Exercise 1. Complete the sentences

Complete each sentence with the correct expression from the box. Change the form if necessary.

come straight to the point · get something straight · have a one-track mind · mental age · be under the impression · think straight · make sense of something · give something consideration · be slow on the uptake · send someone round the bend · ring a bell · know what's what · absent-minded · go to one's head · split hairs · work like a dream · against one's beliefs · mental arithmetic

1. My neighbours' constant loud music is beginning to _____!
2. I was _____ that the meeting started at 10 a.m., but apparently it's at 9.
3. I'm terrible at _____, so I always use a calculator when splitting a bill.
4. Stop talking about irrelevant details and _____. What exactly do you want?
5. I installed the new software yesterday, and it _____ from the very beginning.
6. Although he's 40, his _____ seems to be about 16!
7. There's no need to _____ over a tiny difference in wording. The meaning is practically identical.
8. Ask Jane for advice. She's been in this business for years and really _____.
9. I can't _____ this instruction. Could you explain it in a simpler way?
10. Winning the competition has really _____ his _____. He's become incredibly arrogant.
11. Don't be impatient with him. He's a little _____, but he eventually understands everything.
12. Lying to protect his colleague would go _____, so he decided to tell the truth.
13. Your name _____, but I can't remember where we met.
14. I think we need to _____ before we start arguing. You misunderstood what I said.
15. I'm so _____ that I sometimes forget where I've put my glasses while I'm wearing them!
16. You should _____ my proposal before rejecting it completely.
17. Tom has _____ when it comes to football. He talks about it all day long!
18. I'm too upset to _____ at the moment. Let's talk about it later.

Exercise 2. Choose the correct answer

1. If you want to explain your problem clearly, you should:

- A. split hairs
- B. come straight to the point
- C. have a one-track mind

2. If something rings a bell, it:

- A. sounds familiar
- B. makes you angry
- C. is difficult to calculate

3. If success goes to someone's head, they:

- A. become more modest
- B. become absent-minded
- C. become arrogant

4. If someone is slow on the uptake, they:

- A. take a long time to understand things
- B. speak without thinking
- C. know everything about a subject

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5. If a machine works like a dream, it:

- A. is difficult to operate
- B. works extremely well
- C. makes a strange noise

6. If you split hairs, you:

- A. focus on very small and often unimportant differences
- B. explain something directly
- C. change your opinion

7. If you know what's what, you:

- A. are confused about a situation
- B. understand how things really work
- C. believe something incorrectly

8. If you are under the impression that something is true, you:

- A. assume or believe it is true
- B. know for certain it is false
- C. refuse to consider it

Exercise 3. Complete the second sentence

Rewrite each sentence using the word or expression given. Do not change the meaning.

1. Stop avoiding the main issue and tell me exactly what you want.
POINT — Stop avoiding the main issue and _____.

2. I thought you had already sent the email.
IMPRESSION — I was _____ the email.

3. His constant complaints are driving me crazy.
BEND — His constant complaints are _____.

4. You should think carefully about the offer before making a decision.
CONSIDERATION — You should _____ before making a decision.

5. This new app functions perfectly.
DREAM — This new app _____.

6. She became arrogant after she was promoted.
HEAD — Her promotion _____.

7. He focuses on tiny, unimportant details.
HAIRS — He tends to _____.

8. I can't understand what this message means.
SENSE — I can't _____ this message.

Exercise 4. Translate into English

Translate the sentences into English using the vocabulary from the box.

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1. Przejdź od razu do sedna. Nie mamy dużo czasu.
2. Byłam przekonana, że spotkanie zostało odwołane.
3. Nie mogę teraz jasno myśleć. Jestem zbyt zdenerwowana.
4. On ma obsesję na punkcie pieniędzy.
5. Nie czepiajmy się drobiazgów.
6. Jej sukces uderzył jej do głowy.
7. To nazwisko brzmi znajomo.
8. Muszę się zastanowić nad twoją propozycją.
9. Jest trochę nieuważny i często zapomina o ważnych rzeczach.
10. Nie potrafię zrozumieć, co autor miał na myśli.

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