

Vocabulary

Inspiration and success

Choose the correct option in each sentence.

- 1 She's an exceptionally *gifted/adequate* musician. They've invited her to join the orchestra.
- 2 He's a highly *accepted/acclaimed* novelist who has won a number of literary awards.
- 3 The children are all very *conscientious/conscious* – they always do their homework on time.
- 4 Following a number of successful product launches, they gained international *prestige/privilege*.
- 5 I've definitely got a *flaw/flair* for languages – I speak several fluently.
- 6 Before going into higher education it's necessary to *attain/restrain* some qualifications.
- 7 I often feel that I've been held *back/off* by my lack of confidence.
- 8 I've heard that Alan is quite a *prominent/promising* young footballer. He's just signed a youth deal with his local team.

Language focus

Past and present perfect simple and continuous

1 Complete each sentence with a perfect form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 Remember that you _____ (finish) your essay yet. You _____ (promise) to do it since last week.
- 2 Why didn't you tell me you'd won an award? I _____ (just read) about it now on this website.
- 3 What do you think of the city? How long _____ (stay)?
- 4 I'm not surprised that their film _____ (won) three Oscars already. It _____ (be) nominated for practically every category.
- 5 It's a long time since I last saw Alison. What _____ (do) lately?
- 6 After he retired it was discovered that he _____ (cheat) in every race.
- 7 Marco, good to see you. Where _____ (work) since you left Sienna? _____ (keep) in touch with anyone from the university?
- 8 How long _____ (have) flying lessons? _____ (take) any exams yet?
- 9 I _____ (hear) of her until last week. Since then I _____ (read) a number of articles where she's mentioned. Why's she suddenly so popular?
- 10 We _____ (follow) the story in local press, but I _____ (notice) much being mentioned lately.

2 For sentences 1–5, choose the option in *italics* which is not possible.

- 1 She hadn't really been enjoying studying there for *a while/the past month/long*.
- 2 I've decided to believe you *for the time being/the other day/time and time again*.
- 3 Don't worry, I haven't been waiting *all day/yet/long*.
- 4 I'm writing a novel. I've written three chapters *all my life/so far/since October*.
- 5 They'd been living in the same small village *for ages/since 1998/last month*.

Inversion

1 Complete each sentence with a phrase from the box.

no sooner	under no circumstances	rarely		
hardly	not only	little	as did	seldom

- _____ are students to access the staff offices without prior permission.
- _____ did Paul win the competition, but he was offered a job.
- _____ had we begun the exam, than the fire alarm went off.
- _____ have so many applicants failed to make the grade.
- _____ did I know that I'd achieve so much during my lifetime.
- _____ had he started to make his speech when he was interrupted.
- _____ do we have so many tour groups at this site.
- I assumed, _____ most of my peers, that a university degree would guarantee employment.

2 Rewrite the sentences below using a suitable adverbial from the box.

Never before	Not only	Not until	Only by	On no account	Only later
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- He only thought about taking up painting after he retired.

- This was the first time the event had been won by an Asian team.

- The game couldn't be won without luck.

- I didn't hear about his promotion until much later on.

- This machinery should not be operated by untrained employees.

- She won the race and broke the world record.

Word formation

Adjectives

Complete sentences 1–6 with an adjective or adverb formed from the words in brackets. You may also need to add a negative affix.

- Magda is such an _____ (inspire) teacher. The children try to copy her and will do anything for her.
- The news bulletin led with reports of the sudden and _____ (drama) resignation of the prime minister.
- I'd never offer her a job. She is utterly _____ (competence).
- I spent a lot of time writing the composition and checked it _____ (care) for any mistakes.
- Investing in that company would be very _____ (risk). I'd put my cash somewhere safer if I were you.
- The play was brilliant and Laura was _____ (exception) as the King's daughter.

Reading and Use of English Part 4**Key word transformation**

For questions **1–6**, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use **between three and six** words, including the word given.

- 1** They would like to implement the recommendations immediately but will wait if necessary.

WITHOUT

They'd like to put the recommendations but will wait if necessary.

- 2** The house sold quickly even though it was very overpriced.

SPITE

The house sold quickly it was very overpriced.

- 3** The change in design didn't make any difference to the majority of their customers.

CONSEQUENCE

The change in design to the majority of their customers.

- 4** Apparently she was given the wrong information on their website.

BEEN

She seems their website.

- 5** Learning new skills were never been a problem for him.

COME

Learning new skills him.

- 6** Please tell the receptionist if you'd rather we didn't email you about future classes.

TO

Please tell the receptionist if you'd emailed about future classes.