

Vocabulary practice

1 Choose the best answer

Choose A, B, C or D to complete each sentence.

- I often _____ how migrating birds find their way across entire continents.
A. wander B. wonder C. sense D. notice
- Please order envelopes and other office _____ before our supplies run out.
A. stationary B. stationer C. stationery D. station
- The report examines the _____ impact of unemployment on the region.
A. economic B. economical C. financially D. economics
- The new regulations have reduced the _____ of waste sent to landfill.
A. number B. total C. many D. amount
- Given the icy roads, postponing the journey seemed the most _____ decision.
A. sensitive B. sensible C. sensory D. sensational
- The tickets were expensive, but we decided to go _____.
A. any way B. some way C. anyway D. no way
- The lawyer will _____ a contract setting out each partner's responsibilities.
A. draw up B. do up C. take up D. run up
- His explanation does not _____: the dates contradict the official records.
A. act up B. wrap up C. wind up D. add up

2 Match the expressions to their meanings

Write the correct letter beside each expression. Use each meaning once.

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| 1. act up ____ | A. be lost in dreams instead of attending to practical matters |
| 2. do up ____ | B. bring an activity or discussion to an end |
| 3. wind up ____ | C. feel extremely happy |
| 4. wrap up ____ | D. behave badly or cause trouble |
| 5. save for a rainy day ____ | E. be in a risky situation where another mistake could cause trouble |
| 6. have your head in the clouds ____ | F. repair and redecorate a building |
| 7. be walking on thin ice ____ | G. keep money for possible future difficulties |
| 8. be on cloud nine ____ | H. eventually find yourself in a particular situation |

Vocabulary in sentences

3 Complete the sentences

Use the words and phrases in the box. Two are extra. Use each answer once.

at hand • let up • brush up on • take a rain check • run up • at heart • take up • under the weather • at random • at length

1. Before the interview, I need to _____ my French; I have not used it for years.
2. Customers can easily _____ substantial debts if they keep buying on credit.
3. These old files _____ far too much space on the shared drive.
4. We will have to wait for the rain to _____ before we can leave.
5. I am feeling _____ today, so I will stay home and rest.
6. Could I _____ on dinner tonight? I would love to come another evening.
7. To avoid bias, the researcher selected participants _____ from the full list.
8. Keep your reference number _____ so you can find it quickly when you call.