Collocations: ambition, career, jobs

Unit 8

1. **Complete these extracts by writing a word or phrase from the box, in the correct form in the gaps:**

turn it down	pursue	offer	gain	achieve

1. When I leave school, I want to _____ a career as a doctor.

2. To _____ your ambitions as an actor, the more you know about the profession, the better.

3. No matter what job I´m _____ when I first start out, I´ll be very unlikely to 4. _____.

5. I´ve had the chance to try out different things, so I´ve _____ some really useful experience.

2. **Complete these groups of collocations by writing an** *ambition, a career, experience,* **or a** *job* **in the gaps:**

1. abandon/ fulfil/ achieve/ have/ realise:

2. build/ abandon/ launch/ make/ pursue/ start out on:

3. apply for/ find/ leave/ look for/ offer/ turn down:

4. lack/ have/ gain/ get:

Words often confused: play, performance and acting

1. **Circle the correct words in italics in each of these sentences:**

1. What I love the most is being up on **scene/stage.** I feel at the top of the world.

2. I think performing in ***plays/performances*** is better than acting in a film because in the theatre you have live ***audience/public*** in front of you and every ***performance/acting*** is slightly different.

3. Sue´s done some ballet but she prefers stage ***acting/playing.***

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2. Complete the sentences by writing the words from the box. Use each word only once:

acting	audience	performance	play	(the) public
	scene	spectator	stage	

1. My cousin broke the world 600 meters record in front of over twenty thousand cheering _____.

2. The show ended with all the actors singing on _____together.

3. May forgot what she was supposed to say in the final _____ of the play.

4. The _____ were clearly delighted with the performance.

5. Mauro gave a superb _____ as king Richard.

6. Dan wrote his latest _____ in under seven weeks.

7. The museum in all its glory is now open to _____.

8. The thing I enjoy most about _____ is the chance to work in films on location.

3. Choose the correct word, A-D, for each gap:

1. Abby had a real talent for acting and eventually _____ her ambition to act at Broadway.

A. concluded B. fulfilled C. convinced D. succeeded

2. If you _____ work experience and want to help the environment, you could offer to do voluntary conservation work.

A. deny B. lack C. abandon D. miss

3. Gary is determined to _____ a career with wild animals and his dream is to set up his own practise as a vet.

A. perform B. realise C. pursue D. launch

4. If you want to _____ experience of working as a doctor, you can come with me at the hospital.

A. make B. earn C .achieve D. get

5. Susan turned _____ a Saturday job in an amusement park if she can because she´d rather work in a supermarket.

A. down B. back C. out D. up

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Entertainment

1. Write the types of programmes which belong to these definitions:

1. A programme which aims to be humorous: _____

2. An informal program which famous people are asked questions about themselves and their work: _____

3. A programme telling a story set some time ago in the past: _____

4. A factual programme giving information about a certain subject: _____

5. Programmes with episodes broadcast daily or several times a week, following the lives of a cast of characters: _____

6. A programme which consists of discussion and analysis of recent events: _____

2. Complete the sentences with these verbs:

watched	saw x2	read about	looked at
	listened to	heard	

1. Katy stood by the window and _____ her children playing in the garden.

2. Tina _____ the map to see where they were.

3. Sandy always _____ music while she was working.

4. Michael _____ an advert in the newspaper yesterday for a course in jewellery-making.

5. He turned round and suddenly _____ Amelia standing in the doorway.

6. We _____ the sound of a vehicle coming down the road. It was Austin.

7. I _____ Bollywood´s new film in a magazine.

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3. Look at the words below. Write C if they are for cinema/films, T if they are for the theatre/plays or B if they are both.

1. critic	8. rehearsal	15. subtitles
2. costumes	9. plot	16. stage
3. cast	10. performance	17. special effects
4. cartoon	11. musical	18. soundtrack
5. box office	12. location	19. screen
6. audience	13. interval	20. scenery
7. actor	14. director	21. reviews

4. Choose the correct adjective:

1. I think your drawings are very ***uninspired/gripping.*** I found each one of them pretty boring.

2. I think the film´s storytelling was slow because of the ***stunning/tedious*** script.

3. She found my story ***imaginative/confusing*** and hard to follow.

4. I knew what was going to happen in the film because the plot was absolutely ***fascinating/predictable/confusing.***

5. Everyone clapped at his ***dull/brilliant*** performance.

5. Write these books in the correct category:

thriller	textbook	science fiction novel	poetry book
guidebook	ghost story	encyclopedia	diary
detective story	cookery book	biography	atlas

Non-fiction: _____

Fiction: _____

Reference: _____

6. Here are some words often used in fiction. There is an odd one out in each group. Which one is it? Why?

1.	glance	overhear	observe
2.	stare	witness	stroke
3.	view	sniff	spot
4.	gaze	wink	smell
5.	breathe	notice	glimpse

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