

Exercise 1

1 garnered 2 demise 3 hoisted 4 deemed 5 moved 6 unsettled 7 relentlessly
8 stagnation 9 goo 10 inception

Exercise 2

1 rolling 2 lid 3 blab 4 arm 5 breath 6 up 7 broke 8 talks 9 made 10 stormy

Exercise 3

1 T 2 T 3 F 4 F 5 T

Exercise 4

- 1 It suggests that most fans of spy fiction have seen the films.
- 2 Staying alive in the present.
- 3 Because other writers are writing under his name.
- 4 Robert Ludlum and the American writer Eric Van Lustbader.
- 5 It's a good marketing tool.

Exercise 5

1 a bit of little a bit of / a little 2 here there 3 that 4 something 5 wouldn't would
6 couldn't shouldn't 7 wasn't didn't 8 honestly honest 9 people 10 That

Exercise 6

- 1 It has been confirmed that they are getting divorced.
- 2 It leaked to the press, and soon the story had become common knowledge.
- 3 The identity of the mystery musician is going to be revealed on next week's programme.
- 4 Generally thought of as a politician, he was also a secret agent.
- 5 Questioned three times, he finally confessed to the crime.
- 6 Caught on camera speeding, the celebrity was charged with dangerous driving.
- 7 The panther has not been seen for several days and it is believed to have been a hoax.
- 8 It is believed that the rumour was started by soldiers in 1917.
- 9 Recorded at home, her performance became an international sensation.
- 10 Duval is wanted in connection with art robberies.

Exercise 7

1 latest 2 in 3 breathe 4 slip 5 strictest 6 issue

7 common 8 hush 9 keep 10 confidential

Exercise 8

Suggested answers:

- 1 How do you usually find out about what is happening?
- 2 Are you interested in gossip about famous people?
- 3 Are you good at keeping secrets?
- 4 It depends on the problem, but I would probably confide in my parents or a teacher.
- 5 Sometimes, especially when there are exams. Some students start telling everybody that they've heard what questions we're going to have to answer.

Exercise 9

Students' own answers.