

# Vocabulary activities

## 1. Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d.

- Whenever I've got a problem, I always \_\_\_\_\_ my sister for help. She's always there for me.  
a. make friends with      b. turn to      c. hang out with      d. make sure
- Mary, are you \_\_\_\_\_ of cooking?  
a. keen      b. interested      c. excited      d. fond
- I'm fed up \_\_\_\_\_ doing all the chores around the house. Why don't you help me for a change?  
a. by      b. with      c. for      d. at
- Eric used to be very bad at Spanish, but lately he's been making a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. decisions      b. mistakes      c. progress      d. money
- I always hang \_\_\_\_\_ Brian. We get along well.  
a. out with      b. up      c. to      d. on
- I turned \_\_\_\_\_ Tony's invitation to go to Sweden.  
a. into      b. out      c. in      d. down
- How exactly did you start your own \_\_\_\_\_?  
a. profession      b. job      c. work      d. business
- My parents were \_\_\_\_\_ with the service at the hotel.  
a. addicted      b. shocked      c. dissatisfied      d. popular
- Why do you enjoy making fun \_\_\_\_\_ me?  
a. of      b. with      c. on      d. for
- Taking care of young children is hard \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. job      b. duty      c. occupation      d. work

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- If anyone tries to break \_\_\_\_\_ the building, the alarm will go off.  
a. down      b. up      c. into      d. away
- My relatives went to all the best shops \_\_\_\_\_ town.  
a. by      b. with      c. in      d. on
- My brother takes \_\_\_\_\_ our mum. He always forgets things, just like her.  
a. after      b. part in      c. care of      d. up
- Quick! Go to the corner shop. We've run \_\_\_\_\_ milk.  
a. over      b. away      c. up      d. out of
- How long did it take to \_\_\_\_\_ the coast?  
a. reach      b. arrive      c. get      d. come
- Billy said he's bored with football and wants to take \_\_\_\_\_ a new sport.  
a. up      b. after      c. place      d. off
- Come on, Manny, let's go! We're going to \_\_\_\_\_ our train!  
a. catch      b. miss      c. take      d. lose
- The man who \_\_\_\_\_ me was lost. He asked me for directions.  
a. reached      b. approached      c. arrived      d. got
- When The Titanic sank most of the people who were on \_\_\_\_\_ died.  
a. board      b. foot      c. the way      d. holiday
- When Billy was on holiday in Hawaii, he ran \_\_\_\_\_ an old classmate of his! He hadn't seen him for ages.  
a. out      b. away      c. over      d. into

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## 3. Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d.

1. My brother sprained his ankle in the game but he kept \_\_\_\_\_ playing till the end.  
a. up                      b. on                      c. off                      d. back
2. John thinks we're planning to go to Paris but in \_\_\_\_\_ we're not.  
a. other words      b. particular              c. actual fact              d. any case
3. I usually keep \_\_\_\_\_ with my cousins through email.  
a. in touch              b. in mind              c. an eye on              d. company
4. Can I rely \_\_\_\_\_ you to keep a secret?  
a. in                      b. to                      c. with                      d. on
5. My mother belongs \_\_\_\_\_ a hiking club which goes on trips all over the world.  
a. on                      b. to                      c. in                      d. of
6. **A:** Let's go out to dinner tonight.  
**B:** Do you want to go anywhere \_\_\_\_\_?  
a. at once              b. in particular              c. for certain              d. for instance
7. I want to paint my room but I haven't decided \_\_\_\_\_ a colour yet.  
a. in                      b. with                      c. for                      d. on
8. It was raining but I \_\_\_\_\_ to get home without getting too wet.  
a. coped                      b. achieved                      c. succeeded                      d. managed
9. I waited \_\_\_\_\_ at the bus stop for the bus to come. It was my first day at work and I didn't want to be late.  
a. patient                      b. patience                      c. impatient                      d. impatiently
10. Diane was away from school for a month and now she finds it hard to keep \_\_\_\_\_ with the rest of the class.  
a. up                      b. a promise                      c. back                      d. in mind

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

1. That man in the painting reminds me \_\_\_\_\_ my uncle Larry.  
a. about                      b. in                              c. of                              d. with
2. We had to put \_\_\_\_\_ the excursion because of the snowstorm.  
a. out                              b. aside                              c. off                              d. up
3. Helen fell over and spilt her milkshake \_\_\_\_\_ her new jeans.  
a. all over                      b. at all                              c. all in all                      d. after all
4. The Olympic Games are the biggest sporting \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.  
a. incident                      b. occasion                              c. situation                      d. event
5. Not many people can cope with \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. stress                              b. stressed                              c. stressing                              d. stressful
6. I've been working on this project for \_\_\_\_\_ and I still haven't finished.  
a. change                              b. ages                              c. sure                              d. life
7. Most people find Carla really annoying, but I manage to put \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
a. up                              b. on                              c. up with                              d. off
8. The café in my neighbourhood has closed down \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. all in all                              b. for a change                              c. once and for all                              d. for sale
9. I don't know if I'll go to the shopping centre today. It depends \_\_\_\_\_ my mood.  
a. in                              b. from                              c. of                              d. on
10. One in five \_\_\_\_\_ is caused by drivers who fall asleep at the wheel.  
a. accidents                              b. incidents                              c. cases                              d. events

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## 5. Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d.

- I think I'll take your \_\_\_\_\_ and try to find a new job.  
a. information      b. opinion      c. advice      d. tips
- Emma went \_\_\_\_\_ with embarrassment when she realised she was wearing different coloured socks.  
a. over the top      b. red      c. wild      d. wrong
- I'm having a few people round my place at the weekend. I'll \_\_\_\_\_ and let you know what time.  
a. give you a ring      b. give you a lift      c. give you reason      d. give you permission
- Don't \_\_\_\_\_ now! You're almost at the finish line.  
a. give out      b. give back      c. give away      d. give up
- We were lost, so we went to a petrol station to ask for \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. instructions      b. directions      c. clues      d. advice
- I usually like Isabel's outfits but I think she's \_\_\_\_\_ tonight.  
a. gone wrong      b. gone bad      c. gone over the top      d. gone red
- My car's broken down so I can't give you \_\_\_\_\_ home. Sorry!  
a. a lift      b. a hand      c. away      d. a lot of thought
- Jason was angry with me because I'd forgotten to \_\_\_\_\_ his book.  
a. give in      b. give back      c. give out      d. give away
- Mayor Matthews gave an excellent \_\_\_\_\_ last night in the central square.  
a. speech      b. suggestion      c. advice      d. opinion
- The moment I saw my sister wearing my new dress, I \_\_\_\_\_ because she always takes my clothes without asking.  
a. went bad      b. went bananas      c. went through her mind      d. went wild

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## 6. Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d.

- I can't \_\_\_\_\_ the difference between these two cars. They look the same to me.  
a. set                      b. say                      c. learn                      d. tell
- Mark must be very busy \_\_\_\_\_. I haven't seen him for about two weeks.  
a. lately                      b. later                      c. at the latest                      d. latest
- I don't know when we're going to London. We haven't set a \_\_\_\_\_ yet.  
a. time                      b. clock                      c. date                      d. month
- Geoffrey has \_\_\_\_\_ three novels this summer.  
a. learned                      b. studied                      c. read                      d. led
- Frank is very experienced \_\_\_\_\_ managing hotels.  
a. in                      b. to                      c. on                      d. of
- My mum always \_\_\_\_\_ her watch ten minutes earlier, so that she won't be late for work.  
a. puts                      b. sets                      c. guides                      d. instructs
- We were very \_\_\_\_\_ by the way she solved the problem.  
a. impressing                      b. impressed                      c. impress                      d. impressive
- Tina was enthusiastic \_\_\_\_\_ going on holiday to Hungary.  
a. for                      b. with                      c. at                      d. about
- \_\_\_\_\_, after twelve hours on a plane, we arrived at our destination.  
a. Latest                      b. At last                      c. At least                      d. At the latest
- I think that you should tell us \_\_\_\_\_ about what happened at the park yesterday.  
a. sorry                      b. thank you                      c. the truth                      d. goodbye

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## 7. Choose the correct answer a, b, c or d.

- Samantha \_\_\_\_\_ to go to the art gallery with Alice.  
a. denied      b. prevented      c. refused      d. avoided
- I've always had an interest \_\_\_\_\_ painting.  
a. on      b. in      c. about      d. to
- What are the \_\_\_\_\_ and differences between the two countries?  
a. similar      b. similarly      c. similarity      d. similarities
- Can you please give me a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ with this box? It's too heavy for me.  
a. help      b. hand      c. finger      d. arm
- One of the advantages \_\_\_\_\_ spending your holiday in England is that you can practise your English.  
a. of      b. for      c. about      d. in
- I can never make head or \_\_\_\_\_ of what Bill says. He speaks too fast.  
a. ears      b. leg      c. foot      d. tail
- Rodney and Eddie have many things in \_\_\_\_\_. Perhaps that's why they're best friends.  
a. alike      b. similar      c. same      d. common
- Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ anything to me about the fundraiser. What's it all about?  
a. told      b. spoke      c. mentioned      d. discussed
- Janet entered the writing competition but on the actual day she got \_\_\_\_\_ and didn't take part.  
a. cold feet      b. her teeth into      c. her hair on      d. an arm and a leg
- It is \_\_\_\_\_ that this time next year we will be on holiday in the Maldives.  
a. unlike      b. likely      c. alike      d. like

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1. You should go to Carlton's and buy a pair of trainers. They're on \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. sale                      b. sales                      c. bargain                      d. discount
2. While Harold was shopping for clothes, he came \_\_\_\_\_ a great bargain.  
a. along                      b. across                      c. into                      d. round
3. You're \_\_\_\_\_! The book you're looking for arrived just this morning.  
a. in luck                      b. out of luck                      c. by luck                      d. on luck
4. Everybody's shocked by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the three-year-old boy.  
a. disappeared                      b. disappearing                      c. disappearance                      d. disappear
5. I will pay in \_\_\_\_\_ for this T-shirt.  
a. credit                      b. account                      c. bill                      d. cash
6. I'll be home at about six so you can \_\_\_\_\_ any time after that.  
a. come across                      b. come round                      c. come down with                      d. come along
7. Sorry but the lift is out of \_\_\_\_\_ today.  
a. time                      b. order                      c. luck                      d. use
8. Steven was an excellent player and it will be difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
a. exchange                      b. replace                      c. change                      d. come up with
9. I took Jonathan's history book \_\_\_\_\_ mistake.  
a. in                      b. out of                      c. of                      d. by
10. Don't blame me. It wasn't my \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. responsible                      b. responsibility                      c. irresponsible                      d. responsibly