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Vocabulary

Friendship

1 Complete the messages with words and phrases from the box.

affection belonging catch up deeper
distant hang out hit it off

1 How are your new flatmates?

Brilliant! 😊 We really **hit it off**.

2 We haven't seen each other for ages!

I know 😞 We need to soon!

3 It was great to with you again!

I had a great time. Let's do it again soon!

4 Why did you quit the team?

I just don't have the feeling of to it anymore.

5 What was it like seeing Tim again?

Really good! He always pays me a lot of attention and shows me ❤️

6 Are you really breaking up with me?!

Sorry, Mike it's over! I want a and more meaningful relationship.

7 How are things with Katie?

Not great. We're getting more and more from each other.

Grammar

Question forms

1 Complete the questions with prepositions from the box.

about at by for from in
of on to with

- What are you worried **about** ..?
- Who do you live ..?
- When will you finish the project ..?
- Who does this pen belong ..?
- What are you looking ..?
- What things are you interested ..?
- What does he spend his money ..?
- What are you so afraid ..?
- Who did you just get a text ..?
- What platform is the train arriving ..?

2 Match each question to the likely meaning.

- Don't you want a lift? ..
- Do you want a lift? ..
- A I will give you a lift if you want.
- B I thought you wanted a lift, but now I'm not sure.

- Don't you think it's the right decision? ..
- Do you think it's the right decision? ..
- C Surely you agree with me.
- D I'm asking because I'm not sure.

- Aren't you a member of the golf club? ..
- Are you a member of the golf club? ..
- E I'm sure I've seen you there.
- F If you are, we could have a game.

- Don't you know the way? ..
- Do you know the way? ..
- G Yes or no?
- H Surely you know the way!

3 Rewrite the questions using indirect forms.



- What's she like?
I wonder **what she's like** ..
- What specials do you have tonight?
Could you tell me ..?
- When's Helen's birthday?
Can you remember ..?
- Why did they break up?
Do you know ..?
- How did she get rich?
Do you have any idea ..?
- Where is the reception?
I wish I knew ..

Vocabulary

Memory and experience

- 1 Complete the text with words from the box.

associate ... with encounter fly by
leave an impression recognize
stuck in your head take you back triggers



Human brains are amazing in so many ways. They can store 2.5 petabytes of data – about the same as 4000 smartphones. They become even more efficient with sleep and memory peaks in our fifties. Here are 8 fascinating facts about the brain:

- 1 When you [] new people, the first thing you find out is their name. But, your ability to remember names declines in your early twenties.
- 2 Smells have the power to [] to your youth, but we hardly ever remember sounds.
- 3 Ever wondered why you sometimes enter a room and can't remember why you are there? Crossing a doorway is an event that actually [] your brain to forget things.
- 4 We edit memories of our own life story to make things seem more important. You might think special people [] on you when you meet, or even believe in 'love at first sight'. But that just doesn't happen!
- 5 Why does time [] when you're having fun? Because your brain releases the hormone dopamine, which makes you feel less time has passed than actually has.
- 6 Luckily, good memories get [] more than bad memories.
- 7 We often [] taking photos [] memories, but taking photos of something actually makes your memory of it worse!
- 8 Our ability to [] and remember faces peaks in our early 30s.

Grammar

Tense review

- 1 Complete the text with the correct tense of the verbs in brackets. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.



No place like home

Non-stop moving

My name is Stuart Smith. I'm only 19 years old but I ¹ **have lived** (live) in 9 different countries already. Currently, I ² (live) in Dubai. My father ³ (be) and engineer and every couple of years we ⁴ (move) countries.

My first memories

I ⁵ (remember) the first 2 countries I lived in because I was too young. By the time I started school I ⁶ (already / live) in 5 countries. In my earliest memory I ⁷ (slide) down a hill on a sledge. At the time we ⁸ (live) in Norway and it was winter. Every school I ⁹ (go) to was an international school. The lessons were always in English and we followed the American school system. Every new school year at least half the class ¹⁰ (change). It was just normal in international schools – people moved on a lot.

Where to next?

Currently, I ¹¹ (take) my exams in my final year of high school. I ¹² (try) to get good enough grades to go to university to study Law. I ¹³ (apply) to 6 different universities and I ¹⁴ (have) offers from 3 of them. Then I want to settle in one country. It's been fun travelling the world but the next country will be my 10th. I ¹⁵ (have) enough of travelling for now!

- 2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 a Your dog is so cute! How long **have** you **had** him?
b We **haven't had** him long. We **have had** him for about 6 months. (have)
- 2 a How many sandwiches you earlier?
b I enough for 4 each. (make)
- 3 a What you for?
b For Tom to arrive. I an hour for him yesterday. I always for him! (wait)
- 4 a How did you get here?
b We here. The journey was fine, but while I into town I got a puncture and had to change the tyre.
a you home later?
b We are but I wish we here. We should have taken the train. (drive)

Listening

1 008 Ana and Danny are completing a quiz from a magazine. Look at the way the quiz is scored. Listen to their conversation and add up Ana's scores.

HOW DID YOU SCORE?

Does not apply:	0 points
Applies a bit:	1 point
Applies completely:	2 points

2 008 Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 According to Ana, which two jobs are people high on the psychopathic scale good at?
.....
- 2 Why doesn't Ana feel more important than others?
.....
- 3 Does Danny agree with her answer to question number 2?
.....
- 4 What lie did Ana tell Danny recently?
.....
- 5 Why did Ana fire someone?
.....
- 6 What happened to Ana at school?
.....
- 7 Why does Ana like not planning everything?
.....
- 8 What makes Ana upset?
.....



Vocabulary

Feelings and reactions

1 Complete the adverts with words and phrases from the box.

cold controlling don't care what you think
 eager focused
 remaining calm under pressure
 without hesitating worry about what others think

Training Stock Trader



Working in an environment where small price changes can win or lose the company millions in minutes can be stressful. ¹ is perhaps the most important characteristic we need in a trainee trader. You will need to be ² from the moment the markets open and able stay so until they close. You will need to be flexible and able to react quickly. There is no point in having a ³ attitude when you have no influence on market changes. The best traders are ⁴ and calculated – to be a success you need to remove all emotion from your trading. Ultimately, it's about the profit!



Looking for a partner with a sense of adventure – someone who is strong enough to say 'I ⁵! I used to get bothered about everyone's opinions, but now I don't ⁶ of me. I'm looking for someone equally relaxed about being themselves. I love extreme sports! So, I'm ⁷ to meet someone who loves the adrenaline rush as well. If you would do a parachute jump ⁸ then we just might be ideal for each other!



Speaking

1 Complete the responses to interview questions.

detail flexible initiative listener pressure
relationships responsibility skills teams

- 1 I am able to take the
- 2 I am cool under
- 3 I am a good
- 4 I have an eye for
- 5 I can build good working
- 6 I am excellent at leading
- 7 I am very
- 8 I have strong negotiating
- 9 I often take for bigger pieces of work.

2 Match the responses in exercise 1 to questions A–I. Write out the answers.



A How good are you at working independently?

I work well on my own. I am able to take the initiative. (1)



B How good are you at spotting minor errors?

C Are you able to take charge of projects on your own?

D How confident are you of getting a good deal?

E Are you able to take difficult decisions in stressful situations?

F How would you feel about working different hours each day?

G How good are you at understanding colleague's concerns?

H How well do you get on with others?

I Would you feel comfortable being in charge of a small team?



Writing

1 Complete the email with phrases a–h.

- a In my current position as
- b I always actively try to learn new skills
- c If I can provide you with
- d I am writing regarding
- e I am aware of
- f closely match my experience and abilities
- g I look forward to
- h I see myself as

Subject: Market Research Manager –

Dear Ms. Thomas,

¹ your job advertisement on Jobforyou.com for a Market Research Manager. Your description of the responsibilities for the role ², so I am keen to submit my CV to you for your consideration.

³ a Market Researcher for CDG Limited, I have conducted many research projects at all stages, from the writing of questionnaires to the collection of data and the analysis and interpretation of this. Last year I also managed teams of researchers on a number of projects.

⁴ and gain valuable experience from my role. ⁵ a top-performing employee in a leading company. ⁶ some areas that I can improve on, but I am ready to move to a position with more responsibility.

My CV is attached. ⁷ any further information on my background and qualifications, please let me know.

⁸ hearing from you. Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards

Kevin