

Vocabulary activities

B2

1. Complete the sentences with the words/phrases in the box.

**boost motivate exposure nevertheless eye-catching owing to
accomplishment for this reason retrieve imply take into account**

1. The salary was unsatisfactory. _____, Alan decided to take the job due to the fact that it was close to home.
2. Before you decide which universities you'd like to apply to, you must _____ factors such as tuition fees.
3. The computer technician wasn't able to _____ any of my files.
4. Graduating from university with honours is a major _____.
5. A good teacher must _____ his/her students to broaden their minds through reading.
6. The executives of the company must find a way to _____ sales.
7. George has diabetes and _____ he avoids sugary food.
8. Too much _____ to the sun, especially in the middle of the day, may cause skin cancer.
9. Did you see the _____ headline on the front page of today's newspaper?
10. Gary was suspended from school for a week _____ his rude remarks.

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2. Circle the correct words.

1. The police officers are **interpreting** / **interrogating** the suspect.
2. Jack was **transferred** / **transported** to the French branch of the company.
3. Janet always keeps a **first-aid** / **first-hand** kit in the boot of her car.
4. Most single beds are **rectangular** / **square** in shape.
5. John is **ambitious** / **content** with his job and the money he's earning.
6. Do you mind if my **electrician** / **plumber** has a look at the wiring in the house?
7. You would be amazed at just how much reading books will stimulate a child's **fantasy** / **imagination**.
8. How will this decision **affect** / **effect** us?
9. A **mathematician** / **politician** needs to have good diplomatic skills.
10. Steve is a(n) **advocate** / **support** of animal rights.

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3. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

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| amass | dynamite | efficient | entrepreneur | income |
| intensive | luxury | prestigious | updated | regards |

1. I'm writing with _____ to the job position in the ads column of 'Info' magazine.
2. The last time I _____ my CV was four years ago.
3. An annual _____ includes your salary and any other benefits you may be receiving.
4. The young _____ managed to become successful very quickly.
5. Tony worked hard all his life and was able to _____ wealth.
6. Last month I attended a course on how to become a(n) _____ secretary.
7. _____ is highly-explosive and can be deadly when not handled with extreme care.
8. Diana is doing a(n) _____ course this summer so that she can sit for the exam in December instead of May.
9. Austin comes from a wealthy family and lives a life of _____.
10. Brian works for a(n) _____ law firm.

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4. Choose the correct answer a, b or c.

- I think that's a(n) _____ fantastic idea!
a. absolutely b. completely c. utterly
- You are _____ to a 10% discount with this coupon.
a. bound b. entitled c. stuck
- Walking is an easy way to _____ off calories.
a. burn b. put c. take
- I really value John's _____.
a. championship b. friendship c. relationship
- Fred is _____ because he hurt his leg.
a. leaping b. limping c. soaring
- As we get older, we look back on our _____ years with nostalgia.
a. adulthood b. brotherhood c. childhood
- Elizabeth has been working hard all year and needs a holiday to _____ her batteries.
a. pack b. promote c. recharge
- Mr Stevens is in a business meeting with some _____ clients.
a. competitive b. extensive c. prospective
- There is an increasingly high level of _____ in the third-world countries.
a. popularity b. poverty c. security
- I'll _____ with a warning this time, but the next time you don't do your homework, I'll call your father.
a. charge you b. let you off c. get you away

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5. Circle the correct words.

1. No matter how hard she tried, Isabelle couldn't **carry / figure** out the answer to the Maths problem.
2. Mark's arguments are so **confusing / convincing** that I always end up agreeing with him.
3. A(n) **optimist / pessimist** always sees the glass half full.
4. A graphic designer was hired to create the company **logo / solo**.
5. **Physical / Private** education is a compulsory subject at most state schools.
6. Violence is no way to **reassure / resolve** problems.
7. Jack is a clumsy child and is prone **at / to** making a mess.
8. Cynthia's trip to Mexico gave her a chance to brush **at / up** on her Spanish.
9. This theory is quite difficult to take in. Could you **break it down / get it across** for me?
10. After two months of investigations, the police managed to arrest the **weird / notorious** criminal last night.

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6. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

attempted distinguished disruptive underpaid definition
outcome back antibiotics condition crispy

1. Wayne likes his fried chicken extra _____.
2. What was the _____ of the survey?
3. The teacher asked the _____ student to leave the classroom.
4. Mat is selling his car, which is in good _____, at a reasonable price.
5. Burglars _____ to break into my house last night.
6. I wish I had a time machine to go _____ in time.
7. Ryan bought a high _____ colour television at a really good price.
8. Are there going to be any _____ guests at the event?
9. The doctor prescribed _____ for her cold.
10. Due to the economic crisis, many highly-qualified professionals are _____.

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7. Circle the correct words.

1. The government announced a **recreation** / **reduction** in the price of milk yesterday.
2. The publishing company hired somebody to **illuminate** / **illustrate** the children's books.
3. The wolf's **fangs** / **fins** are very sharp.
4. The little boy wanted his ice cream in a **cone** / **cube**.
5. This week is Energy **Conservation** / **Collision** Week.
6. The parrot put the nut in its **beak** / **paw**, cracked it and ate it.
7. There's a **creepy** / **horrifying**, abandoned house on top of that hill.
8. The lion is roaming the jungle looking for its **predator** / **prey**.
9. Look at the size of the **tentacles** / **trunks** on that squid!
10. The new teacher **fascinated** / **threatened** us with stories about the far away places he had travelled to.

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8. Choose the correct answer a, b or c.

1. After dinner, Brittany continued her homework from where she had _____ off.
a. left b. put c. set
2. George is an _____ lawyer; he has never won a case.
a. incompetent b. incomplete c. insecure
3. The _____ on the wall is crooked; tilt it a little to the left.
a. frame b. plaster c. trait
4. Giving children everything they ask for does more _____ than good.
a. damage b. evil c. harm
5. The doctor said that the patient was making _____, so he would be able to go home soon.
a. complaints b. progress c. sense
6. That cake looks very _____. Can I have a piece?
a. thrilling b. tempting c. enchanting
7. Dangerous criminals should be _____ where they cannot harm other people.
a. covered up b. locked up c. set up
8. High cholesterol and blood pressure may _____ a heart attack.
a. associate with b. head for c. lead to
9. Most mountains in my country have natural _____ of fresh water.
a. plains b. springs c. valleys
10. My grandfather is retired and receives a _____.
a. pension b. position c. benefit