

Vocabulary

Influences

1 Complete each gap with a verb. The first letter of each verb is given.

- 1 I *admire* _____ people who follow their dreams, rather than choosing the easiest option.
- 2 Parents should e_____ their children to play outside in the fresh air; sitting in front of a computer isn't healthy.
- 3 My boss is someone you can really l_____ up to. She leads by setting a good example, not by bullying or blaming anyone.
- 4 Football coaches need to h_____ a big influence on their players in order to win games.
- 5 Young animals learn to hunt by imitating their parents; they c_____ their every move.

The weather

2 Arrange the letters in a–f below to spell words related to the weather. Then complete sentences 1–4 with the correct word(s).

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| a | owblgin | <u>blowing</u> | b | tinwer | _____ | c | erbzee | _____ |
| d | lodc | _____ | e | ateh | _____ | f | reptemurseat | _____ |

- 1 All those berries on the trees this autumn indicate that it's likely to be a hard _____.
- 2 A lovely day today, sunny with a light _____ that should keep _____ from getting too high.
- 3 We're in for a _____ weekend with high winds – it looks like it will be _____ a gale by the coast.
- 4 I love the summer weather, but sometimes I prefer to stay indoors to escape from the _____.

Phrasal verbs

3 Choose the correct word in *italics* in the following sentences.

- 1 I look back *up / through / on* my school days with nostalgia; they were some of the happiest days of my life.
- 2 I really admire my sister for having such a good job; I hope that some of her success will *rub up / off / out* on me.
- 3 The concert wasn't as good as I'd hoped; the singer was losing her voice but hadn't cancelled the performance as she didn't want to let her fans *out / down / up*.
- 4 Although we try to have a positive influence on our children, we can't really predict how their lives will end *at / out / up*.

4 Decide which option (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

- 1 My cousin wanted to be a footballer but ended _____ working for a bank.
A on B up C down D over
- 2 There was a _____ downpour while we were in the park so we sheltered under some trees.
A strong B light C heavy D hard
- 3 Tricia _____ well in the test and now she's going up to the next class.
A made B placed C put D did
- 4 I hope some of my Dad's tennis skills have rubbed _____ on me.
A off B up C out D across
- 5 You need to work hard to get _____ in life.
A through B to C on D off

- 6 I don't mind very hot weather as long as there's a light _____.
- A gale B rain C breeze D cloud
- 7 In every marriage it's important to _____ through any small problems you have.
- A speak B talk C say D discuss
- 8 I couldn't cover _____ my excitement when I heard that I'd won the prize.
- A over B up C down D for
- 9 You can't go outside now! It's _____ a gale.
- A blowing B shooting C moving D driving
- 10 Our energy bills were very high because of that cold _____ we had in March.
- A spell B days C wave D part
- 11 Eve really thought she'd _____ her parents down when she decided not to go to university.
- A put B let C got D made
- 12 I've just heard Dan has given _____ his new job because he says it's boring.
- A on B to C in D up

Language focus

Present and past tenses

- 1 Some of the following sentences are incorrect. Find the incorrect sentences and change them. There may be more than one mistake in each sentence.

- 1 It ~~is taking~~ ^{takes} months and several million pounds to make an animated film, but just hours to watch it.
- 2 The popularity of cinema decreases as more and more people choose to watch or download films online.
- 3 She has a home in Malibu but is living in Scotland at the moment because she's filming on location.
- 4 We are tending to get together as a family about once a month. We are usually having a meal and watching TV.
- 5 She studies media studies at Leeds University at the moment and works in her spare time as a waitress.
- 6 Shhh! This is the good part and you're making so much noise – I'm not hearing properly.
- 7 Many famous actors and directors are living in Hollywood to be close to the film studios.
- 8 Meet me outside the cinema at 8.00 pm. Doors open at 8.15 pm and the film starts at 8.30 pm. Don't be late!
- 9 What are you thinking about Dudley Weston's performance in his latest blockbuster?
- 10 I'm really enjoying this programme but I'm not understanding everything that actor says.
- 11 The best bit is when Bond is stealing a speed boat, jumping off it onto a jet ski and rescuing the girl.
- 12 The man from the secret service is listening to the spy's story but he is not believing him.

- 2 Choose the correct option in *italics* in the following sentences.

- 1 I'm sorry, I *don't know* / *'m not knowing* what you *talk* / *'re talking* about. Can you explain it to me again?
- 2 It's not a permanent job. I *only work* / *'m only working* there for a short while.
- 3 The Arctic ice *currently melts* / *is currently melting* at an alarming rate and the number of polar bears *decreases* / *is decreasing* as a result.
- 4 We *don't usually take* / *aren't usually taking* photos when we're on holiday.

3 Some of the following sentences are incorrect. Find the incorrect sentences and change them. There may be more than one mistake in each sentence.

- 1 While I was working as an au pair in Italy, I ~~was meeting~~^{met} my husband.
- 2 When we were children, our mother took us on holiday to a caravan site every summer.
- 3 It was several hours before dawn and the storm raged outside; our little boat struggled to stay afloat and I felt ill.
- 4 This time, two years ago, we were moving home – hasn't time flown by?
- 5 Hearing the police siren, the man was grabbing the necklace, dropping it into his bag, climbing out of the window, down the rope and into the getaway car.
- 6 I talked to my friend when my mobile's battery ran out of power; I had to call her back on the landline.
- 7 Her parents named her after her great-grandmother, hoping that she would grow up to be as kind as her.
- 8 Reports said he drove too fast around the bend when he lost control of the car.

4 Complete each conversation with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 **A:** Have you seen (you, see) that advert for the phone which recognises your voice?
B: No, I _____ (never, hear) of it. What's it called?
A: The Genio – I'd love one. I _____ (only, buy) a new phone last year, but it doesn't work well.
- 2 **A:** Hi John. Listen, I'm afraid I _____ (receive) some bad news this morning.
B: Oh no! What's wrong?
A: Well, ten of our staff _____ (catch) the flu bug which is going around and _____ (call) in sick.
B: That's the second time this _____ (happen) this month.
- 3 **A:** Hurry up! The taxi _____ (just, arrive).
B: But I _____ (not finish) packing yet!
A: For goodness sake! I _____ (tell) you to pack your bags a week ago.
B: I know, but I _____ (be) so busy.

5 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

I (1) _____ (go) to Greece last year. One day, we (2) _____ (sightsee) all morning and I was tired so I (3) _____ (decide) to sunbathe for a while. I (4) _____ (lie) on the beach when I (5) _____ (see) a woman under the trees. She (6) _____ (paint) a picture of the sea and we talked for a while. She was Greek but she (7) _____ (be) to the UK a couple of times. She (8) _____ (invite) us all round to dinner and showed us her paintings. She was really interesting. When I (9) _____ (get) home I started painting too. Now I'm quite good! I (10) _____ (enter) several of my paintings in competitions but I (11) _____ (not win) anything yet.