

Sports

Extra vocabulary

1 Complete the text with the words in the box.

clubs competitions game popular professional salaries

Women's soccer

Do you think soccer is a “man’s ^a _____?” Many women don’t think so. In fact, women’s soccer is becoming very ^b _____ all around the world. The first Women’s World Cup was in China in 1991. There were ^c _____ from 65 countries. In 1996, women started playing soccer in the Olympics. Today, women play in international ^d _____ all over the world. Some women play part-time, while others are ^e _____. Unfortunately, women players do not enjoy the same high ^f _____ as male players, though.

2 Read this text. Then choose the correct meaning of each word or phrase in *italics*.

Hi. I am a member of Sports For All (SFA). I like SFA because people with disabilities play sports with able-bodied people. It helps us ^a *understand* each other. Some people have a ^b *negative* idea of people with disabilities. They think we are ^c *weak*. But playing sports together shows we are ^d *strong*. They learn we are ^e *the same as* them. I ^f *enjoy* sports like wheelchair basketball and tennis. I don’t play to win. I play because I like to be ^g *active* and because sports are ^h *exciting*.

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| a | 1 get to know | 2 support |
| b | 1 bad | 2 good |
| c | 1 powerless | 2 unfriendly |
| d | 1 intelligent | 2 tough |
| e | 1 similar to | 2 as clever as |
| f | 1 like | 2 play |
| g | 1 positive | 2 energetic |
| h | 1 enjoyable | 2 difficult |

3 Match each word in *italics* with a word or phrase that has a similar meaning.

Every ¹ *athlete* wants to be a ² *winner*. However, some athletes take ³ *drugs* to improve their performance. This is ⁴ *illegal*, and it is a big problem in international athletics these days. There is no easy ⁵ *solution*, but in 1999, sports ⁶ *organizations* started the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). WADA produces a list of drugs that athletes can’t ⁷ *use*. WADA also tests athletes ⁸ *frequently*. Hopefully, all athletes will understand that they need to compete equally.

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| a | ___ often | e | ___ against the law |
| b | ___ champion | f | ___ take |
| c | ___ sportsperson | g | ___ answer |
| d | ___ associations | h | ___ medications |

Extra vocabulary

1 Complete the text with the words in the box.

careful earn abroad accommodations employer
interview insurance decision

Working ^a _____ is becoming more popular. This is especially true for young people. However, be ^b _____ ! At the ^c _____ , you should ask the ^d _____ how many hours' work the job involves. Also ask exactly how much you will ^e _____. Do you have to pay tax on your salary? Is health ^f _____ included? Are ^g _____ provided, and do you have to pay for them? Ask about vacations and what happens when you are sick. Remember, taking a gap year is a big ^h _____ , so you should take your time and make the right choice!

2 Match each word or phrase in *italics* with a word or phrase that has a similar meaning.

Follow your dream

Working life today is changing. People are under more ¹ *pressure* than in the past. Very few people have "a job for life." More and more companies are reducing the number of workers they employ. That's one reason why people change jobs more often. Also, many workers change jobs because they are not ² *satisfied*. They may want ³ *better pay*, bigger ⁴ *offices*, or more important ⁵ *positions*. When thinking about a new job, try to follow your dream. Don't be ⁶ *afraid* of making a big change. Listen to yourself and follow your own ⁷ *advice*. Think about the kind of job you would really enjoy. Perhaps you want to start your own company and be your own ⁸ *boss*. Go for it!

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| a _____ guidance | e _____ scared |
| b _____ happy | f _____ stress |
| c _____ jobs | g _____ manager |
| d _____ a higher salary | h _____ workplaces |

3 Complete the missing letters in these words. Then match each word with a word below that has a similar meaning.

- a gu__d__nce
b ma__age__
c sa__is__ied
d bu__ine__s
e f__n__lly
f lu__kil__

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| 1 _____ eventually | 3 _____ fortunately | 5 _____ boss |
| 2 _____ company | 4 _____ happy | 6 _____ suggestion |

Crime and punishment

Extra vocabulary

1 Read this text. Then choose the correct meaning of each word or phrase in *italics*.

Ace detective

You don't have to be a private ^a *detective* like Sherlock Holmes to help fight crime. Forty-nine-year-old John Chan is famous as a crime fighter. John has a job selling flowers. However, he also ^b *assists* the police in catching ^c *corrupt* politicians. He ^d *gathers* information and even makes secret recordings as part of his research. Then he tells the police. The police give John money for every bad politician he ^e *identifies*. He is ^f *wealthy* now. He has a lot of money ^g *because of* his hard work. The police are happy, too. They need all the help they can get. It seems that there's no ^h *way out* for bad politicians!

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|---|---------------|------------------|
| a | 1 criminal | 2 investigator |
| b | 1 helps | 2 finds |
| c | 1 bad | 2 good |
| d | 1 watches | 2 collects |
| e | 1 discovers | 2 speaks to |
| f | 1 happy | 2 rich |
| g | 1 rather than | 2 as a result of |
| h | 1 escape | 2 help |

2 Match each word in *italics* with a word or phrase that has a similar meaning.

Star criminals

"Why do so many ¹ *criminals* become famous? It seems the worse the crimes they ² *commit*, the more famous they become. Newspapers and magazines pay a lot of money for their stories. They appear on TV and on the radio. They write books and become rich. ³ *Collectors* even buy their personal possessions. The sad ⁴ *truth* is that they are more famous than the good guys! No one is interested in the police officers who protect our ⁵ *security* and catch these ⁶ *dangerous* criminals. I'm ⁷ *frightened* that we are making a world where crime can be a good career. We should not make these criminals stars because of their ⁸ *crimes*."

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|---|------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| a | ___ unsafe | e | ___ afraid |
| b | ___ people who break the law | f | ___ fact |
| c | ___ carry out | g | ___ illegal actions |
| d | ___ safety | h | ___ people who collect things |

3 Write a sentence to show the meaning of each of these words.

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| a | criminal (noun) | _____ |
| b | impatient (adj) | _____ |
| c | oppose (verb) | _____ |
| d | proof (noun) | _____ |
| e | punishment (noun) | _____ |
| f | clever (adj) | _____ |

Growing up

Extra vocabulary

1 Complete the text with the words in the box.

forget surprised childhood remember memories
shape mind experiences

Memory

Our ^a _____ days are special for all of us. Perhaps the ^b _____ we have as children even ^c _____ our lives. Most people are able to ^d _____ events that happened when they were three or four years old. However, some people's ^e _____ go back to when they were just a few months old! It's true that as people grow older, they start to ^f _____ things more easily. You might, however, be ^g _____ to learn that a healthy diet and regular exercise can help. There are also computer games you can use to keep your ^h _____ active.

2 Read this text. Then choose the correct meaning of each word or phrase in *italics*.

Sarah Chang's parents are from Korea. However, she was born in the U.S. She began to ^a *study* the violin at the age of four. When she started to ^b *perform*, she won a lot of competitions. At the age of eight, she was a ^c *star*. She played with the New York Philharmonic and the Philadelphia Orchestra. She traveled around the world playing the violin. Today, Sarah Chang is an ^d *amazing* violinist. According to Chang, the ^e *truth* is that having ^f *extraordinary* ability is not enough – it also takes hard work to be the very best.

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| a | 1 examine | 2 learn |
| b | 1 improve | 2 play in public |
| c | 1 child | 2 famous person |
| d | 1 expert | 2 excellent |
| e | 1 problem | 2 fact |
| f | 1 normal | 2 special |

3 Match each word in *italics* with a word or phrase that has a similar meaning.

Singapore is a very ¹ *multicultural* society. Singaporeans come from many different cultural ² *backgrounds*, including from Malaysia, China, India, and Sri Lanka – and other cultures, too. This makes a very international society. However, people from Singapore are ³ *proud* to identify themselves as Singaporean. They do not think Singaporeans who have a different culture are ⁴ *foreigners*. Rather, their different ⁵ *cultures* bring the people of Singapore together. For example, it is not ⁶ *strange* for Christians to invite their Muslim and Hindu friends to their homes at Christmas – and no one finds it ⁷ *difficult* to join in the fun at Chinese New Year! Different groups keep their own customs and traditions, but the people of Singapore love their ⁸ *country*, too!

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| a | _____ ways of life | e | _____ very pleased |
| b | _____ origins | f | _____ hard |
| c | _____ state | g | _____ culturally varied |
| d | _____ outsiders | h | _____ unusual |

Success, fame, and money

Extra vocabulary

1 Complete the text with the words in the box.

achieve	challenge	determined	failure
goals	hard	success	successful

Believe it or not, ^a _____ doesn't always make you happy! It's natural to want to ^b _____ a lot in life. We all need ^c _____ to aim for, and no one wants to feel like a ^d _____. However, some people are so ^e _____ to be ^f _____ that they never stop. When one ^g _____ is over, they immediately look for another one. These people can find it ^h _____ to relax and enjoy what they have. For them, success is the most important thing of all – and they pay a high price for it.

2 Read this text. Then choose the correct meaning of each word or phrase in *italics*.

Why do some people want to be famous?

Research has shown that most people do not want ¹ *fame* – they just want to live ² *normal* lives. Some people want to be famous for helping others rather than for ³ *performing* – singing or acting. Others want to be like their ⁴ *favorite* artist or ⁵ *star* athlete. Those who study this ⁶ *subject* think that people who want to be famous may have ⁷ *personal* problems. For example, they may feel they are not important. That's why they try to be ⁸ *“perfect.”* They may also not like who they are. The famous person they become is what they want the world to see – not the real person inside.

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|---|------------------------|---|-------------------|
| a | ___ appearing on stage | e | ___ most liked |
| b | ___ popularity | f | ___ regular |
| c | ___ topic | g | ___ their own |
| d | ___ top | h | ___ without fault |

3 Read this text. Then choose the correct meaning of each word or phrase in *italics*.

Everyone knows that money can't make a good ^a *marriage*. However, it can make a bad one – according to many experts. For most couples, money is the number one cause of arguments. It's not so much the lack of money, but the attitude toward it. Sue and James found this. “He likes ^b *spending money*, but I like ^c *saving*. We had a lot of fights,” ^d *complains* Sue. “He was always ^e *miserable* because he spent all his money and I didn't.” Plus, when children come along, suddenly everything becomes much more ^f *expensive*. The answer? Be honest and ^g *share* your feelings with your partner. Your problems may not ^h *disappear*, but perhaps money will not be the biggest problem anymore.

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|---|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| a | 1 relationship between a husband and wife | 2 party |
| b | 1 wasting money | 2 buying things |
| c | 1 staying at home | 2 keeping money in a bank |
| d | 1 protests | 2 shouts |
| e | 1 unhappy | 2 angry |
| f | 1 difficult | 2 costly |
| g | 1 communicate | 2 hide |
| h | 1 get worse | 2 go away |

Extra vocabulary

1 Complete the text with the words in the box.

pollution regular safe battery commute
 traffic jams wherever transportation

The car of the future?

In 2002, General Motors showed the world a new kind of car, named AUTOonomy. It doesn't have a ^a _____ engine. It has a "fuel cell." This is a kind of electric ^b _____. It uses electricity, so ^c _____ isn't a problem. What's more, the fuel cell is under the car, so there is a lot more space. A small computer controls the car. Drivers can sit ^d _____ they want – even in the back seat! The computer makes driving very ^e _____ too. Perhaps even ^f _____ won't be a problem anymore. General Motors says this car will change ^g _____ forever. Perhaps we'll all ^h _____ to work like this one day!

2 Read this text. Then choose the correct meaning of each word in *italics*.

A journey I'll never forget

I remember a trip with some friends two years ago. We ¹ *sailed* from Japan to China in a small boat! The weather was ² *terrible* – there were storms and it was raining hard all the time. Normally, I am not very ³ *adventurous*, so I was very worried. When I discovered we had no radio, I was even more worried. I knew that if anything went wrong, we had no ⁴ *hope* of ⁵ *rescue*. Suddenly, I saw a lot of sharks all around us. I wanted to ⁶ *return* to Japan, but it was too late. Well, we arrived ⁷ *safely* in the end. But I'll never forget it. It was an ⁸ *extraordinary* journey!

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|---|-------|-------------|---|-------|------------------|
| a | _____ | very bad | e | _____ | brave |
| b | _____ | being saved | f | _____ | unharmed |
| c | _____ | go back | g | _____ | traveled by boat |
| d | _____ | chance | h | _____ | remarkable |

3 Read this text. Then choose the correct meaning of each word or phrase in *italics*.

Space hotel

Would you like to go for a walk ... in space? Well, this is just one ^a *experience* that a company called Space Island Group is ^b *promising* to offer. The company plans to build a space hotel. It will be 400 miles (644 kilometers) above Earth, and will cost \$10 billion to ^c *construct*. The hotel will have everything that's ^d *available* in a hotel on Earth – restaurants, bars, a medical center, a disco, and so on. It will ^e *carry* 400 ^f *passengers* and 100 ^g *crew*. Would you like to go?

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|---|---|------------|---|--------------|
| a | 1 | skill | 2 | adventure |
| b | 1 | suggesting | 2 | guaranteeing |
| c | 1 | build | 2 | see |
| d | 1 | offered | 2 | sold |
| e | 1 | involve | 2 | hold |
| f | 1 | commuters | 2 | travelers |
| g | 1 | staff | 2 | people |

Culture connections

Extra vocabulary

1 Match each word in *italics* with a word or phrase that has a similar meaning.

Solving the language puzzle

Do you sometimes feel ¹ *embarrassed* by your English? Would you prefer not to learn a foreign language? Well, think of a world where everyone can understand each other. A world where there is no ² *confusion* over language. That world may soon be here!

Many experts are ³ *confident* that computers have the answer to the language puzzle. Already, companies make computers that can ⁴ *translate* from one language into another. In the future, these computers will be faster, more accurate, and easier to use. Soon you will probably be able to ⁵ *communicate* in any language, without any ⁶ *problems*. You won't need to ⁷ *practice* English anymore! You will be able to ⁸ *completely* understand what someone says as he or she says it!

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|---|-----|------------------|---|-----|------------------|
| a | ___ | difficulties | e | ___ | express yourself |
| b | ___ | uncomfortable | f | ___ | use |
| c | ___ | misunderstanding | g | ___ | certain |
| d | ___ | change languages | h | ___ | totally |

2 Read this text. Then choose the correct meaning of each word in *italics*.

Maha Kumbh Mela

In February 2001, I was in India. I went to the Hindu ^a *festival* of Maha Kumbh Mela. This is a very ^b *rare* religious event – it only takes place once every 144 years! Every 12 years, there is a festival called Poorna Kumbha. After 12 of these, there is a Maha Kumbh Mela. I was there! It was ^c *amazing*! There were so many people, I couldn't believe it. I was ^d *shocked* by the crowds. The newspapers said there were around 45 million people! The festival began in January and ^e *finished* in February. Everyone took a bath in the River Ganges. It was like a huge ^f *party*. There were cultural ^g *events*, music, singing and dancing, and food. I ^h *stayed* for three days. It was a lot of fun. I'll never forget it!

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|---|---|-------------|---|------------------|
| a | 1 | city | 2 | celebration |
| b | 1 | uncommon | 2 | important |
| c | 1 | boring | 2 | wonderful |
| d | 1 | happy | 2 | surprised |
| e | 1 | ended | 2 | continued |
| f | 1 | celebration | 2 | game |
| g | 1 | studies | 2 | things happening |
| h | 1 | remained | 2 | slept |

3 Put the letters in the correct order to make words to complete this text.

I think the best ^a _____ (stivalfe) is the Rio Carnival. It's a great street ^b _____ (pyart). I had an ^c _____ (zamaing) time there. I don't often travel abroad, so it was a ^d _____ (erar) experience for me. I was a little ^e _____ (decksho) by some of the ^f _____ (gestran) costumes people wore. I ^g _____ (yestad) there for four days, but I never saw the party ^h _____ (nishfi)!

The way we live

Extra vocabulary

1 Complete the text with the words in the box.

fashionable homes ideal inconvenient
modern relax underground unusual

A cave to call your own

The Loire Valley in France is famous for its castles. However, did you know there are also many caves there? They are used as mushroom farms, shops, restaurants, for making wine, and as

^a _____. In the village of Lavardin, almost everyone lives ^b _____! If you want to take an ^c _____ vacation, why not try staying in a cave? It's not ^d _____ at all. These caves have all the ^e _____ conveniences: telephone, TV, Internet, washing machine, and even cave garages – everything you need. People travel from far away to stay in these ^f _____ homes. Next vacation, why not ^g _____ in a cave? It could be your ^h _____ home – at least for a week!

2 Read this text. Then choose the correct meaning of each word in *italics*.

Some Amish teenagers can leave their ^a *simple* life. When they are 16, their parents allow them to go outside of their ^b *communities* to experience ^c *modern* living. If they want to, Amish youths can have parties and ^d *wear* trendy clothes. They can use the newest ^e *technology*, so they listen to music and watch TV. They can ride bikes and drive cars. They don't have to stay in their hometowns. They can go out in to ^f *the world*. However, most Amish teenagers choose to ^g *follow* the Amish way of life. They want to be with their families.

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|---|---|---------------|---|--------------|
| a | 1 | uncomplicated | 2 | easy |
| b | 1 | countries | 2 | groups |
| c | 1 | Western | 2 | up-to-date |
| d | 1 | dress in | 2 | buy |
| e | 1 | cars | 2 | equipment |
| f | 1 | society | 2 | working life |
| g | 1 | maintain | 2 | enjoy |

3 Match each word in *italics* with a word or phrase that has a similar meaning.

It is true that Western culture has ¹ *changed* lifestyles of people all around the world. Every day, millions of people watch American movies, drink soda, go to fast food restaurants, or ² *stay* at home and share pizzas. However, the East also influences lifestyles in the West. For ³ *example*, many people in the West are ⁴ *comfortable* with the Eastern ideas of feng shui, yoga, and shiatsu. In fact, these are ⁵ *trendy*! Millions of people all over the world are Buddhists, and Chinese, Thai, Korean, and Japanese foods are very popular, too. So are ⁶ *musicians* like Yo-Yo Ma and movie stars such as Jackie Chan. In today's world, our cultures are ⁷ *free* to mix.

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|---|-------|----------|---|-------|-----------------------|
| a | _____ | able | e | _____ | at ease |
| b | _____ | remain | f | _____ | fashionable |
| c | _____ | altered | g | _____ | people who play music |
| d | _____ | instance | | | |