

VOCABULARY

describing attitudes

Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 Reading about how people sometimes just freeze in exams really **struck a chord / trotted out a trite phrase** with me. I've experienced the same thing, many times.
- 2 The advice about never giving up was, in my opinion, **spot on / way too oversimplistic**. It's misguided to say you should 'never' do something.
- 3 People might think it's **a sweeping statement / spot on**, but I'd say that to be successful at something you just need to practise.
- 4 It's **a complete fallacy / an element of truth** to claim you can become proficient in a foreign language within a few weeks, as the adverts suggest – we all know that can't be done. People **strike a chord / trot out these trite phrases** to get us to buy things.
- 5 I get irritated when I hear people coming out with **spot on / vacuous** comments on topics that are actually quite complex.
- 6 I think it's **an element of truth / patently not true** that our ability to learn a new language disappears as we become older.
- 7 It **rings true / is a complete fallacy** for me when people say that all things are good in moderation. Therefore, some level of failure is helpful to us, and beyond a certain point it becomes harmful.

1 The idea that failure creates opportunities really true for me.

a calls **b** rings **c** strikes

2 To say all successful people are rich is a bit of a statement.

a brushing **b** wiping **c** sweeping

3 What you said about your experience when travelling really struck a chord me.

a for **b** to **c** with

4 The idea that we can learn from mistakes is spot , in my opinion.

a on **b** in **c** off

5 Some of the things people believe about politicians are complete

a fallacies **b** paradoxes **c** deviations

6 There's of truth in the idea, but it's not without its problems.

a a component **b** an element **c** a segment

7 I hate the way the media just out these trite phrases all the time.

a trot **b** run **c** spread

8 You can't say that. It's not true.

a officially **b** patently **c** openly

**4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.
There are three words you do not need.**

chord element fallacy patently ring spot
sweeping trot

- 1 I suppose there's an _____ of truth in what he's saying, but I still don't trust him.
- 2 In my opinion, Eoin was _____ on when he asked that question at the meeting.
- 3 They make these _____ statements about how everything's going to change, but trust me, nothing will.
- 4 The politician came out with something yesterday that was _____ not true.
- 5 The policy on housing will strike a _____ with a large number of people in the area.