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## Useful language: collocations

**1 Choose the correct alternative in *italics*.**

1 Eating badly can result *on / in* poor health.
2 That old city is known *for / of* its beautiful castle.
3 My teacher is still not satisfied *with / of* my work.
4 Hannah is proud *of / for* her daughter's success.
5 It takes time to get used *to / of* living in another country.
6 The film is based *of / on* events that really happened.
7 I was disappointed *for / with* the food in that café.
8 Leroy is capable *of / in* running 100 metres in under 10 seconds.

**2 Add a verb in the correct form to complete the collocations.**

1 I ..... the last bus home so I had to walk.
2 I'm happy because my team ..... yesterday's match 5–0.
3 On Sunday afternoons I often stay at home and ..... cards with my family.
4 Please ..... this secret. Don't tell anyone.
5 I'll get a car if I ..... my driving test.
6 The directors are ..... a meeting next week.
7 Last winter I ..... a bad cold.
8 Some footballers ..... lots of money every week.

**Tip!** For each gap, look at the whole sentence before you choose the answer.

**3 Choose A, B, C or D in these sentences written by First candidates, and say why each is correct.**

1 My job involved helping the band to ... up their equipment on the stage.
A put B make C stand D set

2 The sound of the waves makes you sleep ... if you were on a cloud.
A so B just C almost D as

3 I wanted to change the subject, but he ... on telling me all the details.
A suggested B required C insisted D demanded

4 I was woken up in the night by a ... noise which came from the first floor.
A strong B loud C heavy D high

5 As ... as I know there were about 5,000 people at the festival.
A good B far C much D long

6 Unfortunately, our next meeting has been ... off until July 1st.
A left B made C put D turned

7 They both liked the same kind of music and had the same ... to life.
A view B attitude C feeling D opinion

8 Friends can't always agree ... everything; each person has her own opinion.
A on B of C for D in

### Advice

*1 You need to complete a phrasal verb with 'up' that means 'get everything ready'.*

*2 Which forms a set phrase with 'if', for something that only seems to be true?*

*3 Only one of these verbs is followed by 'on'.*

*4 Which adjective collocates with 'noise'?*

*5 Which word completes a set phrase meaning 'I think it's true but I'm not sure'?*

*6 Which option can you add to 'off' to mean 'postpone to a future time'?*

*7 Only one of these nouns is followed by 'to'.*

*8 Which preposition follows 'agree' when it means 'have the same opinion about something'?*



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# Test 2 Exam practice Reading and Use of English Part 1

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**Follow the exam instructions, using the advice to help you.**

For questions **1–8**, read the text below and decide which answer (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (**0**).

**Example:**

**0** **A** keep out of **B** put up with **C** miss out on **D** stand up for

| 0 | A | B | C | D |
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**Tip!** Understanding the overall meaning of the text makes it easier to choose the correct words for the gaps.

## Planes can make it rain

Living next to an airport has always meant having to **(0)** ..... the noise of planes landing and taking off. Now it seems that **(1)** ..... residents also have bad weather, according to a **(2)** ..... published study.

The scientists looked at satellite **(3)** ..... of clouds above airports, and also studied computer models of the way clouds behave. What they found was that as a plane flies through a very cold cloud, the air behind it expands and then cools **(4)** ..... rapidly. This sudden drop in temperature, **(5)** ..... with the hole formed in the cloud where the plane has passed through, can increase the **(6)** ..... of rain or snow on the ground.

In the case of major airports, with hundreds of flights every day, this can have a significant **(7)** ..... on weather patterns up to 100 kilometres away. The researchers point out, however, that aircraft passing through clouds are **(8)** ..... to affect the global climate.

**Advice**

*1 Which word goes with 'residents'?*

*2 One of these adverbs often goes with 'published'.*

*3 Which of these words goes with 'satellite'?*

*4 Only one of these adverbs can go with 'rapidly'.*

*5 Which is often followed by 'with'?*

*6 Which forms a phrase meaning 'to make something more likely'?*

*7 Which goes with 'have' and is followed by 'on'?*

*8 Which is followed by 'to'?*

**Tip!** Remember to look for prepositions that often follow certain verbs and adjectives.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **A** neighbouring | **B** close | **C** local | **D** surrounded |
| 2 | **A** lately | **B** recently | **C** lastly | **D** freshly |
| 3 | **A** images | **B** figures | **C** aspects | **D** portraits |
| 4 | **A** totally | **B** extremely | **C** entirely | **D** perfectly |
| 5 | **A** joined | **B** attached | **C** composed | **D** combined |
| 6 | **A** forecasts | **B** certainties | **C** chances | **D** opportunities |
| 7 | **A** result | **B** influence | **C** consequence | **D** impression |
| 8 | **A** doubtful | **B** unsure | **C** unlikely | **D** improbable |



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