

Pronunciation

1 Honestly, you're so silly!

3 I do hope we can meet up again.

5 It was you who told me not to say anything.

6 It gets really busy here in the evenings.

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1 dinosaur

3 surface

5 eruption

7 dioxide

8 nuclear

9 catastrophe

10 ocean

11 temperature

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3 Track 18 Listen to six speakers talking about different events and experiences and choose the correct answer, a, b or c.

a reception

b wedding

c funeral

a promotion

b victory parade

c protest

a miracle

b publicity stunt

c practical joke

a talent show

b soap opera

c reality TV show

a mass media

b broadsheet

c tabloid

a nuclear bomb

b earthquake

c volcanic eruption

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Language focus

4 There is one word missing in each of these sentences. Rewrite them, adding the missing word.

We produce large amount of waste every day.

We produce a large amount of waste every day.

1 I've read a couple really good books recently.

2 There are quite few good restaurants here.

3 I've got much to do and not enough time!

4 There aren't good concerts coming up, so we'll have to find something else to do.

5 We've still got quite bit of time, so there's no need to rush.

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5 Complete the sentences with modal verbs.

Perhaps it will rain later.

It might rain later.

1 We were obliged to study at least one foreign language at school.

We _____ study at least one foreign language at school.

2 It's bad that we didn't contact Tina.

We _____ contacted Tina.

3 It's impossible that you've met Paul before.

You _____ met Paul before.

4 It's not a good idea to spend so much money every month.

You _____ spend so much money every month.

5 I could play the piano well by the time I was ten.

I _____ play the piano well by the time I was ten.

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6 Complete the sentences with *alan*, *the* or no article ($\emptyset$).

Graham's at $\emptyset$ university studying $\emptyset$ Law.

1 Today is _____ last day of our holiday in _____ USA.

2 I'd like to work as _____ teacher for _____ international school.

3 I want to be _____ first of my friends to climb _____ Mount Kilimanjaro.

4 I enjoy listening to _____ classical music when I'm in _____ car.

5 I'll see you at _____ gym on _____ Friday.

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7 Rewrite the sentences using the verbs in the box.

congratulated ~~told~~ suggested offered apologised complained

'Listen carefully to what I'm about to say,' Chris said to me.

Chris told me to listen carefully to what he was about to say.

1 'I'm sorry I'm late again,' Sally said.

Sally _____.

2 'Let's meet up to discuss the way forward,' Phil said.

Phil _____.

3 'My food is undercooked,' Lucy said.

Lucy _____.

4 'Congratulations! You won the competition!' Tim said to Sarah.

Tim _____.

5 'Shall I help you with your homework?' Maria asked Dan.

Maria _____.

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

I wish I could (can) speak German.

1 If I _____ (have) time, I _____ (help) you, but I'm afraid I'm busy today.

2 If I _____ (not go) skiing last month, I _____ (not break) my leg.

3 How _____ (you / spend) your time if you _____ (not have) to work?

4 If Brad _____ (study) Maths, he _____ (be) a Maths teacher now.

5 If only you _____ (tell) me the truth, everything _____ (be) OK.

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Vocabulary

9 Complete the phrases with *take* in these sentences.

Please come in and take a seat.

1 I always take _____ during lectures, but my handwriting's so bad that I often can't read what I've written!

2 I wish you would take me _____! Why do you always laugh at the things I say?

3 I'm going to take _____ skiing this winter as everyone says it's really good fun.

4 Clare's taking _____ her mother at the moment as she's not feeling very well.

5 Would you like to take _____ in the community quiz? We're looking for new team members.

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10 Choose the correct answers.

I was absolutely furios / *hilarious* when I found out what had happened.

1 After hiking all day, I was *starving* / *exhausting*.

2 I wouldn't want to live in that *ridiculous* / *enormous* house. It's far too big for one family.

3 The views from the hotel were simply *appalling* / *stunning*! I couldn't believe how amazing they were!

4 The music at the concert was *vast* / *deafening*.

5 You look *gorgeous* / *massive* in that colour. You should wear it more often.

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11 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. You do not need all the words.

foreign correspondent tabloid ~~broadsheets~~ episode reality TV show social media
upload interactive circulation soap opera coverage

I always read the broadsheets if I want to read balanced and well-researched articles.

1 So many people today use _____ like Twitter and Facebook.

2 My grandmother watches every _____ on television even though nothing ever seems to happen in any of them.

3 I enjoy using _____ websites as you get a chance to be more involved.

4 My brother's a _____ and is working in Beijing at the moment.

5 I've just seen the 1000th _____ of my favourite game show. I can't believe it's been going for so long!

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12 Match words 1–6 with words a–f to make collocations.

1 magnifying d

a strike

2 toxic _____

b eruption

3 asteroid _____

c bomb

4 solar _____

d glass

5 volcanic _____

e energy

6 nuclear _____

f chemical

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13 Add letters to complete the words. The first letter is given.

Paul McCartney is a household name. Everyone has heard of him, haven't they?

1 I'd hate to be in the media s _____ with everyone wanting to know my business.

2 Not many people become an overnight s _____, but Susan Boyle is one person who did become famous that quickly.

3 Jimi Hendrix was a l _____ guitarist. There was no one quite like him.

4 Bob is hoping to make a c _____, but I don't think anyone remembers him now.

5 We live in a celebrity-o _____ world where it's hard to keep anything private.

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Functional language

14 Match sentences 1–6 with responses a–f.

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| 1 Go on, have some more cake. | <u>d</u> |
| 2 Go on, I insist. Have the last piece. | — |
| 3 Oh no, I'm so sorry! It was your favourite glass as well! | — |
| 4 Dan's annoying? You mean my new boyfriend Dan? | — |
| 5 We had a great trip. Anyway, as I was saying ... | — |
| 6 I'm sure you want to hear the end of the story. | — |

- a It doesn't matter. These things happen.
b Of course, but I know you're really busy and I don't want to keep you.
c Sorry to interrupt, but I think there's someone at the door.
d No, thank you. It was very nice, but I'm really full.
e Oh sorry, I didn't realise. I hope I didn't offend you.
f No, really. I couldn't manage any more.

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15 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

phone be ~~think~~ look try go

Have you ever thought about becoming a chef as you love cooking so much?

- 1 You ought _____ into your options.
2 Why _____ to the new Italian restaurant and just ask?
3 I would recommend _____ around as well.
4 I'd suggest _____ to get a Saturday job.
5 If I _____ you, I'd just contact everyone you know.

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Reading

16 Read the email and put sentences a–f in the correct place in the text.

Dear Penny,

How are things? I hope everything's going well in your new job. It's been so long since we got together – there's loads to catch up on and I realise I haven't been in touch for ages. ¹ d

It was such a shame you couldn't make the Larmer Tree Festival again as I'm sure you'd have enjoyed it. ² ____ You know what it's like otherwise – you're just getting into the mood and then you have to leave.

We were really lucky with the weather this time as I certainly wouldn't have enjoyed it quite so much if we'd had to put the tent up in the pouring rain! They'd moved the campsite area, so we were nearer the main entrance, which made it much more convenient, although it was quite loud as we were also much nearer the music stages.

³ ____ In the end I went off on my own for some of the time as we couldn't all agree on what we wanted to listen to. You know how small the venue is, so we managed to find one another whenever we wanted to.

The best thing this year was the parade on the Sunday. As I went with Emma and her two children, I got involved in much more of the children's stuff than I would have done otherwise. ⁴ ____ Emma's kids are really into Africa, so we made an elephant and a giraffe (well, with a bit of imagination!). The parade went through the main music area and everyone clapped and cheered as we went past.

⁵ ____ You know how they usually have lots of stalls selling international food – well, it all seemed rather overpriced and not particularly different. Perhaps it was just me, but there definitely wasn't the variety.

Anyway, all in all, it was great. ⁶ ____ We must make sure we go next year. I think the tickets will be on sale very soon, so let's just book!

Love,
Fiona

a As usual, there were some fantastic bands and some excellent comedy stuff as well.

b It was just such a shame you couldn't join us.

c The theme was the natural world, so we all made costumes and masks representing different aspects of the planet.

d I can't believe it's almost the end of the summer!

e The only thing that was a bit disappointing this year was the food.

f I decided to get a ticket for the whole four days this time so I could camp and really make the most of all the music.

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Writing

17 A speculative covering letter

You are looking for a job at your local newspaper. Write a speculative letter to see if they have any opportunities. You can use these prompts to help you:

- Write about your qualities, skills, interests and experience
- Think of something positive to say about the newspaper

Write 120–180 words.

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