

20. Choose the correct answer.

- 1 The film was *quite* / *quite an* interesting but *fairly* / *a bit* too long.
- 2 We had *quite a* / *a quite* nice time at the party.
- 3 She's *a bit* / *very* careless.
- 4 I'm *quite* / *a bit* certain that you will pass the test if you work *a little* / *very* harder.
- 5 Don't look so worried -- I promise you, I'm *very* / *a very* careful driver.
- 6 It came as *rather* / *rather an* unpleasant surprise to get a bill for 1,000 euros.
- 7 I was *a bit* / *very* pleased to get such a lovely present but *rather* / *quite a* disappointed that you couldn't come to the party.
- 8 This milk has gone *sour* / *to sour* -- it smells!
- 9 If you water the plants, they will grow *healthy* / *to healthy* and *strong* / *a bit strong* in a month or so.
- 10 His hair has turned *grey* / *to grey*.
- 11 Dave appears *he understands* / *to understand* what really happened.

26. In the interview below from a plane passenger who had a lucky escape, the last letters of each line have not been printed. Complete the lines.

PILOT'S ACTION SAVES LIVES

It was terrible. If it hadn't been for the pilot's quick thinking (1) w _____ probably all be dead now. I can't explain my feelings. It was (2) s _____ scary. I heard this bang and looked out of the window and saw a (3) fir _____ on the wing. My life didn't flash before my eyes. There wasn't (4) en _____ time for that. I remember thinking 'Help! I don't want to die. (5) I'm t _____ young to die.' I suppose everybody thinks that. There were too (6) m _____ things I still wanted to do. Anyway, we're all very lucky, we (7) kn _____ that for sure. And you know what the captain said? Honestly, (8) he's s _____ modest! He said he was only doing his job, but he made the (9) decisi _____ to ignore the rule book and make an immediate crash (10) landi _____ Apparently, a fire on the wing isn't supposed to be serious enough (11) t _____ cause us to turn back, but in fact, if we'd carried on we (12) prob _____ would have crashed into houses and we'd all have died. He's (13) s _____ a hero!

43. Fill in *like* or *as*.

- 1 Although it lives in the sea, the whale is classified _____ a mammal. It may look _____ a dangerous beast, but it is really _____ gentle _____ a lamb.
- 2 My friend George describes himself _____ a great singer. He thinks he has a voice _____ an angel, but when he sings it sounds _____ a cat wailing! He works _____ a taxi driver and everybody keeps telling him not to give up his job!
- 3 McTaverty's Tavern has been described _____ the best restaurant in Perthshire, with dishes that smell delicious and taste _____ they have been made with only the finest ingredients. Surprisingly, the prices are not _____ high _____ you might expect.
- 4 Majorie works _____ a criminal lawyer and is regarded _____ an expert in her field. She works extremely hard and at the end of a long day in court all she feels _____ doing is collapsing in front of the TV.
- 5 If you want to go on a diet, do _____ your doctor tells you. There are some foods such _____ vegetables which you can eat _____ much of _____ you want. Why not try soya meat? It tastes just _____ real meat and can be used in the same way _____ mince, but is a low-fat food.

45. Complete the conversations. Put in these nouns: business (x2), experience (x2), glass, iron, light, paper, space, time. Put *a/an* or *some* before each noun.

- 1 Harriet: Did you manage to park in town?
Mike: It took me ages to find _____. And all I wanted was to buy _____ to wrap this present in.
- 2 Sarah: Are you busy tomorrow?
Mark: I'm meeting someone in the office. We've got _____ to discuss.
- 3 Trevor: Do you think I need to take _____ with me for my shirts?
Laura: Oh, surely the hotel will have one.
- 4 Vicky: I was going to have some juice, but I can't find _____.
Rachel: If you turned _____ on, you might be able to see properly.
- 5 Claire: I've never met your brother.
Mark: Oh, he's usually very busy because he runs _____. But he's been ill recently. The doctor has ordered him to spend _____ resting.
- 6 Daniel: How did your interview go?
Emma: Well, I didn't get the job. I think they really wanted someone with _____ of the work, and that's what I haven't got. So it was a bit of a waste of time. And the train coming back was two hours late. That's _____ I don't want to repeat.