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VOCABULARY

1 Write the missing letters to complete the phrases.

- Can you please stop g _ _ g _ _ a _ _ t how popular you are!
- C _ _ _ _ _ _ _ what most people believe, chocolate is good for you.
- St Paul's Cathedral is most n _ t _ _ _ f _ _ its dome.
- Having been off work for a few weeks, Molly needed to c _ _ h _ _ _ what was happening.
- It was a p _ _ _ _ _ _ _ everyone that the building was unsafe.
- The software is not c _ _ p _ _ _ _ _ w _ _ my computer.
- Daniel didn't want to do the course, but his mother t _ _ _ ed him i _ _ _ it.
- The builders of the Titanic were m _ _ t _ _ _ _ _ believing it was unsinkable.

2 Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the box. There are more words than you need.

target threw himself into sponsor
look up to emulate fanbase helpful
deactivated come up against market
engage with inaccessible followers
helpless uncooperative boost
campaigned for

- Young people often try to _____ people they see on social media by wearing the same clothes or using the same products.
- Don't act like you're _____. You could do a lot more things for yourself if you tried.
- I think the online library has _____ my account because I haven't used it for so long.
- We think the new advertising campaign will help _____ sales.
- Stop being so _____! We all need to work together if this project is going to succeed.
- The singer's _____ is made up mainly of teenage girls.
- I really _____ my grandmother as she has achieved so much in her life.
- When he graduated from university, Kieran _____ building up his business.

3 Complete the sentences with an adverb from the box. There are more adverbs than you need.

virtually randomly highly massively
repeatedly supposedly universally
respectively technically
worryingly officially

- Participants have been _____ selected to take part in the survey.
- The neighbourhood has improved _____ since we first moved here.
- Scientists have _____ discovered a new species of monkey in Myanmar.
- It is _____ impossible to speak a language without an accent unless you start learning as a young child.
- The idea that fossil fuels damage the environment is almost _____ accepted.
- In September and October, profits increased by 14% and 18% _____.
- It is _____ illegal to cycle on the pavement, but everyone does it.
- Badminton was not _____ recognised as an Olympic sport until 1992.

4 Complete the words. Some letters have been given to help you.

- The last Tasmanian tiger died in 1936, although the species was only declared e _ _ _ _ t in 1982.
- People are increasingly interested in TV programmes which teach you how to survive in the w _ _ _ _ n _ _ , even though most of them will never need to.
- Many people don't realise that p _ _ _ _ _ g affects plants as well as animals, as they can be sold for profit too.
- The black rhino is one species that is on the v _ _ _ of extinction.
- Visiting a zoo gives people a chance to see e _ _ _ _ _ ed animals.
- There is some very pretty w _ _ _ _ _ d between my house and my school where we play every day.
- The giant panda is v _ _ _ _ _ b _ , which means it is likely to become extinct if things don't improve.
- H _ _ _ _ _ l _ _ is a result of human activity, such as clearing forests to make way for roads, houses and agriculture.

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GRAMMAR

5 Find and correct any errors in the sentences.

- I'll have my mum to call yours and arrange a get-together.
- He is the boy I copied his homework.
- Julio asked me that whether I watched much TV.
- Our IT expert recommended using a different browser.
- I got trimmed the hedge by a professional gardener.
- Last month, there were three attacks on elephants caught on camera.
- Clapped loudly, the audience rose to their feet.
- The Alhambra is in Granada which was built in the 9th century.

6 Choose the correct option.

- Paulina asked how long we *have been being* / *had been* / *have been* married.
- Knocked* / *Having knocked* / *Knocking* three times, I assumed they were not at home.
- Come on, children. Get some work *doing* / *having done* / *done* before the end of the lesson!
- Cheryl offered *water* / *to water* / *watering* my plants while I was on holiday.
- That is the wildlife sanctuary *which* / *where* / *who* they treat and release injured birds.
- Having situated* / *Situated* / *Situating* in the centre of the country, Birmingham is often called 'the heart of England'.
- Charlotte got her children *to tidy* / *tidy* / *tidied* their rooms before the guests arrived.
- Alberto apologised for *be* / *to be* / *being* late.

7 Join the sentences into relative (R) or participle (P) clauses. The type of sentence is shown in brackets. Put commas in the correct place if needed. There may be more than one possible answer.

- Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic. It is only an hour's drive from my village. (R)
- Samira is my next-door neighbour. She is a social media influencer. (R)
- Phil ran out the door. As he went, he grabbed a handful of biscuits for his breakfast. (P)
- The accused left court. He was hidden under a blanket. (P)
- That is the girl. I practise my English with her. (R)
- The class completed Level 8. Then they moved on to Level 9. (P)
- Kurt strolled down the lane. He was whistling a merry tune. (P)
- All students need a quiet place. They can study there. (R)

8 Rewrite the sentences using the given word(s).

- Don't call me after 9pm. I go to bed early.

SLEEPING

- I regret shouting at Eric.

SHOULDN'T

- Fred's picture was a lot better than all the others.

BY FAR

- Whatever happens, you mustn't press the red button.

CIRCUMSTANCES

- If your wife has died, you are a widower.

WHOSE

- People in Sri Lanka grow tea.

IS

- Faris bakes cakes and he enjoys it.

KEEN

- I was unable to get a good job because I failed my exams.

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LISTENING



9 You will hear part of a radio programme in which a local hero is interviewed. Choose the correct answer.

- 1** Why did Nick Bates dive into the water to help the teenagers?
 - A** He acted without thinking about it.
 - B** He realised that they couldn't swim.
 - C** Because it was winter and very cold.
- 2** What do most people believe about the water temperature in springtime?
 - A** It is cold enough even to kill you.
 - B** That it is warmer than the rest of the year.
 - C** The temperature is not too bad.
- 3** Why does Nick Bates know so much about the sea?
 - A** He lives in an area surrounded by water.
 - B** His career meant he spent time at sea.
 - C** He has made other rescues at sea.
- 4** What does Nick Bates find shocking?
 - A** That many people who live near the sea don't do water sports.
 - B** That cold water can kill you so quickly even when the air is warm.
 - C** That people don't know much about the dangers of the sea.
- 5** What assumption do many people make about wetsuits and dry suits?
 - A** That only competitive athletes need to wear them.
 - B** That they are not within the budget of ordinary people.
 - C** That they are worn instead of your normal clothes.

READING

10 Read the texts reviewing language-learning apps.

Find a statement which matches each app. There are two statements you don't need.

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| 1 Lingualearn | _____ |
| 2 Language Tower | _____ |
| 3 Speakeasy | _____ |
| 4 Be Fluent | _____ |
| 5 Universo | _____ |

- A** It demands high levels of accuracy.
- B** It often stops working.
- C** It doesn't allow you to do other things at the same time.
- D** It could have higher standards, in the reviewer's opinion.
- E** It teaches a limited form of one language.
- F** It focuses mainly on the written language.
- G** It lacks authenticity.

Language-learning apps – five of the best reviewed

Lingualearn

I chose Lingualearn because a friend of mine told me he'd used it to learn German. I needed to pick up the basics of Italian quickly as I was going to Rome to work for a year. This app focuses on the equally important skills of listening and speaking for the first few lessons. I really engaged with the video clips featuring native speakers having everyday conversations using colloquial language. They get you to repeat the dialogues and the app rates your pronunciation. Unlike a real teacher, it is brutally honest about your performance, but it still lets you move on. For my requirements, the focus on the written word was somewhat inadequate – there is little emphasis on accuracy and it lets you move on to the next lesson without spelling a single word correctly.

Language Tower

What appealed most to me about Language Tower was that it's technically very advanced. You have conversations with chatbots, which I found really enthralling. I do love that aspect of the app, but some of the dialogues have been a bit surreal and if you try to emulate the way the chatbot speaks, you will sound very strange! Initially, I was attracted by the app being based on the 5,000 most commonly occurring words as that seems like a scientific approach; the reality though is that everyone is learning for different reasons and after the very basic introductory lessons, the content didn't suit my purpose. I travel to Germany every year for a tech-related conference, so I'm not really interested in knowing the words for a whole load of food and drinks.

Speakeasy

A friend of mine suggested I try Speakeasy to brush up my French as I was not enjoying my lessons at school, but I needed to pass my exams. The videos are exceptionally well made using professional actors and scripted dialogues based in locations like restaurants, sports centres, schools, etc. so you can imagine yourself being there. Integral to this app is its anti-distraction feature – the videos just stop playing if you aren't paying attention. I'm a multi-tasker so I tried to do other stuff while listening, but it doesn't let you! It's a bit pricey compared to some other apps, but my parents were willing to pay, so that wasn't a problem for me. The best thing for me is that it is very motivational. It uses praise a lot and that has boosted my confidence.

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Be Fluent

Being a gamer, I wanted a language-learning app that would allow me to compete against myself with games and quizzes. Be Fluent has a wider range of activities than other apps I've tried and if you upgrade to Premium, you can even compete against other learners. I've met people all over the world through the app. The only downside is that to get as far as the games, you have to successfully complete the lesson. The app is like a strict teacher who won't let you move forward unless you get everything right. I've been stuck a few times because the app said my pronunciation was wrong – the voice recognition software doesn't seem to allow for foreign accents. It's quite frustrating because the standard is a bit unrealistic. I'm sure actual Spanish speakers would understand what I'm saying.

Universo

Many language-learning apps start from the assumption that English is the user's native language. What is different about Universo is that it has 27 different languages and you can learn any of them through any of the others. In my case, my first language is Portuguese and I wanted to learn Mandarin Chinese for work. Although I get by in English, there is nothing like learning through your mother tongue. Another great feature is you learn 'chunks' of language rather than individual words right from the start, which mimics how small children learn from their parents and siblings. I would have preferred to learn Chinese characters instead of pinyin – basically Mandarin using our script – but I should have the opportunity to learn to write properly when I get to China.

WRITING

- 11** Your school has decided to fundraise for a charity. You think the school should choose a wildlife charity because you have recently learned about endangered animals. Write a proposal nominating a wildlife charity. Explain:

- which charity you suggest
- why this charity is worthy of support
- how money could be raised

Write about 260 words.

SPEAKING

- 12** Complete the words to make phrases you can use in a discussion.

- 1 The r_____ I say that is ...
- 2 As far as I'm c_____ , it's not true.
- 3 That's not something I've ever really c_____ s_____ .
- 4 What I m_____ by that is ...
- 5 That's open to i_____ p_____ t_____ .

- 13** Discuss the questions with a partner. Try to use the phrases from exercise 12.

- 1 What is the strangest thing you've ever seen on social media?
- 2 What do you think are the best ways to protect endangered species?
- 3 How important is it for young people to have role models to look up to?
- 4 What features do you think a language-learning app should have?
- 5 Was life better or worse before social media?