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Words and phrases

1 Family and relationships

Complete the monologue by writing a word from the box in each space.

extended remarried nuclear stepsister divorce blended only child

'In the past, people used to live together as an (1) *extended* family, grandparents, parents and all the children, but nowadays, (2) families are more the norm, just parents and their offspring. My family is a little different. My parents decided to (3) and my mother (4) Her new husband also has a daughter from a previous marriage, so we've become a (5) family. Having a (6) is great as before I was an (7)

first-born groom kinship arranged marriage ceremony siblings

'(8) is the custom in my country. It just means that your family does a lot of research to match you up with a partner from a respectable family. Our wedding (9) is very different to the Western one as male and female guests are separated. The (10) goes to the women's room to take his bride home. Anyway, my wife and I are expecting our (11), and hopefully, he or she will have lots of (12) The idea of (13) is very important in our society. When I needed help finding a job, for example, I turned to my uncle and he found me a position in his company.'

adoption single parent upbringing child rearing

'My father died when I was very young, so my mother was solely responsible for our (14) Some people suggested she put us up for (15), but my mother refused. She was quite strict and I think my own ideas about (16) are quite different, but I admire the way she coped as a (17)

emotional fulfilment in-laws institution relatives

'In my country, marriage is still regarded as an important (18) And when you get married, in fact you are gaining not only a husband or wife, but a large set of (19) and distant (20) Having said that, marriages are no longer arranged for economic gain but more for (21) That's quite a big shift in social attitude.'

2 Ways of dealing with people

Underline the two words in italics which are similar in meaning.

- 1 Researchers are still *debating/arguing/interacting* over the origin of the ancient text.
- 2 Erikson *advised/contacted/approached* others in his field to seek their opinions.
- 3 The team *recommend/propose/demand* that the government invest in adult education.
- 4 The participants were *questioned/interviewed/surveyed* about the effects of advertising on their consumer habits.
- 5 Researchers from the two universities are *teaming up /mediating/collaborating* on the project.
- 6 Professor Ha will be *coordinating/assisting/organizing* the other team members.
- 7 The boys observed in the case study were unable to *interact with/relate to/network with* members of their family.
- 8 You will need to *liaise/debate/cooperate* more with the other students in your presentation group.
- 9 The company decided that they had to appoint someone to *contest/mediate/arbitrate* between management and the workforce.
- 10 Several scientists have *contested/interrogated/questioned* Wang's claims.

3 Come

Complete each sentence with a word or phrase from the box.

fire	conclusion	up	across	long way	surprise	down
against	together	contact	decision	criticism	down	

- 1 Several companies have *come under**fire*..... for their misleading advertising.
- 2 I've finally *come to a* about the subject for my thesis.
- 3 At the end of your essay, *come to a* about the causes of the problem.
- 4 The result *came as a* to the research team.
- 5 Matthews *came into* *with* other geologists also gathering data.
- 6 Medicine has *come a* since the twentieth century.
- 7 I think I *came* *as* a little nervous when I gave my presentation.
- 8 There are many aspects of the fuel crisis to consider, but what it all *comes* *to* is the fact that the supply of oil will finally run out.
- 9 Davis has sometimes *come in for* regarding the way he collects evidence.
- 10 The team from China and France have *come* on this project.
- 11 Without formal qualifications, people in my country will *come up* serious obstacles when they try to find a job.
- 12 Many elderly people *come* *with* flu at this time of year.
- 13 The small team of scientists believe they have *come* *with* a solution.

4 Prefixes anti-, post-, pre-, pro-

Complete each sentence using one of the prefixes above.

- 1 Psychologists point to the increasingly *anti-* social behaviour of young men.
- 2 In thewar years, many economies took time to gradually recover.
- 3-smoking campaigners say that it is their right to smoke.
- 4 The tutorial will be held on Tuesday instead as I have a-arranged meeting with other staff.
- 5 For people who are-nuclear energy, the advantages outweigh the risks.
- 6 In the novel, it is the-hero that the author clearly favours.
- 7 The continents as we know them today separated duringhistory.
- 8 The-communism era saw great fluctuations in the economy.
- 9 The editorial section of the paper tends to be-government and rarely contains any criticism.
- 10-heated food tends to have little nutritional value.
- 11 The areas we have to research weredefined by the course tutor.

5 In

Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

case	contrast	response	practice	advance	conclusion
view	retrospect	accordance	order	addition	comparison

- 1 Please finish your presentation by 2.30 in *case*..... anyone wants to ask questions.
- 2 After further research Adams now says 'In, I think we were wrong to recommend this diet.'
- 3 In to its negative effects on the ecosystem, pollution can also damage the health of children and adults.
- 4 In to anyone who supports higher taxes, I would argue that not everyone is able to afford them.
- 5 In with 2008, 2009 saw a slight improvement in sales.
- 6 In of the need to reduce crime, I feel that tougher penalties are required.
- 7 The fabric is then taken to the dyeing room in to change its colour.
- 8 In with the terms of their contract, staff were allowed to work flexitime.
- 9 In to the consumer spending patterns of men, those of women were far more consistent.
- 10 In theory, it is advisable to exercise regularly, but in, people cannot often find the time.
- 11 The fees for the term need to be paid four weeks in
- 12 In, it can be seen that the benefits outweigh the drawbacks.