

## Vocabulary

### 1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

call upon chip in down-size dribble gravitate  
lease overlap overlook sacrifice withstand

- For years I've been \_\_\_\_\_ toward becoming a teacher.
- When we checked the software, one problem had been \_\_\_\_\_ so the computer still kept crashing.
- Food should be healthy, but good flavour shouldn't be \_\_\_\_\_ at the expense of nutrition.
- We have \_\_\_\_\_ a bigger office in a new building.
- If our trips to London hadn't \_\_\_\_\_, Ian and I wouldn't have seen each other.
- You can't run with a basketball, you have to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- After we move out of the house, my parents are going to \_\_\_\_\_ and move into a flat.
- The camera can \_\_\_\_\_ temperatures up to 50°C.
- Older students have been \_\_\_\_\_ to help the new students.
- When we got lost, my little brother \_\_\_\_\_ that he knew the way.

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### 2 Complete the text with a word from the box.

camaraderie cherish consensus intervention  
level-headed material murder siblings  
simultaneously unimaginable

I'm the oldest of three <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. I love my brother and sister, but now that we're adults, the general <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ among us is that the youngest, my brother Dean, was allowed to get away with <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. I couldn't play with my friends without the <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of my parents, who always told me to be quieter while <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Dean would be screaming and shouting with his mates and Mum hardly seemed to notice. We enjoyed a great <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as kids, and we were basically <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and didn't cause a lot of problems. When we were young, it seemed <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that any of us would ever leave home, but soon I was packing up my <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ goods and going off to university. Within five years, we had all left home but I will always <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the memories of our childhood.

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## Reading

### 3 Read the text and choose the correct answer.

#### Kieron Williamson

In 2009, painter Kieron Williamson sold 16 of his paintings for a total of £18,200. The following year, he earned £150,000 selling another collection. When the gallery opened, people rushed in to view the paintings, and all of them were sold in just 30 minutes. And there are more paintings on the way. That's not bad, when you consider that he was born in 2002. Until he was five years old, Kieron showed little interest in drawing. Then one day in 2008, when he was on a seaside holiday with his family, some boats caught his eye and he asked his parents for a drawing pad. He immediately began making pictures. In early 2009, he joined a painting class. By summer 2009, Kieron was placing in adverts in the local paper, offering to paint portraits of people's pets to raise pocket money. It was after Kieron's first public show in August 2009 that people started calling him a child prodigy – and paying a lot of money for his paintings.

- Kieron Williamson \_\_\_\_\_ his work in 2009.  
a earned £18,200 for    b borrowed £18,200 to do  
c invested £18,200 in
- \_\_\_\_\_ his work increased in 2010.  
a Media coverage of    b Public contempt for  
c His income from
- Before he was five, Kieron displayed \_\_\_\_\_ painting.  
a a real talent for    b no interest in  
c a strong dislike of
- On a seaside holiday, Kieron was \_\_\_\_\_ to paint.  
a inspired    b forced    c taught
- Kieron made \_\_\_\_\_ by painting pictures of people's animals.  
a a fortune    b a living    c a little money

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### 4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- What year was Kieron's seventh birthday?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How do we know that Kieron's paintings are popular?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What made him start painting?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What did Kieron do to earn money?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What happened after Kieron's first public show?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## Grammar

### 5 Choose the correct answers.

<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to work indoors, I took gardening jobs during the holidays. At that time, I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a plan to make a lot of money so that I could take long holidays outdoors. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I did was to work as an accountant. However, I soon learned that some people are happier working in an office than other people <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Seldom <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in my life been so unpleasant as working at a desk all day. Some days I worked <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ten hours without going outside. I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with the job for six months, then quit. If <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ an office job again, I'd always say no. Of course my parents were furious, but I haven't worked in an office for ten years, and my wife Elena hasn't <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Together, we have a successful gardening business. We aren't rich, but we're OK. <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the freedom of working outdoors that I really love.

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|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1 a Not wanting | b Not want       | c Didn't want  |
| 2 a came up     | b came up with   | c came with    |
| 3 a It's        | b What do        | c What         |
| 4 a are         | b are happy      | c are being    |
| 5 a anything    | b had anything   | c anything had |
| 6 a as long as  | b long as        | c as long      |
| 7 a put off     | b put down       | c put up       |
| 8 a offering    | b having offered | c offered      |
| 9 a either      | b too            | c also         |
| 10 a That's     | b It's           | c What's       |

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### 6 Rewrite the sentences with the words in brackets.

- I haven't been to the shops. Ben hasn't been to the shops. (either)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- There are more applicants this year than last. (not as many as)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- People want an honest government. (What)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I've been there twice and I don't want to go again. (Having)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I don't enjoy loud music. (get into)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Marks: \_\_ /10

## Language skills

### 7 Complete the dialogue.

- Erika Shall I help make dinner?  
 Stefan Yes, please. Many <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ make light work!  
 Erika You're a fantastic cook, Stefan, and you have all the best cooking <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Stefan Thanks. I'm not that good.  
 Erika <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ speak louder than words.  
 Stefan Here, use the mortar and <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to crush these spices. And I'll use the food <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to grind up the nuts.  
 Erika Hey, don't leave your TV on <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Turn it off. It saves electricity. And this packaging is <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. It'll break down in the compost.  
 Stefan Oh, I'm far too happy-go-<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to remember these things. And you're one of the most down-to-<sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ people I know – and the smartest. In fact, you're a <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ – like Einstein.

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### 8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

- Dialogue 1  
 Alex What does the proverb <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ mean?  
 Ryan It means that looking good shows you are serious.
- Dialogue 2  
 Lisa Why are <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ course?  
 Lori Because I don't understand my maths lectures.
- Dialogue 3  
 Jay Why shouldn't I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ every day?  
 Mel Because it wastes electricity.
- Dialogue 4  
 A What was the first food you ever prepared?  
 B <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
- Dialogue 5  
 A Describe your best friend's personality.  
 B <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Writing

### 9 Write a comparison and contrast essay. Imagine the 'greenest' citizen of your city or town and the 'least green' citizen. Write about 200 words and organize your writing into five paragraphs.

- Introduction
- Activity or behaviour 1 'greenest' / 'least green' person
- Activity or behaviour 2 'greenest' / 'least green' person
- Activity or behaviour 3 'greenest' / 'least green' person
- Conclusion

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TOTAL: \_\_ /100