

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.