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VOCABULARY

1 Complete the sentences with a phrase from the box.

mistaken in	compatible with
catch up on	going on about
notable for	apparent to
	contrary to
	talked into

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

2 Choose the best word to complete the sentences.

- Young people often try to _____ people they see on social media by wearing the same clothes or using the same products.
A target B sponsor C emulate
- Don't act like you're _____. You could do a lot more things for yourself if you tried.
A helpless B unhelpful C helpful
- I think the online library has _____ my account because I haven't used it for so long.
A recognised B deactivated C disobeyed
- We think the new advertising campaign will help _____ sales.
A engage with B boost C market
- Stop being so _____! We all need to work together if this project is going to succeed.
A uncooperative B inaccessible C imprecise
- The singer's _____ is made up mainly of teenage girls.
A supporters B follower C fanbase
- I really _____ my grandmother as she has achieved so much in her life.
A look up to B come up against
C get by
- When he graduated from university, Kieran _____ building up his business.
A campaigned for
B threw himself into
C raised awareness of

3 Choose the more appropriate adverb.

- Participants have been *randomly* / *effectively* selected to take part in the survey.
- The neighbourhood has improved *highly* / *massively* since we first moved here.
- Scientists have *repeatedly* / *supposedly* discovered a new species of monkey in Myanmar.
- It is *virtually* / *considerably* 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 *universally* / *publicly* accepted.
- In September and October, profits increased by 14% and 18% *individually* / *respectively*.
- It is *technically* / *worryingly* illegal to cycle on the pavement, but everyone does it.
- Badminton was not *comprehensively* / *officially* recognised as an Olympic sport until 1992.

4 Are the words and phrases in bold used correctly in the sentences? Tick the correct sentences and replace any incorrect ones with a word from another sentence.

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

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GRAMMAR

5 Tick the **TWO** correct sentences. Find and correct the errors in the others.

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

6 Choose the correct option.

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

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

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

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

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

SLEEPING

Don't call me after 9pm because I

.....

- 2** I regret shouting at Erik.

SHOULDN'T

I

.....

at Erik.

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

BY FAR

Fred's picture was

.....

of them all.

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

CIRCUMSTANCES

Under

.....

press the red button.

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

WHOSE

A widower

.....

has died.

- 6** People in Sri Lanka grow tea.

IS

Tea

.....

in Sri Lanka.

- 7** Faris bakes cakes and he enjoys it.

KEEN

Faris

.....

cakes.

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

IF

If I my exams,

I got a good job.

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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.
- 2 What do most people believe about the water in springtime?
 - A It is cold enough even to kill you.
 - B 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.
- 4 What does Nick Bates find shocking?
 - A That people don't know much about the dangers of the sea.
 - B That many people who live near the sea don't do water sports.
- 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.

READING

10 Read the text about language-learning apps.

Which app ...

- 1 demands high levels of accuracy?
- 2 doesn't allow you to do other things at the same time?
- 3 could have higher standards, in the reviewer's opinion?
- 4 teaches a limited form of one language?
- 5 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.

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.

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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 200 words.

SPEAKING

- 12** Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

mean	interpretation	reason
considered	concerned	

- 1 The I say this is ...
- 2 As far as I'm, it's not true.
- 3 That's not something I've ever really
- 4 What I by that is ...
- 5 That's open to

- 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?