

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs from the box.

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- 1 What time does your train get in tomorrow?
- 2 I probably _____ time to help you today. How about later in the week?
- 3 I wonder what Steve _____ this time next week.
- 4 Do you think a cure for the common cold _____ by the end of the decade?
- 5 Where _____ the 2020 Olympics _____ place?
- 6 It's so dark outside. I'm sure it _____ soon.

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2 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 While / *However* I understand your predicament, I'm afraid I can't help you.
- 2 Much *though* / *as* I enjoy gardening, I do find it tiring after a while.
- 3 *Whatever* / *However* I do, I'm always in the wrong according to you.
- 4 *In spite* / *Despite* having a lot of work, Steve still manages to find time to help his friends.
- 5 Paul has started learning Italian *although* / *nevertheless* he has no aptitude for languages.
- 6 Challenging *as* / *though* it was, everyone made it to the summit of Kilimanjaro.

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Pronunciation

3 Underline one sound in each sentence that disappears in connected speech.

- 1 I need to buy a new dictionary tomorrow.
- 2 He couldn't remember what had happened.
- 3 Basically I don't think the proposal will work.
- 4 When I was a child I had to wake up very early.
- 5 He approaches every new task enthusiastically.
- 6 Science is still compulsory at school.

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Vocabulary

4 Add the letters to complete the words.

- 1 Brian was caught off b a l a n c e, missed his footing and fell.
- 2 I'm going to stay at home today because I'm feeling under the w _____.
- 3 When Jackie heard that she'd passed all her exams with flying colours, she was over the m _____.
- 4 You are under o _____ so you are obliged to tell the truth.
- 5 I don't know why anyone should be above s _____ just because they're in a position of power.
- 6 Don't be so silly. You're not over the h _____ just because you're forty!

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5 Correct the underlined words.

- 1 I can't make face or tail of what you're saying. Please slow down and enunciate clearly.
head
- 2 Nancy's behaviour is really out of order. She needs a good talk to.

- 3 Could you walk your idea by me one more time? I'm not sure I understood.

- 4 I haven't got all day. Please hurry up and go to the point.

- 5 John talks so much it's impossible to get a word in sideways.

- 6 I realised we were talking at crossed purposes.

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Functions

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 The ancient language of Coptic has its origins in Greek.
- 2 I would say that many of the world's problems can be attributed to greed.
- 3 Mark's insecurity stems from his early childhood experiences.
- 4 Sarah's love of language can be traced back to her first French teacher at primary school.
- 5 It's partly because of the internet that English has become so important.
- 6 The rise in unemployment has brought about an intense feeling of unrest and dissatisfaction.

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- 1 What time does your train get in tomorrow?
- 2 We _____ up later to celebrate Mike's birthday.
- 3 I'm sorry but I _____ the report by the end of the day as something else has come up.
- 4 Dana _____ back home this time tomorrow.
- 5 Sam _____ probably _____ saying all those mean things.
- 6 Alex _____ Economics at university this year because she wants to go travelling first.

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2 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 While / However I understand your predicament, I'm afraid I can't help you.
- 2 Wherever / However I travel, I always enjoy meeting people.
- 3 Although / Nevertheless Dan speaks fluent German, he's too shy to speak.
- 4 Much though / as I love watching films, I can't focus for longer than an hour or so.
- 5 Depressing though / while it is, I need to keep abreast of the news.
- 6 Despite of / In spite of having little money, John still manages to have a good time.

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Pronunciation

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- 2 She couldn't remember what had been said.
- 3 Basically I don't think the proposal will work.
- 4 The test is compulsory for all new students.
- 5 He approaches every new task enthusiastically.
- 6 She rather dramatically resigned on Friday.

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Vocabulary

4 Add the letters to complete the words.

- 1 Brian was caught off b l a n c e, missed his footing and fell.
- 2 Don't you think Clare's behaviour was rather over the t _____? I can't stand the way she flirts.
- 3 I was under the distinct i _____ that you couldn't make it to my party but I'm very glad to see you here.
- 4 The boat was blown off c _____ and ended up on the rocks.
- 5 Please feel free to have a look at our accounts. I can assure you that everything's above b _____.
- 6 I value honesty and a sense of humour but above a _____ I appreciate loyalty.

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5 Correct the underlined words.

- 1 I can't make face or tail of what you're saying. Please slow down and enunciate clearly. head
- 2 I don't enjoy going out with Pam and Joy because they always end up speaking shop and it's really boring as I don't work with them.
- 3 Well, that's an overstatement to say the least!
- 4 As usual, Ben got the wrong end of the twig because he wasn't listening.
- 5 I wish you would hurry up and make for the point. I haven't got all day.
- 6 If you'd let me get a word in sideways I'd be most grateful!

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Functions

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 The ancient language of Coptic has its origins in Greek.
- 2 It's because _____ your behaviour that people feel ill at ease with you.
- 3 Many of the problems in society can be attributed _____ materialism.
- 4 Global warming has brought _____ a change in our climate.
- 5 Lucy's insecurity stems _____ her relationship with her parents.
- 6 What do you think the current financial situation can be traced _____ to?

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