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English in a quarter of the time!

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Welcome to the Callan Method

Learning English with the Callan™ Method is fast and effective!

The Callan Method is a teaching method created specifically to improve your English in an intensive atmosphere. The teacher is constantly asking questions, so you are hearing and using the language as much as possible. When you speak in the lesson, the teacher corrects your grammar and pronunciation mistakes, and you learn a lot from this correction.

The Callan Method teaches English vocabulary and grammar in a carefully programmed way, with systematic revision and reinforcement. In the lesson, there is a lot of speaking and listening practice, but there is also reading and writing so that you revise and consolidate what you have learned.

With the Callan Method, the teacher speaks quickly so that you learn to understand English when it is spoken at natural speed. This also means that everyone is concentrating hard all the time.

English in a quarter of the time

The Callan Method can teach English in a quarter of the time taken by any other method on the market. Instead of the usual 350 hours necessary to get the average student to the level of the Cambridge Preliminary English Test (PET), the Callan Method can take as little as 80 hours, and only 160 hours for the Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE).

The method is suitable for students of all nationalities, and ages. It requires no equipment (not even a whiteboard) or other books, and can be used for classes at private schools, state schools and universities. It is also possible for students to use the books to practise with each other when they are not at school.

In addition to this, students can practise their English online using the interactive exercises, which are available to students who study at licensed schools. Ask your school for details.

The Callan Method in practice

A Callan Method English lesson is probably very different from lessons you have done in the past. You do not sit in silence, doing a reading comprehension test or a grammar exercise from a book. You do not have 'free conversation', where you only use the English you already feel comfortable with. Of course, activities like this can help you, but you can do them at home with a book, or in a coffee bar. In a Callan Method lesson, you are busy with important activities that you cannot do outside the classroom. You are listening to English all the time. You are speaking English a lot, and all your mistakes are corrected. You learn quickly because you are always surrounded by English. There is no silence and no time to get bored or lose your concentration. And it is also fun!

So, what exactly happens in a Callan Method lesson, and how does it work?

The teacher asks you questions

The Callan Method books are full of questions. Each question practises a word, an expression, or a piece of grammar. The teacher is standing, and asks the questions to the students one by one. You never know when the teacher will ask you, so you are always concentrating. When one student finishes answering one question, the teacher immediately starts to ask the next question.

The teacher speaks quickly

The teacher in a Callan Method lesson speaks quickly. This is because, in the real world, it is natural to speak quickly. If you want to understand normal English, you must practise listening to quick natural speech and become able to understand English without first translating into your language. This idea of not translating is at the centre of the Callan Method; this method helps you to start thinking in English.

Also, we do not want you to stop and think a lot about the grammar while you are speaking. We want you to speak as a reflex, instinctively. And do not worry about mistakes. You will, naturally, make a lot of mistakes in the lessons, but Callan Method teachers correct your mistakes, and you learn from the corrections. When you go home, of course it will help if you read your book, think about the grammar, study the vocabulary, and do all the things that language students do at home – but the lessons are times to practise your listening and speaking, with your books closed!

The teacher says every question twice, and helps you with the answer

In the lesson, the teacher speaks quickly, so we say the questions twice. This way, you have another chance to listen if you did not understand everything the first time.

The teacher then immediately says the beginning of the answer. This is to help you (and 'push' you) to start speaking immediately. So, for example:

Teacher: "Are there two chairs in this room? Are there two chairs in this room? No, there aren't ..."

Student (immediately): "No, there aren't two chairs in this room; there are twelve chairs in this room."

If the teacher does not 'push' you by giving you the beginning of the answer, you might start to think too much, and translate into your language.

The teacher will speak along with you all the time while you are saying your answer. So, if you forget a word or you are not sure what to say, you will always hear the next word or two from the teacher. You should repeat after the teacher, but immediately try again to continue with the answer yourself. You must always try to continue speaking, and only copy the teacher when you cannot continue alone. That way, you will become more confident and learn more quickly. Never simply wait for help from the teacher and then copy – you will not improve so quickly.

Long answers, with the same grammar as the question

We want you to practise your speaking as much as possible, so you always make complete sentences when you speak in the lesson, using the same grammatical structure as in the question. For example:

Teacher: "About how many pages are there in this book?"

Student: "There are about two hundred pages in that book."

In this way, you are not just answering a question; you are making full sentences with the vocabulary and the grammar that you need to learn.

Correction by imitation

With the Callan Method, the teacher corrects all your mistakes the moment you make them. The teacher corrects you by imitating (copying) your mistake and then saying the correct pronunciation/form of the word. For example, if you say "He come from Spain", the teacher quickly says "not come - **comes**". This correction by imitation helps you to hear the difference between your mistake and the proper English form. You should immediately repeat the correct word and continue with your sentence. You learn a lot from this correction of your mistakes, and constant correction results in fast progress.

Contracted forms

In the lesson, the teacher uses contractions (e.g. the teacher says "I don't" instead of "I do not"). This is because it is natural to use contractions in spoken English and you must learn to understand them. Also, if you want to sound natural when you speak, you must learn to use contractions.

Lesson structure

Every school is different, but a typical 50-minute Callan lesson will contain about 35 minutes of speaking, a 10-minute period for reading, and a 5-minute dictation. The reading practice and the dictation are often in the middle of the lesson.

In the reading part, you read and speak while the teacher helps you and corrects your mistakes. In the dictation, you practise your writing, but you are also listening to the teacher. So, a 50-minute Callan lesson is 50 minutes of spoken English with no silence!

No chatting

Although the Callan Method emphasises the importance of speaking practice, this does not mean chatting (free conversation). You learn English quickly with the Callan Method partly because the lessons are organised, efficient, fast and busy. There is no time wasted on chatting; this can be done before or after the lesson.

Chatting is not a good way to spend your time in an English lesson. First, only some of the students speak. Second, in a chat, people only use the English that they already know. Third, it is difficult for a teacher to correct mistakes during a conversation.

The Callan Method has none of these problems. All through the lesson, every student is listening and speaking, practising different vocabulary and structures, and learning from the correction of their mistakes. And nobody has time to get bored!

Repeat, repeat, repeat!

Systematic revision

In your native language, you sometimes read or hear a word that you do not already know. You usually need to read or hear this new word only once or twice in order to remember it and then use it yourself. However, when you are learning a foreign language, things are very different. You need to hear, see and use words and grammatical structures many times before you really know them properly. So your studies must involve a system of revision (repeating what you have studied before). This is absolutely essential. If there is no system of revision in your studies, you will forget what you have studied and will not be able to speak or understand better than before.

In every Callan Method lesson, of course you learn new English, practise it, and progress through your book. However, you also do a lot of revision so that you can really learn what you have studied. Your teacher can decide how much revision your class needs, but it will always be an important part of your studies.

Also, because there is a lot of revision, it is not important for you to understand everything the first time; it gets easier. The revision with Callan is automatic and systematic. Every day you do a lot of revision and then learn some new English.

Revision in reading and dictation too

The reading and dictation practice in the lessons is part of Callan's systematic revision as well. First, you learn a new word in the speaking part of the lesson; a few lessons later, you meet it again when you are reading; finally, the word appears in a dictation. This is all written into the Callan Method; it happens automatically.

Correcting your dictations

With the Callan Method, there is little or no homework to do, but it is very important that you correct your dictations. These are printed in your book and so you can easily correct them at home, on the bus, or wherever. It is important to do this because it helps you to learn the written forms of the words you have already studied in earlier lessons.

Your first lessons with the Callan Method

During your first lesson with the Callan Method, all of the questions and some of the vocabulary are new for you; you have not done any revision yet. For this reason, the teacher may not ask you many questions. You can sit and listen, and become more familiar with the method - the speed, the questions, the correction etc.

History of the Callan Method – Robin Callan



Robin Callan is the creator of the Callan Method. He owns the Callan School in London's Oxford Street. He also runs Callan Publishing Limited, which supplies Callan Method books to schools all over the world.

Robin Callan grew up in Ely, Cambridgeshire, England. In his early twenties, he went to Italy to

teach English in Salerno. Although he enjoyed teaching, Robin thought that the way in which teachers were expected to teach their lessons was inefficient and boring. He became very interested in the mechanisms of language learning, and was sure that he could radically improve the way English was taught.

He remained in Italy and started to write his own books for teaching English. He used these in his own classes and, over the following ten years, gained an immense amount of practical experience and a reputation for teaching English quickly and effectively.

When he returned to England, he opened his school in Oxford Street. As the method became more and more popular with students, the school grew and moved to larger premises. Robin continued to write his Callan Method books, and today the method is used by schools all over the world.

Robin Callan has always been passionate about English literature, especially poetry. For this reason, he bought The Orchard Tea Garden in Grantchester, near Cambridge, which attracts thousands of tourists each year. Throughout the 20th century, it was a popular meeting place for many famous Cambridge University students and important figures from English literature, such as Rupert Brooke, Virginia Woolf and E.M. Forster. Today, it is also home to the Rupert Brooke Museum.

Mr Callan now lives in Grantchester, but still plays an active role in the management of the Callan School in London.

The Callan School in London's Oxford Street

The largest private school in London

The Callan School in Oxford Street is the largest private school in London teaching English as a foreign language. Depending on the time of year, the school employs between 60 and 100 teachers and has an average of 1600 students passing through its doors every day. This number rises to more than 2000 in the middle of summer, similar to a small university.

Websites

Please visit the following websites for more information:

Callan Method http://www.callan.co.uk

Lots of information, including a list of schools around the world that use the method

Callan School London http://www.callanschoollondon.com/en/callan-school All you need to know about the largest private English language school in London

How Callan Method Stages compare to CEFR* levels and University of Cambridge General English exams

* Common European Framework of Reference

It is difficult to compare the Callan Method books directly with the CEFR levels and Cambridge exams, but below is an approximate guide.

		Callan Method Stages											
CEFR Levels	Cambridge Exams	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
C2	CPE												
C1	CAE												
B2	FCE												
B1	PET												
A2	KET												
A1													
t													

Introduction to Stage 12

In Stages 11 and 12, listening and speaking practice is done in the same lively manner as in the other Callan Method stages, and you also continue to do readings and dictations. However, Stages 11 and 12 are different from Stages 1–10 in two ways: they contain extra exercises to practise vocabulary, and they have sections to help you with writing.

Exercises

These introduce new words, phrases and expressions, and they also practise vocabulary you've learned already. Each one takes about five minutes to do. Don't worry if you aren't sure about the answers; the idea is that you will learn by firstly doing an exercise and then going through it with your teacher. They are exercises, not tests.

There are three kinds of exercise – phrase exercises, word-building exercises, and word pool exercises.

In the phrase exercises, you choose one word (from a choice of four) to fit in a gap in a sentence. The exercises practise new uses of words you already know, or introduce common phrases and expressions with words you have learned before.

In the word-building exercises, you are asked to take a word you have learned before (e.g. "real", from Stage 4) and make a new word from it (e.g. "realistic").

Finally, in Stages 11 and 12 you will sometimes come across a word pool – a list of 15 words that the teacher will introduce to you. A few lessons after this, there will be a word pool exercise, which checks whether you have remembered the words. Each exercise has 15 sentences with a word missing. You have to complete each sentence by choosing the correct word from the word pool.

Writing Sections

In total, there are eight writing sections in Stages 11 and 12. They introduce you to various common types of writing that we all meet in everyday life, and which also appear in English language exams. In addition to giving you helpful advice, the sections provide examples of each type of writing, and also homework that you can do to practise outside school.

STAGE 12



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the bigger ...

the more ...

When we are comparing only two people or things, it is possible to use the word "the" in front of a comparative adjective rather than a superlative adjective. For example, "I have two bedrooms in my flat. <u>The smaller</u> of the two is used as a store room".

Give me an example of the word "the" used in front of a comparative adjective instead of a superlative adjective. Of the two restaurants on this street, this one is the more expensive

comparatively

Give me an example of the word "comparatively", please. For a lady of 92, her eyesight is comparatively good

1070	AAAAAA
1076	economic
1070	

economical

cutback

cut back

The word "economic" means "related to money or the economy". For example, we can say "The country is facing severe economic problems". The word "economical", on the other hand, means "providing good value" or "requiring less money than usual". For example, we can say "The car cost quite a lot to buy, but it's very economical to run".

Do governments sometimes introduce cutbacks in public spending during an economic crisis? Yes, ...

If, for some reason, you personally needed to start living more economically, what would you cut back on? If, for some reason, I ..., I'd ...

AVD	losion
EXU	IUSIUII

massive

Can a gas leak in a building cause a massive explosion?

Yes, ...

anniversary

What kind of things do married couples get up to on their wedding anniversary? Married couples ...

flatter	compliment	chat up
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What does the verb "flatter" mean? The verb "flatter" means to praise someone or pay them compliments to make them feel good about themselves

1077Name a common situation when someone might choose to flatter the
person they're talking to.A common ... when they're hoping someone
will do them a favour, or when they're chatting someone up

Do you think it's true that we only flatter people when we want something from them? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

dietgradualcut outWhen someone goes on a diet, is it healthier for them to lose weight
quickly or gradually?When ..., ... gradually

Have you ever deliberately cut something out of your diet in an attempt to improve your health? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

What?

surrender

How can soldiers in a battle let the enemy know that they've decided to surrender? Soldiers in ... by waving a

white flag and putting their hands up

plot halfway allotment

If the plot of a film is tricky to follow, do you tend to keep watching to the end or give up halfway through?

What would you do if you found out that someone was plotting to murder you? If I ..., I'd ...

1078 Is it the practice in this country for some people living in flats in town to have a plot of land somewhere on which they grow fresh fruit and vegetables, for example? Yes, it's the practice ... ~ No, it isn't the practice ...

What are such plots of land called?

Such ... allotments

head for

In the morning, is the road outside this building full of people heading for work? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

capture

torture

Are there international laws in place these days to ensure that soldiers captured during a war are not tortured by the enemy? Yes, ...

under	control
anaor	

out of control

reality

fully

Why is it important for a government to give the impression that the economy is fully under control even when, in reality, it may not be? It's important ... so that the public maintain their faith in the government and support them

If the driver of a bus you were on suddenly had a heart-attack and the bus went out of control, what would you do? If ..., I'd push the driver aside, put my foot on the brake and steer the bus to the side of the road

1079 **tone**

Which actor or actress do you think has the nicest tone of voice? I think ... has

Do you set your phone to use specific ring tones for certain people so you know who's calling you? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

How can the layout of an office influence the way people work? The layout ... by affecting how easy it is for people to interact and access equipment

Why do children prefer interactive museums to traditional museums?

Children ... because they enjoy taking part in activities and seeing what happens when they press buttons on exhibits

vice

What do you think is your greatest virtue, and what's your greatest vice? I think my greatest virtue is ... and my greatest vice is ...

get by

When there isn't enough room to get by two people talking to each other in a narrow corridor, what can you say? When there isn't ..., I can say

"Excuse me, can I get by, please?"

1080How little sleep can you get by on each night without suffering from
tiredness?I can get by on ... without ...

regardless

1081

Give me an example of the word "regardless", please. He took part in the rugby match regardless of his injuries

consult	make your way	deteriorate
specialist		
Would you be able to mak etc.) without consulting ar		o the coast (the capital Yes, ~ No,
If you felt your hearing wa doctor first or consult a sp	-	te, would you visit your If, I'd
trail		
What do we mean by a tra	(By, we mean a path or track leading through the that people can walk along
expire	expiry	renew
straightforward		
ls it a pretty straightforwa country?	rd process to renew an	expired passport in your Yes, ~ No,
What do you have to do?		You have to
Name a food you definitel	y wouldn't eat if it was	
		is a food

Which institutions undertake responsibility for upholding the law in acountry?The police and the courts undertake ...

nap

Why do elderly people sometimes take a nap in the middle of the day? Elderly ... because they get tired rather easily

give in submit assignment

Have you ever given in a piece of homework knowing it was absolutely awful? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Do universities often ask their students to submit assignments over the internet? Yes, ...

withdraw

What's the maximum daily amount you can withdraw from your account using a cash machine? The maximum ...

1082 give up C

Why might a policeman decide to give up chasing a criminal in the street? A policeman ... if the criminal was running too fast to catch

budget

Who's in charge of the household budget in your family? in charge of ...

Word-building exercise 1

For each sentence below, change the word printed at the beginning so that it fits correctly into the gap. Put your answer on the right.

Answers

e.g.	luck	She was to win the game.	lucky
1	face	Anne's features are so striking she could be a model if she wanted.	

.....

chase

	2 3	expand publish	If this company hopes to grow, there'll need to be an in the range of products we offer. This magazine is currently the only that makes any profit for the	
	4	significant	It's hard to know what the of this latest decision will be.	
	5	cover	The national TV station was praised for its detailed of events during the war.	
	6	direct	The phone is now published online to save printing costs.	
	7	talk	Peter's quiet in the classroom but he's a lot more outside.	
	8	settle	The biggest, with over a thousand inhabitants, was next to the river.	
	9	preserve	Investing money in the of this college building is an excellent idea.	
1083	10	declare	Her sudden of love took him completely by surprise.	
	11	refuse	Serena's to help arrange things for the party makes no sense; the party's for her!	
	12	compare	Life today is not to that of a thousand years ago; it's so much easier now.	
	13	persuade	The sales assistants in that store can be very, so be careful!	
	14	problem	I've had a rather day so far. Let's hope it gets better.	
	15	include	I'm not sure whether the price he's quoted me for the job is of tax or not.	



1084 **storey**

skyscraper

We generally use the word "storey" when we are referring to the architecture or structure of a building, whereas we use "floor" when talking about the different levels within a building. For example, we would say "Mr Brown's cousin lives on the fifth floor of a ten-storey block of flats".

Would you like to work on the top floor of a 30-storey skyscraper?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Why or why not?

attain

mother tongue

Do you think someone with a talent for learning languages can attain the same level of competence in a foreign language as they have in their mother tongue? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

clockwork

What would I mean if I said "The wedding day went like clockwork"? If you ..., you'd mean that every part of the wedding day happened on time and in the way it had been planned

adequate inadequate discomfort

Do passengers on long flights suffer discomfort if there isn't adequate leg room on the plane? Yes, passengers ...

1085 Are accidents in the workplace often a consequence of inadequate safety measures? Yes, ...

digestion

Excluding the costs of rent and travel, about how much money do you need to get by each week? Excluding ..., I need ...

Is there any type of food you exclude from your diet to avoid problems with digestion? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

What?

aggressive aggression growl

Do airlines give their crew members training in how to cope with aggressive passengers?

When does a dog growl? A dog growls when it wants to show aggression

in the event of helpless

If a country had no army, would it be completely helpless in the event of a military attack? Yes, ...

Give me another example of "in the event of". In the event of an emergency, please alert a member of staff immediately

join in

Why do some children at primary school find it hard to join in with others in the playground? Some ... they aren't used to interacting with other children, they're shy etc.

instruct 1086

instructor

The verb "instruct" means "teach" but is generally used to describe teaching someone how to perform an activity. For example, we can say "The staff were instructed on what to do in the event of a fire".

Do you think you'd enjoy the job of driving instructor? Yes, ... ~ No, ... Why or why not?

exclude

Yes, ...

m	Alet.	
	oist	

moisten

lick

How do we moisten stamps so that they stick to envelopes?

We moisten ... by licking them

occasional outbreak

Give me an example of the word "occasional", please. I have the occasional pint of beer at the weekend

Are there occasionally serious outbreaks of flu in the world that cause a large number of deaths? Yes. ...

plunge

When swimming in a lake, why should one enter the water carefully When ..., ... because the rather than just plunge in? water may be too shallow, or there may be rocks close to the surface of the water

1087 register premises

Why are visitors often asked to register at reception when they enter the premises of a big business? Visitors are ... for security reasons

troublesome

Do you think your parents would describe you as having been a troublesome child? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

alter

philosophy

Why does a person's philosophy on life often alter significantly as they get older? A person's ...

detached	semi-detached	terraced					
bungalow	mansion	drive (driveway)					
go for							
	/hat's the difference between a terraced house, a semi-detached house, nd a detached house? The difference a terraced house shares a wall with another house on both sides, a semi-detached house shares a wall on one side only, and a detached house stands on its own and doesn't share a wall with any other property						
Why might a bungalo elderly person?	Why might a bungalow be a good choice of accommodation for an						
Which is most likely t bungalow or a terrac	o have its own drive (or driv ed house?	reway): a mansion, a A mansion					
-	, which would you go for: a ry apartment in town?	mansion in the If, I'd go for					
bug	virus	bacteria					
defect (n)	microphone	embassy					
What's a bug?	illness a secret hidder	bug can be an insect, a minor caused by a virus or bacteria, n microphone (in an embassy efect in a computer program					
Does it bug you wher public transport?	n people have loud mobile	ohone conversations on Yes, ~ No,					
Would you know wh	Nould you know what to do if your computer were infected by a virus?						

Yes, I'd know ... ~ No, I wouldn't know ...

swap

Would you be willing to swap your phone (watch etc.) for mine?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

	сор		
	What's an informa	l word for a police officer?	An informal a cop
1089	dissolve		
	How long does sug	ar take to dissolve in a cup of coff	ee? Sugar takes
	pat	simultaneou	IS
	Is it easy to pat one	e's head and rub one's stomach sim	nultaneously? No, it isn't
	hang up		
	When was the last time you hung up on somebody in anger? The last ~ I've never		
	worth my (you	r etc.) while	worthwhile
	worth my (you outer	r etc.) while inner	worthwhile outskirts
	outer	inner ours away from this school, would	outskirts
	outer If you lived three h while coming here	inner ours away from this school, would	outskirts it be worth your No, if, it wouldn't
	outer If you lived three h while coming here	inner ours away from this school, would for lessons?	outskirts it be worth your No, if, it wouldn't
	outer If you lived three h while coming here Do you think it's w Why or why not?	inner ours away from this school, would for lessons? orthwhile exploring outer space? ble prefer to settle on the outskirts	outskirts it be worth your No, if, it wouldn't Yes, ~ No,
1090	outer If you lived three h while coming here Do you think it's w Why or why not? Why do many peop	inner ours away from this school, would for lessons? orthwhile exploring outer space? ble prefer to settle on the outskirts	outskirts it be worth your No, if, it wouldn't Yes, ~ No,

"worthless"? The difference ... "priceless" means "extremely valuable", whereas "worthless" means "having no value"

Give me an example of each, please. The palace contains a number of priceless antiques. Most of the stuff in the market was worthless rubbish, so I didn't get anything.

fiction

non-fiction

literature

As regards literature, do you tend to prefer fiction or non-fiction?

As regards ..., I tend ...

Why?

make-up (makeup)	make up	enhance
feeble	fall out with	row

following

Do television presenters normally wear make-up (makeup) to enhance their appearance on camera? Yes, ...

Give me an example of a feeble excuse that employees often make up in order not to go to work. A feeble ...

If you fell out with your best friend following a row, how long do you reckon it'd take you to make up with each other again?

1091 install

expert

Are you capable of installing a new washing machine, or would you have to get an expert to do it? I'm capable ... ~ No, I'm not capable ...; I'd have to ...

blush

comment

Do you blush easily when someone makes a flattering comment about you in front of other people? Yes, I blush ... ~ No, I don't blush ...

limp

What am I doing?

You're limping

What does it mean if we describe the flowers or leaves of a plant as limp? If ..., it means they're softer than

they should be, and not firm and healthy

route

Which route do you follow when you go home (or come to school, go to work etc.)? The route I follow when ...

Phrase exercise 1

From the four options given with each sentence, choose the one word that fits correctly in the gap.

- 1 Your skills are key ... the success of this plan; without them, it'll fail! (to / at / of / by)
- 2 This isn't actually my book; it's on ... from my local library. (lend / borrow / loan / hire)
- 3 If we're ... luck, Richard will be at the party, and he can give us a lift home afterwards. (on / at / in / by)
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 Something in the ... of 60% of the population voted in the last election.

 (excess / reach / majority / region)
 - 5 I'm sure it's just ... of time before she becomes a famous actress. (a matter / an issue / a business / a product)
 - 6 Janet should try to look at things from a different ...; it might help her understand why her employees are unhappy.

(point / aim / angle / way)

- I'm rather behind the ..., so I probably won't know half the bands playing at the festival.
 (times / crowds / trends / days)
- 8 If we don't get to the wedding party soon, we'll miss ... the food! (up with / out on / up on / out with)
- 9 They both claim to be qualified doctors but they're ... of the sort. (nowhere / none / nothing / nobody)
- 10 You'll make more progress if you try to take on ... what I say.
 (board / deck / sight / demand)

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- 11 We have to tell the public everything is fine but, off the ..., I'm beginning to get a little worried. (register / book / record / file)
- 12 I've got the best of both ...; I love my work and get paid well too. (roads / sides / lives / worlds)
- 13 I quite fancy going to the art gallery this weekend if there's anything new ... show. (in / for / on / to)
- 14 Our football club relies on the experienced players to act as ... models for the younger ones. (role / manner / action / leader)
- 15 I'm in two ... about the plan for a picnic tomorrow. The weather doesn't look very good. (halves / camps / ways / minds)



1093 Writing a story

Please note: There are writing homework titles at the end of this book.

sequence

set the scene

departure gate

boarding pass

Always check!

devastated

(1) It's normal to use contractions

when we write a story.

(2) Linking expressions that communicate 'time' and 'sequence' ideas are especially important. I was finally off to my brother's wedding. *I'd* never had the opportunity to visit New York before and I could hardly wait. I had a while to wait before boarding so, *in the meantime*, I sat in one of Heathrow Airport's many coffee bars to watch the planes taking off.

Before long, my flight was announced, and **I quickly made** my way to the departure gate. **I was standing in the queue**... when suddenly my stomach turned over. Where was my boarding pass? And my passport?

I ran like I'd never run before. In my mind, I could still see my passport and boarding pass lying on the coffee bar table. *I 'd left them there* in my mad hurry to get to the gate in time. How could I be so stupid!

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I burst into the coffee bar and went immediately to the table I'd been sitting at; my documents weren't there! I stood there in silence, *devastated*.

"Is this yours, sir?" said a voice behind me *politely*. -------

I turned to see a smiling waiter, and in his hand, a British passport with a boarding pass sandwiched between its pages.

"Yes! Oh, thank you," I replied. "Thank you so much!"

"You're very welcome," he said calmly. "Now, you'd better get going, hadn't you, sir?" I took the documents and set off back, possibly even faster than before. I arrived, completely out of breath, just as the staff were about to close the gate. (3) Use the past simple to communicate the main events in the story.

(4) Use the past continuous to set the scene and give background information.

(5) Use the past perfect to mention something that happened at an earlier time.

(6) Make descriptions more interesting by using adjectives and adverbs. "Wait!" I called out desperately, opening the passport at the photo page as I approached them. I looked down at the face in the picture. It wasn't mine.

When we're writing a story, is it normal to use contractions? Yes, when ... Which kind of linking expressions are especially important when we're telling a story? The kind ... ones that communicate 'time' and 'sequence' ideas Give me some examples, please. before long; three weeks later; meanwhile etc. Which tenses do we normally use when telling or writing a story? When ..., ... the past simple, the past continuous, and the past perfect In a story, what's the purpose of the past simple? In ..., ... to communicate the main events in the story I suddenly saw a man Give me an example, please. And what's the purpose of the past continuous? The purpose ... to set the scene and give background information Give me an example, please. I was walking along the street one day when I suddenly saw a man 1095 When do we use the past perfect in a story? We ... to mention something that happened at an earlier time Give me an example, please. I was walking along the street one day when I suddenly saw a man that I had been to secondary school with Tell me a simple way of making descriptions in a story more interesting. A simple ... by using adverbs and adjectives Repeat this sentence, adding words to improve the description: "The man put the gun back on the table".

The old man slowly put the gun back on the table. Surprisingly, the man put the loaded gun back on the table.

subtract (take away)

Why is it a good idea to avoid carrying large sums of cash around with you when you're travelling? It's a good idea ... because ...

sum

Are you good at doing sums in your head?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

What do we get if we subtract (or take away) four from nine?

If ..., we get five

send for

How did you feel at school on occasions when the head teacher sent for you? I felt ...

upkeep

What kind of buildings have their upkeep financed by the public? Government buildings, schools, hospitals etc. have ...

hold up 1096

What kind of things can cause a postal service to be held up?

Strikes, bad weather etc. can cause ...

take up

Why is it common for people to lose their enthusiasm quite soon after taking up physical exercise? It's common for ... because they discover it's harder or less interesting than they thought it would be

Which object in this room takes up the most space? ... takes up ... in this room

trend

Regarding trends in fashion, who are usually the more aware: teenagers or the middle-aged? Regarding ..., teenagers ...

And regarding trends in the economy? Regarding ..., the middle-aged ...

relation

Would you say there was a strong relation between a football team's mental attitude and the level of success they enjoy? Yes, I'd say ...

mental

postal

finance

uppermost

Make a sentence with the word "uppermost", please. When I'm driving in London, safety is always uppermost in my mind

blond (masculine) blonde (feminine) 1097

Name a famous person with blond (blonde) hair. ... is a ... In what way is the adjective "blond" an unusual word? The adjective ... because we add the letter "e" to it to make the feminine form

contrast

What's the biggest contrast between the north and south of this country? The biggest ... the landscape,

the weather, the economic conditions etc.

monitor

overwhelm

Why is it important for this school to monitor your lesson attendance? It's important ...

Do some snakes overwhelm other animals by coiling around them and squeezing tightly? Yes, ...

If an athlete at the Olympics is overwhelmed by the occasion, what effect can that have on their performance? If ..., their performance can deteriorate

correspond

How do the majority of people correspond these days?

The majority ... by email, text etc.

attendance

coil

1098 **umpire**

referee

cricket

The role of an umpire and the role of a referee are similar: to control a sporting activity and make sure the rules are followed correctly. A referee generally moves around a lot, as in football and boxing. An umpire, on the other hand, generally remains in one position, as in tennis and cricket.

Name two sports that have umpires rather than referees. Tennis and cricket are ...

Why do football referees need to be more physically fit than tennis umpires? Football referees ... they need to run around during a match, whereas tennis umpires are seated

turnover

The turnover of a company is the value of the goods and services that the company sells in any particular period.

If a retail company found a cheaper supplier for the goods it sold, which would increase: the company's turnover or the company's profits? If ..., the company's profits would increase

award scholarship

What type of award is a scholarship? A scholarship is a financial award that's given to a student by an organization to help with their education, often because the student is particularly clever or talented

response

When someone says "How do you do?", what's the appropriateresponse?When ..., the appropriate response is "How do you do?"

1099 destruction existence virtual

What'd be the likely outcome of a nuclear world war? The likely outcome of ... the almost total destruction of life on our planet; even if some people survived, a

civilized existence would be virtually impossible

Why do airlines use virtual reality during the initial training of pilots rather than real aircraft? Airlines ... because the consequences of a mistake made while flying a real aircraft are potentially fatal

even so

Give me an example of "even so", please. It rained almost every day we were in Paris. Even so, we managed to enjoy ourselves enormously.

Word pool 1: revision exercise

For each sentence below, choose one word from the word pool that fits correctly in the gap.

flaw	heir	escalator	gadget	maid
flair	dormitory	client	academy	victim
penalty	recreation	bench	napkin	suburb

1	Paul's paintings are a	nazing; he's got a rea	for art.
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- Her biggest is that she doesn't really listen to other 2 people's opinions.
- In those days, the _____ for such a crime was death by 3 hanging.
- 4 The manager used to get very angry if the waiters didn't fold every perfectly.
- Every new electrical _____ Philip buys for the kitchen ends up 5 at the back of a cupboard.
- Rebecca was happy because her new ______ at school had 1100 6 very comfortable beds.
 - For some reason, the _____ wasn't working so we had to 7 walk up.

- 8 Ken deliberately put his bag next to him on the _____ so that nobody else would sit there.
- 9 The facilities for sport and ______ that the hotel offers are the best in the area.
- 10 I prefer the _____ they have now; she's much more efficient than the last one they employed.
- 11 It's a lovely _____ but it's too far from the city centre for me to consider buying a house there.
- 12 Mr Johnson is a brand new ______ so we need to make a special effort to impress him.
- 13 As the ______ to a large fortune, he doesn't need a job at all, but he feels it's important to work.
- 14 Why are you defending him? You must realize I'm the _________ in this situation!
- 15 John was accepted by the _____ owing to his impressive exam results.

Dictation 123

It was by no means/ a desperate time for her/ after the divorce;/ in fact, she coped very well indeed./ Neither of us can stand/ using the vacuum cleaner,/ so what's stopping us/ paying someone to do the household chores/ while we're at work?/ Let's hope the bridegroom/ gives a decent speech./ Richard glanced up/ and was thrilled to spot/ the marvellous city lights ahead./ It had been a long, tedious train journey,/ but soon he'd be home again,/ catching up with family and friends./ This sweater I knitted is fabulous/ but slightly too large./ Can I deliberately shrink it/ in the washing machine?/ Children often go through/ a stubborn phase/ when they rebel/ against their parents' authority./ Perceive, loathe, overdraft, leisure, pursue.



1102 <u>in prison</u>

to church

at university

primary

We do not use the definite article "the" in front of certain nouns when we are referring to their primary purpose. Some examples are "prison", "church", "hospital", "school", "college", "university", and "bed".

For example, the primary purpose of a prison is to contain criminals, so if we say "John is <u>in prison</u>", we are communicating that John is a criminal. On the other hand, if we say "John is <u>in the prison</u>", we are simply stating his physical location; perhaps he is visiting someone.

Similarly, if we say "Peter is <u>at university</u>", we are communicating that Peter is a student. If, on the other hand, we say "Peter is <u>at the university</u>", again we are just saying where he is.

What does it mean if we do <u>not</u> use the definite article "the" in front of nouns such as "prison", "church", "hospital" and so on? If we do <u>not</u> ..., it means we are referring to their primary purpose

Have you ever spent time in hospital?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Why?

On which day of the week do Christians normally go to church? Christians ... on Sunday

1103	proportion	terms	back out
	look through	be on good (or bad) to	erms with

In percentage terms, what proportion of your time do you estimate you spend sleeping? In percentage terms, I estimate ...

In terms of population, which is the largest country in the world? In terms of population, China is ...

Have you ever been about to sign a contract but then backed out after looking through the terms and conditions more carefully? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Is there anyone you're on bad terms with at the moment? Yes, ... ~ No, ... Who?

cosmetics

colloquial

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	"child"?	nce into colloquial Eng	ten use instead of the word In colloquial English, people "kid" lish, please: "My mother My mum often buys make-up
	drastic	re	venue
	If attendances at n a drastic impact or	•	a football club, would that have Yes, if
1104	break off	19	ngagement
	What do we mean engagement?		e have broken off their If we say, we mean that the couple were planning to marry each her but have now changed their minds
	drawback	erase	cross out
	What's the main d	-	ink instead of in pencil? The main an error made in ink cannot easily be erased; it has to be ed out, unless one uses a liquid eraser
	gum	chew	chewing gum
	come across		

In addition to the teeth themselves, what part of the mouth does a dentist always inspect? In addition to ..., ... gums

If someone started to chew a piece of chewing gum in the middle of a job interview, how would they come across? If ..., they'd come across very badly, as they would appear too casual

treat

What do we mean by a treat?

By a treat, we mean something that gives pleasure, especially something unexpected or not enjoyed often

Give me an example, please.

As a treat on my birthday, my mum took me to the seaside with my best friend

distribute 1105

Why might a business choose to distribute leaflets door-to-door rather A business might ... cheaper, easier etc. than through the post?

foul on purpose

Name a sport in which it's common for fouls to be committed on purpose. ... is a sport in which ...

What do we mean by foul language (or a foul smell)? By foul language (or a foul smell), ... very unpleasant ...

fulfil unfulfilled

Have you got any unfulfilled ambitions?

What?

take over

In business, what does it mean when we say that one company takes over In business, when we say ..., another company? it means that one company buys

the other company and gains control of it

internal

external

Do you think it's ever acceptable for one country to attempt to influence the internal political affairs of another country? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

door-to-door

1106 What's the opposite of "internal"?

in a way

Give me an example of the phrase "in a way", please. In a way, I was sorry to see him go home, but, in another way, I was glad because I was so tired

file

Do you prefer to file your nails or cut them?

I prefer ...

highway

What do we mean by a highway?

By a highway, we mean a main road that connects two towns or cities

outcry

Would there be a massive outcry if the government in this country tried to abolish the welfare state? Yes, there'd be ...

abolish

pass out

Would you know what to do if the person next to you on a very hot and crowded train suddenly passed out? Yes, I'd know ... ~ No, I wouldn't know ... What?

1107 version

When a road accident is witnessed by a number of people, are the police often given several different versions of events? Yes, when ...

bounce

Which bounces higher: a tennis ball or a cricket ball? A tennis ball ...

000m0	nalitan
cosmo	poman

When we describe a city as cosmopolitan, what do we mean?

When ..., we mean it is home to a diverse range of inhabitants and cultures

guarantee

If you were about to buy a fantastic bargain in a second-hand shop but then discovered the product didn't come with a guarantee, would you still proceed with the purchase? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

get out of compelled

If a colleague you didn't like much invited you to their wedding, would you try to get out of it or would you feel compelled to go? If ..., I'd ...

1108 update upgrade app (appli	cation)
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Do most of the apps (or applications) on your phone update automatically? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

What does someone mean if they say they want to upgrade their room in a hotel? If someone says ..., it means they want to move to a better room with better facilities.

privilege	burden	reception
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If a friend selected you to make a speech at their wedding reception, would you see it as a privilege or a burden? If ..., I'd see it as ...

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most = very
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Give me an example of "most" with the meaning of "very".

The way he refused to carry out your instructions was most shocking

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Is buying food in bulk more economical than buying food on a day-to-day basis? Yes, ...

proceed

diverse

day-to-day

move house

When people move house, do they normally hire a company to move the bulk of their possessions to the new property? Yes, ...

obedient

misbehave

Is it normal for even the most obedient child to misbehave every now and again? $$\rm Yes, \dots $$

1109	intense	intensive	enrol

Does the South Pole experience intense cold all year round? Yes, ...

For what kind of reason might a student enrol on an intensive English language course that involved spending the whole day at school? A student might ... because ...

swift

Do the police in this area respond swiftly to emergency calls? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

confidential

Is the information that doctors hold on their patients strictly confidential? Yes, ...

cater

Do the shops in this area cater for all your day-to-day needs? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Why do couples usually employ others to deal with the catering on their wedding day? Couples ... because they lack the time to deal with it themselves

in the long run

Give me an example of "in the long run", please. He had to study hard for several years to become a doctor, but it was worth it in the long run

1110 **flap**

Do birds flap their wings more rapidly than flying insects?

No, ...

jot down text

When you're reading some complicated text in English, should you jot down words that are unknown to you so that you can learn them later on? Yes, if ..., I should ...

starve

What does the verb "starve" mean?

The verb "starve" means to die as a result of not eating enough food



1111 Common noun suffixes

Some common suffixes we use to form nouns are: "-ness", "-ment", "-ance", "-ence", "-ship", "-hood", "-ity", and "-ion".

Some examples of such nouns are "greatness", "enjoyment", "acceptance", "correspondence", "membership", "motherhood", "regularity", and "adoption".

Make a sentence containing a noun with the suffix "-ness", please.

There was great gentleness in her voice when she spoke. He failed the exam as a direct result of his idleness.

Make a sentence containing a noun with the suffix "-ment", please.

I got the email you sent me but I'm afraid I couldn't open the attachment. I think your judgement of the situation is exactly right.

Make a sentence containing a noun with the suffix "-ance" or "-ence", please. The painting's disappearance was reported in all the newspapers. The lawyer

was determined to prove the man's innocence.

Make a sentence containing a noun with the suffix "-ship", please.

The government granted him citizenship three years ago. Home ownership is rising in this country.

Make a sentence containing a noun with the suffix "-hood", please.

He wasn't really suited to fatherhood. His life of crime continued into adulthood.

1112 Make a sentence containing a noun with the suffix "-ity", please.

Many of his colleagues admire him for his sincerity. Diamonds sell for high prices because of their rarity.

Make a sentence containing a noun with the suffix "-ion", please.

One small hesitation can often mean missing a great opportunity. When she entered the office, the tension in the room rose immediately.

If a shop offered you a 20% discount on a product that originally cost£100, how much would you pay?If, I'd pay £80		
Is it reasonable to discount errors one makes in dictations if they're just simple spelling mistakes? No, it isn't		
Because part of learning a word is learning how to write it, and spelling is very important in the real world		
hydrogen	formula	
element that's require	d in addition to oxygen in The name of hydrogen	
ormula of water?	The chemical formula of water is H_2O	
cooper	rate (co-operate)	
orm of unarmed comba	at? Yes, ~ No,	
Do you think countries need to cooperate more to combat the threat of global climate change? Yes, ~ No,		
guy	chap	
	English instead of the word ne "bloke", "guy", "chap" etc.	
ase.	I've only met him once,	
	rou pay? nt errors one makes in Because part of lear write it, and spelling is v hydrogen element that's require formula of water? Cooper orm of unarmed comba eed to cooperate mor guy often use in colloquial Son	

error

monotonous repetitive

discount

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What do we mean by a monotonous job? By..., we mean a job where the activities and general routine are repetitive and don't change

outlook	optimistic	pessimistic	
optimism	pessimism		
What sort of outlook do you think you have on life: optimistic or pessimistic?			
Which nouns describe	ns describe the feelings of being optimistic and pessimistic? The nouns "optimism" and "pessimism"		
demonstrate	demonstration	protest	
furious When a fitness instruct always demonstrate it	tor wants a class to try a ne	ew exercise, do they Yes,	
How can people prote decision?	1 5	oout a government ding a public demonstration, mitting a written protest etc.	
squash	elevator		
	elevator open and it's alre nter or do you wait for ano		
out of order	overtime)	

What does it mean when there's a notice hanging on a lift or a drinks

machine saying "Out of order"? it means the lift or the

machine isn't working at the moment

Do you think it's out of order for a boss to ask someone to work overtime for no extra pay? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

rip rip-off patch

If you ripped a hole in your favourite pair of jeans, would you sew a patch over the hole? Yes, if I ... ~ No, if I ... What do we mean when we say that a product or service we paid for was a rip-off? When ..., we mean that we paid far more for it than its real value

1115 self-respect

self-service

self-centred

self-catering

villa

consideration

Explain the phrases "self-respect" and "self-service", please. "Self-respect" is respect for oneself, and "self-service" describes a

restaurant, for example, where customers collect their own food and take it to the table

Which would you prefer: a self-catering holiday in a rented villa or a hotel-based holiday with full board? I'd prefer ...

Why?

Would you expect a self-centred person to show consideration for other people? No, I wouldn't ...

operator	hold on	put through

get through

What does a telephone operator mean when they say "Hold on; I'll put you through"? When a telephone operator says ..., they're asking you to wait while they connect you

And if they can't get through to the person you want, what might they say? If they can't ..., they might say "I'm sorry; I can't get through. Would you like

to hold on or would you prefer to ring back?"

If you sat some crucial exams but didn't get through them, would you take them again? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

breakdown 1116

Can long periods of intense stress cause a person to suffer a nervous breakdown?

If you could hear your flatmate snoring loudly every night, would you be able to put up with it? Yes, if I ... ~ No, if I ...

snore

acknowledge commute outstanding

How would you feel if you sent a letter of complaint to a company and they didn't even acknowledge receipt of the letter? If ..., I'd feel ...

If you commuted on the same train every morning, do you think you'd eventually start to acknowledge the other regular passengers?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

How does the army acknowledge outstanding courage displayed by soldiers in combat? The army

acknowledges ... by awarding medals

come on (go on)

Do street lights come on (go on) automatically when it starts to get dark and then go off again at dawn? Yes, ...

go off

restore

Which would you rather buy: an old house that was interesting but needed restoring, or a brand new house that was lacking in character?

I'd rather

1117 oral hygiene	filling
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In reference to language learning, what's an oral examination?

In reference ..., ... a speaking test

In the long run, does a good oral hygiene routine reduce the need for fillings? Yes. ...

conservative

Why do you suppose people tend to become more conservative as they get older? I suppose ...

put up with

forecast

favourable

When it comes to selecting what to wear each day, do you pay any attention to the weather forecast on the radio or TV? Yes, when it ...

~ No, when it ...

Is the forecast for next weekend favourable?

continental

In a hotel, what's the difference between a continental breakfast and an **English breakfast?** In a hotel, the difference ...

a continental breakfast consists of

fruit juice, bread, sweet pastries, jam,

marmalade and so on, whereas an English breakfast consists of eggs, bacon, sausages, tomatoes and so on

Phrase exercise 2 1118

From the three options given below each sentence, choose the one that has a similar meaning to the sentence itself.

1 You need to get a grip on yourself.

- a) You need to plan a secure future for yourself.
- b) You need to gain control of your emotions.
- c) You need to realize your strengths and weaknesses.

2 My favourite radio programme's on air now.

- a) My favourite radio programme is very popular.
- b) My favourite radio programme might be cancelled.
- My favourite radio programme is being broadcast. c)

I find it hard to make ends meet. 3

- a) It's hard for me to manage my relationship successfully.
- b) It's hard for me to find enough money to pay for everything.
- c) It's hard for me to finish all my work in the time available.

4 You should stand up to him.

- a) You should defend yourself against him.
- b) You should show respect to him.
- c) You should try to be like him.

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

5 I passed up the opportunity.

- a) I told someone else about the opportunity.
- b) I decided not to take advantage of the opportunity.
- c) I waited too long and missed the opportunity.

6 Why don't we call it a day?

- a) Why don't we have a party?
- b) Why don't we make arrangements?
- c) Why don't we finish now?

7 She's got a nest egg.

- a) She wants to have a baby.
- b) She is keeping a secret from us.
- c) She has money saved for the future.

8 I got the hang of the job very quickly.

- a) I became bored of the job very quickly.
- b) I learnt how to do the job very quickly.
- c) I managed to find the job very quickly.

9 They made quite a splash at the party.

- a) They attracted a lot of attention during the party.
- b) They behaved badly when they went to the party.
- c) They spent a great deal of money on the party.

10 Do you have a soft spot for him?

- a) Do you take advantage of him?
- b) Are you quite keen on him?
- c) Can you find an easy job for him?

Dictation 124

It'd been a dreadful plan./ In an ambitious attempt/ to discourage other runners,/ Paula had shot ahead,/ but after a mere five miles,/ she was being overtaken./ So exhausted/ that she felt she might even collapse,/ she now stood no chance of a medal./ This is outrageous!/ The architect's initial sketches/ for the hotel project/ show that he plans/ to support the ceiling in the lounge/ with stone columns./ He claims it'll give the area/ a luxurious appeal,/ but I think it's an appalling idea,/ and would just look weird./ My proudest moment as an inventor/ was watching the aircraft/ launch into the atmosphere/ full of technological equipment/ that I'd designed./ Soon, it'd be sending back/ invaluable scientific information./ Recruit, forthcoming, vehicle, plough, laundry.

1119



Word pool 2 (nouns)

catalogue	debut	cellar
alien	pond	concrete
deodorant	rage	parade
bruise	feat	wolf
toddler	prey	density

put away

What problem would arise in your home if you never put things awayafter using them?If I never ..., the house would get incredibly
messy and I wouldn't be able to find anything

overboard

guts

If you were on a boat in a storm and somebody fell overboard, do you reckon you'd have the guts to jump in the water and try to save them? Yes, if I ... ~ No, if I ...

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When a patient undergoes surgery, what do we call the doctor thatoperates on them?When ..., ... a surgeon

1121 When you've got an appointment at a doctor's surgery, do you just walk straight into the room where the doctor is, or are you shown in?

When I've got ...

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at times

When two objects rub together, does the friction create heat? Yes, when ...

Is it normal for husbands and wives to compromise at times in order to avoid friction in the relationship? Yes, it's normal ...

go by

Why do you suppose weekends seem to go by so much more quickly than weekdays? I suppose ...

stretch

If a stretch of road you were driving along suddenly came to an end, what would you have to do? If ..., I'd have to turn back

bulb

If a light bulb in your home started flickering, what would you think and do? If ..., I'd ...

appetite

Who's got the biggest appetite in your family?

sound 1122

What do we mean by sound advice, or a sound financial investment?

By ..., we mean a piece of advice, or a financial investment, that's good quality and which we can depend on

compensate

make up for

investment

Do airlines compensate passengers when journeys are severely delayed? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

If you forgot your best friend's birthday, how would you make up for it? If ..., I'd ...

friction

flicker

turn back

My ...

chop		
What am I pretending to do?	You're preter	nding to chop wood with an axe
stick out gr	ab	skip
Why is it better not to walk aro sticking out of your pocket?	und in public v	vith your wallet (or purse) It's better because someone might try to grab it
When you're in a hurry and hav out till lunchtime fairly easily?	•	xfast, are you able to stick it es, when I'm ~ No, when I'm

cramp isolated	rural	habitation
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In which parts of the body do people usually suffer from cramp?

People ... in their leg, foot etc.

1123 Where would you prefer to live: in a cramped inner-city area surrounded by busy crowds or in an isolated rural environment far from any other sign of habitation? I'd prefer ...

take on

chon

Has this school taken on any new staff recently as far as you know?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

What would I mean if I said "I think I've taken on too much"? If ..., you'd mean that you thought you'd accepted too much work or responsibility

stop off

stop over

Which of these two sentences is correct: "He stopped off at the bank on the way home" or "He stopped over at the bank on the way home"?

"He stopped off ..." is correct

Why?Because "stop over" communicates that youspend the night somewhere while on a long journey

So give me an example of "stop over", please. On our way from the UK to Australia, we stopped over in Beijing for one night

lively

In what way can a lively class of children be tricky for a teacher to cope with? A lively class ...

1124 turn up (show up)

What happens if a player fails to turn up (or show up) for a football match? If a player ..., a reserve player takes his place

negotiate	negotiation	conflict	
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reluctant

When two countries are negotiating in order to end a conflict but both sides are reluctant to compromise, what often happens? If ..., the countries often end up breaking off the negotiations

service

What do we mean by public services? By public services, we mean education, health care, public transport, rubbish collection etc.

Do modern cars need servicing less frequently than old cars? Yes, ...

stand for

executive

chief executive officer (CEO)

What does the abbreviation CEO stand for? The abbreviation CEO stands for "chief executive officer"

Would you like to be the CEO of a large international business organization? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

1125 Why or why not?

out of sight

in sight

What does the expression "out of sight, out of mind" mean?

The expression "out of sight, out of mind" means that, sometimes, when we don't see a person (or thing) for a while, we forget about them

What's the opposite of saying "The ship was out of sight"? The opposite ... "The ship was in sight"

take seriously

If somebody takes everything in life too seriously, can they end up suffering from high levels of stress? Yes, if somebody ...

sigh

When do people sigh?

People sigh when they're tired, impatient, sad or unhappy

vanish

mysterious

What do the police have to do when someone vanishes in mysterious circumstances? When someone ..., the police have to investigate the disappearance in

order to find out whether a crime has occurred

ridiculous

What's the most ridiculous present anyone's ever given you? The most ...

1126get away withfraud

What proportion of people do you think would be willing to commit financial fraud if they knew they were guaranteed to get away with it?

I think ...

assemble

Does this class always assemble in the same room?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

What are the advantages of buying furniture that you assemble at home as opposed to ready-made furniture? The advantages ... the furniture's usually cheaper and easier to transport go with

dress sense

Does a person with poor dress sense tend to choose clothes that don't go with one another? $$\rm Yes, \dots $\rm Yes, \dots \rm

studio	studio flat	bedsit	tenant

What do we mean by a recording studio and a TV studio? By ..., we mean the places where music and TV programmes are recorded

What's the principal difference between a bedsit and a studio flat?

The principal ... the tenant in a bedsit shares a bathroom with other people in the building, whereas the tenant in a studio flat has their own bathroom

1127 **hectic**

Why should people with hectic working lives make sure they don't skip breakfast? People ... because they might not find the time to eat a decent lunch later on

costly

Give me an example of the word "costly", please. After making several costly mistakes, the CEO took the decision to resign

Word-building exercise 2

For each sentence below, change the word printed at the beginning so that it fits correctly into the gap. Put your answer on the right.

Answers

e.g.	luck	She was to win the game.	lucky
1	provide	It's the teacher's responsibility to ensure the of safe equipment for the experiment.	

	2	suppose	He's highly intelligent but I'm afraid to say I find that hard to believe.	
	3	invite	The sea looks very today; why don't we come back for a swim tomorrow instead?	
	4	cancel	I'm afraid the restaurant is fully booked but, if we get a, I'll contact you immediately.	
	5	human	One newspaper has referred to what the soldiers did as a crime against, and I totally agree.	
	6	inform	I'm afraid you've been; Mrs Hoxton's been dead for ten years!	
	7	realize	The sudden that she'd left her bag in the bar made her feel a bit sick.	
	8	attend	All the working at this petrol station wear a uniform.	
	9	dismiss	David's was no surprise; he simply wasn't doing his job properly.	
1128	10	capable	I don't personally feel he has the to succeed in such a demanding job.	
	11	insist	I offered him some money for my train ticket but he was very that he should pay for it.	
	12	note	He was really very ill last week but he's become better in the last few days.	
	13	exclude	The shop she's buying her wedding dress from is so that you need an appointment to visit it.	
	14	private	The railway has always been run by the government but they're thinking of it now.	
	15	support	Thanks for being so of what I was doing; it made me feel a lot more confident.	



1129 sophisticated

Do you think today's society means young people tend to be more sophisticated than in the past? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Why or why not?

Do some big companies use sophisticated methods to reduce their tax burden? Yes, ...

put up

What's the maximum number of people you could put up overnight in the place where you live? The maximum ...

fruitful

Are negotiations between two nations usually more fruitful when both sides are prepared to compromise? Yes, ...

let in	let out	let through	pass

Why do some jewellery stores have special security systems to let customers in and out? Some ... because jewellery stores are often targeted by robbers

Do airport security officers demand to see a valid boarding pass before they let a passenger through to catch their flight? Yes, ...

1130 profile

status

Which elements of their profiles do people change most often on social media websites? The elements of ... their profile picture relationship statue at

profile picture, relationship status etc.

Why do newspapers like to publish stories about high-profile celebrities? Newspapers ... because they know more people will buy their newspaper

counter

In a small shop, where is the till normally situated?

In ..., the till ... on the counter

stay behind

Why might a pupil feel a little anxious if their teacher asked them to stay behind after class? A pupil ... because they might assume there was a problem or that they were in trouble

overlook

Does this room overlook the street (or road)? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Name a job where overlooking details can lead to costly errors. The name of ... architect, engineer, surgeon etc.

incident

On which day of the week do you think the police in this country have to deal with the highest number of criminal incidents?

1131 **live on**

If you were suddenly forced to live on half the money you live on now, would it cause a financial crisis for you? Yes, if ..., it'd ... ~ No, if ..., it wouldn't ...

partnership

critical

Is a business partnership likely to survive if the partners are constantly critical of one another's ideas? No, ...

What do we mean by a critical decision?

By ..., we mean a very important decision that will dictate how a situation develops

overseas

Is it possible to travel abroad from this country without going overseas? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

till

Are all the pedestrian crossings in this town controlled by traffic lights? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

look on retirement

Do you think most people look on retirement as a positive or negative change in their lives? I think ...

1132 heavy

hopeful

crossing

We can sometimes use the word "heavy" with a meaning similar to "intense". For example, a heavy cold is a bad cold, and if someone sleeps heavily, it means that they're hard to wake up.

Give me an example of the word "heavy" (or "heavily") used with a meaning similar to "intense" (or "intensely"). He was breathing heavily because he'd been running

If you went for a walk in heavy rain without an umbrella, would you get soaked? Yes, ...

Are you hopeful for the future of the planet? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Tell me something that you're hopeless at.

out of place conference

Why would you look out of place if you turned up to a business conference in shorts and a T-shirt? I'd look ... because everyone else at the conference would be wearing formal work clothes

bureaucracy complex giant

What do people mean when they complain that there's too much bureaucracy in an organization? When ..., they mean that the rules and regulations used in the organization are too complex and should be more straightforward

pedestrian

soak

hopeless

I'm hopeless at ...

Would you be happy if a giant shopping complex was constructed near 1133 your home? Yes, I'd be ... ~ No, I wouldn't be ...

go off

countless

gardening

How long do you reckon plain yogurt can safely be kept in the fridge before it goes off? I reckon ...

yogurt (yoghurt)

Make a sentence with the word "countless", please. I called the hospital countless times but couldn't get through

In your country, do people often take up gardening in their retirement?

Yes, in ..., people often ... ~

No, in ..., people don't often ...

Why?

What's a lawn and where do we usually find one? A lawn is an area of grass kept closely cut and smooth like a carpet and is usually found in a garden

slice

Name some types of food that are often served in slices. Some types ... are bread, cake, pizza etc.

dedicate out of work 1134

Do you think your government should dedicate more resources to helping those who are out of work? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

crawl

How does a baby move around before it learns to walk? A baby moves about by crawling on its hands and knees before ...

lawn

out of practice

About how long would you have to go without speaking English before you began to feel out of practice? I'd have to go about ... before ...

stare

Do young children often stare at strangers without realizing how uncomfortable it can make them feel? Yes, ...

left-handed

right-handed

Do you know anyone who's left-handed for certain activities and right-handed for others? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

acquaintance

What's the difference between a friend and an acquaintance?

The difference ... a friend is someone we have a close personal relationship with, whereas an acquaintance is someone we know, but not well

1135 **universal**

Name an animal that has almost universal appeal. is an animal that ...

go over

When you write something in English, like an email for example, do you go over it at the end to check for mistakes? Yes, when I ... ~ No, when I ...

doubtful doubtless (no doubt)

If you felt very doubtful about a work colleague's ability to do their job properly, would you tell anyone else in the company? Yes, if I ... ~ No, if I ... \sim No, if I ...

Make a sentence with "doubtless" or "no doubt", please. He may be late for the wedding, but doubtless (no doubt) he'll get here in time for the reception afterwards

keep up

keep up with

Why do many people join gyms, start going two or three times a week, but later struggle to keep it up? Many people ... because they find they're too tired or busy to go that often, they lose motivation etc.

What would you advise a student to do if they weren't keeping up with the others in their class? I'd advise a student to study hard at home if ...

1136 naive (naïve)

Would you say it was naive to trust one's government? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

let off	fireworks	envisage
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Is it the custom in many countries to let off fireworks when celebrating special occasions? $$\rm Yes, \dots $\rm Yes, \dots]$

Why might the police take the decision to let someone off with a warning for a minor offence rather than arrest them? The police ... because they can tell that the person regrets their actions and they don't envisage the person committing a similar offence again

headline

In the newspaper headline "President to resign", what does the infinitive "to resign" mean? In ..., the infinitive "to resign" means "is going to resign"

cloakroom

overcoat

What do we call the small room in a theatre where members of the audience can leave their bags and overcoats? We call ... the cloakroom

1137 Phrase exercise 3

From the four options given with each sentence, choose the one word that fits correctly in the gap.

1	The wedding invitations were sent out \dots short notice, so there was hardly any time to find a suitable gift. (by / at / with / on)
2	You can it from me, this is a good restaurant; I come here a lot. (buy / take / get / hear)
3	Don't me wrong; I like George a lot, but I couldn't live with him, that's all. (take / have / think / get)
4	We'd expected rain on the wedding day but, on the, we were blessed with brilliant sunshine. (turn / reverse / opposite / contrary)
5	I'm afraid I don't really for music. (hold a tune / have an ear / hit a note / take a tone)
6	He's learning Portuguese with to going out there next year. (an image / a view / a sight / a picture)
7	The money was being collected aid of charity. (for / in / to / with)
8	His company is very creative; it's at the edge of computer design. (sharp / thin / cutting / facing)
9	My mum's eyesight is poor, but she can read with the of glasses. (profit / aid / support / guidance)
10	If we get the project done time, we'll be able to have a short holiday. (ahead of / one at a / by the / for some)
11	Give your laptop to Nick; he'll be able to fix it in no! (time / problem / cost / doubt)
12	When Caroline walked into the room, I knew a glance thatsomething was wrong.(with / in / at / on)
13	I think children should, reason, be free to do what they like. (under / through / among / within)
14	I will at nothing to get what I want! (end / stop / close / finish)
15	Is there much call English teachers in this area? (for / on / to / after)

Dictation 125

John frowned at the barbecue,/ unable to comprehend./ Although the heat seemed fierce,/ lifting up the shoulder of lamb/ and peering underneath/ had revealed/ the meat was somehow not cooking./ The only way to beat a bully/ is to stand up for yourself./ If possible, I'd appreciate/ a moment of your time./ I'm conducting a survey/ on behalf of the local council/ to assess public opinion/ on the new retail development./ In order to stop putting on weight,/ it's crucial/ that you commit to this diet./ Suspicious that the food company/ might not be complying/ with regulations,/ we took a closer look/ at the label on the packet./ Adequate, budget, facial, exhibit, swap.

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Writing an essay 1139

Please note: There are writing homework titles at the end of this book.

An essay:

- is a short piece of writing that presents ideas on a particular topic and discusses them. The writer reaches some kind of conclusion at the end:
- is usually written by students (at school, college or university) for a teacher, professor etc.

"For young single adults, living alone is a better option than sharing accommodation." Discuss.

Most young single adults live either with family members or friends. However, these days, many are choosing to live on their own.

(2) Each paragraph should focus on a particular point, or aspect of the topic, that you want to discuss.

One advantage of not sharing accommodation is that you have control over your time. You can go out with friends whenever you like, but if you want a guiet evening with a book or film, for example, you can have it; there is nobody around to interfere with your plans.

Another benefit of living alone is that you are not forced to put up with other people's annoying habits, whether it is dirty plates in the sink or loud music late at night. Living alone means you automatically avoid the awkward conversations and arguments that housemates often have about things like this.

On the other hand, sharing accommodation with others is normally far cheaper than living alone, and this is a major advantage. Rent is cheaper as it is shared among everyone in the property, and heating and electricity bills are also lower for the same reason.

(1) Start with general information that introduces the topic of your essay.

(3) Make your ideas clearer by illustrating them with examples.

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Furthermore, living with other people means you are *likely*... to have a more sociable lifestyle. Of course, you can invite friends round when living alone but, in a shared house or flat, everybody else's friends come to visit too and you get to know more people. Perhaps more important than this, though, is that there is nearly always *someone around* to chat with if you feel lonely. Unlike someone who lives alone, you do not need to make arrangements to meet.

(4) Put closely related points together in the same paragraph.

In conclusion, *I feel that living alone is not the best option*. Humans are social animals, and I would always prefer to be around friends or family, despite how annoying they can occasionally be.

(5) Make sure your own personal opinion is clear in the conclusion.

What do we mean by an essay? By an essay, we mean a short piece of writing that presents and discusses ideas on a particular topic, and reaches a conclusion

And who are essays usually written by?

Essays ... students at school, college or university

How does an essay normally start?

An essay ... with general information that introduces the topic of the essay

What should each main paragraph of an essay focus on? Each ... a particular point, or aspect of the topic, that we want to discuss

How can we make certain our ideas are clear for the reader? We can ... by illustrating them with examples

If we're making two points that are closely related, should we put them in the same paragraph? Yes, ...

How does an essay normally end?

An essay ... with our own personal conclusion on the topic

1141 make out

Do you think you could make out a person's facial expression from 100 metres away? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

straight away (right away)

If you discovered a leaking water pipe in your home, would you call for a plumber straight away (or right away) or try to fix the problem yourself?

lf I ..., I'd ...

reliable

Who's the least reliable (or most unreliable) member of your family? ... is ... of my family

take in

When someone gives you directions to go somewhere, are you good at taking them in or do you quickly get confused? When ..., I'm good at ... ~ When ..., I quickly get confused

Is it common for people to be taken in by the claims of dishonest salesman and later discover they've been ripped off? Yes, ...

mummy	/ daddy
	aaday

What do most young English children call their mum and dad? Most ... "Mummy" and "Daddy"

1142	manhood	womanhood	motherhood

What do the words "manhood", "womanhood" etc. mean? The words ... mean the state of being a

man, the state of being a woman etc.

Does motherhood often change a woman's priorities in life?	Yes,
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last

If you had to, how long do you reckon you could last just on the food you have at home right now? If I had to, I reckon ...

flake	snowflake	
Is every snowflake that fal	ls from the sky unique?	Yes,
absent		
Are any members of this cl	lass absent today?	Yes, ~ No,

be	incl	lined
		III V M

accumulate

attic

stuffy

chilly

Are people who live in houses inclined to accumulate a lot of useless junk in their attic? Yes, ...

If the room you were in was stuffy, would you be inclined to open a window even if it was chilly outside? Yes, if the ... ~ No, if the ...

set fire to 1143

If somebody deliberately sets fire to a building, what crime are they guilty of? If ..., they're guilty of arson

go through

If a country goes through a long period of drought, which industry is most seriously affected? If ..., the farming industry is ...

cool off cool down

How long does it usually take you to cool off (or cool down) after you've lost your temper? It usually takes ...

hostile	hostility	cease
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Are cats normally friendly or hostile towards other cats they've never encountered before? Cats are normally hostile ...

Can nations involved in a conflict sometimes be helped to cease hostilities by taking part in negotiations? Yes, ...

over and over again time and time again

If you phone a friend for a chat but can't get through, do you keep calling over and over again, or just wait and call again later? If ..., I ...

Is there any film you've watched (or could watch) time and time again without getting bored? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

drought

arson

1144 **land up**

Where would you land up if you turned left out of this building and followed the road to its end? If ..., I'd ...

stumble

Make a sentence with the verb "stumble", please. The athlete stumbled and almost fell. She was so nervous that she began to stumble over her words.

supplement	vitamin	mineral
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Do you supplement your diet by taking vitamins and minerals?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

trace

If you reported your car as stolen, would you expect the police to make an effort to trace it? Yes, if I ... ~ No, if I ...

comprehensive

Is there any subject you feel you have a comprehensive knowledge of? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

ledge

Why would it be foolish to keep a plant pot on a narrow ledge outside a window? It'd be ...

1145 **scowl**

What am I doing?You're scowlingWhen do people scowl?People scowl when they're angry or in a bad
mood, when they disapprove of something etc.

line up

sergeant

Give me a sentence with "line up" in it, please. The sergeant told the soldiers to line up in three rows

	Yes, ~ No,
What does a farmer add to the soil it grow a certain crop?	f it lacks the nutrients needed to A farmer adds fertilizer
junction	roundabout
-	
Which type of road junction would y crossroads?	/ou say was safer: a roundabout or a I'd say

fertilizer

nutrient

Do you think you get adequate nutrition from the diet you eat?

Why?

harsh

nutrition

Would you describe the winters in your country as harsh? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

1146 breathtaking

What's the most breathtaking place you've ever visited? The most ...

Word pool 2: revision exercise

For each sentence below, choose one word from the word pool that fits correctly in the gap.

catalogue	debut	cellar	alien	pond
concrete	deodorant	rage	parade	bruise
feat	wolf	toddler	prey	density

- 1 The wine is stored down in our _____ as it stays fairly cool there even in the summer.
- 2 Nigel had seen this species of ______ several times before on his camping trips.
- 3 You should have seen Ronald when he was a little _____; he was so cute!

4	Winning that tennis competition twice is a major for any professional player.
5	While waiting for its to appear, this insect will remain completely still for many hours.
6	The comedy's about a friendly that visits our planet on holiday and decides to stay.
7	The areas with the highest population are on the west coast.
8	The price in your is lower than in mine; I think you may have an old one.
9	Come and see the little in the garden; it's even got fish in it!
10	Anna's was a huge success, and her performances are continuing to improve.
11	When I heard what he'd done, the I felt was incredible; I've never been so angry.
12	I can't take part in the annual this year because I'm away on business that weekend.
13	It's just a bad luckily, but I thought I'd broken something at first.
14	At first, the new cinema looked good, but one year later, the had turned grey and ugly.
15	I'm running out of, so could you get me some when you're at the chemist's, please?



Word pool 3 (nouns)		
crust	triumph	vest
fist	vegetation	tuition
solicitor	crockery	cord
forgery	mustard	fluff
runway	carpenter	awe
	crust fist solicitor forgery	crusttriumphfistvegetationsolicitorcrockeryforgerymustard

Common prefixes (3)

Another five common prefixes used in English are: "pro-" (meaning "for" or "supporting"), "anti-" (meaning "against" or "opposed to"), "dis-" (meaning "reverse" or "opposite of"), and "semi-" (meaning "partly" or "half").

	What meaning can the prefix "pro		The prefix or" or "supporting"
	Give me an example, please.	Regarding most issues, I	'm pro-government
	What meaning can the prefix "an	•	The prefix t" or "opposed to"
	Give me an example, please.		ly antivirus program computer really safe
1149	What meaning can the prefix "dis		The prefix e" or "opposite of"
	Give me an example, please.	the network.	cted my laptop from If you're dissatisfied ou should complain.
	What meaning can the prefix "ser	mi-" add to a word?	The prefix

"partly" or "half" ...

Give me an example, please.

The children sat in a semicircle and listened while their teacher read a story.

mumble

mutter

If someone is speaking so quietly and unclearly that we can't understand them properly, we say they are mumbling, and we might ask them to speak more clearly. If someone is speaking quietly to themselves, we say they are muttering. People often mutter when they're complaining to themselves about something.

Make a sentence with the verb "mumble", please. The speech he made at the wedding was awful; he kept mumbling!

Make a sentence with the verb "mutter", please. The old man in front of me in the supermarket queue was muttering to himself about the high prices

haunt

Have you ever lain in bed at night feeling terrified because you thought the building you were in was haunted? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

terrify

Do you have a favourite haunt where you tend to hang out with your friends? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

1150 Where?

linger

What do we mean when we say that we lingered over dinner at a restaurant? When ..., we mean we took longer than usual to eat our dinner, probably because we wanted to savour the food and the atmosphere

savour

shutter

effective

Which do you think are more effective at preventing sunlight penetrating into a room: shutters or curtains?

tolerant	chaos	
time they cooked?	nt of a flatmate who left the lescribe you as an intolerant	Yes, ~ No,
would your menus e	lesenbe you as an intolerant	
compact	spacious	backpack
rucksack		
• •	you prefer a large and spacio gage such as a backpack?	ous suitcase or a more When travelling, I prefer
What's another nam	e for a backpack?	Another rucksack
stable	hazard	
Do you think it's imp Why or why not?	ortant to have a stable job?	Yes, ~ No,
Why are loose stones for cars?	less stable th	ard for motorbikes than es because motorbikes are nan cars, and therefore loose use them to have an accident
breeze	draught	resolve
On a hot summer's d	ay, is it nice to have a breeze	e to keep you cool? Yes,
If there was a draugł problem?	nt in your bedroom, what co	uld you do to resolve the If, I could

endeavour

When one borrows money from a bank, why should one endeavour to pay off the loan as soon as possible? When ..., ... so that one doesn't end up paying lots of interest

toss

If you toss a coin twice, what's the probability of getting two tails? \$\$ If ..., ... 25%\$

1152 thereby

Give me a sentence with the word "thereby". He didn't know how to answer, thereby making it appear that he was guilty

skeleton

When someone becomes famous, why do the press often try to find out whether they have a skeleton in the cupboard? When ..., because the public love to hear about famous people's secrets

merit

ally

negligent

If a case of negligent driving results in a pedestrian's death, does the crime, in your view, merit imprisonment? Yes, if a ... ~ No, even if a ...

alongside

What do we mean if we say that two countries are allies in a war? If ..., we mean they fight alongside each other against a common enemy

dump

When you get home, do you normally just dump your jacket (or coat etc.) on a chair rather than hang it up? Yes, when I ... ~ No, when I ...

1153 What do we have to do if we want to get rid of a large household item such as an old bed or mattress? If ..., we have to take it to our local dump

bound to do presume

What do we mean if we say that something is bound to happen?

If ..., we mean that, as a result of previous experience or particular knowledge that we have, we presume that it will happen

Give me an example, please.

He's bound to arrive in a minute; he's never been late before

	administration	clun	nev/	
	administration	Ciuii	13 y	
	Why do large organizations administration?			ations they're
	-	ften drop things o	r as clumsy? If r bump into things, dinated or because	either because
	aid	afflu	ent	
	Do you think poor countries affluent nations?	s should receive	more financial ai	d from Yes, ~ No,
1154	sip	gulp)	
	Why do we sip a hot drink r		it down?	We sip her than gulp
	breed			
	Is there a great variety in te	rms of size betw	veen different bro	eeds of dog? Yes,
	smuggle dr	ug	heroin	cocaine
	What do we mean by smug		By smuggling, v ng into or out of a	-
	Is it considered a very seriou and cocaine into your count		uggle drugs such Yes, it	
	What do we mean by a drug		By, we mean a lrugs for use in mea	1 ,
	very = exact			
	Give me a sentence with the of "exact" or "extreme".	You	in it, used with t fre the very person arked at the very er	I'm looking for!

sole

coordinate (co-ordinate)

one at a time

What do we mean when we say that a man fought his enemies one by one? When ..., we mean he fought his

enemies one at a time, not all together

Answers

1155 Word-building exercise 3

For each sentence below, change the word printed at the beginning so that it fits correctly into the gap. Put your answer on the right.

e.g.	luck	She was to win the game.	lucky
1	destroy	This insect can be extremely if it gets into your garden.	
2	cooperate	Your in this matter would be greatly appreciated.	
3	disaster	What a day! I hope tomorrow's better!	
4	exhaust	The island's healthy cuisine is due to the almost supply of seafood from its local waters.	
5	inspect	The soldiers spent many hours preparing for their annual by the king.	
6	caution	I'm sure the bone isn't broken but, just as a, why don't you get it checked at the hospital.	
7	imply	Moving to a smaller house has certain for the elder children in the family.	
8	distribute	The population in Australia is unusual, with the vast majority of people living on the coast.	
9	beg	I tend to give money to more often than I used to.	

10	explore	Space is revealing more and more about the universe we live in.	
11	bankrupt	I don't think his will stop him from succeeding in the future.	
12	occur	At one time, it was rare for foxes to attack our chickens, but this is a common now.	
13	distinct	It seems the company's trademark is everywhere these days.	
14	assume	I think it's safe to make the that she already knows this information.	
15	secure	My youngest daughter feels if she doesn't know where I am, and will often start crying.	



Dictation 126

My recommendation/ would be to wind tape/ around the handle of the racket./ Then you'll be able/ to grasp it more firmly./ Acting as casually as he could,/ Charles disguised his nerves/ at the wedding reception/ by contributing to conversations/ with what he hoped/ were humorous remarks./ Don't yawn/ in the queen's presence;/ she'll take offence/ because it implies you're bored./ Sally pulled the toddler/ onto her lap/ and gave her a hug./ There's no danger whatsoever/ of straining a muscle/ on this exercise machine/ providing you use the correct technique./ In light of the research,/ it's clear we need to implement measures/ to ensure this unique species of snake/ doesn't get wiped out./ Simultaneous, antique, feeble, route, worthwhile.



1157 Writing an article

Please note: There are writing homework titles at the end of this book.

journal blog factual eye-catching

An article:

- is normally published in a magazine, newspaper or journal, or on a website such as a blog. It can be about any topic;
- usually contains factual information about the topic, but also gives the opinions of the writer and even other people;
- should be interesting/useful, as the reader has no obligation to keep reading;
- can have a number of different purposes (to inform, entertain, advise etc.);
- can use a formal, neutral or informal style, depending on where it will be published and who will read it.

approach

systematic

do your utmost

socialize

keep at

So many English Words!

(1) Make sure you have an eye-catching title that also gives information about the topic.

When you're learning English, how can you possibly remember every word you come across? You can't, but here are some suggestions to help you acquire the vocabulary you need.

Firstly, outside school, only learn what's useful. Everyone knows how it feels to be chatting in English and suddenly realize you're missing a really important word. In my view, one great idea is to use a notebook or an app on your phone to jot down such words in your own language. Then, later, (2) Get the reader's attention by having an interesting first sentence or introduction paragraph.

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look them up in English and record them in a 'personal vocabulary book'. When reading, you should take a similar approach. Look up words, but again, only record what you think will come in handy later. There's no point learning high-level or specialized vocabulary you'll never need again. Another important thing is to be systematic. Decide how you're going to record words – by topic, by date, or maybe just alphabetically. By all means use more than one method, but be organized.

But to remember words, revision is the answer. Why not create a numbered card filing system with ten words or so and their translations on each card. You carry one card with you every day, and test yourself to see if you know the items on it, and try to use them in conversations too! The next day, you study a different card, and so on. But **you** need to return to each card regularly, and revise until you know all the words on it.

Above all, *never forget* that practice makes perfect. So, do your utmost to write and speak English regularly. Visit internet chat rooms, socialize with people who can speak English, or, best of all, find a job where you'll speak English sometimes.

reader directly by using the pronoun "you" where appropriate, and by using the imperative for giving advice etc. This helps to keep the reader interested.

'Talk' to the

Finally, never give up! The more words you know, the easier it is to remember new ones. So get organized, keep at it, and before long you'll be communicating like a native!

Where are articles normally published? Articles ... in a magazine, newspaper or journal, or on a website such as a blog

How can we decide whether to write an article in a formal, neutral or informal style? We ... by thinking about where

it will be published and who will read it

Why should we try to make an article interesting to read?

We ... because the reader

has no obligation to keep reading

What should we put at the start of an article? At the start ..., we should

put an eye-catching title and an

interesting first sentence or introduction paragraph

1159 Why is it a good idea to use the pronoun "you" where appropriate?

It's ... because it helps to keep the reader interested

alight

fire brigade

If a barbecue fire got out of control and set some trees alight, which emergency service would you call? If ..., I'd call the fire brigade

Sometimes in a bus we see a notice saying "Please do not alight until the bus stops". What does that mean? A notice in a bus that says "Please do not alight ..." means "Please do not get off ..."

reprimand	resort to
	reprimand

If one football player tackles another in a dangerous fashion, what happens? If ..., the player is reprimanded or punished

Have you ever been in a situation where you've been forced to resort to violence? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

What happened?

Can you foresee a time in the future when governments might resort to banning the private use of cars in an effort to tackle the world's climate problems? Yes, $\dots \sim No, \dots$

auction	bid
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Have you ever bid for anything successfully in an auction?Yes, ... ~ No, ...1160What did you buy?I bought ...

undue

What's the meaning of the word "undue"? The meaning ... excessive Give me a sentence with the word "unduly" in it, please. I was not unduly worried about the fact that I hadn't yet received an answer to my letter

hurtle	расе
What does the verb "hurtle" mean?	The verb "hurtle"

means to move very quickly in an uncontrolled and usually dangerous manner

Give	me	an	exam	ple,	please.
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The horse and cart came hurtling round the corner at a frightening pace

stray

Would you ever consider adopting a stray dog or cat? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

puddle soggy squeich

If you walked through a deep puddle, would your shoes and socks get soggy? Yes, if ...

And what kind of noise would your shoes make? My ... squelching noise

1161 startle start

Are you easily startled by sudden loud noises?

If you were absorbed in a book and someone behind you tapped you on the shoulder, would it give you a start? Yes, if ...

impulse think over

Are you the kind of person who does things on impulse or do you tend to think things over first? I'm the kind of ...; I don't

tend ... ~ I'm not the kind of ...; I tend ...

absorbed

Yes. ... ~ No. ...

random

What does the word "random" mean? The word "random" means "without aim or purpose", or "without conscious selection"

Give me an example, please. During his show, the magician got random members of the audience to help him on stage

anticipate	prosperity	prosperous

Do you anticipate that this country's prosperity will rise in the next ten years or so, or do you anticipate that the country will become less prosperous?

1162 **stud**

Why do football boots have studs on the bottom? Football boots ... to ensure that they grip the ground well and prevent players from slipping over

doze doze off

Have you ever dozed off while watching a film at the cinema? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

will	
What's the opposite of doing something "voluntarily"	? The opposite "against your will"
Would you say you had a very strong will?	Yes, I'd say ~ No, I wouldn't say
munch nibble	

What's the difference between the verbs "munch" and "nibble"? The difference ... is that when we munch food, we move our jaws a great deal, rather like a cow eating grass, whereas when we nibble food, we take tiny bites rather like a mouse

estate vendor

Are there any industrial estates on the outskirts of this town?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

1163 When purchasing property in this country, do buyers usually use an estate agent rather than deal directly with vendors? Yes, when purchasing ... ~ No, when purchasing ...

absent-minded narrow-minded

like-minded

What does the phrase "absent-minded" mean? The phrase "absent-minded" means "forgetful"

Do elderly people tend to be rather absent-minded?Yes, ...Do most teenagers regard their parents as narrow-minded?Yes, ...Give me a sentence with the phrase "like-minded", please.Their marriage
is successful mainly because
they're extremely like-minded

hunk

Do you prefer to eat bread and cheese in big hunks, or sliced into sandwiches?

1164 Word pool 3: revision exercise

For each sentence below, choose one word from the word pool that fits correctly in the gap.

crust	triumph	vest	fist	vegetation
tuition	solicitor	crockery	cord	forgery
mustard	fluff	runway	carpenter	awe

1	I know it's by a famous designer, but I still can't believe she got me a
	for my birthday!
2	Although I enjoy studying law at university, I think working as a

3 I'll use the vacuum cleaner to clear up the ______ that's collected at the bottom of the wardrobe.

would be pretty dull.

- 4 There was a feeling of ______ among the crowd as they watched the rocket being launched.
- 5 The pile of ______ fell onto the kitchen floor, smashing into a hundred little pieces.
- 6 Larry, forming a tight ______ with his right hand, waited for trouble to start.
- 7 Tim will be able to mend your table; he was a professional _____ for ten years.

- 8 The king's _____ in the final battle against the rebels changed the course of history.
- 9 The boy said the ______ on the bread was too hard for him, and he asked me to cut it off.
- 10 This particular ______ is long enough for large aircraft, but the other two aren't.
- 11 Most of the _____ died during the long, hot, dry summer but grew back in the following spring.
- 12 I'm so sorry, but the _____ has left a nasty yellow stain on your pullover.
- 13 You can only see the banknote is a _____ when you look really closely.
- 14 I'm not going to pay that much for just half an hour of ______; it's a ridiculous price!
- 15 He struggled to free himself but could just feel the ______ getting tighter around his wrists.



nothing like

1166	Word pool 4 (a	djectives)	
	edible	flexible	elegant
	bland	parallel	ample
	fertile	sensational	diplomatic
	sinister	extinct	biased
	grim	solitary	naked

When we're comparing things, we can put "not nearly", "nowhere near" or "nothing like" in front of the structure "as ... as ..." to communicate that the difference between the two things is very big. For example, if I say "My town is not nearly as big as London", I mean that my town is very small compared to London. If I say "The problem is nowhere near as serious as I'd imagined it would be", I mean that the problem is far less serious than I had imagined it would be.

nowhere near

When we're comparing things, what does it communicate if we put "not nearly", "nowhere near" or "nothing like" in front of the structure "as ... as ..."? When ..., if we put ..., it means that the difference between the two things is very big

Give me some examples, please. She's not nearly as friendly as she used to be. The weather's nowhere near as bad as yesterday. I'm nothing like as good at tennis as you.

1167 **twin**

not nearly

resemble

What do we call two children who are born at the same time from the same mother? We call ... twins

And what do we call twins who resemble each other very closely? We call ... identical twins

sue		
Have you ever t What for?	hreatened to sue anyone?	Yes, ~ No,
civilian	civil	force
	l a person who's not a membe rces; that is, the army, the air	1
What's a civil wa		A civil war is a war between people within the same country
devote	accon	nplish
-	ing a language, is it always logical to assume that you'll twice as much by devoting twice as much time each day to No, when learning a language, it isn't always	
Why not?		ain amount of time studying, the d learning becomes less efficient
What do we me	ean by a devoted son or daugh	nter? By, we mean who cares deeply about their parents
dock	cargo	
What do we cal	l an area in a port where carg	o is loaded onto ships? We call a dock

What does the gesture of shrugging your shoulders usually convey? The gesture ... either that you don't

know or that you don't care about something

Do you believe certain gestures, such as touching one's nose, can give away when someone is lying? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

ward

What do we call a large room full of beds where patients stay in a hospital? We call ... a ward

chairman	chairwoman	chairperson
chair	see to	stick to
agenda		

In a business meeting, what do we call the person who coordinates the meeting and sees to it that everyone sticks to the agenda? In a business meeting, ... the chairman, chairwoman, chairperson or just chair

1169 **but = except**

What do we mean when we say that everybody but Alison managed to turn up on time for the meeting? When we ..., we mean that only Alison arrived late

twitter

When small birds seem to be talking to each other, what can we saythey're doing?When ..., we can say they're twittering

dizzy

What happens when we spin round and round in a circle and then suddenly stop? When ..., we feel dizzy

clutter

Does it bother you if the desk you're working at is cluttered?

Yes, it bothers me ... ~ No, it doesn't bother me ...

do away with

If the police in this (or your) country did away with carrying guns, do you believe crime would increase or decrease? If ..., I believe ... Why?

allergic stuff 1170

Why might someone buy a pillow stuffed with man-made material rather than one stuffed with feathers? Someone might ... they're allergic to feathers, the pillow is cheaper etc.

What does someone mean when they say they're feeling stuffed? When ..., they mean they have eaten a lot and they're feeling very full

PIN (personal identification number) verify

When using a cash machine, how do you verify that you're the owner of the card? When ..., you enter your PIN to verify ...

skim What's my hand doing? Your hand's skimming

What's skimmed milk?

over the surface of the table

Skimmed milk is milk that's had the cream removed and is therefore low in fat

rule of thumb

guideline

What's a rule of thumb?

A rule of thumb is an approximate guideline that helps in a practical way

Give me an example, please.

As a rule of thumb, doctors recommend drinking two litres of water a day

tumble 1171

What does the verb "to tumble" mean? The verb "to tumble" means "to fall, usually while bouncing and rolling"

Why shouldn't we put delicate fabrics in a tumble dryer? We ... because they may get damaged, shrink etc.

diversion	obstacle	intellectual

What do we mean if we say that a bus is on a diversion? If ..., we mean the bus is travelling along a different route because there is an obstacle blocking its normal route

Which do you prefer to read: intellectual novels that explore ideas deeply or easy-to-read novels that simply offer diversion? I prefer ...

turn down shabby

Is a job application very likely to be turned down if the applicant arrives for interview wearing shabby clothes? Yes, ...

fraction

What is 0.75 (nought point seven five) expressed as a fraction? 0.75 expressed as a fraction is $\frac{3}{4}$ (three guarters)

What do I mean if I say "Only a fraction of the population support the president"? If ..., you mean a very small percentage of ...

catch on 1172

> What do people in the USA call the sport of football? People in

the USA ... soccer

Why do you think football (soccer) has taken so long to catch on in the USA? I think ...

bewilder

Give me an example of the word "bewildered", please. I knew the groom had hired a suit, so I was totally bewildered when he turned up to the wedding wearing jeans and a T-shirt

dazzle

If you shone a torch in my eyes, would you dazzle me?

Yes, ...

soccer

And what would I mean if I said I was dazzled by a musician's performance? If ..., you'd mean you were very impressed ...

complexion

Do people from the north of Europe tend to have a fairer complexion than those from the south? Yes, ...

Is a poor complexion sometimes the result of inadequate nutrition? Yes, ...

1173 Phrase exercise 4

From the four options given with each sentence, choose the one word that fits correctly in the gap.

Don't disturb her; she's absorbed ... her work. 1 (for / among / in / about) Communication technology is changing fast and there are some 2 very exciting developments ... the horizon. (on / at / in / for) 3 Are you tall or short ... comparison with the rest of your family? (in / by / on / from) This information is ... confidential. 4 (precisely / rightly / privately / strictly) I called Emma to wish her a happy birthday but couldn't get ... to 5 (on / back / over / through) her I phoned the bank and was kept ... hold for fifteen minutes 6 before anyone spoke to me! (to / on / in / for) Good teachers will always manage to ... a balance between fun 7 and learning. (strike / run / win / drive) 8 He's quite a private person; he tends to keep a ... profile. (short / low / small / minor) Jack was an academic child but he was lacking ... common sense. 9 (in / for / with / at) In a lottery, the winning numbers must, of course, be chosen 10 ... random. (among / as / around / at)

- 11 She lost her first two games but bounced ... and won the match. (over / through / up / back)
- **Sometimes I like to buy things** ... impulse. (with / from / in / on) 12
- 13 William's new sports car isn't at all practical; he only bought it as a status ...! (point / signal / mark / symbol)
- I try to save money by buying things ... bulk if I can. 14

(for / in / on / with)

All the problems he says he has appear to ... from a lack of 15 confidence. (branch / seed / root / stem)



Dictation 127

The rumour was/ that George had become rather chubby./ My team's assignment/ had been to capture/ the heir to the throne/ and then withdraw to friendly territory./ It would have been quite a feat,/ but we failed./ The referee awarded/ a penalty kick for my foul,/ and they scored./ I was furious with myself./ Sales have been dismal recently, / and revenue has plunged. / We might have to / make people redundant./ The ship's anchor was stuck,/ so the cruise was held up/ while the crew worked out/ how to free it./ We're moving/ to a spacious three-storey house/ in the suburbs./ There's no guarantee/ that the next version of the programme/ won't contain errors./ Persuasive, umpire, literature, outskirts, antique.

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1175 **Reduced relative clauses**

prepositional phrase

omit

Sometimes, we can reduce the length of a relative clause that contains the verb "be" by omitting the relative pronoun and the verb "be". Three common situations in which we can do this are:

- When the main verb in the relative clause is in the continuous form. For example, instead of saying "The girl *who is wearing* the yellow hat is my sister", we can say "The girl *wearing* the yellow hat is my sister".
- 2) When the main verb in the relative clause is in the passive voice. For example, instead of saying "The teenagers who were arrested will probably go to prison", we can say "The teenagers <u>arrested</u> will probably go to prison".
- 3) When the relative pronoun and the verb "be" are followed by a prepositional phrase. For example, instead of saying "The pen *which is on the table* is mine", we can say "The pen <u>on the table</u> is mine".

How can we sometimes reduce the length of a relative clause that contains the verb "be"? We can ... by omitting the relative pronoun and the verb "be"

What's the first common situation in which we can do this? The first ... is when the main verb in the relative clause is in the continuous form

So, what can we say instead of "The children *that are going* on the trip tomorrow are very happy"? Instead of ..., we can say "The children going on the trip tomorrow are very happy" 1176 What's the second common situation in which we can reduce a relative clause? The second ... is when the main verb in the relative clause is in the passive voice

So, what can we say instead of "You get a discount on any purchases that are made before the end of the month"? Instead of ..., we can say "You get a discount on any purchases made before the end of the month"

What's the third common situation in which we can reduce a relative clause? The third ... is when the relative pronoun and the verb "be" are followed by a prepositional phrase

So, what can we say instead of "I'll do everything that is within my power to solve the problem"? Instead of ..., we can say "I'll do everything within my power to solve the problem"

Note that, although there are exceptions, we normally reduce defining rather than non-defining relative clauses. For example, we would not choose to reduce the (non-defining) relative clause in the following sentence: "My mother, who is taking piano lessons now, clearly has no talent".

Would we choose to reduce the relative clause in the following sentence: "My mother, who is taking piano lessons now, clearly has no talent"?

No, we wouldn't ...

Why not?

Because we normally reduce defining rather than non-defining relative clauses

Also note that, when we reduce a relative clause, we can only omit the verb "be" when the relative pronoun is the subject. For example, the sentence "The picture *that is hanging* on the wall looks great" can be reduced to "The picture *hanging* on the wall looks great" because the relative pronoun "that" is the subject. However, in the sentence "The picture *that John is painting* looks great", the subject of the relative clause is the word "John" (the word "that" is, in fact, the object). Therefore, we cannot reduce the relative clause by omitting the verb "be" (and so we cannot say "The picture John painting looks great").

1177 In the sentence "The picture that John is painting looks great", why can we <u>not</u> reduce the relative clause by omitting the verb "be"?

In ... , ... because the subject in the relative clause is the word "John", and we can only omit the verb "be" when the relative pronoun is the subject

try one's hand at	craft	t
If you tried your hand a you think you'd be any		such as furniture-making, do Yes, if I ~ No, if I
inflation	soar	
Do the prices in shops s	soar when inflation ir	n a country is very high? Yes,
throb	pulse	vein
What can we feel our b	blood doing when we	e put our finger on our pulse? We can feel our blood throbbing through our veins
and the second sec		
rehearse	rehearsal	run through

If you had to make a speech at a wedding, would you rehearse it beforehand? Yes, if I ... ~ No, if I ...

1178 What do we call a rehearsal for a play in which the actors run through the entire performance in their costumes? We call ... a dress rehearsal

Do people tend to mingle more at parties if they're naturally outgoing? Yes, ...

mingle

good frantic

outgoing

If I told you I lived a good 45 minutes from here, what would I mean? If ..., you'd mean that it took you at least 45 minutes to go home from here, and probably more than 45 minutes

When travelling, do you do all your packing in good time or do you shove everything frantically into a suitcase at the last minute? When .., I ...

Name an invention in history that brought about a radical change in the way people lived their lives. The name of ...

bring about

radical

insight

Which museum in your country would you say provided the best insight into the nation's history?

perk	caffeine	childcare	healthcare
peir	Callenie	Cillucate	Healthcale

Why do many people drink coffee to perk themselves up in the morning? Many ... because it contains a lot of caffeine

1179 **Tell me some common perks that companies offer employees?** Some common ... free childcare, healthcare, gym membership etc.

grudge

For what reason might someone bear a grudge against another person? Someone ... either because they

resent something the person has done in the past, or just because they are envious of them

smear

What am I pretending to do?

You're pretending to smear something over your face

bystander

What's the difference between a bystander and a spectator?

The difference ... a bystander is usually someone who witnesses an event by chance – a fight in the street, for example; a spectator, on the other hand, is usually someone who has deliberately gone to see an event – a boxing match, for example.

motive

Would you become suspicious of a work colleague's motives if they suddenly started acting in a much friendlier manner with you than usual? Yes, I'd become ... ~ No, I wouldn't become ...

withstand 1180

What happens to a hut that cannot withstand a storm? A hut that ... gets blown to pieces, or falls to pieces

come off

Is an optimistic person more likely to expect their plans to come off or fall through? An optimistic ... come off

conscientious

Were you a conscientious student at secondary school? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

enterprise

Do you believe in private enterprise or do you believe everything should be owned and run by the state? I believe ...

Is education in your country provided mainly by the private sector? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

smoulder smother extinguish

When a fire's burning but there are no visible flames, what do we say it's doing? When .., we say it's smouldering

Why does smothering a kitchen fire with a damp towel often succeed in extinguishing the fire? Smothering ... because it prevents oxygen from reaching the flames, so the fire cannot continue burning

horrified 1181

Give me an example of the adjective "horrified", please. When I saw the mess the decorators had made in my lounge, I was horrified!

picturesque

Would you describe this region of the country as picturesque?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

fall through

sector

stand by

Who do you think would be more likely to stand by you in a crisis: your family or your friends? I think my ...

orphan

What do we call a child who has neither a mother nor a father?

We call ... an orphan

panel	debate	current affairs

Do you enjoy watching TV programmes in which a panel of experts debate current affairs? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

timid

How are the words "shy" and "timid" different from each other?

The words "shy" and "timid" have a similar meaning, but "shy" generally means self-conscious and uncomfortable in the company of other people, whereas "timid" means easily frightened

1182 Give me an example of each, please. The little boy felt very shy in the company of so many adults. The actor looked as timid as a mouse when he walked on stage to perform.



Dictation 128

Her bike was parked outside the building/ but there was no trace of her inside./ In the distance,/ I could just make out my train/ pulling out of the station./ I sighed and turned back;/ perhaps someone would give me a lift./ The catering company acknowledges/ that there's a hygiene issue/ in their kitchens./ The twins were dizzy and thirsty/ from playing in the sun,/ but gulping down all that milk/ only made them sick./ I was startled when he showed up/ because he looked nothing like/ his online profile!/ Theoretically, I could finance/ my university course myself/ but, even so,/ a scholarship covering my tuition fees/ would help./ Harry confessed,/ and led the officers down to the cellar,/ insistent that printing the forgeries/ had not been his idea./ Tackle, clumsy, occurrence, soggy, munch.



1183 Common adjective suffixes

Some common suffixes we use to form adjectives are: "-al", "-ive", "-ous", "-ic", "-y", "-able" and "-ible".

Some examples of such adjectives are "experimental", "progressive", "poisonous", "melodic", "sleepy", "predictable" and "reversible".

Make a sentence containing an adjective with the suffix "-al", please. My grammatical knowledge of French is limited. The teacher made an intentional mistake to see if anyone would notice. Make a sentence containing an adjective with the suffix "-ive", please.

It was a good performance and the audience were very responsive. Reports suggest an explosive device has been found in the building.

Make a sentence containing an adjective with the suffix "-ous", please.

This food is very tasty but not very nutritious. Many of us may become ill because this disease is highly infectious.

Make a sentence containing an adjective with the suffix "-ic", please. Why did you make such an idiotic decision? If you like dramatic stories, you'll definitely enjoy this book.

Make a sentence containing an adjective with the suffix "-y", please. The laptop was faulty so I returned it to the shop. It may be a risky thing to do but I think it's your best option.

1184 Make a sentence containing an adjective with the suffix "-able", please. This part of town is becoming highly desirable. He's not particularly clever but he's very likeable.

Make a sentence containing an adjective with the suffix "-ible", please.

My mother's chocolate cakes are irresistible. The website won't be accessible to anyone outside the university.

	meagre	rise	
		a meagre salary and knew th ning the same role as you for ??	
	frail		
	Why is it advisable for fra	ail elderly people to walk wi It's they're likely to hurt th	
	take to	mutual	
	Why is it that we sometimes take to a person quickly when we che them for the first time? We sometimes because we di have mutual interests, a similar sense of hu		because we discover we
	sheer		
	Name a field of work in v work are not enough for	vhich you think sheer deterr a person to succeed.	mination and hard I think is a field of work in which sheer
1185	So, what else do you thin	k is necessary for success?	I think
	agile		

Name a species of animal that we often think of as being extremely agile. The cat \dots

would sooner	docile	rowdy
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If you were a teacher, would you sooner have a docile class or one that tended to be a bit rowdy? If ..., I'd sooner ...

Why?

let alone

Give me an example of the phrase "let alone", please. He couldn't run to catch a bus, let alone complete a marathon!

hop

frog

When frogs are on land, do they usually walk or hop?When ...,they usually hopthey usually hop

What does the verb "hop" mean when it's used to describe the way a person is moving? When the verb "hop" ..., it means to jump on one leg only

inherit

take after

Which would you say it was best to inherit: brains, beauty or money?

I'd say ...

1186In terms of character, who do you take after more: your mother or your
father?In terms of character, I take after my ... more than my ...

write up

Why is it a good idea for university students to write up any notes they take during a lecture? It's ... because it helps them to remember the information and gives them a tidier and more complete record of the lecture

duck

What am I doing?

You're ducking down as if you were trying to avoid being hit or seen

gauge precise

What are the two meanings of the verb "gauge"? The two ... "measure precisely" and "estimate or judge"

Give me an example of each, please. We must gauge the width of the window before cutting the glass to fit. It's hard to gauge whether he's suitable for the job.

embrace

Is it the custom in your country for friends to embrace if they haven't seen each other for a while? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

1187	shove	tug
	What does the word "tug" mean?	The word "tug" means "pull hard"
	And what does the word "shove" mea	n? The word "shove" means "push hard"
	Give me an example of each, please.	I tugged too hard and the

old door handle came off in my hand. She shoved me into the swimming pool as a joke.

drop out

What reason might someone have for dropping out of an academic course? Someone might drop out ... because they find it boring, too difficult etc.

thrash

Have you ever been thrashed by an opponent when playing sport?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Is it strange to think that schoolteachers used to be allowed to thrash pupils as a punishment? Yes, it's strange ...

assertive

What do we mean by an assertive person? By an assertive person, we mean someone who communicates their feelings clearly and firmly in order to get what they want, but without being aggressive

1188 Name a situation in which it's important to behave assertively.

It's important ... when you're asking for a pay rise, demanding a refund etc.

cling – clung – clung	clutch	
What are the three forms of the verb "cli	ing"?	The three

"cling, clung, clung"

Why might a small child cling on to their mother's arm in a crowd? A small child might ...

because they're scared of getting lost

Which other verb is similar in meaning to "cling"?

Give me a sentence containing the verb "clutch", please. She clutched her bag tightly as she got into the crowded underground train

revolve

Does the earth revolve around the sun, or vice versa? The earth revolves around the sun

exert

Do religious institutions still exert the same influence on government policy in your country as they used to? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

dismay	setback	get over
aisinay	Scibach	gerover

When you feel dismayed because of a setback in your life, do you tend to get over it quickly or does it take you a while to bounce back? When I feel ..., ...

carefree 1189

Would you describe yourself as having a fairly carefree attitude to life? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

staircase	flight of stairs	
How many staircases are there in this	5	There is/are
And how many flights of stairs are th	ere?	There is/are

get off	remorse
	get off

When the culprit of a crime is convicted, is the person likely to get off more lightly if they've shown genuine remorse during their trial? Yes, if ...

entrust

Have you ever entrusted a complete stranger with looking after your belongings while you've visited the toilet in a coffee shop or on a train? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

"Clutch" is ...

policy

jolt What am I pretending that someone's doing to me whilst I am writing? You're pretending that someone's jolting your elbow ... What, therefore, does the word "jolt" mean? The verb "jolt" means to shake, knock or bump stroll What does the verb "stroll" mean? The verb "stroll" means to walk in a relaxed and unhurried manner Do you ever go for a stroll in a nearby park? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

The greatest ...

Answers

side-effect widespread

What's the greatest hardship you've ever had to suffer?

Do most medicines in widespread use have unpleasant side-effects on some people? Yes, most ...

1191 Word-building exercise 4

hardship

1190

For each sentence below, change the word printed at the beginning so that it fits correctly into the gap. Put your answer on the right.

e.g.	luck	She was to win the game.	lucky
1	appropriate	As the men were dressed, they were not permitted to enter the restaurant.	
2	contest	Each has to perform one song in front of a live audience.	
3	chaos	The performance was rather even though we'd planned everything carefully.	

4	stable	The bridge is probably safe but we're carrying out some work to improve its in high winds.	
5	global	I'm not sure has been good for the economy of my country.	
6	recognize	Whenever I mention his name, there's a sign of on her face.	
7	descend	She is a direct of the ancient king himself.	
8	resign	He can't have handed in his; only yesterday he was saying what a great company this was!	
9	comprehend	She's bound to win the race; it'd be absolutely if she didn't.	
10	dispose	The of plastic waste is a big issue for my local council.	
11	include	His in the team has come as a shock to most of the other players at the club.	
12	compliment	I felt very flattered because she made loads of remarks about my new house.	
13	respect	It was of her to turn up late for her brother's wedding and then not even apologize.	
14	observe	Don't expect Tony to notice your haircut; he's probably the most person I've ever met.	
15	know	Ask Mike; he's quite about that kind of thing.	

Dictation 129

With so many passengers/ squashed into the carriage/ in the intense heat,/ it came as no surprise/ when someone passed out./ Frank was a shabby sight,/ soaked to the skin/ and muttering angrily to himself/ as he squelched across the kitchen floor/ in his boots./ Don't allow any rowdy groups of men/ into the club;/ they're bound to cause chaos./ It's tricky to gauge/ how much we can expect to gain/ by investing in the scheme./ Obviously, we're hoping prices soar./ Don't just nibble the crust;/ take a big bite./ I feel she came across/ as knowledgeable and very enthusiastic/ in the interview,/ and I took to her immediately./ After the rehearsal,/ the director mingled with the cast/ in the theatre bar./ Grudge, smoulder, orphan, insight, throb.

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1193 Writing a review

Please note: There are writing homework titles at the end of this book.

overview

assessment

verdict

A review:

- is a piece of writing that tells the reader about a place, event, book, film, or other product, and also gives the writer's opinions on it. We find reviews in newspapers and magazines, or on websites;
- is intended to help the reader decide if they want to buy the product, watch the film etc;
- normally contains three main parts: an overview, an assessment, and a verdict.

stand out

blend

portion

enthusiastic

Porthole (London Bridge)

(1) Start with an overview to give the reader some basic facts about whatever you are reviewing.

There are several new places to eat in the London Bridge area, but Porthole certainly stands out from the rest. This large restaurant, spread over two floors, overlooks the river, and is within easy walking distance of both London Bridge and Waterloo stations.

Porthole serves a reasonably priced and exciting blend of European and Asian cuisines. The menu contains enough variety to satisfy most tastes, and includes an interesting range of vegetarian dishes. On my visit, both my food and that of my companion was cooked to perfection, and portions were generous.

assess giving opinic both p	clude an sment, y your ons, positive egative.	over time but, at the moment, the selection is rather poor. There are only two types of tea available, for example, and the wine list is somewhat limited.			
				arvellous sight, and Porthole has s floor-to-ceiling windows that e this fully.	
	In refere		E that tells	an by a review? By a review, we mean a pie the reader about a book, f nd also gives the writer's c	film, event or
	Where o	do we normally find revi	ews?	We in in magazines, on	newspapers, websites etc.
What's		the purpose of a review		The to help the reader of to buy the product, watch	-
	What th	ree parts can we norma We d		ct a review to contain? overview, an assessment,	and a verdict
	What's t	the purpose of the over		The purpose to give prmation about the produ	
	What do	bes the assessment tell ι	,	The assessmer writer's opinions regarding ative aspects of the produ	g the positive
1195	What do	bes the verdict do?		The verdict gives the w ision, and recommendatic product or event might b	ons regarding

trundle wagon What do I mean if I say "The farm wagon trundled along the road"? If ..., you mean that the farm wagon moved noisily, in a heavy and slow manner wreath commemorate

Which kind of story is more likely to have some basis in historical fact: a

What do we call a circular arrangement of leaves or flowers that we can We call ... a wreath use to commemorate a victory or death, for example?

spell	deposit	heatwave
If the world were to ru disaster around the glo	n out of oil deposits, do y bbe? Yes, if th	you think it would spell ne world ~ No, if the world
What do we mean by a	a spell of bad luck?	By, we mean a brief period of bad luck
What's a heatwave?	A heatwave is a spel	ll of exceptionally hot weather
stand to	gamble	

If I gave you a stock market tip that meant you stood to gain a lot of money, would you follow my advice? Yes, if you ... ~ No, if you ...

Give me some other examples of "stand to", please. You must be crazy to gamble like that; you stand to lose everything you've got. As the only child of a wealthy businessman, she stands to inherit a fortune.

raft

If you were shipwrecked on a desert islan	d, do you reckon you'd be able
to build a raft and escape?	Yes, if I ~ No, if I

How would you do it?

A legend ...

legend

legend or a myth?

myth

wade Is it possible to wade across a very deep river? No, it isn't ... Why not? Because, to wade across, your feet need to be able to touch the bottom of the river grapple What does the verb "grapple" mean? The verb "grapple" means to hold something firmly and struggle with it

1197 Give me an example, please.

The policeman grappled with the criminal on the balcony

predecessor

Is it hard for the new manager of a football club to live up to fans' expectations if his predecessor was very successful? Yes, ...

first and foremost pickle

Give me an example of the expression "first and foremost", please. In the past, the practice of pickling fruit and vegetables was first and foremost in

live up to

order to preserve the food for as long as possible

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

in store	build up	downpour
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When heavy black clouds build up across the sky, is it reasonable to assume a downpour is in store? Yes, when ...

Have you got anything in store for next weekend?

presently = soon

Give me a sentence with the word "presently" in it. The ceremony will commence presently, once all the principal guests have arrived

1198	betray
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waddle

execute

What happens to somebody who's caught betraying their country? Somebody ... is imprisoned or perhaps even executed

Name an animal that waddles when it walks.

The name ... a penguin (a duck etc.)

utter contempt

Have you ever spent a whole day without uttering a single word to anyone? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Is there anybody in the world that you feel utter contempt for?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Who?

canoe

Describe a canoe, please.

A canoe is a narrow open boat designed for one or two people, which we move by paddling

jab

What am I doing? You are jabbing your hand with the point of your pen

What do I mean if I say "The doctor gave me a jab"? 1199 If ..., you mean the doctor gave you an injection

dangle	
What does the verb "dangle" mean?	The verb "dangle" means to hang or swing loosely or limply
Give me an example, please.	After the climbing accident, I was left dangling on the rope for
	more than an hour before I was rescued

penguin

paddle

topple

If a pile of plates is too high, what's likely to happen? If ..., it's likely to topple over, and the plates will smash

that's that

When do we use the expression "that's that"? We use ... to convey that a conversation, situation or process is definitely finished

Give me some examples, please. You cannot watch TV till your homework is done, and that's that! The police know you stole the car, so that's that. I just have to knock in one last nail and that's that.

1200 Word pool 4: revision exercise

For each sentence below, choose one word from the word pool that fits correctly in the gap.

edible	flexible	elegant	bland	parallel
ample	fertile	sensational	diplomatic	sinister
extinct	biased	grim	solitary	naked

1	There's no need	to hurry; the meeting's not until 3pm so we've got
	·	time.

- 2 Some flowers are actually ______ and can be used in salads to add both colour and flavour.
- 3 How can you say the competition judge wasn't _____ towards the winner? It was her daughter!
- 4 The weather forecast for the match is fairly _____; let's stay in and watch it on TV instead.
- 5 In the dream, I suddenly realized I was ______, and, of course, I felt incredibly embarrassed!

6	Working in a team with others was hard to get used to after	er his more
7	The vegetables are fine but they're slightly to add just a little salt.	, so l'm going
8	Most of the bird species discovered on the island are now, but some still survive there.	
9	All the good bars are on the street that runs where our hotel is located.	to the one
10	After years of conflict, the countries are finally talking, as relations have been restored.	
11	I like this restaurant; the soft lights and antique furniture controls and antique furniture controls atmosphere.	reate a very
12	He may be perfectly harmless but he looks so people find it hard to trust him.	that
13	Winning such a massive contract would be a small company like ours.	result for a
14	She's not at all; I don't think she could eve and touch her toes!	n bend down
15	I've been looking after the soil in my garden and it's far mo	ore

now than it used to be.

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Dictation 130

This design flaw/ is supposedly our fault,/ but they can't sue us./ My dog growled at me/ when I removed the bone/ that it was chewing on./ Tim blushed at the mention of/ the mysterious blonde girl/ I'd seen him with./ I watched in awe/ as the other team thrashed us,/ scoring four goals in fifteen minutes./ I'll endeavour to stay awake/ but may well doze off./ I acknowledge/ I have no flair for art./ A draught is usually annoying,/ whereas a breeze can be pleasant./ The kids watched in sheer delight/ as the ducks waddled/ towards the water's edge./ The veins on the back of my hands/ are especially visible in hot weather./ Drought, ledge, hurtle, biased, wreath.

Phrase exercise answers

	Phrase exercise 1				
1	to	6	angle	11	record
2	loan	7	times	12	worlds
3	in	8	out on	13	on
4	region	9	nothing	14	role
5	a matter	10	board	15	minds
	Phrase exercise 2				
1	b	6	С		
2	С	7	С		
3	b	8	b		
4	a	9	a		
5	b	10	b		
	Phrase exercise 3				
1	at	6	a view		time
2	take	7	in		at
3	get	8	cutting		within
4	contrary	9	aid		stop
5	have an ear	10	ahead of	15	for
	Phrase exercise 4				
1	in	6	on	11	back
2	on	7	strike	12	on
3	in	8	low	13	symbol
4	strictly	9	in	14	in

10 at

15 stem

5 through

Word-building exercise answers

	Word-building exercise 1					
1	facial	6	directory	11	refusal	
2	expansion	7	talkative	12	comparable	
3	publication	8	settlement	13	persuasive	
4	significance	9	preservation	14	problematic/ problematical	
5	coverage	10	declaration	15	inclusive	
,	Word-building exer	cise 2				
1	provision	6	misinformed	11	insistent	
2	supposedly	7	realization/ realisation	12	notably/ noticeably	
3	uninviting	8	attendants	13	exclusive	
4	cancellation	9	dismissal	14	privatizing/ privatising	
5	humanity	10	capability	15	supportive	
,	Word-building exer	cise 3				
1	destructive	6	precaution	11	bankruptcy	
2	cooperation	7	implications	12	occurrence	
3	disastrous	8	distribution	13	distinctive	
4	inexhaustible	9	beggars	14	assumption	
5	inspection(s)	10	exploration	15	insecure	
,	Word-building exer	ciso A				
1	inappropriately	<u>6</u>	recognition	11	inclusion	
2	contestant	7	descendant	12	complimentary	
3	chaotic	8	resignation	13	disrespectful	
4	stability	9	incomprehensible	14	unobservant	
5	globalization/ globalisation	10	disposal	15	knowledgeable	

Word pool revision exercise answers

Word pool 1

- 1 flair
- 2 flaw
- 3 penalty
- 4 napkin
- 5 gadget

Word pool 2

- 1 cellar
- 2 wolf
- 3 toddler
- 4 feat
- 5 prey

Word pool 3

1 vest

- 2 solicitor
- 3 fluff
- 4 awe
- 5 crockery

Word pool 4

1 ample

- 2 edible
- 3 biased
- 4 grim
- 5 naked

- 6 dormitory
- 7 escalator
- 8 bench
- 9 recreation
- 10 maid
 - 6 alien
 - 7 density
 - 8 catalogue
 - 9 pond
 - 10 debut

- 10 runway
 - 6 solitary
- 7 bland
- 8 extinct
 - 9 parallel
- 10 diplomatic

- 11 suburb
- 12 client
- 13 heir
- 14 victim
- 15 academy
- 11 rage
- 12 parade
- 13 bruise
- 14 concrete
- 15 deodorant
- 11 vegetation
- 12 mustard
- 13 forgery
- 14 tuition
- 15 cord
- 11 elegant
- 12 sinister
- 13 sensational
- 14 flexible
- 15 fertile

- 6 fist 7 carpenter 8 triumph
- 9 crust

Writing homework titles

The length of each piece of writing should be between 200 and 250 words.

Lesson 180 (Writing a story)

- 1 Write a short story that starts with the words "There was a knock on the window ...".
- 2 Write a short story with the title "The key".
- 3 Write a short story that finishes with the words "... but it'll continue to live forever in my memory."

Lesson 185 (Writing an essay)

- 1 Discuss the following statement: "The internet is killing the high street; it will never recover."
- 2 What makes a true friend?
- 3 Some people feel they should be allowed to keep a gun in their home for protection. What is your opinion?

Lesson 187 (Writing an article)

- 1 Write an article for a website aimed at people planning to visit your country on holiday. Using the title "You simply have to go there!", write about two different places in your country that you feel all tourists should visit.
- 2 Write an article for a magazine about a hobby or activity that you love. In the article, you should describe the activity, talk about your personal experience of it, and try to make the reader want to take it up.
- 3 Write an article for a university magazine called "Coping on your own". The article should provide helpful tips to students on how to manage when they are living away from the family home for the first time.

Lesson 191 (Writing a review)

- 1 You attend a college that is looking for reviews of films to publish in its monthly magazine. Choosing a film you have seen recently, write a review for the magazine.
- 2 You work as a journalist for a local newspaper. Write a review for the newspaper of a new nightclub that has opened for young people in the area.
- 3 Choosing any new product you have bought in the last few months, write a review of the product for an online shopping website.

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