

PROGRESS CHECK 2

1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word given.

1 My grandad would tell us stories about his experiences when he was our age.

My grandad us stories about his experiences when he was our age. **USED**

2 After we left the party he arrived.

He arrived..... the party. **HAD**

3 He spent all day painting the house and was still painting when we arrived.

He the house all day when we arrived. **BEEN**

4 I went to the party and it was a really bad experience.

I to the party. **SHOULDN'T**

5 Perhaps he hurt his ankle when he was playing football.

He..... his ankle playing football. **MIGHT**

6 I wore a suit because my mum said I had to.

My mum a suit. **MADE**

7 Can you remind me to buy a card for my brother's birthday.

.....forget to buy a card for my brother's birthday. **LET**

8 I caught a cold because I went out in the rain.

If I hadn't gone out in the rain, ... **HAVE**

9 I think you should visit Canada.

If I visit Canada. **WERE**

10 I'm sure you didn't lose your boots.

You your boots. **CAN'T**

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in bold.

1 I was..... absolutely when he jumped out in the dark. **TERRIFY**

2 The new boy at school is a bit **MYSTERY**

3 I wasn't sure about the of this product when I bought it, but actually it's been great! **USE**

4 The rock concert was really..... **DEAF**

5 She was completely when her boyfriend left her. **HEART**

6 It's not very..... to give your personal information over the internet. **ADVICE**

7 They've made loads of..... to the house. **IMPROVE**

8 The panda is an species. **DANGER**

9 Plastic bags are not very friendly. **ENVIRONMENT**

10 My friend John can seem a bit when you first meet him, but actually he's very kind. **SNOB**

3 Choose the word or form (A, B, C or D) that best completes the text.

Newspapers and magazines are full of stories about young pop stars finding it hard to 1..... with fame. You'd be forgiven for thinking that intelligence and common sense were no longer needed to succeed in the world of pop. Amy Duffy's voice was first noticed at school in her teens. Since then her pathway into the 2..... world of music has been slow. Duffy does not have a musical background. Her family didn't even own any records when she was growing up. She is polite and a little 3..... in front of the cameras on the set of her new video. In a business where competition for 4..... is high, Duffy seems an unlikely winner. She was born in a small 5..... village in Wales called Nefyn. Her first language is Welsh. She has had to learn English as a second language. However anybody who has heard her voice will 6..... no doubts about her future in the business.

Unlike many young singers today, Duffy has not come through the TV talent show route to fame. Her talent was noticed when she first performed in public and 7..... professionals from the industry have been preparing her to take on the general public. She now 8..... a contract signed with a large record company and it looks as if she's going to be 9..... a major effect on the world of music this year. Hopefully, her polite and attractive nature will help her to 10..... the difficulties that come with fame a little better than some of the other young stars around.

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| 1 A deal | B manage | C be | D succeed |
| 2 A fascinated | B fascinating | C interested | D terrified |
| 3 A evil | B popularity | C silence | D vulnerable |
| 4 A maintenance | B survival | C conservation | D protection |
| 5 A rural | B urban | C natural habitat | D wilderness |
| 6 A make | B take | C own | D have |
| 7 A from time to time | B all of a sudden | C from that day on | D at that moment |
| 8 A does | B gets | C has | D is |
| 9 A making | B having | C doing | D seeing |
| 10 A fulfil | B overcome | C follow | D achieve |

4 Complete the text with one word which best fits each gap.

When a film is successful, there is only one obvious thing to do – make a sequel. Hollywood 1..... to produce individual films up until the 1970s. We think of Hollywood studios as successful, wealthy businesses but the 1980s were difficult times and the big studios were under pressure to make money. Several companies 2..... already disappeared, and that's when the studios started to realise the value of the sequel – a film that continues the story of an earlier film. We all know the films, *Spiderman 3*, *Pirates of the Caribbean 3*, *Star Wars 3*, or is it 6? Wouldn't the public 3..... see a completely new film? It seems not. Sequels are generally so popular with the public they 4..... need to be good to make money. In fact, 5..... they are really bad, they are almost certain to make money. For Hollywood it's a safer option, and it's good for the business, too. Making sequels of popular films 6..... the film company earn enough money to invest in more creative films that might not be so profitable.

But what about the most popular film to date, *Titanic*? Both main characters were dead before the final music started, and the set was at the bottom of the ocean. Surely this 7..... it impossible to even consider a sequel, or did it? One of the most popular videos on YouTube is an advertisement for *Titanic 2*. The short video clip shows the frozen body of Leonardo Di Caprio, Jack in the film, being taken out of the water and brought back to life in a scientific laboratory. There are scenes of him running through streets looking for his lost love, Rose. It is so realistic, many people feel that it 8..... be true. The clip is, in fact, a collection of scenes from several Di Caprio films in the past. It all looks very professional, but surely part of the trick is Hollywood's love of sequels. If it 9..... for the popularity of sequels in Hollywood, nobody would 10..... believed that this film was real. With millions of visitors watching the video on YouTube already, *Titanic 2* the Sequel may soon become as popular as the original film.

5 Choose the word or form (A, B, C or D) that best completes the text.

Are you serious about sports? Well, to avoid 1..... you'll need to train hard and practise. 2 and preparation always count, but sometimes what you really need is friends. You don't need a professional trainer, help 3..... among the people nearest to you.

One key to success is 4..... how well you are doing. To get the best idea of your 5..... you need to ask your friend to time you running three times a week. This will give you an average 6..... or distance and will give you a better idea of whether your current training programme is working. With this information, you can 7..... yourself small weekly goals and build up your personal best.

If you always train with a friend, why not take it in turns to 8..... ? If your friend sits alongside you with a digital camera, they can take photos while you run or jump. This will give you a better idea of the things that might stop you from winning, or things you 9..... done differently. Again, if you repeat this 10..... you'll soon start to see the improvements in your place on the leader boards.

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| 1 A beat | B winning | C lose | D defeat |
| 2 A fitness | B healthy | C sports | D survival |
| 3 A is being found | B has been found | C can be found | D should be found |
| 4 A to know | B know | C knowing | D have known |
| 5 A performance | B measure | C tough | D training |
| 6 A fast | B quick | C run | D speed |
| 7 A set | B get | C fulfil | D stand |
| 8. | A have taken your photo B have your photo taken | | |
| | C your photo was taken D have been taken your photo | | |
| 9 A must have | B can't have | C could have | D will have |
| 10 A from that day on | B from time to time | C day after day | D all of a sudden |