

## Grammar

### 1 *used to, be used to, get used to, would*

#### Complete the sentences.

I didn't use to enjoy sports at school but now I play tennis and volleyball regularly.

- 1 I never \_\_\_\_\_ living in Sweden because I couldn't stand the cold, dark winters.
- 2 We \_\_\_\_\_ have two dogs and three cats when we were children.
- 3 We \_\_\_\_\_ always stay with our cousins in the summer holidays.
- 4 Do you think you \_\_\_\_\_ being so well-known? It's all happened so quickly.
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ driving on the left now as I've been living in the UK for ten years.

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### 2 *wishes and regrets*

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|-----------------------------------------------------|
| be    go    leave    like    listen <del>take</del> |
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#### Complete the sentences with a suitable form of the verbs in the box.

I bet Jack wishes he 'd taken your advice.

- 1 I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ so mean to my sister when we were children.
- 2 Don't you ever regret \_\_\_\_\_ school without taking your final exams?
- 3 If only you \_\_\_\_\_ to me, we wouldn't be in this situation now.
- 4 I regret that I \_\_\_\_\_ abroad when I had the chance.
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ to study medicine but my parents didn't have enough money to pay the fees.

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### 3 preparatory it

#### Rewrite the sentences.

That you're so exhausted is hardly surprising.  
*It's hardly surprising that you're so exhausted.*

1 Putting your digital photos on a memory stick is worth it.  
 It \_\_\_\_\_ .

2 To have heard from Alistair after such a long time was great.  
 It \_\_\_\_\_ .

3 Keeping in touch via social networking sites is the way forward it seems.  
 It \_\_\_\_\_ .

4 To look back on your childhood with affection is important.  
 It \_\_\_\_\_ .

5 That my uncle stopped coming to visit us is strange.  
 It \_\_\_\_\_ .

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### Vocabulary

#### 4 memory

#### Complete the words.

I've never felt **nostalgic** about the past. It's over as far as I'm concerned.

1 My parents spend a lot of time **r**\_\_\_\_\_ about the good old days.

2 Thank you for a truly **m**\_\_\_\_\_ evening. I'll never forget it.

3 At school we learned a lot of useful **m**\_\_\_\_\_ to help us remember German grammar rules.

4 As we get older we tend to become more **f**\_\_\_\_\_. I know I'm always trying to remember where I've put things.

5 Hang on a minute. I know it ... it's on the tip of my **t**\_\_\_\_\_ .

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**5 appearance**

**Choose the correct answer (a, b or c).**

Dan has got curly \_\_\_\_\_ hair.

- a straight                      b spiky                      c mousy

1 Louisa's quite \_\_\_\_\_ now as she's been training for the New York Marathon.

- a overweight                      b muscular                      c stocky

2 Janet always looks so \_\_\_\_\_ even though she has a high-powered job.

- a tanned                      b elegant                      c scruffy

3 Mark's little baby has an adorable \_\_\_\_\_ face.

- a chubby                      b clean-shaven                      c wrinkles

4 Naoko has lost a lot of weight and now she's looking far too \_\_\_\_\_ in my opinion.

- a slim                      b overweight                      c skinny

5 Bella's hair is \_\_\_\_\_ I'm sure. She never used to be blonde.

- a wavy                      b dyed                      c spiky

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## 6 feelings

**Complete the sentences with the adjectives from the box. There are five extra words.**

|              |          |            |                       |            |        |
|--------------|----------|------------|-----------------------|------------|--------|
| uninterested | confused | suspicious | <del>seceptical</del> | optimistic | uneasy |
| curious      | annoyed  | excited    | relieved              |            |        |

Matt has promised yet again to help me this weekend but I'm rather sceptical to be honest as he always lets me down.

- I'm really \_\_\_\_\_ to know what my grandmother wrote in her diaries because she was always quite secretive.
- I've always seen the glass as half full, not half empty, because I'm naturally \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jonas is feeling rather \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment as he really can't decide whether to leave his job or not. It's hard when there are so many options.
- We try to encourage Ben to join in but he always appears totally \_\_\_\_\_ in anything we suggest.
- I'm a little \_\_\_\_\_ of people who don't like talking about their feelings. \_\_\_\_\_/10

## 7 idioms to describe people

**Underline the correct words in *italics*.**

Diana's a *tall/high*-flyer and will go far that's for sure.

- Susan's a real *pain/ache* in the neck. She just never stops talking.
- I know Mike can be irritating but his heart's in the right *spot/place*.
- George doesn't seem to have any friends. I'd say he's a bit of a *loner/lonely*.
- Jason's a *cold/cool* fish, isn't he? Do you think he has any emotions?
- Polly's as *tough/hard* as nails – I certainly wouldn't want to argue with her.

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## Pronunciation

### 8 consonant clusters (1)

Listen and write down the words you hear.

*slim*

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_

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## How to...

### 9 reminisce about the past

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in the box. There is one extra word.

be bring feel make picture remember remind

Those were the days! Nothing to do but spend time on the beach enjoying the sun and sea.

- 1 These pictures \_\_\_\_\_ back so many great memories.
- 2 That music \_\_\_\_\_ me of one of the best times of my life.
- 3 If I close my eyes, I can \_\_\_\_\_ the hotel so well.
- 4 It \_\_\_\_\_ so long ago but I suppose it must be at least twenty years.
- 5 I can \_\_\_\_\_ my tenth birthday party so clearly – all the presents and cards.

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## Reading

### 10 Read the email and choose the correct answers.

Hi Marcelo

How are you? How are the children? I hope everything's going well and you've managed to take some time off. It's so hard when you work for yourself, isn't it? You must have wondered what on earth had happened to me as I haven't been in touch for so long! We used to write to one another so regularly, didn't we? I guess life just gets in the way sometimes. So much has happened in the last few months that I don't know quite where to begin. I've wanted to write so often but thought it more sensible to wait until I was a little more settled.

The biggest news is that I finally left my job. I know, I know, you probably thought I'd stay there until I retired. In fact I think almost everyone I know was surprised when I told them I'd quit. I guess I was good at hiding the fact that I'd been very unhappy for quite a while. After I didn't get the promotion I'd applied for, I couldn't really muster up much enthusiasm. I didn't get on with my new boss who was a cold fish to put it mildly. It was very obvious that she would do anything she could to get to the top and I found myself getting more and more stressed. One day she accused me of not having done something she'd asked me to and I just saw red. Something snapped inside and I heard myself say 'That's it, I quit.' It was worth it just to see the look on her face! My immediate feelings were of elation and relief, and then of course reality kicked in and I started to wonder what on earth I'd done.

That was three months ago. And it triggered something within me. I started to look at my life and the things I wasn't happy about. I made lists – the things I wish I'd done versus the things I wanted to do. Simple! So simple that I wonder what on earth took me so long. As they say, the journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step. And my first step was to do the travelling I never did when I was younger. There was so much pressure in those days to get a job, get on to the career ladder and settle down. Now that I'm older I can see that I was just doing what everyone else thought was the right thing to do and it never occurred to me to question whether it was the right thing for *me*.

I can't tell you how alive I feel now. Every day is an adventure. I'm meeting all kinds of interesting people and I'm not making any plans or following any schedule. Perhaps it's so exciting because it's still so new but I can tell you I feel years younger. I'm in Australia at the moment as I got a round-the-world ticket so who knows, I might just come to Argentina and knock on your door one of these days.

Look after yourself and write back soon.

Love

Dana

Marcelo is self-employed.

- a unemployed                      b self-employed                      c very busy

1 Dana hasn't written for a long time because \_\_\_\_\_ .

- a there have been a lot of changes in her life  
b she didn't know what to say  
c she hasn't had time

2 Dana left her job because \_\_\_\_\_ .

- a she'd retired  
b she was asked to leave  
c her boss was unpleasant

3 After she left her job, Dana started to \_\_\_\_\_ .

- a make changes  
b feel worried  
c regret her decision

4 She hadn't travelled in her youth because \_\_\_\_\_

- a she wanted to get a job  
b she wanted to get married  
c she did what was expected

5 Dana is thinking of \_\_\_\_\_ .

- a travelling round the world  
b visiting Marcelo  
c staying in Australia

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