



Lesson 1

Choose the correct word	that fits	best in	the	space	provided	lin
the sentence.						

Q1.	It is important for the gover	nment to	healthy eating habit:
	for the health of the nation	at large.	
	a) submit	b) promote	c) acquire
Q2.	Every business must have	a clear	for the future to know

what they are working towards.

a) objective *b*) surcharge c) factor

Q3. Many people think it is better for a restaurant to ______ in one particular kind of cuisine rather than offer many different kinds.

a) promote

b) demand

c) specialize

Q4. Amazon is a leading company in the field of

a) decision-making

b) e-commerce

c) surcharge

Q5. Many budget airlines have additional for many things such as luggage and boarding pass printing.

a) surcharges

b) strategies

c) contributions

Q6. People often cite as one of the most important parts of their work life.

a) strategy

b) job satisfaction

c) learning curve

Q7. Most businesses would rather be than the alternative.

a) in the black

b) career path

c) in the red

Q8. When on a business trip, most companies allow their employees to claim for

such as meals, accommodation and travel.

a) balances

b) expenses

c) surcharges

Q9. When the supply of a product is limited, it is said to be ______

a) specialist

b) high-ranking

c) in short supply

Q10. When there is a lot of new skills for a new employee to acquire, we say there

.... for the job. is a steep

a) learning curve

b) decision-making

c) overdraft



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Lesson 2

- Match the words given with their correct meaning.
 - Q1. Entreprenuer
 - **Q2.** Statutory
 - **Q3.** Clarify
 - **Q4.** Terminate
 - **Q5.** Priority
 - Q6. Consumer
 - Q7. Economical
 - **Q8.** Commodity
 - Q9. Lucrative
 - Q10. Break Even

- a) Decided by the state.
- b) Anything that can be traded.
- c) A person who organizes a venture to benefit from an opportunity.
- d) To make clearer.
- e) Something you can make money from doing.
- f) Using little money or resources.
- g) Something needing to be done before other things.
- h) To bring to an end or get rid of.
- i) When income equals expenditure.
- *j)* A person who uses a commodity or service.

















Lesson 3

		Choose the	correct	word	to f	fill th	ne da	ap	provided	l in	the	sentence.
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Q1.	The directors of the compar	ny decided to	their company or
	the stock market.		
	a) subtract	b) float	c) select

Q2. It is exciting to ______ for an item in an auction.

a) bid b) achieve

Q3. Many people in large cities ______ to work on the metro.

a) withdraw b) commute c) incur

Q4. It is always great when your boss decides to give you a

a) annual b) bid

Q5. Most of the ______ is paid for by taxation.

a) publicb) consumerc) stockspendingspendingexchange

Q6. The number 3.75 when expressed as a ______ is $3^{3/4}$.

a) savings

b) fraction

c) capital

c) raise

c) target

Q7. It is always good to look for a high ______ from a bank when looking for a savings account.

a) digit

b) stock

c) interest rate

Q8. When a business is doing well, they often look to _____ more staff for their company.

a) recruit

b) project

c) supervise

Q9. Company bosses will often set specific ______ for their employees to try and achieve in a certain period of time.

a) bids

b) targets

c) applicants

Q10. You are often required to put down a _____ on goods that you order from a company.

a) raise

b) capital

c) deposit















Lesson 4

- Match the given words to the correct meaning.
 - Q1. Boost
 - Q2. Expenditure
 - Q3. Exceed
 - Q4. Fraud
 - **Q5.** Hierarchy
 - Q6. Personnel
 - Q7. Deadline
 - **Q8.** Treasurer
 - Q9. Revenue
 - Q10. Charity

- a) A system in which members of an organization or society are ranked according to relative status or authority.
- b) The latest time or date by which something should be completed.
- c) Wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain.
- d) An organization set up to provide help and raise money for those in need.
- e) To increase or to raise something.
- f) To go above and beyond a certain expectation.
- g) Income, especially when of an organization and of a substantial nature.
- h) Employees in a business.
- i) Person responsible for looking after the money in an organization.
- *j)* The action of spending funds in an organization.

















Lesson 5

Choose the word that best fits in the space provided in th	e
entence.	

Q1.	It is important to be able complete a business deal.	to	well when trying to
	a) decline	b) negotiate	c) publish
Q2.	Looking on TripAdvisor is particular places you may w	•	about
	a) negotiations	b) questionnaires	c) testimonials
Q3.	The company was	in 1963.	
	a) established	b) downturned	c) defaulted
Q4.	The two parties came to a the result.	and b	ooth were happy with
	a) perk	b) compromise	c) regulation
Q5.	The iPhone became a major	for the	e Apple company.
	a) cash cow	b) perk	c) purchase
Q6.	When you are an executive you may receive such as a c	' '	
	a) cash cows	b) perks	c) discounts
Q7.	When you purchase a new a	ppliance for the home it is	important to also get
	awith it ir	case something happens	
	a) discount	b) guarantee	c) catalogue
Q8.	When there is a serious	in the eco	nomy, it can lead to a

b) survey

Q9. When deciding whether to release a particular product, you must first

b) cope



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a) minority

a) relevant

Q10. When there is rapid

often declines. a) negotiation

decide whether it is



in a country, consumer confidence

to people's needs.

c) downturn

c) motivate





Lesson 6

- Choose the correct meaning that best explains the word given.
 - Q1. Return
 - Q2. Surplus
 - O3. Sack
 - Q4. Resource
 - **Q5.** Freelance
 - Q6. Customs
 - Q7. Client
 - **08.** Invest
 - Q9. Obsolete
 - Q10. Ethical

- a) No longer produced or used; out of date.
- b) A stock or supply of money, materials, staff, and other assets that can be used in order to function effectively.
- c) Relating to moral principles or what is morally right and wrong.
- *d)* A person who pays a professional person or organization for services.
- *e)* The profit made from an investment or activity.
- f) The official department that administers and collects the duties levied by a government on imported goods.
- *g*) Put money into financial schemes, shares, property, or a commercial venture with the expectation of achieving a profit.
- h) More than what is needed or used.
- i) Self-employed and hired to work for different companies on particular assignments.
- *j)* Dismiss from employment.

















Lesson 7

Choose the correct word	that fits	best in	the	space	provided	in
the sentence.						

Q1.	The information technology industry has experienced a lot of
	in the last twenty years.

<i>a</i>)	chaos	

6	statistics
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Q2.	During a	meeting,	there is	usually	someone	there	dedicated	to	taking	the
		of th	ie meeti	ng.						

a)	minutes

h)	statistics

- **Q3.** In general a factory has many ______ to consider, such as the cost of materials, energy, rental of the building etc.
 - a) estimates
- b) economics
- c) overheads
- Q4. A good agent will have a large of clients that he works with.
 - a) cash flow
- b) portfolio
- c) supplier
- **Q5.** A balance sheet is a document that lists the assets and of a company.
 - a) applications
- b) databases
- c) liabilities
- **Q6.** When people are looking for a specific product they will often trust a ______ product more than one with a generic name on it.
 - a) branded
- b) chaotic

- c) publicized
- **Q7.** A hotel in a seaside resort might employ people on a _____ basis rather than on a full-time basis due to the downturn in clients during winter.
 - a) estimate
- b) seasonal
- c) chaotic
- **Q8.** If you want an exact figure for how much a job will cost it is best to get from the supplier.
 - a) an estimate
- b) a manual
- c) a quote
- **Q9.** To keep a record of customers and suppliers, a company will often create a in their system.
 - a) manual

- b) database
- c) administration
- **Q10.** Being sick is one of the many reasons why an employee might be ____ from work.
 - a) absent

- b) comment
- c) publicized

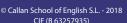
















Lesson 8

- Choose the correct meaning for the words given.
 - Q1. Merger
 - Q2. Monopoly
 - **Q3.** Takeover
 - Q4. Advisor
 - Q5. Convert
 - Q6. Liquidity
 - **Q7.** Productivity
 - Q8. Flagship
 - **O9.** Transfer
 - Q10. Output

- a) A company's biggest or most important example of something.
- b) How easily an asset can be turned into cash.
- c) An act of assuming control of something, especially the buying out of one company by another.
- *d*) A combination of two things, especially companies, into one.
- e) What a company produces in a particular period.
- f) A measurement of how efficient the production process is.
- g) The exclusive possession or control of the supply of or trade in a commodity or service.
- *h*) To change the form, character, or function of something.
- *i)* A person who gives advice in a particular field.
- *j)* To relocate someone or something from one place to another.

















■ Choose one of the following words and put them into the correct sentence.

scheme	motivations	items
extensive	assess	executive
cold calling	tasks	
import	terminate	

Q1.	Coffee is a commodity that most countries in Europe
	from other regions of the world.

Q2.	i	s an	examp	le of a	direct	market	ing tec	hnique	using	j
	the telephone.									

Q3.	If you have a temporary job, it means your contract will
	after a certain period.

Q4.	Although the candidate had	experience in the
	appropriate field, she lacks the relevant qualfications we re	equire.

Q5.	There were too many .	to be discussed on the agenda
	today, and so the mee	ting has been adjourned until the end of the week.

- **Q6.** There are various techniques used by Human Resources to the suitability of a candidate, including application forms, interviews and psychometric testing.
- **Q7.** Generally, we get things done more quickly and effectively if we take a little time to prioritize our ______.
- **Q8.** A senior manager in a large company is referred to as an
- **Q9.** The company runs an annual training every September for new employees.
- **Q10.** Although money is one of the most important ______ for most workers, it is not the only one.















■ Write	sentences	using t	he followi	ing voca	bulary:
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\mathbf{v}	Z .	ıa	LLU

Q3. take over (v)

Q4. purchase

Q5. graph

Q6. FAO = for the attention of

Q7. estimate (n)

Q8. generic name

Q9. copy somebody in (on ...)

Q10. trade credit















Exercise 11a

■ Correct the sentences below (i.e. they may be missing a word, a word may need to be changed or taken out of the sentence entirely, the tense may be wrong, etc.)

Q1. It is useful have an agenda for a work meeting so those present don't omit

	anytning important.
Q2.	I have forgotten Ms. Smith's extension, but please put me through as I need to talk to she urgently.
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Q4.	The proportion of people who have two jobs has increased for the last 20 years.
Q5.	An upturn into the economy is generally a good thing, but does not benefit everyone equally.

Q6. A verbal agreement is not legally value.















Exercise 11b

Q7.	makes the subject even more complicated.
Q8.	Many people buy property these days as an investment to the future.
Q9.	When demand for a product reduces, her price usually follows; however when demand is very low, the price can sometimes be very high.
Q10.	A diagram is any visual way in conveying information, including graphs
	and simple pictures.















Exercise 12a

Change the following sentences using an idiom, phrasal verb
or word from the stage with the same meaning.

Q1.	A government mainly receives (amount of income an organization receives) through taxes and duty.			
Q2.	Ibuprofen is the (the general name for something) for a medicine that is marketed under many different trade names.			
Q3.	We wanted to open a company and so to raise the necessary (the money and assets that a company is free to use to develop its business) we sold our cars and re-mortgaged our house.			
Q4.	Many people find (marketing activity that involves targeting individuals directly, usually by phone, email etc.) techniques to be irritating and an invasion of privacy in some cases.			

Q5. There was a famous period of very high (an increase in prices that

in Germany in the early 1920s.

happens over time, causing the real value of money to fall) rates















Exercise 12b

Q6.	Although the company had to sell off a lot of (things of positive value that a company owns), in the end it managed to survive without going under.
Q7.	Certain well-known businesses started as (business that involves buying and selling over the internet or by using other electronic methods) outlets without traditional bricks-and-mortar premises.
Q8.	A colourful and attractive (heading at the top of a piece of typing paper) can be an asset to a new company trying to establish itself in a crowded market.
Q9.	Olive oil is a (something that can be traded) that is exported from Mediterranean companies to other regions of the world.
Q10.	The (general expenses of running a business) in a city centre can be a lot greater than those on the outskirts and in small towns.















■ Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

Real money Q1. ______ your wallet is called cash. You can withdraw cash

from a cashier Q2.	is a person	that works in a bank, or from	an		
ATM or cash dispenser. Q	3 you do no	ot want to carry paper money	or		
coins, you can pay for thing	gs using a debit or credit card.	With a debit card you can pay f	for		
things Q4.	electronically transferring m	oney from your bank account	to		
the shop or business you want to pay. You do not, however, owe anyone anything, as the					
money has simply moved t	from your account Q5.	theirs. With a cred	dit		
card Q6.	the other hand, you pay fo	or things by borrowing electror	nic		
money that you do not ha	ave from a credit card compa	ny. You then must pay the cred	dit		
card company Q7.	the money you l	have spent, plus interest that th	ıey		
charge you for your service	S.				
The different types of mor	ney used around the world C	Q8. call	ed		
different currencies. The cu	rrency of the United States is t	he dollar (\$) for example, where	eas		
Q9.	of the United Kingdom is tl	he pound (£). When you chan	ge		
money from Q10.	currency to an	other, how much money you e	nd		
up with is determined by	the Exchange Rate, which var	ies over time. In the past, almo	ost		
Q11.	country in Europe had it	s own different currency: Fran	ıce		
had Francs, Germany had Deutschmarks, Spain had Pesetas etc. However, with the intro-					
duction of the Euro, many countries in Europe began to use Q12.					
single currency instead.					















Exercise 1

Lesson 1

- Choose the correct word that fits best in the space provided in the sentence.
 - **Q1.** It is important for the government to **promote** healthy eating habits for the health of the nation at large.
 - **Q2.** Every business must have a clear **objective** for the future to know what they are working towards.
 - **Q3.** Many people think it is better for a restaurant to **specialize** in one particular kind of cuisine rather than offer many different kinds.
 - **Q4.** Amazon is a leading company in the field of **e-commerce**.
 - **Q5.** Many budget airlines have additional **surcharges** for many things such as luggage and boarding pass printing.
 - **Q6.** People often cite **job satisfaction** as one of the most important parts of their work life.
 - **Q7.** Most businesses would rather be **in the black** than the alternative.
 - **Q8.** When on a business trip, most companies allow their employees to claim for **expenses** such as meals, accommodation and travel.
 - **Q9.** When the supply of a product is limited, it is said to be **in short supply**.
 - **Q10.** When there is a lot of new skills for a new employee to acquire, we say there is a steep **learning curve** for the job.















Exercise 2

Lesson 2

- Match the words given with their correct meaning.
 - **Q1.** Entreprenuer
 - c) A person who organizes a venture to benefit from an opportunity.
 - **Q2.** Statutory
 - a) Decided by the state.
 - Q3. Clarify
 - d) To make clearer.
 - **Q4.** Terminate
 - h) To bring to an end or get rid of.
 - **Q5.** Priority
 - g) Something needing to be done before other things.
 - **Q6.** Consumer
 - j) A person who uses a commodity or service.
 - **Q7.** Economical
 - f) Using little money or resources.
 - Q8. Commodity
 - b) Anything that can be traded.
 - Q9. Lucrative
 - e) Something you can make money from doing.
 - Q10. Break Even
 - i) When income equals expenditure.

















Exercise 3

Lesson 3

- Choose the correct word to fill the gap provided in the sentence.
 - Q1. The directors of the company decided to **float** their company on the stock market.
 - **Q2.** It is exciting to **bid** for an item in an auction.
 - **Q3.** Many people in large cities **commute** to work on the metro.
 - **Q4.** It is always great when your boss decides to give you a **raise**.
 - **Q5.** Most of the **public spending** is paid for by taxation.
 - **Q6.** The number 3.75 when expressed as a **fraction** is $3^{3/4}$.
 - **Q7.** It is always good to look for a high **interest rate** from a bank when looking for a savings account.
 - **Q8.** When a business is doing well, they often look to **recruit** more staff for their company.
 - **Q9.** Company bosses will often set specific **targets** for their employees to try and achieve in a certain period of time.
 - **Q10.** You are often required to put down a **deposit** on goods that you order from a company.















Exercise 4

Lesson 4

- Match the given words to the correct meaning.
 - Q1. Boost
 - e) To increase or to raise something.
 - Q2. Expenditure
 - j) The action of spending funds in an organization.
 - Q3. Exceed
 - f) To go above and beyond a certain expectation.
 - Q4. Fraud
 - c) Wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain.
 - **Q5.** Hierarchy
 - a) A system in which members of an organization or society are ranked according to relative status or authority.
 - **Q6.** Personnel
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 - Q7. Deadline
 - b) The latest time or date by which something should be completed.
 - **Q8.** Treasurer
 - i) Person responsible for looking after the money in an organization.
 - **Q9.** Revenue
 - g) Income, especially when of an organization and of a substantial nature.
 - Q10. Charity
 - d) An organization set up to provide help and raise money for those in need.



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Exercise 5

Lesson 5

- Choose the word that best fits in the space provided in the sentence.
 - Q1. It is important to be able to **negotiate** well when trying to complete a business deal.
 - **Q2.** Looking on TripAdvisor is good for finding **testimonials** about particular places you may want to visit.
 - Q3. The company was established in 1963.
 - **Q4.** The two parties came to a **compromise** and both were happy with the result.
 - **Q5.** The iPhone became a major **cash cow** for the Apple company.
 - **Q6.** When you are an executive in a company, there are some **perks** you may receive such as a company car, travel expenses being paid for etc.
 - **Q7.** When you purchase a new appliance for the home it is important to also get a **guarantee** with it in case something happens.
 - **Q8.** When there is a serious **downturn** in the economy, it can lead to a recession.
 - **Q9.** When deciding whether to release a particular product, you must first decide whether it is **relevant** to people's needs.
 - **Q10.** When there is rapid **inflation** in a country, consumer confidence often declines.















Exercise 6

Lesson 6

- Choose the correct meaning that best explains the word given.
 - **01.** Return
 - e) The profit made from an investment or activity.
 - Q2. Surplus
 - h) More than what is needed or used.
 - Q3. Sack
 - j) Dismiss from employment.
 - Q4. Resource
 - b) A stock or supply of money, materials, staff, and other assets that can be used in order to function effectively.
 - **Q5.** Freelance
 - i) Self-employed and hired to work for different companies on particular assignments.
 - **Q6.** Customs
 - f) The official department that administers and collects the duties levied by a government on imported goods.
 - **Q7.** Client
 - d) A person who pays a professional person or organization for services.
 - Q8. Invest
 - g) Put money into financial schemes, shares, property, or a commercial venture with the expectation of achieving a profit.
 - Q9. Obsolete
 - a) No longer produced or used; out of date.
 - Q10. Ethical
 - c) Relating to moral principles or what is morally right and wrong.















Exercise 7

Lesson 7

- Choose the correct word that fits best in the space provided in the sentence.
 - Q1. The information technology industry has experienced a lot of **innovation** in the last twenty years.
 - **Q2.** During a meeting, there is usually someone there dedicated to taking the **minutes** of the meeting.
 - Q3. In general a factory has many **overheads** to consider, such as the cost of materials, energy, rental of the building etc.
 - **Q4.** A good agent will have a large **portfolio** of clients that he works with.
 - **Q5.** A balance sheet is a document that lists the assets and **liabilities** of a company.
 - Q6. When people are looking for a specific product they will often trust a branded product more than one with a generic name on it.
 - Q7. A hotel in a seaside resort might employ people on a seasonal basis rather than on a full-time basis due to the downturn in clients during winter.
 - **Q8.** If you want an exact figure for how much a job will cost it is best to get a **quote** from the supplier.
 - Q9. To keep a record of customers and suppliers, a company will often create a database in their system.
 - Q10. Being sick is one of the many reasons why an employee might be absent from work.















Exercise 8

Lesson 8

- Choose the correct meaning for the words given.
 - Q1. Merger
 - d) A combination of two things, especially companies, into one.
 - Q2. Monopoly
 - g) The exclusive possession or control of the supply of or trade in a commodity or service.
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 - c) An act of assuming control of something, especially the buying out of one company by another.
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 - **Q5.** Convert
 - h) To change the form, character, or function of something.
 - Q6. Liquidity
 - b) How easily an asset can be turned into cash.
 - Q7. Productivity
 - f) A measurement of how efficient the production process is.
 - Q8. Flagship
 - a) A company's biggest or most important example of something.
 - **Q9.** Transfer
 - j) To relocate someone or something from one place to another.
 - Q10. Output
 - e) What a company produces in a particular period.















Exercise 9

■ Choose one of the following words and put them into the correct sentence.

scheme	motivations	items
extensive	assess	executive
cold calling	tasks	
import	terminate	

- **A1.** Coffee is a commodity that most countries in Europe **import** from other regions of the world.
- **A2. Cold calling** is an example of a direct marketing technique using the telephone.
- **A3.** If you have a temporary job, it means your contract will **terminate** after a certain period.
- **A4.** Although the candidate had **extensive** experience in the appropriate field, she lacks the relevant qualfications we require.
- **A5.** There were too many **items** to be discussed on the agenda today, and so the meeting has been adjourned until the end of the week.
- **A6.** There are various techniques used by Human Resources to **assess** the suitability of a candidate, including application forms, interviews and psychometric testing.
- **A7.** Generally, we get things done more quickly and effectively if we take a little time to prioritize our **tasks**.
- **A8.** A senior manager in a large company is referred to as an **executive**.
- **A9.** The company runs an annual training **scheme** every September for new employees.
- **A10.** Although money is one of the most important **motivations** for most workers, it is not the only one.















Exercise 10

- Write sentences using the following vocabulary:
 - A1. Data <u>security</u> is not a big problem in small companies, but it can be critical in large ones.
 - A2. The <u>factors</u> which influence a company's economic growth are connected to the economy of the country in which the company is situated.
 - A3. XYZ Limited took over ABC Plc last year.
 - A4. I <u>purchased</u> my computer in Japan because it was cheaper than buying it in Europe.
 - A5. It is often easy to take in information when it is displayed in the form of a graph.
 - A6. The letter was marked FAO: The Managing Director.
 - A7. The final cost of the job turned out to be significantly higher than the initial estimate.
 - A8. If you ask for a medicine using its <u>generic name</u>, you will often receive a cheaper product than if you ask for a well-known brand name.
 - A9. I <u>copied</u> the Finance Department <u>in on</u> the correspondence between us and Hamburg.)
 - A10. Using <u>trade</u> <u>credit</u> is commonplace in some industries and yet unheard-of in others.















Exercise 11

- Correct the sentences below (i.e. they may be missing a word, a word may need to be changed or taken out of the sentence entirely, the tense may be wrong, etc.)
 - **A1.** It is useful **to** have an agenda for a work meeting so those present don't omit anything important.
 - **A2.** I have forgotten Ms. Smith's extension, but please put me through as I need to talk to **her** urgently.
 - A3. Line graphs can clearly **present** how various factors vary from one month to the next.
 - **A4.** The proportion of people who have two jobs has increased **in/over/during** the last 20 years.
 - **A5.** An upturn **in** the economy is generally a good thing, but does not benefit everyone equally.
 - **A6.** A verbal agreement is not legally **valid**.
 - **A7.** I have stopped asking her to clarify the terms she **uses**, as she usually just makes the subject even more complicated.
 - **A8.** Many people buy property these days as an investment **for** the future.
 - **A9.** When demand for a product reduces, **its/the** price usually follows; however when demand is very low, the price can sometimes be very high.
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Exercise 12a

- Change the following sentences using an idiom, phrasal verb or word from the stage with the same meaning.
 - **A1.** A government mainly receives (amount of income an organization receives) through taxes and duty.
 - A government mainly receives **revenue** through taxes and duty.
 - **A2.** Ibuprofen is the (the general name for something) for a medicine that is marketed under many different trade names.
 - Ibuprofen is the **generic name** for a medicine that is marketed under many different trade names.
 - **A3.** We wanted to open a company and so to raise the necessary (the money and assets that a company is free to use to develop its business) we sold our cars and re-mortgaged our house.
 - We wanted to open a company and so to raise the necessary **capital** we sold our cars and re-mortgaged our house.
 - **A4.** Many people find (marketing activity that involves targeting individuals directly, usually by phone, email etc.) techniques to be irritating and an invasion of privacy in some cases.
 - Many people find **direct marketing** techniques to be irritating and an invasion of privacy in some cases.
 - **A5.** There was a famous period of very high (an increase in prices that happens over time, causing the real value of money to fall) rates in Germany in the early 1920s.
 - There was a famous period of very high **inflation** rates in Germany in the early 1920s.
 - **A6.** Although the company had to sell off a lot of (things of positive value that a company owns), in the end it managed to survive without going under.
 - Although the company had to sell off a lot of **assets**, in the end it managed to survive without going under.
 - **A7.** Certain well-known businesses started as (business that involves buying and selling over the internet or by using other electronic methods) outlets without traditional bricks-and-mortar premises.
 - Certain well-known businesses started as **e-commerce** outlets without traditional bricks-and-mortar premises.















Exercise 12b

A8. A colourful and attractive (heading at the top of a piece of typing paper) can be an asset to a new company trying to establish itself in a crowded market.

A colourful and attractive letterhead can be an asset to a new company trying to establish itself in a crowded market.

A9. Olive oil is a (something that can be traded) that is exported from Mediterranean companies to other regions of the world.

Olive oil is a commodity that is exported from Mediterranean companies to other regions of the world.

A10. The (general expenses of running a business) in a city centre can be a lot greater than those on the outskirts and in small towns.

The **overheads** in a city centre can be a lot greater than those on the outskirts and in small towns.

















Exercise 13

■ Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

Real money **A1. in** your wallet is called cash. You can withdraw cash from a cashier **A2. who** is a person that works in a bank, or from an ATM or cash dispenser. **A3. If** you do not want to carry paper money or coins, you can pay for things using a debit or credit card. With a debit card you can pay for things **A4. by** electronically transferring money from your bank account to the shop or business you want to pay. You do not, however, owe anyone anything, as the money has simply moved from your account **A5. into/to** theirs. With a credit card **A6. on** the other hand, you pay for things by borrowing electronic money that you do not have from a credit card company. You then must pay the credit card company **A7. back/for** the money you have spent, plus interest that they charge you for your services.

The different types of money used around the world **A8. are** called different currencies. The currency of the United States is the dollar (\$) for example, whereas **A9. that** of the United Kingdom is the pound (£). When you change money from **A10. one** currency to another, how much money you end up with is determined by the Exchange Rate, which varies over time. In the past, almost **A11. every** country in Europe had its own different currency: France had Francs, Germany had Deutschmarks, Spain had Pesetas etc. However, with the introduction of the Euro, many countries in Europe began to use **A12. this/the** single currency instead.









