

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

basically happily incredibly
in Eastern Europe in the last 150 years
literally over the last few years quite
sharply

- 1 Over the last few years, many jobs have been created in the digital technology sector.
- 2 We have been working with our partners _____ since the late 1990s.
- 3 The economy has seen negative growth this year and _____, I think it's the government fault.
- 4 Interest in learning languages has risen _____, with a 50 percent increase in students in the last year.
- 5 There have been several important achievements, such as the invention of the car and the moon landings, _____.
- 6 We have spoken to _____ hundreds of people as part of our market research.
- 7 We will _____ show you around our head office. It will be our pleasure!
- 8 My boss has been speaking to me _____ aggressively lately.
- 9 He'd bought an _____ big house, which was far larger than he needed.

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Tickets sold out within hours of the concert being announced (announce).
- 2 Identification must _____ (show) before entering the main building.
- 3 The man was arrested after _____ (stop) by police in a routine check.
- 4 If _____ (require), we can provide gluten-free meals.
- 5 This year _____ (say) to have been one of the hottest on record.
- 6 This film needs to be seen at least three times _____ (understand).
- 7 The painting, sold at auction last week, was said _____ (hide away) in someone's attic for more than 50 years.
- 8 _____ (awarded) the Nobel Prize in 1982, García Márquez went on to write many more novels.
- 9 I fell over and hurt my ankle while _____ (chase) by a bee.
- 10 This meal has to _____ (heat) in a microwave before you can eat it.

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3 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 This suitcase is much e
 - 2 I didn't expect the kids _____
 - 3 We didn't expect it _____
 - 4 I was surprised how _____
 - 5 They were expecting _____
 - 6 We expected them _____
 - 7 The film wasn't as _____
 - 8 Pierre finished the race _____
 - 9 I didn't expect him to be _____
- a rude he was.
b to enjoy the film so much.
c depressing as I expected.
d something cheaper.
e heavier than I expected.
f sooner than we all expected.
g to take longer making a decision.
h so good at his job.
i to be such an expensive meal.

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Vocabulary

4 Complete the text with the words and phrases in the box.

boards branch out edge monopoly
struggling sustainable turnover
undercut valued

Nowadays many traditional high street shops are ¹ struggling to survive. Rising costs, such as rent and other bills, mean that there is a large ² _____ of shops, which come and go on a regular basis. The problem is that many big high street names have lost their competitive ³ _____ and online shopping is taking over. The internet shopping giants have a virtual ⁴ _____ and it's impossible for city centre shops to compete. After all, the biggest online shopping company is ⁵ _____ at around a trillion dollars, which is larger than the economies of many countries! Internet retailers are able to ⁶ _____ their high street competitors and sell their products at much lower prices. They have also started to ⁷ _____ by offering other services, such as online TV and music. Not only that, but some studies suggest that online shopping is more environmentally ⁸ _____ than traditional ways of shopping. All of this means that the ⁹ _____ of directors of our high street shops have a big problem on their hands.

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5 Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

- 1 The politician is linked to a *corruption / commission* case where millions of euros have disappeared.
- 2 We made a *bid / grant* for a large government contract but we didn't get it.
- 3 I need some work done on my house, so I asked a builder to give me a *commission / an estimate*.
- 4 Organising a community event would be a great way to raise the *catalyst / profile* of our company.
- 5 We've had some financial difficulties lately, so this contract will give us a *boost / boycott*.
- 6 The council is planning a complete *infrastructure / transformation* of the city centre, with a new shopping and leisure centre.
- 7 We have organised a *bid / boycott* of the supermarket because they are planning to build a car park on green land.
- 8 The school was awarded a government *estimate / grant* to build a new library.
- 9 The government hopes that the new high-speed railway will be a *catalyst / commission* for further investment.

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct word or phrase. The first letters are given.

- 1 I went to a great *literary* festival where I heard talks by different authors.
- 2 I thought the novel was pretty *m* _____ really. It was alright, but not as good as the others.
- 3 This is a *c* _____ project so you will have to work closely with your colleagues.
- 4 Let's watch a *f* _____ *p* _____ movie with non-stop action. What about *John Wick*?
- 5 This is the worst concert I've been to. His singing is completely *o* _____ *o* _____ *t* _____!
- 6 Some of his jokes were *o* _____. I'm surprised more people didn't leave the show.
- 7 We'd been looking forward to the concert, so the cancellation was a big *d* _____.
- 8 The poem was so *m* _____ that I couldn't help crying when I read it.
- 9 My brother's rock band are playing tonight. It's just going to be a small *g* _____.
- 10 After the meal at the club, there will be a *c* _____ with different types of acts.

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