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UNIT 8



UPPER - INTERMEDIATE LEVEL (B2)

- 1 ▷ Listen to an extract from a talk by a medical professional and complete the sentences with words that the speaker stresses.

Interest in the ¹ _____ benefits of ² _____ has increased recently after
³ _____ on the cocoa-drinking peoples of Central ⁴ _____.
⁵ _____ observed that that the Kuna ⁶ _____ of Panama, who drank ⁷ _____
as their drink of choice, had very low ⁸ _____ pressure, which as we know is a
leading cause of ⁹ _____ disease and can also lead to ¹⁰ _____.

- 2 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, use PARTICIPLE CLAUSES.

- 1 Because I'm not a great cook, I really struggle to prepare a three-course meal.
_____, I really struggle to prepare a three-course meal.
- 2 We were disturbed by Ben's music for several hours, so eventually we asked him to lower the volume.
_____ for several hours, we eventually asked him to lower the volume.
- 3 There were many fans who queued up to meet the band after the concert.
There were _____.
- 4 Several paintings which cost over £5,000 each were destroyed in the fire.
_____ were destroyed in the fire.
- 5 Katya has lived in Switzerland, so it's quite likely that she speaks some German.
_____, it's quite likely that Katya speaks some German.

- 3 Complete the sentences with a word from the box. There are three words that you don't need.

critical	family-focused	open-minded	realistic
self-centred	tech-savvy	well educated	well-informed

- 1 The security consultant's report was _____ of the building's safety and made several suggestions for improvement.
- 2 If you have any problems with your new tablet, just ask Paul. He's quite _____, so he'll know what to do.
- 3 Most people in my family are _____. Everyone has a degree, and several have also completed a Master's.
- 4 I'm certain that Suzana isn't at all interested in her sister's problems. She's very _____, you know!
- 5 Let's be _____! In this traffic it won't be possible to get home in under two hours.

4 Read the text about the history of the vacuum cleaner and choose the correct option A–D to complete.

Until about 250 years ago, households did not take dirt as ¹ _____ as they do now. It was a fact of life and that was that. Cleaning often ² _____ of no more than an annual clean called 'spring-cleaning'. This was when the furniture was moved aside, and other ³ _____ in the house, such as curtains, were cleaned. Carpets and rugs were taken outside, hung on ropes and had the dust ⁴ _____ out of them. It was an exhausting and messy process.

The industrial revolution brought about a major change. As new ⁵ _____ became available to make homes cleaner, a corresponding interest in ⁶ _____ hygiene developed. This, in turn, led to the ⁷ _____ of new machines, one of which was the vacuum cleaner.

Legend has it that when one of the first vacuum cleaners was ⁸ _____, a kindly scientist took the proud inventor aside, offering a bit of advice that was to become crucial to the future of the product – 'make it suck, not blow'.

The first vacuum cleaners appeared in the US. They were operated by hand pumps and were almost as much hard work as spring-cleaning. It was only when electric motors had become sufficiently ⁹ _____ to be moved around that vacuum cleaners became common household items. Most of today's major ¹⁰ _____ first appeared in the 1920s, but have had their designs changed slightly through the decades.

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|------|-------------|---|---------------|---|---------------|---|---------------|
| 1 a | importantly | b | crucially | c | seriously | d | considerately |
| 2 a | consisted | b | made | c | included | d | meant |
| 3 a | devices | b | products | c | materials | d | objects |
| 4 a | beaten | b | sucked | c | taken | d | cleaned |
| 5 a | ideals | b | creations | c | inventions | d | inspirations |
| 6 a | house | b | homely | c | internal | d | domestic |
| 7 a | appearing | b | establishment | c | manufacture | d | planning |
| 8 a | established | b | seen | c | revealed | d | demonstrated |
| 9 a | scientific | b | advanced | c | technological | d | forward |
| 10 a | brands | b | marks | c | symbols | d | types |

5 Choose the correct preposition a–c to complete the sentences.

- Sarah has been responsible ____ the design of the project since February.
a with b for c of
- I think having a few really good friends is preferable ____ knowing lots of people less well.
a to b as c about
- Conroy is very good at making a type of bread which is known locally ____ a 'fruit soda'.
a by b on c as
- My elderly grandmother doesn't like being dependent ____ others for help with her housework.
a in b on c with
- They obviously weren't aware ____ the dangers, otherwise they would never have entered the cave.
a to b of c about

6 Complete the sentences with these words.

advances

devices

data

security

hacked

- 1 Internet _____ is a priority these days to prevent criminals from accessing personal details and bank accounts.
- 2 Nowadays even young children learn how to use smart _____ like phones and tablets.
- 3 Unfortunately my account was _____ and a lot of sensitive information was stolen.
- 4 With all the _____ in technology, who knows what we'll be able to do in a few years' time!
- 5 Due to the laws on _____ protection, I cannot discuss any details of the case with you.

7 Complete the mini-dialogues. The first letter of each missing word has been given.

impressed

stunning/spectacular

particularly

highlight

liking

Aga What a _____ view!

Irina Yes. It's breathtaking, isn't it?

Rick This curry is delicious – nice and spicy!

Helga It's actually a bit too hot for my _____!

Cal Well, that show was way beyond my expectations – just brilliant!

Matsumi For me the _____ was the opera singer. What an amazing voice!

Harry What did you think of the firework display?

Aysan To be honest, I wasn't that _____ by it. I've seen a lot better.

Mia Did you enjoy your holiday?

Kosta Yes, I did, thanks, and what I _____ loved about it was the fact that everything was included in the price.

8 Use the prompts to write sentences with RELATIVE CLAUSES. Use commas where necessary.

EXAMPLE: would be great / have / car / can clean itself

It would be great to have a car that can clean itself.

1 my elder sister / lives in Mexico / has decided / set up own business

2 main reason / I don't want go / the bad weather

3 Mr Tilbury / is the owner / a local company / manufactures computer equipment

4 Stefan / brother I told you about / often calls by / on way home from work

5 The man to / I was speaking / just moved / into this area