

SELF-CHECK | GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY**Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.**

1. As many people had suggested, the UFO sighting turned out to be a **puzzle** | **hoax**.
2. He was a total **enigma** | **fraud** and police weren't able to find a single record of his existence.
3. A local businessman was **abducted** | **revealed** in the city centre on Saturday by two men in a van.
4. This documentary finally sheds **interest** | **light** on the mystery of the disappearance of flight 102.
5. The president **hit** | **exposed** the headlines again by choosing to play golf rather than work.

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1. This so called 'news' paper contains nothing but **sensational** celebrity gossip.
2. Having lost all his money, he could be heard **muttering** to himself about how unfair life was.
3. The men were arrested on **peering** of murder.
4. There has been a series of robberies in the **neighbourhood**, so residents are being warned to lock their doors.
5. This English stand-up comedian has a particularly **quirky** sense of humour.
6. He's the famous journalist exposing **suspicion** in public life.

SELF-CHECK | GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY**Complete the conversation with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.****Pat** So how was the film?**Jez** Well, the whole evening was a disaster. By the time the bus arrived, I (1) **'d been waiting** (wait) in the rain for twenty minutes, and when I finally met up with Gavin and got to the cinema, the film (2) **had already started** (already/start).**Pat** Oh no! Was it a good film at least?**Jez** Well, I don't know. We had been watching for about fifteen minutes when the screen (3) **went blank** (go) blank.**Pat** What?**Jez** Apparently they (4) **hadn't checked** (not check) the projector properly, and it broke down. While we (5) **were waiting** (wait) for them to fix the projector, they offered us tickets to the other film that was showing, but Gavin had already seen it.**Pat** Oh, dear. So what (6) **had you done** (you/do)?**Jez** Well, we got our money back and then caught the bus home. A total waste of an evening!

Put the words in brackets in order to complete the sentences.

1. (had/scarcely/arrived/we) **Scarcely had we arrived** than it began to rain.
2. (time/at/no/did/believe/I) **Believe it or not** he would actually turn up on our doorstep.
3. (way/no/is/she/in/saying) **She is not** going to take part in the debate.
4. (think/little/they/did) **They didn't think** anyone was recording every word they said.
5. (do/see/seldom/you) **You seldom see** such beautiful animals up close.
6. (so many/never/people/have) **Never have so many people** turned up at elections.

Complete the text with the correct words formed from the words in brackets.

This website aims to raise (1) **awareness** (AWARE) of issues that affect young people who have left school and are in full or part-time employment. Each week it presents (2) **topic** (TOPIC) discussions and up-to-the-minute news aimed at younger (3) **worker** (WORK) and those taking part in vocational training and apprenticeships. The stories it includes are always (4) **news** (NEWS). The articles contain a great deal of (5) **information** (INFORM) that is likely to attract the (6) **attention** (ATTEND) of anyone with a job aged between sixteen and twenty-five. I recommend it highly.

Complete the second sentence using the word in bold so that it means the same as the first one. Use between two and five words, including the word in bold.

1. The plane had just taken off when the emergency lights came on. **HARDLY**

Hardly had the plane taken off when the emergency lights came on.

2. I arrived at the shop but it was already closed. **HAD**

By the time we arrived at the shop, **had** closed.

3. I queued for an hour before I got to the front. **BEEN**

I **had been** queuing for an hour when I got to the front.

4. Millions of people watched the video during the first twenty-four hours it was online. **VIRAL**

The video **had gone viral** within twenty-four hours.

5. We didn't expect to have to pay for dinner. **CIRCUMSTANCES**

Under no circumstances did we expect to have to pay for dinner.

6. Where did he work before he went to prison? **LIVING**

What did he **live** before he went to prison?