

VOCABULARY

A. Choose the word or phrase that most appropriately completes each sentence.

- The plane is going to _____ in half an hour. Hurry up!
a. put on b. take off c. turn on d. turn off
- Why are you _____? Is anybody sleeping?
a. protecting b. whispering c. recognising d. searching
- The entire village was destroyed when the _____ erupted.
a. lightning b. volcano c. storm d. avalanche
- I can't _____ that box on the top shelf. Can you get it for me, please?
a. panic b. blow c. reach d. destroy
- Bryan looks really _____? What's wrong?
a. loud b. main c. ancient d. upset
- They can't afford the _____ of spending two weeks by the sea.
a. ground b. pain c. blood d. luxury
- Don't tell anybody. This is a(n) _____!
a. secret b. danger c. stress d. award
- We should take him to hospital immediately. He is _____.
a. thick b. entire c. wounded d. powerful
- The roof of our house _____ during the earthquake and everything was destroyed.
a. appreciated b. considered c. rewarded d. collapsed
- He doesn't have the _____ to lift such a heavy box. He's too young.
a. strength b. situation c. feather d. pressure

B. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capitals.

- Have you got any _____ words that I can explain? **KNOW**
- The art gallery was full of very expensive _____. **PAINT**
- Jane's performance was really _____. She's a great actress. **IMPRESS**
- David is extremely _____ with kids. He will become a great father some day. **PATIENCE**
- I am sending you this e-mail in _____ to your request. **RESPOND**
- The stadium was full of _____ last night. It was a great match and our team won! We had a good time. **SPECTATE**
- There was only one _____ of that horrible plane crash this morning. **SURVIVE**
- I don't know how you manage to look so _____ every time you give a presentation. I wish I could be like that! **CONFIDENCE**

GRAMMAR

A. Choose the word or phrase that produces a grammatically correct sentence.

- As Melanie was driving, she _____ to music.
a. listened b. listens c. was listening d. is listening
- My wife recently gave birth to twins, so now we need a _____ car.
a. biggest b. the bigger c. bigger d. bigger than
- That's the café _____ we are supposed to meet Nora.
a. which b. where c. who d. whose
- The solution to this problem is _____ than you may think.
a. complicated b. most complicated c. the most complicated d. more complicated

5. Steward was getting ready to go to bed when he _____ someone shouting.
 a. was hearing b. heard c. was heard d. did he hear
6. Your English is getting better and _____.
 a. good b. the best c. better d. better than
7. The boy _____ is walking down the street is my brother, Adam.
 a. that b. which c. where d. whose
8. When I _____ Matthew at the party yesterday, he didn't speak to me.
 a. saw b. am seeing c. was seeing d. didn't see
9. In my opinion, Prague is _____ city in Europe.
 a. the most beautiful b. more beautiful c. beautiful d. most beautiful
10. Ann _____ her first car in 1987.
 a. bought b. was buying c. is buying d. buys

B. Complete the text with the Past Simple or the Past Progressive of the verbs in brackets.

People refer to Agatha Christie as 'The Queen of Crime' because she (1) _____ (write) many crime novels, short stories and plays. While Agatha Christie (2) _____ (serve) as a nurse during World War I, she (3) _____ (learn) a lot about poison. Later, she (4) _____ (use) this knowledge in her stories. Her first novel, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, (5) _____ (come out) in 1920. One of the characters in that book was the detective Hercule Poirot. This character (6) _____ (appear) in another 25 novels. In 1930, while Agatha Christie (7) _____ (travel) in the Middle East, she (8) _____ (meet) Sir Max Mallowan. They (9) _____ (get) married that same year. She (10) _____ (go) on a lot of trips with her husband in the Middle East. These trips (11) _____ (give) Christie ideas for some of her famous books. In 1952, she (12) _____ (write) *The Mousetrap*. This (13) _____ (be) one of the most popular plays ever and it (14) _____ (receive) The New York Drama Critics' Circle Award in 1955.

C. Join the sentences using who, which, where or whose.

1. That's Sally Brown. Her seven brothers and sisters all live abroad.

2. The leather jacket was very expensive. I didn't buy it.

3. That new actor is very talented. I saw his new film last week.

4. Mike works at a restaurant. Famous people often eat there.

5. Tina was talking on the phone with Angie. She's her best friend.

D. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1. Gary's car is faster than Nigel's. **as**
 Nigel's car _____ Gary's.
2. Carla is not as talented as Sophie. **less**
 Carla is _____ Sophie.
3. If you keep eating a lot, you'll get fat. **more**
 The _____, the fatter you'll get.
4. Jane is more sociable than Annie. **so**
 Annie isn't _____ Jane.
5. Both Ryan and Heather cook well. **as**
 Ryan cooks _____ Heather.
6. Of all my subjects, I think Physics is the most boring. **least**
 Physics is _____ my subjects.
7. Vicky doesn't dance as gracefully as Rebecca does. **less**
 Vicky dances _____ Rebecca.