

UPPER INTERMEDIATE UNIT 1

1.1 Personality

1 Complete each sentence with a word. The first letter in each word is given.

- Andrew's fixed my laptop. It's a good job he's a computer g_____.
- Finlay's not very sociable. He likes to k_____ himself to himself.
- I can't get anything done first thing. I'm not a m_____ person.
- Susan's just decided to go to Peru next week. She's s_____ like that.
- I'm going out with my classmates tonight. They're a good l_____.
- Yoshiro will be a great party host. He's a real p_____ person.
- She's very practical. She's probably the most down-to-e_____ person I know.
- I'd describe Michael as w_____ because he's both funny and clever.

2 Underline the correct alternatives.

- Alexandra's *flexible/eccentric/cautious*. She wears a huge hat with a feather.
- Mubarak's definitely *trustworthy/sympathetic/outgoing*. He loves meeting new people.
- You always know that Simon means what he says. He's *genuine/mean/cautious* like that.
- Andrew never takes risks. He's so *naive/cautious/moody*.
- I'm *sympathetic/mean/flexible* about when we meet. I don't have any plans this week.
- You can rely on Isobel. She's totally *trustworthy/moody/mean*.
- Jemma was really *mean/moody/naive* about my new haircut. She can be horrible sometimes.
- Robert didn't say a word all night. He can be so *naive/sympathetic/moody* sometimes.

1.2 Feelings

3 Change one incorrect word in each sentence.

- After he told the joke, there was a very ~~relieved~~ silence when no one laughed. *awkward*
- I can't eat shellfish. They make my mouth turn. _____
- I was under the moon to hear about your engagement. Congratulations! _____
- I had to walk home through the park in the dark. I was busy out of my wits. _____
- Thank goodness I met my deadline. I'm so fascinated! _____
- The first time I went on stage, I was scary like a leaf and forgot my words. _____

Word building: nouns

4 Complete the sentences with the noun form of an adjective in the box.

amusing angry anxious awkward
creative disappointing fascinated
spontaneous

- You could see the _____ on his face when he didn't achieve his predicted grade.
- I suffer from _____ when I'm put in a new or strange situation.
- I have a _____ with trains. I think rail engineering is incredible.
- I'm not good with _____. I like to plan everything in detail.
- I hope I get on with my new in-laws and there's no _____ between us when we meet.
- You need _____ to be a good artist.
- I felt a lot of _____ after our fight, but I've calmed down now.
- To our _____, the teacher told a joke at the end of class.

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- I must _____ (prepare) for that speech I have to give.
- I enjoyed watching Angela's _____ (react) to her surprise party.
- I don't know why Doug got involved. His _____ (interfere) was very unwelcome.
- I make a regular _____ (donate) to a local children's charity.
- I really value Simon's _____ (involve) with this project.
- I'm afraid I'm something of a _____ (fail) when it comes to playing the guitar.
- You might be able to _____ (prevent) a cold if you take some vitamins.
- I'm still getting _____ (treat) for my painful back.

1.3 Adverts

6 Match 1–7 with the endings a)–g).

- 1 To join the gym, please leave a £20 non-
- 2 Book a month's membership and you'll receive a two-
- 3 Please fill in
- 4 Don't forget there's a free
- 5 Get your first session free. Just sign
- 6 Please note that there's limited
- 7 Fees for a personal trainer are

- a) trial if you want to try the facilities first.
- b) for-one deal.
- c) negotiable. Enquire at the desk.
- d) your details on this application form.
- e) enrolment so please register quickly.
- f) refundable deposit at reception.
- g) up for your free trial today.

Focus on *-ness* and *-ment*

7 Complete the spidergram with the noun form of the words in the box.

agree arrange awkward careless commit
conscious dark disappoint embarrass invest
measure nervous polite replace retire sad
soft state weak willing

-ness

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____

-ment

- 11 _____
- 12 _____
- 13 _____
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- 15 _____
- 16 _____
- 17 _____
- 18 _____
- 19 _____
- 20 _____

suffixes

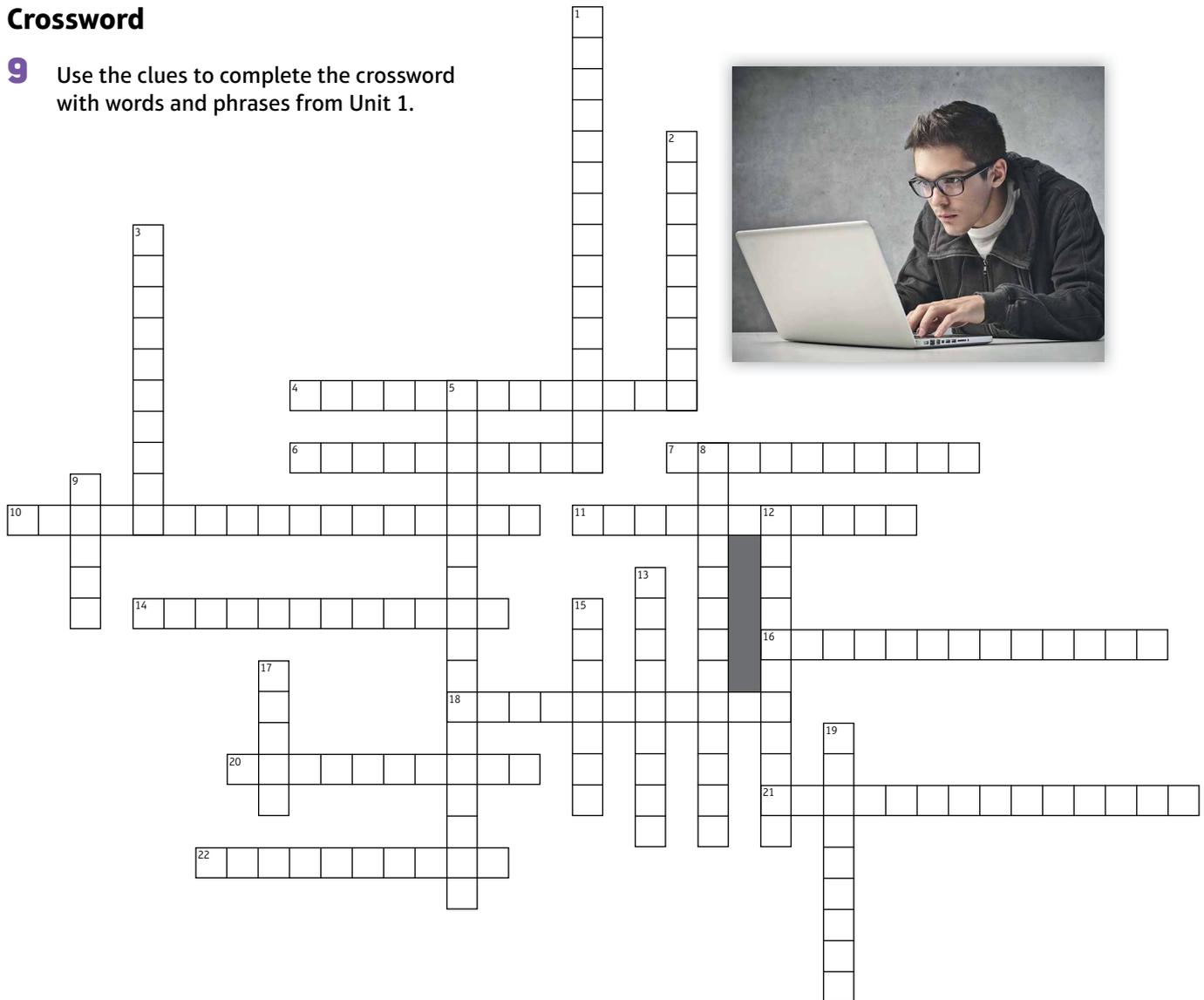
8 Complete the sentences with the correct form of a word from Exercise 7.

- 1 Don't feel _____. Your boyfriend's parents will love you!
- 2 It's a real _____ you didn't pass your driving test.
- 3 _____ your money carefully so you don't lose it.
- 4 _____ around heavy machinery can lead to injury.
- 5 Don't worry, he was still _____ when the ambulance arrived.
- 6 Let's try to come to an _____ as quickly as possible.
- 7 _____ is an important quality. It doesn't take much to say 'please'.
- 8 I know you love both your courses, but you need to _____ to just one.
- 9 Rose quit last week so we're advertising for her _____.
- 10 After fifty years of work, I'm looking forward to my _____.
- 11 I'm never comfortable speaking in front of the class. I feel _____.
- 12 If you want to be successful, you have to be _____ to work incredibly hard.
- 13 My best friend's sleeping on my sofa at the moment, but it's just a temporary _____.
- 14 Eating chocolate is a real _____ of mine. I just can't help myself.



Crossword

- 9 Use the clues to complete the crossword with words and phrases from Unit 1.



Across

- 4 not paid back, e.g. a deposit (13)
 6 enjoyable company; makes you smile (person) (1, 4, 5)
 7 very interested (10)
 10 very frightened (6, 3, 2, 2, 4)
 11 a feeling of excitement and worry, e.g. before an exam (11)
 14 something you give to help something be successful (12)
 16 someone who enjoys the company of others (1, 6, 6)
 18 practical and sensible (person) (4, 2, 5)
 20 annoyed and upset because you cannot change or achieve something (10)
 21 something that proves who you are (14)
 22 open to discussion, e.g. a price (10)

Down

- 1 make you feel sick (4, 4, 7)
 2 a document containing information about a person's character or work skills (9)
 3 a feeling of liking or wanting one thing more than another (10)
 5 write personal information on a form (4, 2, 4, 7)
 8 someone who knows a lot about technology (1, 8, 4)
 9 believing things easily because you lack experience (adjective) (5)
 12 understanding how someone feels (adjective) (11)
 13 feel admiration for someone or something (9)
 15 a combination of two or more things (7)
 17 concern (5)
 19 experience something at no cost (4, 5)