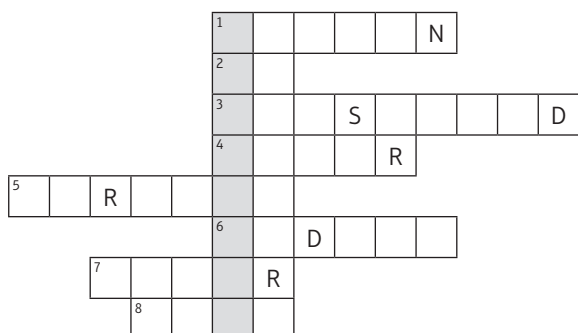


VOCABULARY

PHRASES WITH NAME

- 1 Complete the puzzle. Then reveal the key word to discover one of the world's most common names.



Clues

- 1 My married name is Lee, but my _____ name is Howarth.
- 2 With such famous parents it's hard to live _____ to my name.
- 3 All actors who go to Hollywood want to be _____ names.
- 4 My grandfather, George, was named _____ the King of England.
- 5 Theodorakopoulos? Is that a Greek _____?
- 6 My name's Max J. Hart. My _____ name is Joseph.
- 7 Following the accusation, I felt I needed to _____ my name.
- 8 After ten years in the job, it's time I _____ a name for myself.

GRAMMAR

THE CONTINUOUS ASPECT

- 2 A Read the article. Find and correct seven mistakes with the continuous aspect.

What's in a name?

People in the book business are always saying how difficult it is to think of a great title. There are so many books published these days that it's getting harder and harder. Recently, I'm walking through the aisles of a bookshop – I was hoping to find something for my grandmother's birthday – when I was noticing some very odd titles, some so clever that I had no idea what the book was about. If you've been working on your masterpiece for years, it seems such a shame that the book might get lost because of a poor title. Publishers are always telling would-be authors to keep the title short and descriptive, but I think there's more to it. The title is the first thing the reader is seeing and it has to be catchy. Jane Austen called one of her books *First Impressions*. I wonder if it would have been as famous if she hadn't been changing the title to *Pride and Prejudice*. William Golding wrote a novel called *Strangers from Within*. That's OK, but I'm preferring what it later became – *Lord of the Flies*. Famously, Paul McCartney had been working on a melody when he decided to give it the working title *Scrambled Eggs*. Fortunately, The Beatles changed it. *Yesterday* is now a classic. Anyway, I think of writing a book called *How to Name your Book*. It's something I've planned for at least ten minutes and I'm expecting it to make me millions.

B Read the blog again. Underline seven examples of the continuous aspect used correctly. Why is the continuous used in these examples? Match them with uses a)–e).

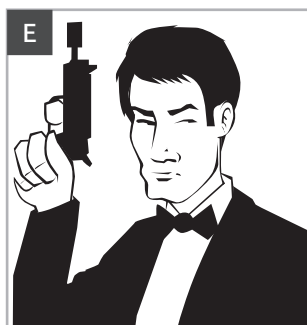
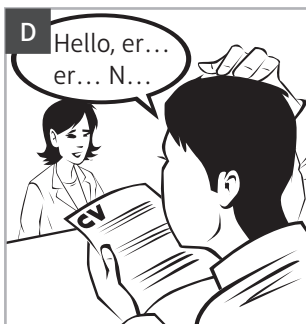
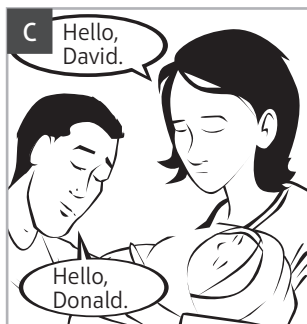
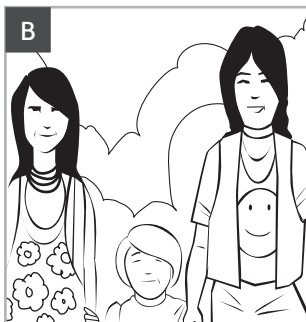
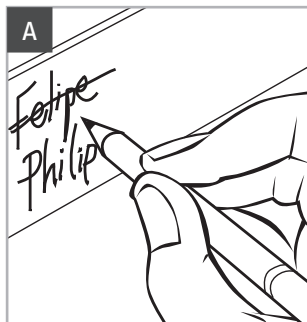
- a) to describe a background action that was in progress when another (shorter) action happened
- b) to talk about something that is incomplete, temporary or still in progress (often emphasising the length of time)
- c) to talk about situations that are in the process of changing
- d) to emphasise repeated actions (that may be annoying)
- e) for plans that may not be definite

- 3 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 When she saw Jan, she knew immediately that he had cried/been crying.
- 2 Dad, I wondered/was wondering if I could borrow your car this weekend.
- 3 We'd already eaten/been eating all our food and we still had two more days of travel.
- 4 Because of the poor economy, it is getting/gets more difficult to find work.
- 5 Are you free tomorrow? I hope/was hoping you might help me with my tax forms.
- 6 I've owned/been owning six houses in my lifetime, but this is by far the best.
- 7 This room is filthy! What have you been doing/done all morning?
- 8 At the first signs of trouble, animals always move/are always moving to higher ground.
- 9 The boss always tells/is always telling us to work hard, but she does nothing.
- 10 You should ask Don. He may know/be knowing some good restaurants.
- 11 Helga and I are thinking/think of moving to Spain. What do you reckon?
- 12 Look at this car. We've tried/been trying to fix it for weeks!

LISTENING

4 A Look at the pictures. How might these be connected to stories of people's names?



B **1.1** Listen to six people talking about their names and check your answers.

C Answer the questions, then listen again to check.

- Why did Speaker 1 'revert to Felipe'?
What name is on his official documents?
- What did Speaker 2 think of her real name?
What did she do later?
- What did Speaker 3's parents decide to do?
What problem did they discover later?
- How do you spell Speaker 4's name?
What part of the body does it sound like?
- What is good and bad about Speaker 5's name?
What does he say about his parents?
- Why does Speaker 6 describe her name as 'a nightmare'? Where is her surname from?

D Complete the summary with the expressions in the box.

are absolutely baffled of a compromise
the mists of time now plain old
an act of defiance a mixed blessing

Speaker 1, Felipe, changed his name as
1 _____, a way to rebel against authority.

Speaker 2 had a long 'hippy' name, but is
2 _____ Summer Davies, which is much simpler.

Speaker 3, David Donald, got his name as a result
3 _____ between his parents, who wanted to call him different names.

Speaker 4 says people 4 _____ by her name because the pronunciation differs from the way it is spelt, which makes it confusing.

Speaker 5 says his name is 5 _____ – there are good and bad things about being called James Bond.

Speaker 6 says the origins of her surname have been lost in 6 _____ – she doesn't know when or how the story of her surname was forgotten.

WRITING

A PERSONAL PROFILE; LEARN TO PLAN YOUR WRITING

5 A Read the advertisement and think about the personal and professional qualities required for the job.

GST Adventure Camp Summer job: Ontario, Canada

Instructors needed for children's summer camp, June 18–July 22

The mission of GST Adventure Camp is to teach new skills, develop children's confidence and teach the value of cooperation. The children are aged 6–16.

Applicants must be proficient in all kinds of outdoor activities, e.g. camping, fishing, swimming, kayaking, rock climbing.

Please send a CV and personal profile stating your interests, skills and experience with children of all ages. Also tell us about your character. Applicants must be 18+.

All camps are held in and around Beaverton, Ontario, by Lake Simcoe.

B Read this outline of a personal profile for the job. What information is irrelevant? What information is missing? Read the advertisement again to help you.

Introduction: my background, age

Interests: outdoor living, e.g. fishing, cooking; collecting stamps from different countries

Skills: good climber, swimmer and sailor; proficient in Word, Excel, PowerPoint

Experience: worked for Dream Campers, July 2014, looking after fifteen eight-year-olds.

C Write a personal profile for the job (200 words).

VOCABULARY

PERSONALITY

- 1** Complete the sentences with the words in the box. You don't need to use all the words.

thoughtful perceptive obsessive inspirational obstinate
over-ambitious conscientious neurotic solitary mature
prejudiced apathetic insensitive inquisitive open-minded

- 1 Clara has always been particularly _____. She's always asking questions.
- 2 I can't believe that he didn't realise how upset you are. How _____ of him.
- 3 I know that we can rely on them to get the job finished on time. They are very _____.
- 4 I'm quite a _____ person so I love having a weekend with no social engagements.
- 5 I was prone to being rather _____ as a child. I would regularly refuse to do what I was told.
- 6 My mother is completely _____. She worries about the most ridiculous things.
- 7 I'm not sure that Kevin is really _____ enough to make the right decision. He seems very young for his age.
- 8 You mustn't be _____ and take on impossible tasks. Make sure that your goals are achievable.
- 9 My grandmother is extremely _____ about what women should and shouldn't do. She thinks it's terrible that I'm an engineer.
- 10 She's obviously very _____. She knew exactly what we were talking about and made a few comments that nobody else would have thought of.
- 11 He has wonderfully original ideas. He's _____ to work with.
- 12 I'm not sure what the problem is, but Tomas seems very _____ in his work recently. He's just not getting round to doing it.

GRAMMAR

DESCRIBING HABITS

- 2** Circle the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 I have a _____ to get people's names mixed up.
a) tendency b) inclined c) prone
- 2 Aaliya _____ hours in the bathroom getting ready. It drives me crazy.
a) tend to spend b) will spend c) is spending
- 3 Grandad is _____ to getting lost and being brought home by the police.
a) prone b) inclined c) tending
- 4 I mostly _____ to read when I'm on holiday.
a) have tendency b) tend c) am tending
- 5 They would keep _____ me to move offices. So, in the end, I left.
a) to ask b) ask c) asking
- 6 People _____ sending me emails asking for advice.
a) always b) always are c) were always

- 3** Find and correct the mistake in nine of the sentences.

- 1 My mobile phone company keeps call me every day. It's driving me crazy.
- 2 Beatrix is always ask us to come and visit.
- 3 I'll always have a coffee as soon as I wake up.
- 4 My aunt would coming and collect us from school and take us to her house for the weekend.
- 5 As rule, I like to try a recipe out on my family first, before I invite people round to eat it.
- 6 I have an incline to be rather disorganised.
- 7 I tend agree with everything they say. It makes things easier.
- 8 I'll generally read through everything at least twice before signing.
- 9 Nine times of ten, he'll be home by 6.30, but occasionally he'll get stuck in traffic.
- 10 She's forever leaving the car unlocked – it'll get stolen one day.
- 11 My brother used to apathetic about his studies but he's much more conscientious now.
- 12 As a teenager, I was always argue with my parents.

READING

- 4 A** Read the article opposite. Choose the best summary.

- A People who don't smile enough at work are trying to conceal their own incompetence.
- B You can improve your success at work by smiling more to ingratiate yourself with others.
- C Too much smiling can make you appear incompetent.

- B** Read the article again. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 The writer smiled to get out of difficult situations in previous jobs.
- 2 Smiling at customers to cover up your incompetence can be a good habit to acquire.
- 3 The journalist interviewed successful businesswomen regarding the key to their success.
- 4 She was not particularly surprised by what they told her.
- 5 There is a stereotype which assumes that if you are being nice to someone, you are probably not very competent at your job.
- 6 Using direct language, rather than soft language, in your emails may help to affirm your authority and give an air of competence.

Take that *smile* OFF your face

Are you too nice for your own good? When I had my first job as a waitress in a restaurant, I soon learnt that the best way to get myself out of trouble was to smile sweetly at every possible opportunity. 'I'm so sorry,' I beamed, when I dropped the plate on the floor and it smashed into **smithereens**. 'There must have been a misunderstanding. I'll sort it out straightaway,' I smiled, having served chicken kiev to a strict vegetarian. It came naturally. Smiling was a necessary part of the job, dealing with customers – but when I look back at the experience now, I can see that what I was actually doing was desperately covering up for my own inadequacies, my incompetence. I had no idea what I was really supposed to be doing, so I'd smile nicely and hope I would get through the day alive. And it quickly became a habit that stuck.

In fact, it's a habit that has stayed with me for nearly twenty years. Recently, I interviewed a group of top businesswomen about what they felt was the key factor in their success. Was it their acute **business acumen**, their nerves of steel in the boardroom, their ability to spot an opportunity when it arose? I was completely **caught off guard** and quite **taken aback** when one woman, Miriam, a highly successful manager of a top football club, explained to me how she had survived and prospered in a particularly male-dominated environment. 'You have to learn to stop smiling,' she said. 'You don't need to make people like you all the time. You just have to do your job and do it well. And the job isn't just about being nice.'

It's so simple but I had never really stopped to notice. You see, by smiling, what you're really doing is trying to ingratiate yourself with the other person. It's a submissive gesture. And in business, people who appear warm and friendly may be perceived as being less competent compared to others who appear cold, hard and **aloof**. In fact, there have been numerous studies done demonstrating the stereotype that people tend to see warmth and competence as inversely related. If there is an apparent **surplus** of one trait, then it is assumed that there will be a **deficit** of the other.

The effect is not just limited to smiling, either. Think about all the emoticons and soft language we use to make our emails more 'friendly'. After my meeting with Miriam, I frantically searched back through my recent correspondence and found, to my dismay, that my emails were littered with apologies and covert requests. 'I'm terribly sorry to have to ask you ...', 'Do you think you could possibly ...?', 'I wondered if it might be all right to just ...?'. So, I've taken an executive decision. From now on I will be more assertive and direct with the people I work with. I've removed all **niceties** from my emails – and I've wiped that permanent smile from my face.

Thanks for reading! 😊

C Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in bold from the article. Use the definitions in brackets to help you.

- I was completely _____. I didn't expect it at all. (surprised)
- The new manager walked into the room. And without any _____ at all, he started the meeting. (polite social behaviour)
- He took a hammer and smashed the plate into _____. (many very small pieces)
- I've always been afraid to talk to her. She seems very _____. (distant and remote)
- If, at the end of the month, there are any _____ funds, we can use them to hold a celebration dinner. (extra)
- I was rather _____ by the suggestion. (shocked)
- With his remarkable _____, I'm sure he will be fantastically successful. (insight into business)
- It was an attempt to reduce the budget _____. (the amount by which a sum of money falls short of a reference amount)

VOCABULARY PLUS

IDIOMS FOR PEOPLE

5 Complete the conversations with the words in the box.

body box horse kid neck sheep soul ways

- A:** Who told you about Ali and Pietro getting married? It was supposed to be a secret.

B: Sorry, Anne told me. She can be a bit of a busy _____.
- A:** I'm so glad Pilar is coming tonight. She'll get everyone going.

B: Yes, she tends to be the life and _____ of the party.
- A:** All my family are academics but I left school when I was fifteen.

B: Yeah, you've always been the black _____ of the family.
- A:** She hasn't stopped talking for the last two and a half hours!

B: I know. She's a terrible chatter _____.
- A:** I'm not sure how the team will respond to these new ideas.

B: Do you think they're a bit set in their _____?
- A:** You didn't tell me that Andreas was in a rock band!

B: I didn't know. He's quite a dark _____.
- A:** I can't work out how this computer program works.

B: Why don't you ask Dan? He's a whizz _____ when it comes to computers.
- A:** He's one of our customers but he seems to enjoy complaining.

B: Are you saying he's a pain in the _____?

VOCABULARY

IMAGES

1 Underline the correct alternative.

- The image of the exhausted soldiers was frighteningly *iconic/striking*.
- He found the portraits of the boys on the beach *provocative/evocative* of his childhood holidays.
- We went to an exhibition of *revealing/iconic* portraits by unknown photographers.
- The close-up *revealing/captures the beauty* of the model, doesn't it?
- I find her work shocking. It's too *provocative/iconic*.
- Dorothea Lange took some of the most *captures the beauty/iconic* pictures of 1930s USA.

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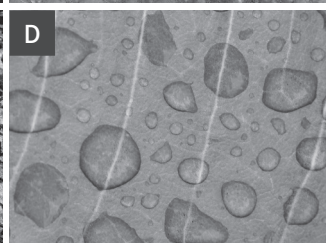
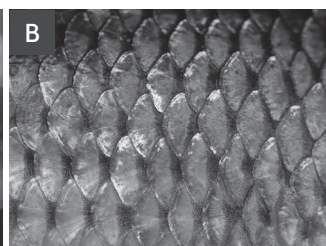
SPECULATING

2 Match the beginnings of conversations 1–6 with the responses a)–f).

- Do you think there's any chance that we'll win the cup?
- What's that on the horizon? Can you see?
- Have you got the time on you?
- What do you think about that hotel over there?
- It's Mahbek. He wants to know when we'll get there.
- Have you seen the queue?

- Yes, it gives me the impression that we might have to wait for some time.
- I'd say that it's definitely expensive. Look at those chandeliers!
- No, I haven't. But I'd hazard a guess that it's about lunchtime.
- If I had to make a guess, I'd say we'll be with him in an hour.
- I reckon there's a fair chance of it, yeah. We've played well all season.
- I wonder if it could be a fishing boat.

3 Look at the pictures. Make two sentences about each one using the prompts.



1 guess / could / be

2 hazard / guess / that

3 wonder / if

4 reckon / it

5 seems / to / me

6 gives / impression / that

7 pretty sure / it

8 had / make / guess / say

LEARN TO

USE VAGUE LANGUAGE

4 A 1.2 Listen to the conversation. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

- Anna is on her way to visit Francesca.
- They are planning to go out to eat somewhere.
- Anna can't stand spicy food.

B Listen again. What exactly do they say? Complete the extracts.

- I'll see you here at about _____ then.
- I need to pick up a _____ of things ...
- I've got plenty of _____ to be getting on with here.
- I've just got to finish some work and sort the kitchen out and stuff _____.
- Do you want me to bring anything, you _____, ...
- ... any kind of food or _____ like that?
- Oh, there's one _____ I was going to ask.
- Are you OK with spicy food? You know, chilli and _____?

C Find examples of vague language in the sentences above and write them under the headings below.

vague nouns: (e.g. *thing, stuff, bit, something*)

quantifiers: (e.g. *one or two, a few, a couple of, a lot*)

vague numbers: (e.g. *around, about fifty, more or less*)

generalisers: (e.g. *sort of, kind of, you know*)

list completers: (e.g. *and stuff, and so on, or something*)

VOCABULARY

LEARNING AND EXPERIENCE

- 1 Write one word in each gap to complete the texts.

The **best** advice I've ever **received**

AHMED SAEED WAHABI
(POLITICIAN)

'When I was growing up, we would get five newspapers every day from all sides of the political spectrum. I asked my father why we needed five newspapers and he said 'so we can see everyone's point of view'. This had a profound ¹ _____ on me. Now, whenever I face a tricky situation, I look at it from the other side's point of view. This helps me understand the issue fully and take ² _____ of the opportunity in front of me.'

RICHARD HALLIDAY
(INVESTOR)

'When I was ³ _____ the ropes, I met a legendary billionaire investor. I asked him the secret of his success and he said, 'I'm not a smart guy. I just read everything: trade magazines, financial news, annual reports, even the footnotes in annual reports. That's why I know more than 98 percent of people on Wall Street.' He was right. Now I read everything. Once you have all the information, you can ⁴ _____ your instincts.'

CLARE NICHOLAS
(CEO)

'When I first became a high-level manager, I was on a steep ⁵ _____ curve. A colleague said to me, 'I see you in meetings. You're very intelligent, but you don't know enough about the industry. Don't be too proud to ask if you don't understand something.' I followed his advice. When you're finding your ⁶ _____ it's better to ask than to bluff.'

GRAMMAR

HYPOTHETICAL CONDITIONAL: PAST

- 2 Circle the correct options to complete the text.

Regrets – just a few

President Theodore Roosevelt once said, 'The only time you really live fully is from thirty to sixty. The young are slaves to dreams; the old [are] servants of regrets.' Indeed, it's often claimed that young people wish they ¹ _____ the things they did and old people regret not doing the things they didn't do.

A very informal poll among friends and acquaintances for this column reveals that people generally regret ² _____ (more) children, choosing the wrong career and missing out on the man or woman of their dreams. Then there are the odd, individual cases.

A close friend said, 'I wish ³ _____ become a vegetarian earlier. ⁴ _____ I done so, over the years I'd have saved about 400 chickens, 50 pigs and 30 cows.'

Another pal said, 'If I ⁵ _____ such an idiot when I was eighteen, I'd never have had this tattoo done. Imagine spending your whole life with a picture of your ex-girlfriend on your arm. If only it ⁶ _____ Mother Teresa or someone who deserves to be there!'

I spoke to an ex-professional footballer whose career was cut short by injury. 'If I'd been smarter, I ⁷ _____ put all my eggs in one basket. I ⁸ _____ at least finished school. Aged twenty-seven, I had no qualifications apart from kicking a ball.'

Of my elderly contacts, about half wished ⁹ _____ followed their passion instead of taking the safe option. One grandfather-of-fifteen said, 'I might ¹⁰ _____ a good actor, but at the time I had a big family to support and acting isn't a secure profession. So I became a bank clerk and spent the rest of my life cashing other people's cheques.'

As an antidote to all this doom and gloom, another friend cheerfully said, 'Regrets? If only we ¹¹ _____ how good life is.' Then he told me that people should make lists of all the friends they've had, the places they've seen, the things they've enjoyed. 'I wish everyone ¹² _____ the good things in life!' he said and drained his cup of tea in one gulp.

- 1 a) hadn't been doing b) hadn't done c) are doing d) have done
- 2 a) to have b) of not having c) not having d) not to have
- 3 a) I was b) I'm c) I've d) I'd
- 4 a) If b) Had c) Have d) Should
- 5 a) hadn't been b) had been c) didn't be d) not been
- 6 a) were b) was being c) 's been d) wasn't
- 7 a) didn't b) wouldn't c) wouldn't have d) would have
- 8 a) have b) must have c) would d) 'd have
- 9 a) they'd b) they c) they did d) they'd been
- 10 a) have been becoming b) have become c) had become d) become
- 11 a) realise b) can realise c) realised d) are realising
- 12 a) has appreciated b) is appreciating c) appreciates d) would appreciate

3 Match 1–8 with a)–h) to make sentences.

- 1 We wouldn't have got here so early had we
- 2 They would have lost the match but
- 3 Supposing you'd been offered a part in that film,
- 4 Tom wouldn't be sitting here right now if
- 5 If only the Johnsons had never
- 6 Imagine you'd really lost your ticket, how would
- 7 I think all of us regret
- 8 I really wish I

- a) would you have accepted?
- b) you have got home?
- c) not being nicer to Mandy.
- d) hadn't said those things to Mum.
- e) I hadn't pulled him through that window.
- f) for Thomson's goal at the end.
- g) known you weren't going to be here until 6.00.
- h) bought that house, they wouldn't be in debt now.

4 A 2.1 Listen and complete the sentences with the words you hear. Some words are contractions.

- 1 I _____ more when I was younger.
- 2 If _____ met that crazy man!
- 3 If I'd had more talent, _____ famous.
- 4 I wouldn't be here _____ to my parents.
- 5 If it wasn't for you, _____ about that flat.
- 6 _____ the scholarship, would you have gone?

B Practise saying the sentences to yourself at full speed.

C Write six sentences. Include the words you wrote in Exercise 4A. Say your sentences aloud, making sure you say the contracted forms.

I wish I'd studied English at school because I need it for my job.

VOCABULARY PLUS

METAPHORS

5 Sentences 1–8 each have a word missing. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

at downhill for go ideas of regurgitate to

- 1 I hate exams in which you just have to regurgitate the teacher's ideas.
- 2 Although she was at the peak her career, she decided to take a year off.
- 3 My tennis has gone as I've got older.
- 4 I was at a crossroads in my career so I had to make a move.

- 5 I find a lot of his theories rather hard swallow.
- 6 When I joined the company, my boss said, 'You'll far.'
- 7 This report says human cloning is only a few years away. Hmm, that's food thought.
- 8 He emails me with these ridiculous half-baked on how to improve the business.

LISTENING

6 A Look at the photo. What can you guess about this woman's life?

- 1 Is she rich or poor?
- 2 Does she have a family?
- 3 Where is she from?
- 4 Do people like her?
- 5 What did she teach herself to do?



B 2.2 Listen and answer the questions above.

C Write questions for answers 1–6. Then listen again to check.

- 1 _____
When she was six years old.
- 2 _____
He was a tailor.
- 3 _____
Five.
- 4 _____
One year.
- 5 _____
She thought it was a hoax.
- 6 _____
Eight hundred.

D Match the underlined words and expressions from the recording with the definitions a)–f). Read the audio script on page 74 to help you.

- 1 'she'd sailed to Brazil at the age of six with nothing but the rags on her back'
 - 2 'cars, the new playthings of the wealthy'
 - 3 [She was] 'a prolific producer of babies'
 - 4 'She had an iron will'
 - 5 'she turned into the neighbourhood fairly godmother'
 - 6 'don't wash your dirty linen in public'
- a) great determination
 - b) laundry
 - c) imaginary person who makes your dreams come true
 - d) material that is in very bad condition (ripped or out of shape)
 - e) toys
 - f) extremely productive

READING

1 A Read the blog. Have you read or heard of any of the books which are mentioned?

B Which type of book is not mentioned?

- a) a novel about a young girl
- b) a non-fictional account of an expedition
- c) a detailed biography of a scientist
- d) an autobiographical history
- e) a philosophical memoir

2 Which of the books:

1 gave the reader new insights into a different culture?

2 inspired the reader to go on a journey?

3 challenges the orthodox views of western science?

4 was read by a young reader?

5 describes how the culture of a country is changing as seen through the eyes of three women?

6 discusses issues of social justice and poverty?

7 describes the struggle of two men trying to achieve something which had not been previously achieved?

8 encourages you to rethink scientific values?

3 Find words and phrases in the article which mean:

1 to be a typical example of something (introduction)

2 so excited or interested that you are reluctant to stop (*Wild Swans*) _____

3 full of poverty (*To Kill a Mocking Bird*) _____

4 making you feel sad or full of pity (*To Kill a Mocking Bird*) _____

5 statement or idea on which you base other ideas (*Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*)

6 land that is always wet or covered with water (*To the Ends of the Earth*) _____

Books that BLEW your mind

Every once in a while there will be a book that makes you want to shout out from the rooftops 'Read this book!' They are the books that just blow your mind. Perhaps they epitomise your spirit of adventure or challenge some long-held perception you have. Maybe they quite simply change your way of thinking forever. Sounds familiar? Then share your ideas with the rest of us!

Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China

Jung Chang

I remember reading this whilst on holiday with a boyfriend. I was absolutely gripped by the book, unable to put it down at the breakfast table, during our sightseeing trips and well into the night. It's an autobiographical account of three female generations of Chang's family and I was fascinated by the picture it painted of Chinese culture, the things that happened during the Cultural Revolution and how China is changing now. It was a truly eye-opening read.

Lori, San Francisco

To Kill a Mocking Bird

Harper Lee

We had to read this at school as one of our set texts. Until that time, I'd never been particularly interested in reading, but I remember being so moved by the story of Atticus and his fight for justice. The story, set in poverty-ridden Alabama during the depression, is told through the eyes of Atticus' young daughter (Scout) and I wonder if it was this that made the story so poignant for me, reading it as a young schoolgirl myself. Interestingly, although this book won her huge acclaim, it was 55 years before Harper Lee wrote another novel.

Maxine, Oxford

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance

Robert M. Pirsig

This book has sold more than 5 million copies worldwide, making it one of the biggest-selling philosophy books ever. In the book, Pirsig explores many themes, and one of them is the whole premise on which science, and therefore western medicine, is based. It's a book about questioning and the search for true meaning, and for me it was quite simply a revelation. It opened my eyes to a new way of thinking. There are some books you need to read as you're growing up and this, for me, was one of them.

Luke, Sydney

To the Ends of the Earth

Ranulph Fiennes

This book was quite literally life-changing for me. The book describes the Transglobe Expedition undertaken in 1979 by adventurers Ranulph Fiennes and Charles R. Burton. This 100,000-mile journey from pole to pole, took them across the Sahara, through the swamps and jungles of Mali and the Ivory Coast and over unexplored areas of Antarctica. The book describes how the two men risked death in order to achieve something spectacular and it was this that first inspired me to complete a solo transatlantic sailing trip myself.

Alex, Dublin

VOCABULARY

COLLOCATIONS: OPINIONS

4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

stereotype eye-opening second thoughts
convincing an open mind perspective
narrow-minded preconceptions

- 1 The _____ I had about life in South Africa were the same as many people have.
- 2 She doesn't fit the _____ of what a good mother is.
- 3 Originally, he accepted the promotion, but then he had _____.
- 4 It's vital that we keep _____ about what might have happened.
- 5 I found the professors at the university to be incredibly _____. They weren't prepared to accept new ways of thinking.
- 6 My travels in South America were an _____ experience. I learnt so much about the culture of the people and how it is different from my own.
- 7 I think we need to look at the situation from a new _____.
- 8 The evidence of his guilt was not very _____.

GRAMMAR

VERB PATTERNS

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

- 1 As a business leader, _____ (make) decisions is one of the most important things you do.
- 2 The fact is that circumstances change all the time. You may need to contemplate _____ (change) your decision.
- 3 If the facts and environment change, you need _____ (be) willing and able to make changes quickly while you still have the chance _____ (do) so.
- 4 The scientists appear _____ (steal) their research from another source.
- 5 The officer in question was reported _____ (change) his account of the events on many occasions.
- 6 I would hate _____ (have to) miss an opportunity like that. Can't you change the date?
- 7 Paula was forever _____ (give) bad advice by her superiors.
- 8 Not _____ (have) the courage of your convictions can be seen as a weakness.
- 9 The directors seem _____ (reach) the same conclusion as we did.

WRITING

A DISCURSIVE ESSAY; LEARN TO USE LINKING DEVICES

6 A Choose the correct alternatives to complete the first draft of a discursive essay.

Globalisation will eventually lead to a complete loss of cultural identity

People around the world are becoming increasingly similar. ¹*In fact,/However,/For this reason,* they often eat the same food, watch the same TV programmes and wear the same clothes.

²*Another problem is/As a result,/Conversely,* it could be said that cultural identities are in danger of being lost. ³*However,/For this reason,/In addition to this,* cultural identity is about much more than the clothes you wear. The foundation of cultural identity lies in the values we share with others.

⁴*On the contrary,/Nevertheless,/What is more,* as global brands become ever more prominent, it's easy to imagine how this trend will continue until, eventually, we lose all traces of our own cultural identity.

⁵*On the other hand,/Additionally,/Accordingly,* global integration together with improved travel and communication systems mean that it is becoming increasingly easy for people to learn and understand more about different cultures and to broaden their own cultural horizons.

⁶*Nevertheless,/Consequently,/Obviously,* cultural identity continues to play a vital role in people's lives, reminding them of their associated history and ancestors.

⁷*Obviously,/However,/Furthermore,* it has also become apparent that in a significant number of countries, people feel that their traditional way of life is getting lost as a result of foreign influence ...

B Look at the essay again. Are the sentences 1–7 for (✓) or against (X) the argument?

C Write the final draft of the essay (200–250 words) using the first draft as a starting point. Add further examples to the discursive essay using some of the linking devices you discarded in Exercise 6A.

VOCABULARY

IDIOMS OF OPINION

1 A Correct the idioms.

- play devil's attorney _____
- sit on the wall _____
- speak your thoughts _____
- beat about the garden _____
- have a vested motivation _____
- have an axe to sharpen _____

B Match the idioms in Exercise 1A with their definitions.

- have a private motive for doing something
- talk a lot without directly addressing the most important point
- say what you really believe
- be unable to commit yourself to one opinion or one side
- a special interest in an existing system, arrangement or institution for particular personal reasons
- say something unlikely or unpopular so people will think about the issue more carefully

C Complete the sentences with the correct idioms.

- You can't _____ for ever. At some stage you need to decide whose side you're on.
- He has a _____ in the industry so I don't think he should serve on the regulating board.
- I feel I must _____. This proposal is absolutely terrible and it makes no sense!
- I'd like to _____. What if we lose all our clients to our competitor? What happens then?
- Let's not _____. This film was a disaster.
- Every time she speaks to me, she mentions last year's salary cuts. She really has an _____.

FUNCTION

INTRODUCING OPINIONS

2 Cross out the extra word in each statement.

- If you want for my honest opinion, I think smoking should be made illegal.
- There are no miracle diets. Look at it on this way: those diet ads are selling you an impossible dream.
- From what that I can gather, global warming is a very real problem. If we don't address it now, it'll be too late.
- By according to the government, immigration is out of control. The reality is, immigrants bring many skills.
- Quite clearly frankly, I think military service is a great idea. Young people today need the kind of discipline that the army brings.
- If you will ask me, hunting should be banned. In the eyes of any humane person, it's an inhumane 'sport'.

3 Write sentences with the same meaning as the sentences below. Use the words in brackets.

- In truth, corruption is a huge problem. (reality / is)

- The results show that the experiment was a success. (according / to)

- In my view, Kurt is the best candidate. (far / concerned)

- I hear that the company will merge next year. (from / gather)

- As I understand it, he disagreed with everything his boss said. (to / knowledge)

- In my opinion, his early songs are much better than the later stuff. (ask / me)

- Without beating about the bush, I think she's a genius. (frankly)

LEARN TO

EXPRESS DOUBT

4 A Put the underlined words in the correct order to complete the conversation.

- A:** Did you hear about the archaeological findings in Ethiopia? An anthropologist claims to have found 'the missing link'.
- B:** Really? ¹unlikely / that / find / I / highly. Anthropologists are always saying they've made these wonderful discoveries and mostly it's nonsense.
- A:** Anyway, this anthropologist found some bones which were unlike anything ever found before and ...
- B:** ²don't / that / know / I / about. A bone is a bone is a bone.
- A:** Yes, but these were a different structure. And ...
- B:** ³really / about / sure / I'm / that / not. A different structure? What was it: a human with wings or something?
- A:** No! ⁴idea / you / where / that / did / get? It was a skeleton that didn't look like either a human or a chimpanzee but it was over four million years old.
- B:** ⁵debatable / very / that's. Four million years? How do they know?
- A:** I give up. What's on TV?

B 2.3 Listen and check.

C 2.4 Listen and repeat sentences 1–5 from Exercise 4A. Concentrate on the intonation for expressing doubt (e.g. long vowel sounds on *really* and *highly*).

GRAMMAR THE CONTINUOUS ASPECT

1 Underline the correct alternatives.
Sometimes both options are possible.

'My name's Amanda. It ¹*comes/s coming* from the Latin, meaning "worthy of love". It's interesting because I ²*study/'m studying* Latin at the moment, so that gives it some extra resonance for me.'

'My surname is Russell, though originally, it was Rosen, which is a German name. My grandfather ³*changed/was changing* his name when he ⁴*moved/was moving* to the UK just before the Second World War.'

'My name is Max Clare, which I ⁵*found/was finding* very difficult as a young boy. At school, the teachers would call us by our surnames and, as a result, the other kids ⁶*always teased/always were teasing* me and ⁷*called/calling* me "Clare".'

'I have a rather unusual surname and it's made worse by the fact that I'm a doctor. I'm Dr Tooth, which always ⁸*makes/is making* people laugh. I suppose it could have been worse though – at one point I ⁹*planned/was planning* to become a dentist. Luckily, I changed my mind.'

'I've ¹⁰*thought/been thinking* about changing my name for a while now. I've never ¹¹*liked/been liking* my name and it doesn't hold happy memories for me. So, now I'm an adult, I thought I could choose a name which I prefer.'

'We ¹²*hoped/were hoping* you could help us to decide on a name for the company. At the moment we ¹³*consider/'re considering* various options.'



VOCABULARY REVIEW 1

2 Complete the pairs of sentences with the correct word or phrase.

- 1 live up to/make
 - a) It must have been hard for someone like Ziggy Marley to _____ his name.
 - b) She's working hard trying to _____ a name for herself in show business.
- 2 put your name forward/clear your name
 - a) The lawyers are trying to _____ so that you can continue to work in this area.
 - b) It was good of you to _____ for the role of chairperson.
- 3 household name/maiden name
 - a) As a singer, he became a _____ after his hugely successful debut album.
 - b) My mother's _____ was Glinka.
- 4 perceptive/inspirational
 - a) We left the _____ talk feeling positive and motivated.
 - b) I thought her report on the links between poverty and crime was most _____.
- 5 conscientious/apathetic
 - a) Politically, I'm rather _____ because I don't feel that my opinion has any influence.
 - b) He is an extraordinarily _____ worker and usually the last person to leave the building.
- 6 prejudiced/rebellious
 - a) He can be rather _____ against minorities.
 - b) At school he was renowned for having a _____ character.
- 7 solitary/inquisitive
 - a) Harry would rather spend time alone. He's a _____ personality.
 - b) They ask questions about everything. They are so _____.
- 8 obstinate/neurotic
 - a) She can be very _____ about things so it's difficult to persuade her to change her mind once she's decided.
 - b) They worry far too much. They're completely _____ about everything.
- 9 provocative/revealing
 - a) The tour photographer got some _____ images of the band relaxing after the concerts.
 - b) The artist has received lots of complaints about her _____ exhibition but I think she is enjoying the negative publicity.
- 10 striking/iconic
 - a) She managed to get several _____ photographs of the sunrise.
 - b) The gallery shop only sold postcards of the most _____ pictures in their collection.

GRAMMAR DESCRIBING HABITS

3 Correct the sentences by adding, removing or changing one word.

- Nine times of ten he'll be right, but that is no guarantee.
- I was forever have to apologise for his behaviour.
- Kids are prone for to eat too much junk food.
- Greg has tendency to be critical, which makes him unpopular with his co-workers.
- As a ruler, most students finish their coursework by the end of May.
- I'll generally to have just a piece of toast for breakfast.
- She was not inclined get up early on a Sunday morning.
- When we were younger we would spend for hours just playing in the garden.

VOCABULARY PLUS IDIOMS FOR PEOPLE

4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

black busybodies chatterbox hand
whizzkids life neck ways

- I would ask Graham. He's an old _____ when it comes to things like this.
- Giada has always been the _____ sheep of the family. She's such a rebel.
- To be the _____ and soul of the party you need to come out of your shell and let go.
- Marcos was sixty-five and rather set in his _____ about how to do things.
- The city is full of financial _____.
- My neighbours drive me crazy. They are real _____, always poking their noses in your business.
- You'll have to tell me if I'm talking too much. I tend to be a bit of a _____.
- The customs officer refused to let us through. He was a real pain in the _____.

FUNCTION SPECULATING

5 Underline the correct alternative.

- I'll hazardous/I'd hazard* a guess that there'll be some kind of confrontation.
- It *make/makes* me think that maybe they were right all along.
- I *suppose/supposing* they've probably finished by now.
- I'd reckoning/I reckon* they're going to win.
- I'm *sure pretty/pretty sure* they would have asked us if we had to leave.
- She *gives/makes* the impression of always being very calm.

VOCABULARY REVIEW 2

6 Add vowels to complete the phrases.

- I'm just a beginner. I'm l _ _ r n _ n g t h _ _ r _ p _ _ s.
- When you're not sure about a decision, you just need to tr _ _ s t y _ _ r _ _ n s t _ _ n c t s.
- I'm really enjoying my new job, but it's been a s t _ _ p l _ _ r n _ n g c _ _ r v _ _.
- I was planning to have a big party to celebrate but now I'm having s _ _ c _ _ n d t h _ _ _ g h t s.
- We don't know what is going to happen so we need to keep an o p _ _ n m _ _ n d a b o u t t h i n g s.
- Let's try to look at the situation from a w h _ _ l _ _ n _ _ w p _ _ r s p _ _ c t _ _ v _ _.
- I can't stand it when people are so n _ _ r r _ _ w _ _ m _ _ n d _ _ d.
- Don't worry about me. I'm just playing d _ _ v _ _ l _ _ s _ _ d v _ _ c _ _ t _ _.
- You can rely on Fernandez to s p _ _ _ k h _ _ s m _ _ n d.
- It's no use b _ _ _ t _ _ n g _ _ b _ _ _ t t h _ _ b _ _ s h. Just get to the point.

GRAMMAR HYPOTHETICAL CONDITIONAL: PAST

7 Complete the sentences using the prompts. There may be more than one possible answer.

- never / meet
If I hadn't gone to the USA, I _____ my husband.
- not / have to / call
If only we'd known about the spare key, we _____ the police.
- not / just / go
Had we realised that the interview had started, we _____ into the room without knocking.
- you / do
Supposing you'd been in my shoes, what _____ when he called to say sorry?
- never / find
But for Patrizia, we _____ the stadium. We'd still be wandering the streets.
- probably / be
If she'd stayed in her last job, she _____ successful by now.
- not / go
He regretted _____ to university when he had the chance to.
- think
Of course that's what we should do. If only we _____ of it before!
- realise / you / already / do
I wouldn't have booked tickets for the concert if I _____ it.
- never / have
It's hard to imagine what life would have been like if we _____ children.

GRAMMAR VERB PATTERNS

- 8 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

¹ _____ (talk) about loneliness is no problem for Aung San Suu Kyi. ² _____ (spend) more than fifteen years under house arrest in Burma, she is used to ³ _____ (be) on her own. But loneliness doesn't seem ⁴ _____ (be) one of the things that worried her. She says it's simply a matter of character. She is happy ⁵ _____ (spend) time alone thinking, reading, listening to the radio and playing the piano, albeit badly.

After ⁶ _____ (return) to Burma from the UK in 1988 ⁷ _____ (look after) her dying mother, Aung San Suu Kyi responded to popular calls for her ⁸ _____ (lead) the National League for Democracy. Despite the party ⁹ _____ (win) a landslide victory in 1990, the military junta refused ¹⁰ _____ (hand over) power and placed her under house arrest.

During that time, she was not able to see her two sons for many years or ¹¹ _____ (visit) her sick husband when he was dying, for fear of ¹² _____ (not allow) back into the country. Regarded around the world as a hero for our times, Aung San Suu Kyi is renowned for her clarity of opinion and dedication to the people of her country.



VOCABULARY PLUS METAPHORS

- 9 Cross out the extra word in each sentence.

- 1 You've done really well, kid. You'll go too far.
- 2 It started off well, but quickly went downhill bottom from there.
- 3 Thanks for those comments. It's given us some food for the thought.
- 4 It was very shocking news. I found it hard for to swallow at first.
- 5 It's no good wasting precious all time worrying about things you can't change.
- 6 After all this time, I can't believe that they've come up with such a half-baked for idea.
- 7 I think he's reached for the peak of his career.
- 8 I found myself at a crossroads decision and wasn't sure what to do.
- 9 We'll need to put off aside some time to discuss this at the end of the meeting.
- 10 You just can't afford to spend so much time to watching television.
- 11 He has an incredible memory – he is forever regurgitating on obscure facts about things he has learnt.
- 12 We knew we would have to move out of the house, so it felt like we were forever living on borrowed money time.

FUNCTION INTRODUCING OPINIONS

- 10A Put the underlined words in the correct order to complete the sentences.

- a) way / at / it / this / look: I have no option but to trust him.
- b) far / I'm / as / concerned / as, there is simply no competition.
- c) what / gather / from / can / I, this is the best route to take.
- d) honest / you / my / opinion / want / if, I think you should take up the offer.
- e) you / if / me / ask, it's a complete waste of time.
- f) reality / the / is, I think you could get it cheaper elsewhere.

- B Complete the conversations with the sentences in Exercise 10A.

- 1 A: I'm thinking of signing up for that course you did last month. Did you think it was worth it?
B: _____
- 2 A: Do you really think that you can rely on Jim to keep this quiet?
B: _____
- 3 A: I've been offered a promotion but I'm not sure I really want it. What do you think?
B: _____
- 4 A: It's a lovely coat but I'm really not sure I can afford it.
B: _____
- 5 A: Are you certain this is the best way to go?
B: _____
- 6 A: What about all the other companies selling similar products?
B: _____

CHECK

Circle the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 My mother's _____ name, before she married, was Karadia.
a) married b) maiden c) single
- 2 She has had to work hard to _____ her name after the accusations.
a) clean b) repair c) clear
- 3 We're planning on getting our own place but, for the moment, _____ with friends.
a) we're staying b) we stay c) we'll be stayed
- 4 I can't believe how long I _____ for someone to take my call. I'm just listening to music.
a) 've been waited b) 've been waiting c) wait
- 5 Excuse me, _____ to you?
a) is this pen belonging b) does this pen belonged c) does this pen belong
- 6 I'm _____ to take a romantic view of things.
a) prone b) tend c) forever
- 7 As _____, I like to be in charge of these matters myself.
a) an inclination b) a tendency c) a rule
- 8 My family have a _____ to exaggerate.
a) tend b) tendency c) prone
- 9 She noticed lots of unexpected things and made some very _____ comments.
a) apathetic b) obstinate c) perceptive
- 10 Small children are forever asking questions. They have such _____ minds.
a) rebellious b) inquisitive c) over-ambitious
- 11 My father is eighty-six and he's very _____ in his ways.
a) fixed b) set c) settled
- 12 She's a lovely girl but she's an incredible _____.
a) black sheep b) whizzkid c) chatterbox
- 13 I _____ they must be in their seventies, wouldn't you say?
a) suppose b) say c) hazard
- 14 She _____ to me to be happy with the situation.
a) supposes b) seems c) says
- 15 I'd _____ a guess that there are problems in the relationship.
a) reckon b) wonder c) hazard
- 16 If you can figure _____ a solution to this problem, I'll be very impressed.
a) in b) of c) out
- 17 You must trust your _____ in business.
a) instincts b) qualification c) feeling
- 18 _____ how strongly they would react, I simply wouldn't have told them.
a) Had I known b) Did I know c) I had known
- 19 I wish I _____ earlier what was going on, then I might have been able to do something about it.
a) would have realised b) didn't realise c) 'd realised
- 20 If he hadn't experienced so many problems in the early stages, he _____.
a) might have won b) won c) would win
- 21 I wanted to confront him about the issue but then I had _____ thoughts.
a) first b) second c) third
- 22 I think the problem is that the managers can be very _____.
a) perspective b) stereotype c) narrow-minded
- 23 _____ to appear stupid, he kept quiet.
a) Not wanting b) Not have wanted c) He was wanting not
- 24 Sam was always _____ by the other children.
a) be picked on b) being picked on c) been picked on
- 25 They were thought _____ by the back door.
a) of having escaped b) to have escaped c) to have escaping
- 26 I'm going to play devil's _____ here and say that I don't see why not.
a) advocate b) friend c) partner
- 27 You were absolutely right to speak your _____.
a) words b) ideas c) mind
- 28 As far as I _____, they can do what they like.
a) concern b) 'm concerned c) 'm concerning
- 29 Look at it this _____, we all stand to lose.
a) way b) direction c) how
- 30 From what I _____, there isn't a better solution.
a) do see b) can gather c) should see

RESULT /30