3 **Listen to conversations 1–3. What is happening in each one? Circle the correct option to complete the sentences.**

Conversation 1

Parents are discussing a child's _____.

a) behaviour
b) TV-watching habits
c) school grades

Conversation 2

Colleagues are discussing _____.

a) another colleague's work
b) their qualifications
c) the best person for a job

Conversation 3

A presenter is asking a question about _____.

a) directing a play in a school theatre
b) the government's view of education
c) lack of money for the arts in schools

B Listen again. Which sentence do you hear, a) or b)?

Conversation 1

1 **a)** In my view, it's getting out of control.
b) For my view, it's getting out of control.

2 **a)** By example, she watched TV for six hours yesterday.
b) For example, she watched TV for six hours yesterday.

3 **a)** I'm saying that's a lot.
b) I must say that's a lot.

4 **a)** That's not what I'm saying. She's always in front of a screen.
b) That's what I was saying. She's always in front of a screen.

Conversation 2

5 **a)** For me, Elizabeth is the best.
b) To me, Elizabeth is the best.

6 **a)** For once, she has the right qualifications.
b) For one thing, she has the right qualifications.

7 **a)** She would, but now I've said that, she already has a good job.
b) She would, but having said that, she already has a good job.

Conversation 3

8 **a)** Yes, the reason I say this is that funding has been cut for arts subjects.
b) Yes, it's reasonable to say that funding has been cut for arts subjects.

9 **a)** Let me give you an example. A school I visited last month wanted to do a play in the little school theatre.
b) Let's look at the example. A school I visited last month wanted to do a play in the little school theatre.

10 **a)** Like I'm saying, money isn't everything, but it's part of the problem.
b) Like I said, money isn't everything, but it's part of the problem.

LIVEWORKSHEETS