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Exercise 2

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Exercise 3a

■ Write sentences using the following vocabulary:

Q1. How come

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Exercise 3b

Q7. To fancy

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Exercise 4a

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Exercise 4b

Q7. Ralph was quite overwhelmed when his company sent him to Barbados but in the end, to his surprise, he **managed** without any major problems.

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Exercise 5a

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Exercise 5b

Q7. You're entitled to your opinion but that comment was totally uncalled-about.

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Exercise 6

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

Thanksgiving Open Cloze

Thanksgiving is **Q1.** wonderful celebration when families gather to feast on turkey and other foods, and relax and enjoy each other's company. But where **Q2.** this tradition come from?

In 1620, a group of 102 people who **Q3.** now known as the Pilgrims sailed from Plymouth, England to a place near Cape Cod, Massachusetts, where they longed to enjoy religious freedom and land ownership in the New World. Only about half of the Pilgrims survived **Q4.** first winter. The following year, a Native American named Squanto taught them how to cultivate corn, catch fish, avoid poisonous plants, and extract sap **Q5.** trees. He also helped establish a peaceful friendship **Q6.** the settlers and the local Native American tribe, known as the Wampanoag.

The first successful harvest came **Q7.** November 1621, and the governor of Massachusetts organized a celebratory feast, inviting the Wampanoag tribe to break bread with the settlers. **Q8.** is now considered America's first Thanksgiving. **Q9.** many Thanksgivings were celebrated for various reasons in the following years, it didn't become an annual tradition until more than two hundred years later, when President Abraham Lincoln made it a national holiday in 1863.



Exercise 7

CLOZE

■ Fill in the gaps in the following text by choosing the appropriate word.

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| 1. a) over | b) in | c) on | d) down |
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| 3. a) way | b) direction | c) point | d) sense |
| 4. a) took | b) brought | c) went | d) came |
| 5. a) off | b) aside | c) on | d) down |
| 6. a) crush | b) crash | c) crass | d) cross |
| 7. a) dicey | b) dodgy | c) daft | d) dire |
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If we are going to avoid being taken **Q1.** by our competitors, we need to stay on the **Q2.** I thought Alice had been trying to talk Vince into a merger, but in fact it was the other **Q3.** round. He says that he **Q4.** up with the idea as a way of avoiding having to lay **Q5.** too many employees if the acquisition goes ahead. I am **Q6.** with Alice for listening to his **Q7.** reasoning; I think it is only because she **Q8.** him secretly. In the end, I am sure she will realize that, although he is handsome and charming socially, at work he can easily turn **Q9.** a monster and will stop at nothing to get what he wants.



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- A4.** Alaska can be a cold, unforgiving place; **mind you**, the scenery is breathtaking.
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- A6.** Everyone likes her; she's such an **easy-going** person.
- A7.** You should be ashamed of yourself. Your behaviour at the party last night was **outrageous**.
- A8.** It was such a shame we had **to scrap** all the work we'd done when we discovered our colleague had made up some of the results.
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Answers

Exercise 2

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Exercise 3

■ Write sentences using the following vocabulary:

A1. How come

How come Bill isn't here today? He usually comes every week.

A2. To call it a day

We have been working for more than 12 hours; I think it is time that we called it a day.

A3. To make out

You can always make Bill out in a crowd as he is so very tall.

A4. To dread

I dread Tuesday afternoons at work as there are too many people doing too little and just taking up space and getting in the way.

A5. Funny

I get a funny feeling just before it starts to rain.

A6. To trip over

I tripped over a stone and fell into the bushes.

A7. To fancy

Joanne fancied fish fingers for her dinner but the shop didn't have any so she settled for haddock instead.

A8. To let someone off

Although there was no doubt that Brian had committed the crime, he was let off with a light sentence as he was so young.

A9. To rate

I don't rate Lady Gaga at all. All her songs sound the same.

A10. To take up

When Jane broke her leg she took up chess and soon became rather good at it.

A11. To murder

I could murder a Coca-Cola as I'm so thirsty.



Answers

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

A1. Vandalism, at such a young age, isn't to be taken lightly. It's *no surprise* his mum banned him from watching television for a month.

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A2. The lecture was very complicated and I couldn't *digest* so much information at once.

The lecture was very complicated and I couldn't **take in** so much information at once.

A3. Have you *decided on* the curtains for the guest room yet?

Have you **made up your mind on** the curtains for the guest room yet?

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Raval isn't such a **dodgy** neighbourhood as it's made out to be.

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Poor Sara – her mom makes her wear such hideous clothes and her friends are always **making fun of** her behind her back.

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Ralph was quite overwhelmed when his company sent him to Barbados but in the end, to his surprise, he **got on** without any major problems.

A8. She is very popular amongst her peers and always tries to stand up for the younger children who are being *bullied*.

She is very popular amongst her peers and always tries to stand up for the younger children who are being **picked on**.

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I've called ten times and I still can't **get hold of him**. Perhaps his phone is on silent.

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