

Grammar**1 The article**

Complete the sentences with the correct option (a, b or c).

Angelina Jolie is ____ famous Hollywood star.

- a a b the c – (no article)

1 Do you know anyone who has ____ charisma?

- a a b the c – (no article)

2 I don't envy ____ Prime Minister.

- a a b the c – (no article)

3 There are so many seemingly insurmountable problems in ____ world today.

- a a b the c – (no article)

4 When did Barack Obama come to ____ power?

- a a b the c – (no article)

5 There's been ____ increase in the number of unemployed recently.

- a an b the c – (no article)

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2 Articles

Complete the sentences with the correct article. Write – if no article is required.

We're going to the Lake Balaton in Hungary.

1 I thought _____ meeting went really well.

2 Alex always listens to _____ music when he goes to the gym.

3 Mrs Kennedy is _____ inspiring teacher.

4 _____ Swiss are noted for their efficiency and punctuality.

5 I wouldn't want to be _____ politician in the current climate.

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3 Whatever, whoever, whenever etc.

Complete the sentences with *whatever, whoever, whenever, etc.*

However you look at the situation, it's a mess.

- 1 _____ you do, don't tell Mark what you've found out.
- 2 Just come over _____ it's convenient for you.
- 3 _____ you sit, you will have an excellent view of the stage.
- 4 _____ hard they try, politicians rarely manage to please everyone.
- 5 _____ told you that I was standing for the local council?!

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4 Link words of time and contrast

Underline the correct alternative in *italics*.

No sooner had I left the meeting than/*when* I heard the news.

- 1 *Much*/*Though* as I enjoy politics, I'd hate to be a politician.
- 2 *When*/*On* realising he'd got the job, Alex posted his news on Facebook.
- 3 We finally got to the front of the queue by *which*/*that* time the concert had sold out.
- 4 *In spite of*/*Though* her obvious charisma, Lucy is remarkably modest.
- 5 *Whilst*/*As* the film started, Steven began to relax.

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Vocabulary

5 Power

Complete the sentences with a suitable form of the verbs: *gain, win, be or play*.

Which party gained control in last week's election?

1 Tony could _____ most people over with his charm, but I never fell for it.

2 I _____ always _____ very impressed by Sarah's dedication.

3 I'm sure Lucy's connections _____ an important part in her getting her last job.

4 We are hoping to _____ a better understanding of the issues, so that we can move forward.

5 How _____ you _____ Alison over? You must have been very persuasive.

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6 Fashion and fads

Correct the underlined words.

What's down today will be out tomorrow. _____ in

1 I didn't think that social networking sites would ever catch off as quickly as they did. _____

2 Emma's never been interested in keeping on with the latest fashion. _____

3 Matt always seems to home in for the next must-have gadget. _____

4 The success of mobile technology has come off because of people's desire to be contactable 24/7. _____

5 The trend kicked down last year when a well-known company asked job applicant to set up Facebook groups. _____

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7 Personal characteristics

Rewrite the underlined words correctly.

It's hard to be sadielicit in a cynical world. idealistic

1 Maggie has been a slertise campaigner for the underprivileged for many years. _____

2 I can't take Charles seriously as he lacks a certain gitsarav. _____

3 We must remain troselue in the face of adversity if we want to succeed. _____

4 Paul is quite foloa and stand-offish until you get to know him. _____

5 I find Nancy rather descripnont. Her lack of charisma means she often fails to make a positive impression on people. _____

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8 Idioms

Complete each sentence with one word.

I want to help you. You know I always have your interests at heart.

1 I'm afraid I can't stop now. I'm rushed off my _____.

2 My _____ sank when I heard that I'd been turned down for the job.

3 I'm responsible for this mess so now I'll have to _____ the music, won't I?

4 John's an old _____, he knows everything about the company.

5 Martin has a good _____ for business so I'm sure he's got all the facts and figures at his fingertips.

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How to ...

9 describe architecture

Complete the sentences using an appropriate form of the words from the box.

memory	occupy	build	argue	tall	celebrate
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The gardens were created as a memorial to the prince's wife.

- 1 The Taj Mahal is _____ one of the most beautiful buildings in the world.
- 2 The London Eye was put up to _____ the millennium.
- 3 _____ a huge area, Ayers Rock can be seen for miles.
- 4 Salisbury Cathedral has the _____ spire in England.
- 5 What are the pyramids _____ from?

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Reading**10 Read this email. Put the sentences (B-F) in the correct place in the text.**

Hi Annie

How're things? How did the move go? Have you settled in yet? I know how stressful moving can be as I've done it so often myself. Just let me know if there's anything I can do to help.

I'm sorry I haven't been in touch for a while but I've been pretty busy too. You know I've been meaning to change direction for a while now. (0) A. Don't laugh but I'm going to train as a life coach. Yes, I know I've done loads of self-help reading and started loads of courses but this time it feels different.

I attended a motivational weekend last week and was just blown away! I'm on various mailing lists and got an email a few weeks ago about this workshop so I checked out the website and decided to give it a go as it wasn't too expensive and looked really interesting. (1) _____

Anyway, I went along with an open mind and joined the long queue to get in. It was at that new venue in town which seats 3,000 so you can imagine what the atmosphere was like. (2) _____ And I can tell you, I for one wasn't disappointed.

Tam Ronald is billed as one of the world's leading motivational speakers and he certainly is one of the most charismatic people I've ever seen. He ran onto the stage and the atmosphere was electric. You can imagine all of us almost leaning towards him to feel his presence. And he certainly knew how to manipulate the crowd. He had us eating out of the palm of his hand within minutes. 'You can do anything you want', 'make those huge dreams come true', 'the power is within you'. (3) _____

We spent most of the weekend doing various exercises, in pairs and on our own and on the Sunday afternoon we did one of those famous fire walks. You've probably seen them on the internet. (4) _____ Of course it's a case of mind over matter and if you can do that, you can do anything. It was scary but the sense of achievement was great.

So now I want to be able to inspire people too. If I could help just one person, it would be worth it. (5) _____ This time it isn't a passing fad!

Let me know how you're getting on and hopefully we can meet up soon. I'll be needing people to practise on!

Love
Daisy

- A *Well, I think I've finally worked out what I want to do.*
- B 3,000 people all hoping for inspiration and life-changing moments.
- C I've found a couple of good courses locally so I'll be signing up this week.
- D By walking barefoot over glowing coals, you overcome your fear and realise just how powerful you are.
- E We've heard it all before but he made it truly believable.
- F You always get something out of these things even if it isn't quite what you expect.

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