

1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- Now that I'm going to France, I need to brush / catch up on my French speaking skills.
- I can't believe you *talked* / *took* me into watching this film again.
- He *came up to* / *burst out* me at the party and asked me dance with him.
- Dad asked me if I was happy but I wasn't sure what he was *getting at* / *taking in*.
- I've been away for two weeks, so let me *catch up on* / *get at* my emails and then we can meet.
- She wanted to get her lovely, long hair cut but we *talked her into* / *talked her out of* it.
- Why did you *get at* / *burst out* laughing during the film? What was so funny?
- Mum keeps *getting by* / *going on about* how I should get a part-time job.

2 Reorder the words to complete the sentences.

- doing this / how / talk you / did he / into
How did he talk you into doing this?
- we speak / we'll get / I think / by / Spanish / so / in Italy
We speak _____
- is very rusty / brush / I need to / on / my vocabulary / up / my German / so /
My German _____
- my parents / accounting / out / but / talked me / I was / going to / of it / study /
I was _____
- take / in / I'd won / he told me / it / I couldn't / when / he was joking / I thought
When _____
- the tourist / and / directions / came / to me / just / asked for / up
The tourist _____
- keeps / the same idea / the teacher / I don't know / at / but / what she's getting / repeating
The teacher _____
- Sara / keeps / is so boring / on / her diet / she / about / going
Sara _____

3 Complete the two texts with the word anagrams in brackets.

- Everyone did ¹ incredibly (bylrecdiin) well in their tests this week. Naomi and Will got the two highest scores with 97% and 95% ² _____ (vylesptrcei), so well done you two. Several of you will see that while you ³ _____ (thyclaenli) got some of the answers correct, I marked you down because you didn't show your working out - something I have ⁴ _____ (daetylreep) told you that you have to do!
- This group of students is made up of students who, ⁵ _____ (vudylliidan) have achieved top marks this term. ⁶ _____ (mneayl) Joe, Brad, Diane and Lisa. So, they were ⁷ _____ (ppdelyusos) considered to be the group with the most potential. However, there is another group that has also been ⁸ _____ (vlyssmaie) successful in all the competitions so far, having ⁹ _____ (vyelfftvicee) won all their matches. This highlights the importance of teamwork. It's good to see our school dominating the competition so ¹⁰ _____ (hlyivelpmcroens).

4 Complete the conversation with the words from the box.

brush up on effectively get by go on about
incredibly repeatedly scholarship supposedly
talked me into ~~take it in~~

- Paula:** Congratulations on getting the job!
- Julie:** Thanks! I still can't ¹ take it in. It's the perfect job and it's in Cordoba, how great is that?
- Paula:** You'll have to ² _____ your Spanish now!
- Julie:** I know! I'm sure I remember enough to ³ _____ and I hope once I get there I'll find it easy to pick it up again.
- Paula:** Oh, come on! You'll be fine. You ⁴ _____ came first in the Spanish class and you are ⁵ _____ gifted at languages. No doubt helped by the fact that your Mum is British and your Dad is German, so you're ⁶ _____ bilingual already.
- Julie:** OK! Anyway, how about you?
- Paula:** Well, my parents have ⁷ _____ applying for a ⁸ _____ at university. The careers advisor told us that being on the swimming team means I ⁹ _____ have a better chance of success.
- Julie:** That would be brilliant. Just promise me that if you do get one, you won't ¹⁰ _____ it all the time like Jane!

1

- 2 talked
- 3 came up to
- 4 getting at
- 5 catch up on
- 6 talked her out of
- 7 burst out
- 8 going on about

2

- 2 We speak Spanish so I think we'll get by in Italy.
- 3 My German is very rusty so I need to brush up on my vocabulary.
- 4 I was going to study accounting but my parents talked me out of it.
- 5 When he told me I'd won I couldn't take it in, I thought he was joking.
- 6 The tourist just came up to me and asked for directions.
- 7 The teacher keeps repeating the same idea but I don't know what she's getting at.
- 8 Sara is so boring, she keeps going on about her diet.

3

- 2 respectively
- 3 technically
- 4 repeatedly
- 5 individually
- 6 namely
- 7 supposedly
- 8 massively
- 9 effectively
- 10 comprehensively

4

- 2 brush up on
- 3 get by
- 4 repeatedly
- 5 incredibly
- 6 effectively
- 7 talked me into
- 8 scholarship
- 9 supposedly
- 10 go on about