



## Exercise 1

■ Fill in the gaps in the following text by using an appropriate word.

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| 6. a) turn    | b) catch   | c) call  | d) cope     |
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 ..... on responsibility for the new department, and even though she is very  
**Q3.** ..... she is clearly no stranger to hard work. I **Q4.** .....  
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 that she will find it difficult to **Q6.** ..... with such a capable leader. The first  
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 made of. It is a pity that Julia is too **Q8.** ..... to see that Claire can only  
 really be a help to her, as her old boss David didn't challenge her as much but allowed too  
 many **Q9.** ..... -ups which cost the company a lot of money. Unlike David,  
 Claire never **Q10.** ..... off until tomorrow what can be done today.



## Exercise 2

- Choose one of the following words and put them into the correct sentence. Change them by adding suffixes or changing tense if necessary (**e.g.** *an adjective may need to be put into its comparative form, an expression may need to be separated to make sense, or a verb may need to be changed from the infinitive to the past*).

<b>Off day</b>	<b>Nasty</b>	<b>Nag</b>
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- Q1.** Maria is constantly ..... me these days to fix the tap in the bathroom. It leaks but I just don't have the time to do it!
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- Q3.** I've sent out five emails to the wrong departments, I think I've caught a cold, and my wife told me I forgot to put the cat out this morning – I ..... write the day off as an .....
- Q4.** I just cleaned that floor! Get out the room and stop ..... all over it with your filthy shoes!
- Q5.** George relies on his mother for everything. She's paid his bills, she still does his laundry, and she's pushing eighty this year. He really ..... her .....
- Q6.** You don't have to be so ..... about it! He's only trying to give you some advice.
- Q7.** My sister ..... yesterday for being so cheeky to her boss. He said it was the last straw and she had to go.



## Exercise 3

■ Write sentences using the following vocabulary.

### Q1. Make a fuss

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### Q2. All over

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### Q3. Handy

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### Q4. Appalling

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### Q5. Catch on

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### Q6. Awkward

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## Exercise 4

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

**Q1.** Kevin **fastened** the buttons on his jacket quickly as he was in a hurry.

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**Q2.** **What's the purpose** of learning about algorithms if you're never going to use them in the future?

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**Q3.** He **confessed to** stealing from his mum's purse and they kept him in all weekend as punishment.

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**Q4.** You had better **calculate** how much you need to take with you on holiday.

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**Q5.** **At this current time**, I'm relatively happy with my job. I don't think I need a change.

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**Q6.** I can't believe I was so **stupid** to think that Arsenal would win the Champions' League.

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**Q7.** There is nothing better than sitting inside your warm house in the winter with a mug of hot chocolate. It is so **comfortable** and nice.

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## Exercise 5a

- Correct the sentences below (**e.g.** *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.** I has been living in Barcelona for two years now.

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**Q2.** He doesn't seem to care for the effect that his smoking is having on him.

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**Q3.** She does voluntary work in a school until she starts her university course.

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**Q4.** By 10 o'clock most of the guests went home.

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**Q5.** When I had gone home, Alison had left the house.

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**Q6.** I could find my keys yesterday, which was a relief as I had looked for hours.

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**Q7.** Calculators might not be used in the exam.

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**Q8.** He avoids to work as much as possible when he comes.

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**Q9.** I have orange juice or apple juice. What would you prefer?

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## Exercise 5b

**Q10.** He said to me to go away.

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**Q11.** The equipments were faulty and were not working efficiently enough.

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**Q12.** The girl's shoes were completely covered in mud, so I asked them to take them off.

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**Q13.** Some questions should be sent directly to the manager.

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**Q14.** If Bob isn't so lazy, he would have passed the exam.

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**Q15.** Can you tell me what is your name, please?

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# Answers

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# Answers

## Exercise 2

- Choose one of the following words and put them into the correct sentence. Change them by adding suffixes or changing tense if necessary (*e.g. an adjective may need to be put into its comparative form, an expression may need to be separated to make sense, or a verb may need to be changed from the infinitive to the past*).

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- A1.** Maria is constantly **nagging** me these days to fix the tap in the bathroom. It leaks but I just don't have the time to do it!
- A2.** Esperanto is still relatively **unheard of** these days, even though it was supposed to be easy to learn and let people all over the world communicate.
- A3.** I've sent out five emails to the wrong departments, I think I've caught a cold, and my wife told me I forgot to put the cat out this morning – I **may as well** write the day off as an **off day**.
- A4.** I just cleaned that floor! Get out the room and stop **treading** all over it with your filthy shoes!
- A5.** George relies on his mother for everything. She's paid his bills, she still does his laundry, and she's pushing eighty this year. He really **takes** her **for granted**.
- A6.** You don't have to be so **nasty** about it! He's only trying to give you some advice.
- A7.** My sister **got the sack** yesterday for being so cheeky to her boss. He said it was the last straw and she had to go.





## Exercise 3

■ Write sentences using the following vocabulary.

**A1.** *Make a fuss*

**I don't like to go to restaurants with him because he always makes such a fuss.**

**A2.** *All over*

**There are tall people all over Europe, but the Netherlands has the most tall people.**

**A3.** *Handy*

**I find it very handy to keep a small notebook with me at all times so I can write down any good ideas that strike me.**

**A4.** *Appalling*

**I went to see my sister's play but unfortunately it was appalling, and I didn't know what to say to her.**

**A5.** *Catch on*

**Prepaid credit cards have really taken on in some countries and not at all in others.**

**A6.** *Awkward*

**It was awkward last weekend when my girlfriend and I bumped into my ex-wife with her new husband.**



# Answers

## Exercise 4

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

**A1.** Kevin fastened the buttons on his jacket quickly as he was in a hurry.

Kevin **did up** the buttons on his jacket quickly as he was in a hurry.

**A2.** What's the purpose of learning about algorithms if you're never going to use them in the future?

**What's the point** of learning about algorithms if you're never going to use them in the future?

**A3.** He confessed to stealing from his mum's purse and they kept him in all weekend as punishment.

He **owned up to** stealing from his mum's purse and they kept him in all weekend as punishment.

**A4.** You had better calculate how much you need to take with you on holiday.

You had better **work out** how much you need to take with you on holiday....

**A5.** At this current time, I'm relatively happy with my job. I don't think I need a change.

**For the time being**, I'm relatively happy with my job. I don't think I need a change...

**A6.** I can't believe I was so stupid to think that Arsenal would win the Champions' League.

I can't believe I was so **thick** to think that Arsenal would win the Champions' League.

**A7.** There is nothing better than sitting inside your warm house in the winter with a mug of hot chocolate. It is so comfortable and nice.

There is nothing better than sitting inside your warm house in the winter with a mug of hot chocolate. It is so **cosy** and nice.



# Answers

## Exercise 5

- Correct the sentences below (**e.g.** *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.** *I has been living in Barcelona for two years now.*  
I **have** been living in Barcelona for two years now.
- A2.** *He doesn't seem to care for the effect that his smoking is having on him.*  
He doesn't seem to care **about** the effect that his smoking is having on him.
- A3.** *She does voluntary work in a school until she starts her university course.*  
She **is doing** voluntary work in a school until she starts her university course.
- A4.** *By 10 o'clock most of the guests went home.*  
By 10 o'clock most of the guests **had gone** home.
- A5.** *When I had gone home, Alison had left the house.*  
When I **went** home, Alison had left the house.
- A6.** *I could find my keys yesterday, which was a relief as I had looked for hours.*  
I **was able to** find my keys yesterday, which was a relief as I had looked for hours.
- A7.** *Calculators might not be used in the exam.*  
Calculators **may** not be used in the exam.
- A8.** *He avoids to work as much as possible when he comes.*  
He avoids **work** as much as possible when he comes.
- A9.** *I have orange juice or apple juice. What would you prefer?*  
I have orange juice or apple juice. **Which** would you prefer?
- A10.** *He said to me to go away.*  
He **told/commanded/ordered** me to go away.
- A11.** *The equipments were faulty and were not working efficiently enough.*  
The **equipment was** faulty and **was** not working efficiently enough.
- A12.** *The girl's shoes were completely covered in mud, so I asked them to take them off.*  
The girl's shoes were completely covered in mud, so I asked **her** to take them off.
- A13.** *Some questions should be sent directly to the manager.*  
Some questions should be sent directly to the manager.
- A14.** *If Bob isn't so lazy, he would have passed the exam.*  
If Bob **weren't** so lazy, he would have passed the exam.
- A15.** *Can you tell me what is your name, please?*  
Can you tell me what **your name is**, please?