

Vocabulary/Grammar activities

Unit 1

A Complete the sentences with these words.

<u>anger</u>	<u>arm's</u>	<u>back</u>	<u>courage</u>	<u>edge</u>	<u>foot</u>	<u>grudge</u>
	<u>head</u>	<u>head</u>	<u>pain</u>	<u>pride</u>	<u>rut</u>	

- 1 The problems between my grandparents and their neighbours go _____ years.
- 2 My life is in a _____, I need to get out and about and do new things.
- 3 I hate having to get up at 6am for school. It's a _____ in the neck.
- 4 He's got an interview later today, so he's really on _____. Be nice to him.
- 5 Shut up, would you! You're doing my _____ in! Stop criticising people!
- 6 It's always best to keep obnoxious people like that at _____ length.
- 7 Sarah's a very easy-going character, and she's not the kind of person to bear a _____.
- 8 I know you've had a bad day, but try not to vent your _____ on other people.
- 9 He's not very subtle, he often says exactly what he thinks and puts his _____ in it.
- 10 I'm trying to work up the _____ to ask him out.
- 11 Can't you just swallow your _____ and accept that you made a mistake?
- 12 "I've got my driving test on Monday!" "Keep a cool _____ and you'll be fine."

B Circle the correct words.

- 1 Her parents were **adamant** / **overjoyed** at her exams results.
- 2 When you go to university, write to me every day, otherwise we'll just **drift** / **fall** apart.
- 3 She loves him so much but I'm not sure it's **mutual** / **reciprocal**.
- 4 She doesn't have much phone coverage as her house is so **distant** / **remote**.
- 5 My little brother's very cheeky to my aunt, but I suppose familiarity **asserts** / **breeds** contempt.
- 6 The doctor said that anxiety was the cause of his **abnormal** / **dysfunctional** behaviour.
- 7 My mother and her sister are **inseparable** / **unified** and they're identical twins too!
- 8 He needs to stop thinking about it; he's being too **impassive** / **obsessive**.
- 9 The huge smile on your face is **arousing** / **bearing** curiosity.
- 10 Don't you know he's joking? You're so **gullible** / **vulnerable**!
- 11 He says their relationship is purely **companionable** / **platonic**, but we're not convinced.
- 12 Her behaviour is very **beside** / **out** of character; I don't know what's wrong.

C Choose the correct answers.

- As people get older, they _____ their memory to a greater or lesser degree.
a have lost b lose c are losing d have been losing
- Pete _____ a habit of falling out with people over nothing since his football team lost the league.
a has developed b is developing c develops d has been developing
- When I _____ my boyfriend's parents, I felt totally at ease right from the start.
a was meeting b had met c met d have met
- In recent weeks, since his bike was stolen, Max _____ signs of a more cynical side to his character.
a is showing b shows c has been showing d would show
- Although everyone _____ why he was in her bad books, nobody wanted to explain it to him.
a understands b understood c was understanding d is understanding
- They get on incredibly well. They _____ on the same wavelength right since the moment they met.
a are b were c are continuing d have been
- He _____ her every day and it's beginning to put stress on their relationship.
a teases b is teasing c has teased d has been teasing
- When I told Polly she could tell me what the problem is, she really _____ everything off her chest.
a gets b is getting c has got d got

D Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the correct form of the Past Simple, Past Continuous, Past Perfect Simple or Past Perfect Continuous.

- She _____ (start) to tell him what she thought of him, but then decided to bite her tongue.
- They _____ (talk) about her behind her back for years when she finally found them out.
- Doctors _____ (recommend) eating bananas and fish to improve his brain's efficiency.
- Julia _____ (stick) up for him when no one else would.
- As a teenager, my dad was an apathetic student who _____ (always/miss) classes.
- Fred _____ (train) very hard for months, so I wasn't surprised when he beat the record.
- Harry _____ (be) withdrawn all morning, so eventually I asked him if he was all right.
- Carrie _____ (hope) to settle down in their new home, but her parents hated living there.

E Circle the correct words.

- My grandma would watch / was watching old films while she was knitting, every afternoon!
- Mum would meet / love meeting me after school every afternoon, when I was little.
- He would promise / promised he would never tell her a lie. Unfortunately, he often did.
- Who would you / did you use to spend your 'misspent youth' with, Dad?
- As a child, Kay would / used to love lying in the sun, reading adventure stories.
- At primary school, I used to / would hate having to study for spelling tests every week.
- I would never / never used to enjoy getting my hair cut. I love it now!
- My grandparents wouldn't / didn't use to have so many electrical appliances in their kitchen, when they were young.