

## UPPER INTERMEDIATE UNIT 6

### 6.1 Age

#### 1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

act his age age discrimination come of age  
elderly for her age immature maturity  
in her prime

- Do sixteen-year-olds have the \_\_\_\_\_ to vote in an election?
- Life can be hard for \_\_\_\_\_ people if they have no family to look after them.
- I didn't know Angelique was over sixty! She really looks amazing \_\_\_\_\_.
- I guess you could say you \_\_\_\_\_ when you're an adult in the eyes of the law.
- Those boys become so silly and \_\_\_\_\_ when they get together.
- Simon's twenty-five and still collects action figures. He really needs to \_\_\_\_\_!
- Older people have many skills they can offer an employer. \_\_\_\_\_ should be a thing of the past.
- Jackie could win the championships. At twenty-six, physically speaking, she's \_\_\_\_\_.

### Word-building: prefixes

#### 2 Underline the correct alternatives.

- Too many of my students *il/mis/un*behave in class.
- I don't know why you're *un/dis/mis*willing to try new food. Be adventurous!
- If you are *in/dis/irs*satisfied with our service, please contact the manager.
- I don't understand the way you think. You're so *il/im/in*logical sometimes.
- Sometimes it's safer not to take risks. None of us are *in/im/dism*mortal.
- You won't be able to get into that club. You're *over/pre/under*-age.
- Dinosaurs existed in *pre/under/post*historic times.
- Don't be so *im/un/in*patient. We won't have to wait long.
- You never know what Selina is going to do next. She's so *un/in/mis*predictable.
- Most teenagers in the 1960s were *over/post/under*-war babies.

#### 3 Complete the words with a prefix.

- My food's gone cold. I'll heat it in the \_\_\_\_\_ wave.
- Dan, you speak German. Can you help me \_\_\_\_\_ late this email?
- Think about mixing up your presentation and including more \_\_\_\_\_ media.
- I wish I could speak another language. I'd love to be \_\_\_\_\_ lingual.
- This is far too small to see. We'll need a \_\_\_\_\_ scope.
- The newsletter comes out six times a year. It's \_\_\_\_\_ monthly.
- This photo's huge. It's over twenty \_\_\_\_\_ bytes!
- Without the \_\_\_\_\_ chip, we wouldn't have computers.

### 6.2 Optimism/Pessimism

#### 4 Complete the conversation with the phrases in the box. There is one phrase you do not need.

dreading looking forward  
look on the bright side mixed feelings  
nowhere upbeat ups and downs

- A:** I'm so sorry to hear you lost your job. Was it a shock?
- B:** Not really. The company's had its  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ over the years and we knew it was struggling this year.
- A:** How sad. How do you feel about it?
- B:** I've got 2 \_\_\_\_\_ to be honest. On the one hand, I hadn't had a promotion for years so my career was going  
3 \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm  
4 \_\_\_\_\_ to a new challenge. But on the other hand, I'm  
5 \_\_\_\_\_ looking for a new job. It's been years since I had an interview and all I can see is a row of young people and me all competing for the same job.
- A:** Well, I guess that could happen, but you can afford to be 6 \_\_\_\_\_ about it. After all, you have more skills and experience than any of them.

**Time idioms**

- 5** Find and correct five mistakes with idioms. Tick the correct sentences.
- Put your seatbelts on. The plane will be landing any time now.
  - I wish Sam would hurry up and decide. She's really dragging her ankles.
  - Let's try to get round at least three museums. We need to make up for missed time after our delay.
  - We can kill an hour or two in the shops before we go home.
  - Takuya managed to catch the last bus in the nick of hour.
  - There is no need to rush. Take your time.
  - It won't take long to get there. In fact, we'll be there in little time at all.
  - I'm sorry, we'll have to cut this meeting long. I need to get to the airport.

**6.3 Collocations**

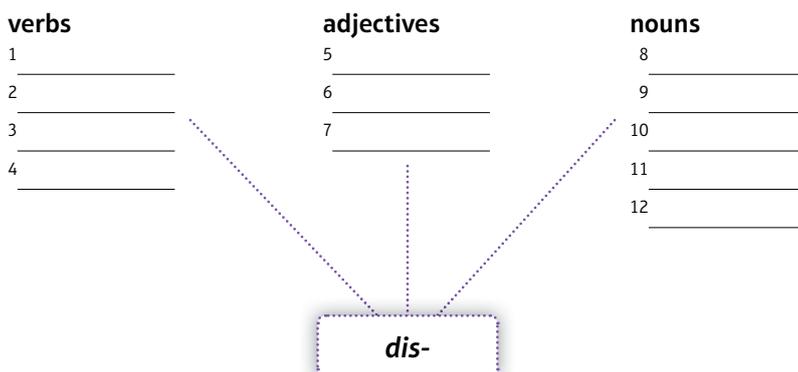
- 6** Put the letters in italics in the correct order to complete the sentences.
- Did you do \_\_\_\_\_ *sobj* around the house for pocket money as a child?
  - Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ *denrid* a scooter?
  - When was the last time you \_\_\_\_\_ *tseyda pu* really late?
  - How long have you \_\_\_\_\_ *deonw* your current smartphone?
  - Would you consider \_\_\_\_\_ *tngite* your nose pierced?
  - Do you enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ *tysngia* home alone?
  - Would you like to be in \_\_\_\_\_ *gehkra* of your own business one day?
  - Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_ *letavreld* around another country solo?

**Focus on dis-**

- 7** Cross out the words in the box which do not use the prefix *dis-*.

ability advantage agreement appear approve comfort  
 courage familiar honest like logical mortal organised  
 predictable relevant respectful satisfaction

- 8** Complete the spidergram with the remaining words from Exercise 7.



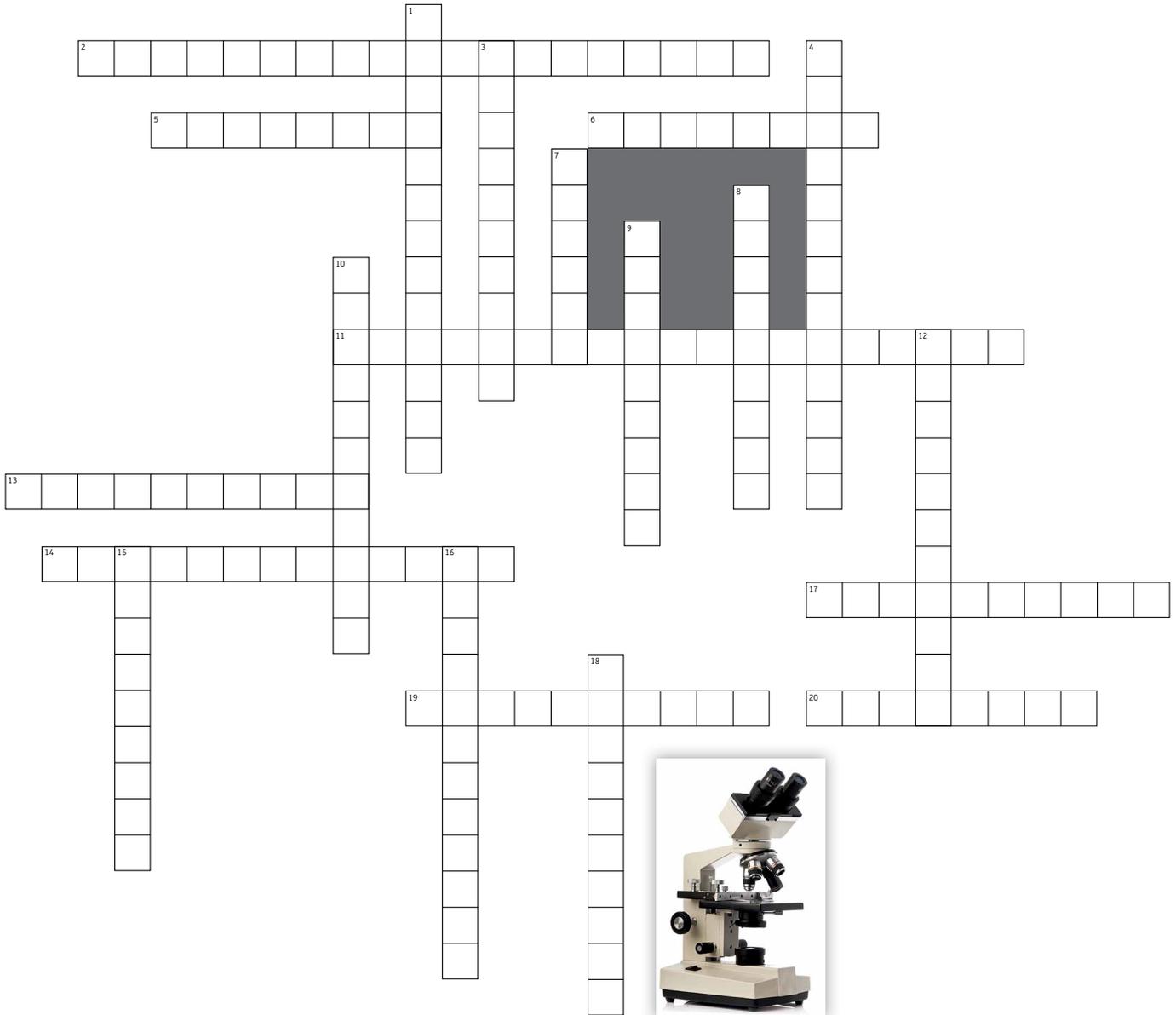
- 9** Complete the sentences with words from Exercise 8.

- I really *dislike* this ice cream. It's horrible.
- We should try to \_\_\_\_\_ people from parking so close to the school.
- My piano teacher regularly expresses \_\_\_\_\_ with my playing. I can never please her.
- There's a \_\_\_\_\_ between villagers about where to build the new village hall.
- Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ to others. Try to be polite at all times.
- Your desk is so \_\_\_\_\_. How can you find anything?
- Be careful who you do business with. There are a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ people out there.
- I was glad to see the snake \_\_\_\_\_ into the long grass.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt may have had a \_\_\_\_\_, but it didn't stop him being President of the USA.
- Some people \_\_\_\_\_ of bad language on TV and call the channel to complain.
- This chair's so hard. It's causing me quite a bit of \_\_\_\_\_.
- With one of our team members injured, we were at a real \_\_\_\_\_.



## Crossword

**10** Use the clues to complete the crossword with words and phrases from Unit 6.



### Across

- 2** go onto websites such as Twitter (3, 6, 10)
- 5** very quickly/soon (2, 2, 4)
- 6** a period of time between two events or between parts of a play (8)
- 11** see the positive impact of a negative situation (4, 2, 3, 6, 4)
- 13** not important to what you are doing or talking about (10)
- 14** many times; again and again (4, 5, 4)
- 17** put colours onto your face to look more attractive (4, 5-2)
- 19** not recognised (10)
- 20** lacking in confidence (8)

### Down

- 1** involving more than one country, e.g. a flight (13)
- 3** look after, e.g. a child (phrasal verb) (4, 4, 2)
- 4** take a long time (4, 4, 5)
- 7** positive because you think something you want will happen (6)
- 8** do two or more activities at the same time (9)
- 9** one person asks another person questions to find out more about them, e.g. for a job (9)
- 10** having more than one floor, e.g. a car park (5-6)
- 12** age when you are at your best (2, 4, 5)
- 15** a device you speak into to make your voice louder (9)
- 16** understand something in the wrong way (12)
- 18** a scientific instrument that makes small things look big (9)

