

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

being fact only that the thing was what

- One thing I admire about Jimi is that he never complains about anything.
- fact I found most disappointing was their complete lack of enthusiasm.
- only thing that upsets me most is people being cruel to animals.
- What I love about your cooking is the fact that you experiment with exotic ingredients.
- The things we didn't see were the art gallery and the science museum.
- What I like about swimming is being able to spend some time on my own.
- The thing I liked most about the show was the song at the end.
- What upset me was that you didn't mention your plans to me.

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- We had been walking (walk) around the town for hours so we were pleased to have a rest.
- It wasn't clear how long the children were (hide) in the woods.
- My brother got here yesterday morning but my sister didn't arrive (arrive) until last night.
- By the time the police arrived, most of the demonstrators had left (leave) already.
- When she realised I was looking (look) at her, she waved at me.
- Jason hadn't been working very hard, so I'm not surprised he was (get) fired from his job.
- We had (have) our dinner when Jacob arrived, so we asked him to join us.
- They had never been (never / be) on a plane before and it was the first time they'd travelled abroad.

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3 Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

- I'm murdering / dying for a cold drink of water.
- The car broke down and I had to walk for miles away / miles and miles to find a garage.
- I'd be happier if you didn't keep bothering me for miles / every minute.
- Watching him work is like / as watching grass grow. He's so slow!
- I could kill / murder some chips. Are you hungry as well?
- We were waiting for the doctor for absolutely ages / time. We must have been there for at least an hour.
- Seriously, the conference room was so hot. It was like / as if an oven in there.

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Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with one word. The first letters are given.

- We all work very hard during the week so it's good for us to let off s t e a m at the weekend.
- Don't ask me to help you fix your sink. I'm h at repairing things.
- Jaws* was the first of Steven Spielberg's b movies, taking more than \$250 million at the box office.
- What I like about outdoor p is that you can keep fit in a natural setting.
- My dad always tries to do the c in the newspaper but he doesn't usually finish it.
- I like watching a little TV in the evenings. It helps me s off at the end of the day.
- If you want to learn how to defend yourself, you should go to a m arts class.
- My son t to the water very well. He could swim by the time he was five.

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

an apprenticeship babysit let down
mentor mourning rave rough
stranded

- 1 Nancy acted as my mentor in my first job. She taught me everything I needed to know.
- 2 The airlines were on strike so we were _____ at the airport for nearly two days.
- 3 My cousin is training to be an electrician. He's doing _____ with a local company.
- 4 Her husband died recently and she's still _____ her loss.
- 5 If you haven't got anyone to look after the children, I can probably _____ for you.
- 6 Despite all the _____ reviews on the internet, I thought that restaurant was terrible.
- 7 I felt really _____ when my sister didn't come to my wedding.
- 8 It seems like the number of people sleeping _____ in my town is going up.

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6 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 My brother has just had a go d
 - 2 I don't think it's fair that you're pointing ____
 - 3 Heidi took the bowl that I'd made and smashed ____
 - 4 My boss keeps insisting I attend pointless ____
 - 5 I wish she wouldn't go on and ____
 - 6 If we keep trying, I'm sure we'll come up ____
 - 7 I've spoken to my fellow ____
- a on about her new phone.
b meetings about health and safety.
c with a solution.
d at me because I forgot our mum's birthday.
e it into little pieces.
f workers and they're not happy either.
g the finger of blame at me.

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Function

7 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the dialogue.

Receptionist: It looks like all our rooms are fully booked.

Customer: You've got to be ¹*kidding me / mistake* ! I made the reservation weeks ago.

Receptionist: I'm awfully ²*afraid / sorry* about all of this. Perhaps we can find you a room in another hotel?

Customer: I understand that this may not be ³*down / over* to you, but this is totally ⁴*possible / unacceptable*. I'd like to stay at this hotel.

Receptionist: Could you please not ⁵*calm / raise* your voice? I'm just doing my job.

Customer: With all due ⁶*respect / disagreement*, that's your problem. Not mine. I made the reservation and now I would like a room.

Receptionist: I do understand that you ⁷*might / will* be upset but you're really not ⁸*making / doing* this any easier.

Customer: Well, can I speak to whoever's in ⁹*responsible / charge* here?

Receptionist: I'm ¹⁰*afraid / upset* the manager is not around at the moment but there must be some way we can ¹¹*come / reach* a compromise ...

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