

Listening

1 Track 9 Listen to six recordings. Fill in the missing information.

- 1 Speaker A hates bad service in restaurants and feels the meal was a total waste of money.
- 2 Speaker B is driven _____ by mobile phone conversations.
- 3 Speaker C was given tickets for a _____.
- 4 Speaker D loves _____ early.
- 5 Speaker E hates _____.
- 6 Speaker F acknowledges that live music isn't everyone's _____.

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Pronunciation

2 Track 10 Listen and write the words you hear.

- 1 subtle
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

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Vocabulary and Grammar

3 Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 That play was grossly overrated / *thought-provoking*. What was all the fuss about?
- 2 The setting for the film was quite simply *stunning* / *poignant*. I wonder where it was.
- 3 The relationship between a photographer and his subject is very *well-received* / *subtle*.
- 4 I've always enjoyed literature that is *striking* / *offbeat* because I myself have an unconventional take on life.
- 5 I've just been to a very *stylish* / *poignant* production of one of Shakespeare's finest comedies.
- 6 I found the exploration of the artist's childhood rather *bleak* / *charming* and depressing.

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4 Complete the sentences with a suitable verb.

- 1 The idea came to me while I was waiting for my flight last week.
- 2 I'm always _____ up with fantastic ideas but no one takes any notice.
- 3 Going to Siberia in the middle of winter is crazy I know, but it _____ like a good idea at the time!
- 4 I _____ on the idea of doing a house swap when I read about it on the internet.
- 5 Mark _____ with the idea of going round the world since he turned fifty a few months ago.
- 6 What _____ you the idea for your latest composition?

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5 Complete the sentences with a verb from the box and a suitable noun.

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- 1 You've always enjoyed being the centre of a t t e n t i o n, haven't you?
- 2 Nancy is _____ in high e _____ by all of her colleagues.
- 3 Susan Boyle _____ an overnight s _____ after appearing on a TV talent show.
- 4 To get to the top of your profession, I think you have to _____ your d _____.
- 5 When Dan _____ to f _____ his life changed forever and now he's recognised wherever he goes.
- 6 I'd hate _____ in the s _____ all the time. You have no privacy at all.

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6 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

¹Had I realised how difficult the journey ² _____ be, I don't think I ³ _____ have even considered it but as they say, 'ignorance is bliss', so I set off one cold day in December. To start with, the hotel we stayed in was nothing ⁴ _____ its picture in the brochure. Not ⁵ _____ were the rooms tiny ⁶ _____ they were also ⁷ _____ filthy. To be honest, apart from some stunning views the trip was a total ⁸ _____ of money. Next year, I think I would ⁹ _____ stay at home ¹⁰ _____ go abroad. After all, our country is every ¹¹ _____ as beautiful as many others.

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7 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in capitals.

- What would you do if you lost your job?
SUPPOSING
Supposing you lost your job, what would you do?
- I'd prefer to go to Spain this year, given the choice. SOONER

- We really should start saving some money.
HIGH

- Imagine all your loved ones at your birthday party. WHAT IF

- As soon as we heard the news, we rushed out of the house. SOONER

- William plays the guitar and the piano really well. NOT

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Speaking

8 Underline the correct alternative.

- The journey home this evening was absolutely / undoubtedly horrendous.
- Mark is quite completely / simply one of the most talented pianists of his generation.
- Definitely / Basically, there's not really anything we can do to improve the situation.
- That was clearly / totally a truly embarrassing experience for all concerned.
- Seriously / Incredibly, have you really met the President of the United States?
- It's clear that Paul is honestly / totally out of his depth in his new job.

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9 Complete the sentences with a word from the box and a missing word.

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- do
- What ↑ you have in _____ for the charity fundraising event?
 - Can you go more _____ as I'm not quite sure what you want from us?
 - Let me know you have any _____ about the schedule and I'll run through it with you.
 - What great news! It looks as though we've got _____. Let's shake on it.
 - Please get _____ if there's anything else you need to know.
 - If you sponsor our idea, we make _____ for you so it's a win-win situation.

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Reading

10 Read the article. Match gaps 1– 6 with sentences a)–f). There is one extra answer.

Follow your dream and the rest will follow

How often do you meet people who are passionate about what they do? ¹ I would imagine that your answer will be 'very rarely'. And yet, considering we spend the major part of our waking existence at work, it's surprising how unhappy so many people are.

When we're children, we all have dreams, and dreams by their very nature seem unreal, unattainable but they're there to give us hope and goals. ² _____ So, after a while, we put those dreams to one side because we believe that adults must know better but of course they too are the victims of their own crushed dreams. Real life kicks in and we get caught up in all the day to day stuff of being a grown up.

³ _____ Some time ago, a random sample of 1500 graduating college students were surveyed to find out what they would base their career choice on. The vast majority said that making money was the first thing and following their dream was secondary. ⁴ _____ In a follow-up study on actual net worth some twenty years later, the results made for fascinating reading: 101 of the 1500 had become millionaires but only one of those millionaires had come from the group that had put money first. ⁵ _____

Of course, this study doesn't prove anything scientifically speaking but it does show that passion and heart are incredibly powerful energies. People who do great things have, above everything else, a purpose that stirs their soul. ⁶ _____ So, if you have a dream, make sure you harness that energy and follow wherever it takes you.

- a) I would imagine that your answer will be 'very rarely'.
- b) Only a very small percentage said that following their dream would come first with financial gain second.
- c) Adults around us will tell us not to be silly, how could we possibly think we were good or clever enough to make those dreams come true.
- d) The other hundred came from the group that had followed their dreams.
- e) They have an enthusiasm and exuberance that will ensure they achieve what they set out to do despite all the odds.
- f) However, for those of you who still have dreams, here's a true story.
- g) Above all else, as Shakespeare wrote: 'to thine own self be true'.

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- 5 Speaker E _____ the gossip magazines.
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- 3 I _____ on the idea of setting up a reading group in town when I realised how many people were interested in talking about books.
- 4 My Dad's always _____ up with mad ideas for household gadgets but no one takes any notice.
- 5 Mark _____ with the idea of semi-retiring for the last few months as he wants time to write.
- 6 What _____ you the idea for your last collection of short stories?

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5 Complete the sentences with a noun from the box and a suitable verb.

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- 1 You've always enjoyed *being* the centre of a ttt ttt, haven't you?
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- We didn't realise we were in danger. LITTLE
- As soon as the news was broadcast, people rushed into the streets. SOONER
- We ought to be going home soon. ABOUT TIME

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