

LINKING WORDS

10 Match sentence beginnings 1–5 and endings a–e using the correct prepositions.

- Peter moved to a bigger city
- She refused to marry John
- He decided to go sailing
- We won't start eating
- Robert's keen on judo

- he proposed several times.
- his brother prefers karate.
- he comes back home.
- he could get a better job.
- adverse weather conditions.

11 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- Why are some people depressed _____ though they have everything they need?
- We tried to keep our voices low, _____ as not to wake up someone sleeping in an adjacent room.
- _____ the fact that our clean, safe drinking water is available at the turn of a tap, we spend millions annually on bottled water.
- Please consider the environment – don't print this e-mail _____ you really need to!
- I regret to inform you that we will not be taking your application further on this occasion. _____, we may contact you in the future regarding other appropriate positions available.

COLLOCATIONS

12 Match the phrases 1–5 and a–e to make collocations.

- complete the project
- walk
- vanish
- speak about the problem
- observe the birds
- change
- discover the truth
- obey parents

- from a distance
- at a steady pace
- without question
- ahead of schedule
- by chance
- at length
- without trace
- for the better

13 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- I think our government should _____ an effort to restrain inflation.
- On hearing the news about the accident, she burst into _____ immediately.
- The news of their wedding _____ as a bit of a surprise for everyone.
- We spent an hour discussing the situation only to reach the _____ that nothing further could be done.
- My work-life balance is moving in the right direction. I get to spend quality time with my family and I _____ a good living, working with a great team.

IDIOMS

14 Complete the idioms below using the verbs in the box.

- fall get call keep break cut

- To _____ a long story short, I'll come straight to the point and tell you exactly what happened.
- Just remember to be prepared and be yourself, and the rest is going to _____ into place.
- One of the easiest ways to _____ the ice with someone is to make them laugh.
- I'm exhausted. Let's _____ it a day and go home.
- Tell me what's bothering you. Come on! _____ it off your chest and you'll feel a whole lot better.
- Good luck! I'll _____ my fingers crossed for you.

15 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- We were stuck in the traffic for an hour but we got to the airport in the nick of _____.
- Finding accommodation does take time and is a _____ in the neck but don't be disheartened.
- I was _____ the moon when I won my place on the team.
- A burglar was _____ red-handed by the owner of a second-hand furniture shop.
- One day I put my foot _____ and refused to work overtime every day.

PHRASES AND EXPRESSIONS

16 Put the words in the correct order to make correct phrases and expressions.

- Personally, [my / of / from / view / point] _____, the close and professional relationship with the staff was a definite benefit.
- The purchase of this car may be expensive, but [long / in / run / the] _____ it will save you a lot of money you spend annually on petrol.
- I'd like a job which pays more, but [other / the / on / hand] _____ I enjoy the work I'm doing at the moment.
- We are offering free website to every member. [to / up / it's / you] _____ if you want to use your current website or use this free website.
- My decision to stay in London longer was made [spur / the / moment / on / of / the] _____, completely without plan.

17 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- Some people believe society creates criminals, others think the prison system is _____ fault.
- As _____ as I am concerned, the matter is closed.
- I was playing a game online when _____ of a sudden my computer crashed.
- Many people object to genetic modification _____ environmental and ethical grounds.
- I fell in love with him at first _____.

PHRASAL VERBS

18 Match phrasal verbs 1–8 to their meanings a–h.

- look up to
- make up for
- come across
- turn down
- break down
- take up
- put aside
- call off

- refuse an offer
- find by chance
- cancel
- respect and admire
- start a hobby
- stop working
- compensate for
- save

19 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- Fiona's new boyfriend is so nice that all her friends took _____ him immediately.
- Sometimes parents do not have the skills to bring _____ children appropriately.
- I can stay longer because my mother-in-law is _____ after our children.
- She will definitely win a seat in parliament as long as nothing unexpected _____ up.
- The milk has gone _____ because it's been left in the sun.

EXAM TASK 1

20 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

ACTION PAINTING WITH A CUP OF COFFEE

It has proven to be a great source of inspiration for all kinds of artists, and it is probably safe to say that there are many works of art that wouldn't exist if their creators had not been avid coffee drinkers. However, only recently has coffee been used as a medium for artists to work with. The Mona Lisa, the world famous painting by Da Vinci, has been reconstructed with 3,604 cups of coffee and 564 pints of milk.

The different shades of The Mona Lisa were obtained by adding no, _____ or lots of milk to regular cups filled with black coffee. The eight artists _____ three hours to recreate the painting, which was 6 metres high and almost 4 metres wide. The event took place at The Rocks

EXAM TASK 2

21 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

SUN PROTECTION THE BURNING QUESTION ON THE BEACHES

It's no longer cool to have a suntan, but is there a healthy balance between exposure and protection?

1 _____ upon a time, a suntan was a tangible indication that you could afford to go on foreign holidays, while your pallid pals only got as 2 _____ as Brighton. Then cheap flights and take tan 3 _____ along and suddenly anyone could get brown.

Gradually, evidence amassed that not only 4 _____ sun exposure trigger a range of skin cancers but it also gave you skin like an old handbag. This week's news that sunbeds are now 5 _____ as carcinogenic as cigarettes will only heighten concerns.

Meanwhile, the use of sunscreens has become something of a fetish in the cosmetics industry, where 6 _____ from body lotion to hairspray can now be found with added SPF's (sun protection factors). So, 7 _____ this a sensible step forward, or will we, in years to come, wonder why we shopped around for organic food 8 _____ covering the largest organ of our bodies in a cocktail of chemicals?

Aroma Festival in Sydney, Australia, and was 3 _____ by an audience of 130,000.

Both the organisers and the visitors were delighted 4 _____ the outcome. The performance showcased the artists' talent and precision, as they needed to add varying 5 _____ of milk to the coffee cups in order to create the different shades of The Mona Lisa. The whole performance turned out to be extremely engaging and 6 _____ public loved watching the 7 _____ iconic work of art in history recreated from such an unexpected material. The result was outstanding and, as far as we 8 _____, no one had ever done it before.