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## Effective communication

Language, linguistics

**2.1 IDIOMS**  Use a dictionary to check the meaning of the phrases in the box. Then complete sentences 1–8 with the correct phrase.

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When all is said and done

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| 1. You can say that again!           | A. be involved in making a decision                        |
| 2. having said that                  | B. After everything else; remember this                    |
| 3. There is something to be said for | C. I totally agree with you!                               |
| 4. to say the least                  | D. This is to be totally expected                          |
| 5. When all is said and done         | E. In other words  |
| 6. Needless to say                   | F. It has some advantages                                  |
| 7. That is to say                    | G. despite this  |
| 8. have a say                        | H. it is in fact even more important than I have just said |

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- Bill Hello, Sam, what a surprise meeting you here!  
Sam .....
- Nuclear power has its problems. However, ....., many people believe it is the energy source of the future.
- ..... switching to solar energy, although it is still too expensive for many people.
- Life without a constant supply of water can be difficult, .....
- ....., there is little we can do to save the environment without the full support of industry and the government.
- The tanker spilled 5,000 megalitres of oil into the ocean. ...., this had a devastating effect on marine life in the area.
- There is a clear link between humans and environmental problems. ...., wherever humans live, they damage the environment in some way.
- I think it's important for everyone to ..... in how the government is elected.