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VOCABULARY

Personality and relationships
• adjectives • collocations • phrases

1.1

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

- 1 Complete the letter with the words from the box. There are three extra words.

depend fall feel get grow
live look (x2) put take

HOW MOVING ABROAD TRANSFORMED MY FAMILY

Two years ago, my parents announced that we were moving to North Africa, where they had both accepted research jobs. Of course my sister and I were worried. We would be leaving friends, school and everything familiar behind. But because we looked up to and admired our parents, we tried to be enthusiastic. I know now that this move was the best thing that ever happened to our family. In the UK, my sister and I were pretty distant, but after moving we began to ¹ _____ on each other more. We also learned to ² _____ together much better instead of arguing, and we began to ³ _____ after each other in stressful situations. This has helped both of us to ⁴ _____ up and act less like dependent children.

Another change is that our parents became more relaxed about our social lives and academic achievements. In the UK, they did not want us to ⁵ _____ up with classmates who were not serious about school, and it was hard to ⁶ _____ up to their high expectations. Now they are happy to see us making all kinds of new friends, and this has brought us much closer together as a family.

- 2 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

Thrust into power by the untimely death of his father, the young Emperor was required to grow up overnight.

- Of course, the monarchy has to put _____ with intrusions into its private affairs; that's the price of privilege.
- Although my cousin and her fiancé split _____ last month, they made it up and we're going to their wedding this summer.
- It took my grandmother ages to agree to go _____ with my grandfather.
- Our teacher has fallen _____ with Mrs Bayram over her son's behaviour.
- In his generosity, Mr Perez takes _____ his much-admired grandfather.

WORD STORE 1A | Personality adjectives

- 3 Complete Lena's message with the correct forms of the words in brackets.

Maggie,

Although I'm reluctant to admit it, I think our friendship is over. Ever since you started hanging out with 'you-know-who', you've gone from down-to-earth (down-to-earth) and ¹ _____ (consider) to selfish and ² _____ (obstinacy). Probably because of her and the other 'populars' you now spend all your time with, you've become two-faced and no longer ³ _____ (faith) to your former friends. I used to regard you as one of the ⁴ _____ (sharp) girls in our year and to admire your ⁵ _____ (prejudice) attitude towards others, but these days you seem to have lost that accepting side and become completely ⁶ _____ (reverence) towards anyone who doesn't look, speak and dress the same as you and your new 'best friends'. You've changed, and I miss my old friend. Have a nice life.

Lena

WORD STORE 1B | Collocations

- 4 Complete the sentences. The first letters are given.

Peter wanted to take a break, but his iron will prevented him from joining the others outside.

- Despite its d _____ s _____, the pygmy marmoset, the world's smallest monkey at just eleven to fifteen centimetres long, can leap up to five metres between branches.
- Soldiers of the time s _____ many h _____ including intense hunger and long periods without sleep.
- Don't be fooled by the elephant's u _____ m _____. It will attack if it feels threatened.
- Julia's floral perfume c _____ up m _____ of his mother, which made him think of home.
- The Queen n _____ in a _____ at the consul's suggestion.
- My favourite part of the festival is the never-ending supply of h _____ -b _____ treats.
- Only six more months of mopping floors and you could be promoted to the d _____ h _____ of hygiene supervisor.

5 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Meditation often helps troubled patients to *put / blot / nod* out dark memories.
- 2 Mike took his brother to dinner as a birthday party / *invitation / treat*, but forgot his wallet.
- 3 Clifford is huge, but his *imposing / irreverent / unassuming* stature hides a chronic shyness.
- 4 A controversial new study has suggested that *free / thoughtful / flexible* will is actually an illusion.
- 5 Animals living at such altitudes *do / face / meet* great hardships during the winter months.
- 6 After reaching the *eager / lofty / respectful* heights of amateur league four, the team fell apart when five of the players went off to university.
- 7 Membership applications require *approval / approving / accept* from the site moderator.
- 8 The president's forthright *habit / manner / memory* can make diplomacy difficult.

WORD STORE 1D | Common phrases

6 Complete each pair of sentences with the same word.

- a If the mangoes are green and hard, you can be sure that they are not *ripe* yet.
- b At the *ripe* old age of eighty-six, Bert is the oldest in the race.
- 1 a Everyone makes mistakes but by lying about it, you've let yourself _____ and upset your parents.
- b No more excuses. I'm putting my foot _____ . Hand in your essay tomorrow or fail the class.
- 2 a Welcome to Wimbledon. Today, Williams and Wang _____ each other in the women's semi-finals.
- b Cindy was terrified of thunder but she put on a brave _____ in front of her little brother.
- 3 a His mother only sees the _____ in him. She doesn't realise how difficult he can be.
- b I think it would be for the _____ if you had an early night. The exam starts at 8 a.m.
- 4 a Whether we get there depends _____ the traffic.
- b Stop complaining and get _____ with cutting the lawn.
- 5 a With the accident and then the robbery, Scott has had more than his _____ share of bad luck recently.
- b _____-skinned visitors in particular should use cream as the walking route offers little shade.
- 6 a Despite the cost of the graduation dinner, Oliver's proud parents didn't bat an _____ when the bill arrived.
- b It was Fiona's first attempt at doing her make up and most of the mascara ended up on her upper _____ rather than on her eyelashes.

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

7 Complete the dialogue with the words from the box. There are two extra words.

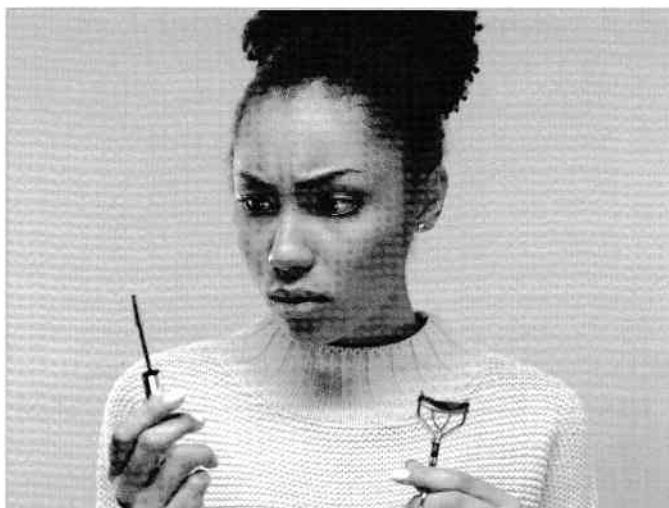
best brave ~~earth~~ fair nodding
respectful share sharp

- M: Adele, we met your brother's girlfriend last night. They work together, you know? They came over for dinner.
- A: Finally! And?
- M: Very nice. For someone so successful, she was very down-to-earth. Your father liked her.
- A: Did he?
- M: Instantly. She listened to more than her fair ¹ _____ of train spotting stories and managed to appear genuinely eager to hear about the 1987 cup final.
- A: Ha! I'm sure she was just putting on a ² _____ face, but it sounds like she scored some points at least.
- M: Oh, absolutely. By the time we got to dessert, your father was ³ _____ in approval at all she said.
- A: Clever girl. Very ⁴ _____. Get in with the father and everything will be OK.
- M: Oh really? And, what about the mother?
- A: Oh, Mum. You never have a bad word to say about anyone anyway. She could be a complete dropout and you'd still see the ⁵ _____ in her.

8 Correct the mistakes.

- The minister's comments were ~~unrespectful~~ to the people of the North. disrespectful
- 1 Revisiting the village after so long conjured so many childhood memories. _____
 - 2 After six months of backbreaking work, Henry reached the lofting heights of assistant box carrier. _____
 - 3 At the ripe old year of ninety-four, Edna is the oldest skydiver we've ever met. _____
 - 4 Those who are faithless to the King will be suitably rewarded. _____
 - 5 Those students wishing to go on the school trip require the written approvemement of their parents. _____

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WISE WORDS

A Every nation has its own proverbs which are repeated across the generations in order to pass on advice about the basic truths of life. In Germany, it is said that ‘a country can be judged by the quality of its proverbs’, while an Arabic saying suggests that ‘a proverb is to speech what salt is to food’. In my view, a well-chosen proverb used at the right time can flavour a person’s communication with wit and wisdom, but, to continue the Arabs’ dinner-table analogy, it is important not to ‘over-season’ the meal. Speech or writing peppered with proverbs soon begins to sound patronising and contrived. Proverbs are a truly global phenomenon and, while their exact origins may not always be easy to **pinpoint**, by their very nature they **transcend** geographical, religious and cultural differences by focusing on broad topics such as family matters, friendship and affairs of the heart. Thus a proverb which has its roots in Asian culture may still convey a relevant wisdom for someone from a completely different corner of the world.

B Regardless of our nationality, most of us are similar in appearance or behaviour to one or both of our parents. Despite our protestations, my father and I are consistently told by those who know the family that the older I get, the more like him I become. ‘What a load of rubbish!’ say Dad and I in unison, with perfectly matched dismissive gestures and identical looks of scorn*. As appears to be the case for me, the combined influences of our genes and our upbringing mean that often ‘the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree’. Here, the tree **symbolises** the parents and the fruit their offspring. Probably of Turkish origins, this

saying has its western equivalents in ‘like father, like son’ or ‘like mother, like daughter’. Similarly, a child who **resembles** one or the other of his or her parents, or indeed **exhibits** similarities of character is often described as being ‘a chip off the old block’. Though bitter personal experience may lead significant numbers of us to doubt the assertion, it is nevertheless widely believed that no bond is stronger than the one that exists between family members. In Africa, people say that ‘a family tie*’ is like a tree: it can bend but it cannot break’. Similarly, the proverb ‘blood is thicker than water’, which is thought to have **originated** in Germany, places family above all others, including close friends.

C ‘To be without a friend is to be poor indeed’ according to a Tanzanian proverb. Of course, nothing comes for free in this world, and that includes friendship. German wisdom advises us that ‘friendship is a plant we must often water’ or, in other words, effort is required to maintain relationships and avoid finding ourselves friendless. A popular way to achieve this is through the sharing of food: ‘warm food, warm friendships’ suggest the Czechs. In the same way, an Arabian proverb assures us that ‘so long as the pot is boiling, friendship will stay warm’. Conveniently then, whereas some might say I was simply too lazy to hit the gym three times a week as promised every New Year’s Day for the last five years, I blame my ever-expanding waistline on my friends and the ‘sacrifices’ required to keep our relationships suitably

warm. **Maintaining** friendships over the long term seems particularly important in Russia, where ‘an old friend is much better than two new ones’. Perhaps this is because those who we have known for many years can usually be relied on to tell us the truth about ourselves, or as the Irish say, ‘a friend’s eye is a good mirror’. Should you need any further persuasion as to the importance of your mates, pals or buddies, then remember the Egyptian advice that ‘friendship doubles joy and halves grief’.

D ‘Love is blind’, they say, which is of great comfort when you look like I do. The idea that love can ‘blind’ us to the negative in each other is recognised globally. In Germany, ‘love sees roses without thorns*’ and for the Chinese ‘even water is sweet’. Love-related proverbs also exist to remind us that we must accept our partners for what they are and try to love every aspect of them. In Africa, ‘he who loves the vase loves also what is inside’. Often stereotyped as romantics, the French say that ‘real love is when you don’t have to tell each other’ and to this, the famously gastronomic nation adds that ‘the torch of love is lit in the kitchen’. Wise words indeed, though based on personal experience, I can’t be sure whether they are talking about love between two people or the love of one man for the contents of his fridge. When it comes to neighbourly love, the Chinese remind us that there are limits: ‘love your neighbour, but don’t pull down the fence’. Finally, returning to the natural world, the people of Burundi warn those who feel loved by their canine* companions that ‘dogs don’t love people, they love the place where they are fed’.

Although the human experience varies greatly according to our geographical and cultural origins, it seems proverbial wisdoms almost always ring true no matter where they originate.



GLOSSARY

scorn (n) – the feeling that someone or something is stupid and does not deserve respect

tie (n) – a strong connection or relationship between people, groups or nations

thorn (n) – a sharp point that grows on the stem of a plant

canine (adj) – relating to dogs

1 Read the article quickly and match a title to each section.

- 1 Family Features ☐
- 2 Best Mates ☐
- 3 True Love ☐
- 4 Worldly Wisdom ☐

2 Read the article again. For questions 1–10, choose from sections A–D. The sections may be chosen more than once.

In which section of the article does the writer

- 1 refer to certain proverbs as a justification for not achieving a personal goal? ☐
- 2 illustrate the truth of a proverb by citing a personal relationship? ☐
- 3 offer a scientific and a social explanation for a particular proverb? ☐
- 4 suggest a desirable quality in a platonic relationship? ☐
- 5 offer an explanation for pets' apparent devotion to their owners? ☐
- 6 explain the universal relevance of proverbs? ☐
- 7 suggest that food plays an important part in romantic attachment? ☐
- 8 comment on the importance of using proverbs in moderation? ☐
- 9 imply that he does not consider himself physically attractive? ☐
- 10 question the underlying assumption behind certain proverbs? ☐



3 Match the verbs in bold in the text to the definitions. Write the infinitive form without to.

a formal verb meaning to show a particular quality, emotion or ability **exhibit**

- 1 to locate or identify exactly _____
- 2 to come from a certain place or begin in a particular situation _____
- 3 to go beyond the usual limits of something _____
- 4 to make something continue in the same way as previously _____
- 5 to represent a quality, belief, feeling, etc. _____
- 6 to look similar to something else _____

4 Complete the sentences with the verbs from Exercise 3. Change the form if necessary.

The book, translated into over thirty languages, **transcends** cultural barriers to delight all kinds of readers.

- 1 This GPS system is particularly accurate and can _____ the user's location to within a few metres.
- 2 Victims of the illness usually _____ symptoms such as headaches, fever and insomnia.
- 3 Inexperienced runners often find it difficult to _____ their initial pace for the whole race.
- 4 The flower of this orchid closely _____ the insect that pollinates it.
- 5 The soaring eagle on the country's new flag _____ the newfound freedom of its people.
- 6 Svetlana's family _____ from Novosibirsk in Siberia, but she has never actually been there.

WORD STORE 1E | Word pairs

5 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the words in brackets followed by a noun. The first letters are given.

Advertising should not **condone** (condone) the **idea** that people are in some way inferior because they don't own the latest version of an expensive gadget.

- 1 Unfortunately, according to those who knew Jobs, Fassbender gives a largely _____ (accuracy) **p**_____ of the Apple founder in this biopic.
- 2 With its _____ (compel) **n**_____ and break-neck pace, it is impossible to put Jameson's new novel down.
- 3 As a proud father, Kenneth _____ (song) his daughter's **p**_____ to anyone who will listen.
- 4 Unlike the PM, we don't all come from a _____ (privilege) **b**_____ where wealth is taken for granted.
- 5 _____ (spoil) **a**_____ ! If you haven't watched the season finale yet, don't read this.
- 6 The documentary _____ (offering) an **i**_____ into the realities of family life in Spain.
- 7 This book offers the reader neither a _____ (captivate) **s**_____, nor engaging characters.
- 8 This comic novel imagines a _____ (poor)-**s**_____ royal family living in a caravan behind a supermarket.

6 Look at the vocabulary in lesson 1.2 in the Student's Book. Choose the correct prepositions to complete the sentences.

- 1 Judges must examine every facet **in** / **with** / **of** the case before giving their verdict.
- 2 In our case, the supposed strong bond **over** / **between** / **through** siblings simply wasn't there.
- 3 Youngsters associated **with** / **on** / **in** gangs often drop out of school.
- 4 Faced **to** / **with** / **by** the prospect of his parents separating, Scott decided to keep calm.
- 5 Ross was envious **of** / **to** / **about** his parents' relationship with his sister. In their eyes, she could do no wrong.
- 6 As your best friend I promise to stand **by** / **to** / **for** you through thick and thin.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

- 1 Complete the questions with the correct forms of the verbs from the box. The number of words you need to use in each question is given in brackets.

(domesticate make own replace wake)

- Have you ever owned a pet? (1)
- 1 Jill, if someone asked you what animal _____ a good pet, what would you say? (1)
- 2 My cat _____ forever _____ me up in the middle of the night for food. (2)
- 3 Did you know that as early as 3500 B.C. Egyptians _____ wild cats from Africa on a regular basis? (2)
- 4 _____ robot pets ever _____ real pets as man's best friends? (2)

- 2 ★ Choose the most suitable option to complete the sentences.

- 1 This summer the shelter on the outskirts of our town *will have taken care / will have been taking care* of injured animals for twenty-five years.
- 2 Since the release of the film *101 Dalmatians*, the number of people buying this breed of dog on impulse *has risen / has been rising* by almost 10 percent, according to the Animal Society's recent estimates.
- 3 Before retiring last month, Bertha revealed that she *had worked / had been working* with animals continuously for over fifty years and was now looking forward to spending more time with her own cat.
- 4 In June my little nephew, Freddie, *will have had / will have been having* his little green turtle for five years.
- 5 By 2015 the fad for exotic pets *had led / had been leading* to some tragic consequences.

- 3 ★ ★ Complete the dialogue with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets. Use no more than four words in each gap.

- A: Ben, have you read (you/read) the story about those two missing dogs?
- B: Not yet.
- A: Well, they ¹ _____ (be) missing for a week before a walker ² _____ (find) them in the woods.
- B: What ³ _____ (they/do) there?
- A: Apparently, at some point one of them ⁴ _____ (get) trapped in a hole and the other one ⁵ _____ (stand) by its side since the unfortunate incident to keep it company and only ⁶ _____ (leave) it for a few minutes each day to go for help. In the meantime the owners ⁷ _____ (post) messages on Facebook like crazy. Finally, someone ⁸ _____ (spot) that dog and it ⁹ _____ (lead) them to its trapped friend.
- B: Wow, what a story! Listen, Andy, ¹⁰ _____ (you/read) this magazine much longer?
- A: I think I ¹¹ _____ (finish) by lunchtime. Why?
- ¹² _____ (you/think) of reading the story yourself?

- 4 ★ ★ ★ Complete the text with the correct forms of the verbs from the box.

(accept cause compete get back live make not change pick reveal)

MY WORST FRIEND

For the past six months two hundred pets have been competing for the crown in the Naughtiest Pet Competition organised by Train Your Pet, a London-based company offering training courses for dogs.

The winner's owner, Sarah Cook, aged thirty, who is a sales assistant from Edinburgh, ¹ _____ at the prize-giving ceremony that up till that moment her beloved pet ² _____ hundreds of pounds worth of damage to her garden. 'When I ³ _____ from work one day and first saw the mess Buddy ⁴ _____, I was in shock! I actually thought he had dug up all the plants in my herb garden, but it turned out it was only the rosemary and lavender. The remains were scattered everywhere and I ⁵ _____ them up for two hours that afternoon.' Mrs Cook claims that the incident ⁶ _____ her affection for her German Shepherd.

While she ⁷ _____ the prize, a dog training voucher worth £800, Miss Cook said: 'Next month Buddy ⁸ _____ with me for eight years and although he has cost me much more than expected, he is my closest friend and I couldn't imagine living without him.'

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

- 5 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Do not change the words in capitals. Use between four and six words in each gap.

How long ago did they buy her the guinea pig?

BOUGHT

How long is it since they bought her the guinea pig?

- 1 Harry and Will's great friendship ended after twenty-five years with a quarrel over copyright ownership. **HAD** Harry and Will _____ twenty-five years before they had a quarrel over copyright ownership.
- 2 My dog went missing in the middle of our daily walk in the forest. **WHILE** My dog went missing _____ our daily walk in the forest.
- 3 Megan's best friend got his pet snake in May. **SINCE** Megan's best friend _____ May.
- 4 Over the next month the charity near Londonderry will house about a hundred stray animals. **HOUSED** By the end of next month the _____ about a hundred stray animals.
- 5 The guide dog began helping Tim four years ago. **FOR** Next year the guide dog _____ five years.
- 6 After working with her for ten years, I was proud to be able to call Beth a loyal friend. **BEEN** We _____ ten years and I was proud to be able to call Beth a loyal friend.

1 Choose the correct answer A–C.

- My brother said he to the party with his friends, but he came alone.
A was going to come B will be coming
C was about to come
- Jeff promised he us a postcard from Tenerife.
A was sending B is going to send
C would send
- Nina the wheel herself when she saw another car.
A would change B was going to change
C was due to change

2 Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are two extra words.

about due intended going
planning point supposed verge

Jason was on the point of giving up when he found a solution to his problems.

- We've just found out by chance you're changing schools. When were you on telling us this?
- What was I to do? Everything was happening so quickly – I couldn't just stand there doing nothing so I called the police.
- At 9:45 the students were already standing in front of the school because the trip was to start fifteen minutes later. And it did, at 10 sharp.
- The band's gig was on the of being cancelled but, luckily, a big group of people showed up to watch.
- We got the text message about our flight just as we were sitting in the taxi and to leave for the airport.

REMEMBER THIS

- We use **was/were to + infinitive** or **was/were due to + infinitive** to talk about things destined to happen, e.g.
*The new teacher **was (due) to start** work in May.*
- We use these structures with **perfect infinitive** to show that a planned event didn't happen, e.g.
*The committee **was (due) to have announced** the results at 9 p.m. but the conference was delayed.*

3 Correct the mistakes.

Philip was planning on do his homework before watching a film on DVD. to

- We were getting anxious because it was time to leave and Tom hadn't arrived yet, but just as we were due to text him, we saw him crossing the street.
- One of the actors taking part in the performance had emailed them the day before to let them know that they were to have met him right after the show.
- Martha couldn't go to her friend's birthday party as she would go on holiday with her parents that day.
- Sunday was the ultimate deadline, so the principal knew that by the end of that week the registration process for the new courses would be finishing.

4 Complete the article with the phrases from the box. There are two extra phrases.

decided to invite was calling was due to happen
was due to marry was going to die
was to have married was on the verge of having
~~was supposed to be~~ were planning on spending
were to go would be wouldn't be taking
would have stayed would stay would take

WHO NEEDS A GROOM?

It was supposed to be the wedding of her dreams, but one week before it ¹ , Jessica Hudson, a twenty seven year old banker from Nottingham, found out there ² no ceremony. 'Last Friday my fiancé announced that he ³ everything off,' Ms Hudson told us. She ⁴ her college sweetheart in Nottingham cathedral yesterday. Afterwards the newlyweds ⁵ with their guests to the posh Four Seasons restaurant in the city centre. 'At first I believed I ⁶ ,' said Ms Hudson. 'My mum thought I ⁷ a nervous breakdown, but then she had an idea,' Ms Hudson explains. 'Instead of cancelling the restaurant and catering, the Hudson family ⁸ the city's homeless and those in need to take part in the reception.' The would-be bride's mother Vera Hudson, aged fifty-five, told us: 'When I found out that the wedding ⁹ place, I said I ¹⁰ away something good from the whole experience.' On Monday she put up invitations on lamp-posts around the city centre and anxiously waited until Saturday. Although her heartbroken daughter decided she ¹¹ at home, Mrs Hudson watched as her new guests arrived. 'I was really touched to see complete strangers: single people, families, the elderly, all coming up to me, thanking me for the invitation,' she said. The newlyweds ¹² their honeymoon in Mexico. The trip is non-refundable so Mrs Hudson and her daughter chose to go on it together.

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

5 Complete the sentences with the words in brackets in the correct forms. Do not change the word order. Use between four and six words in each gap.

I thought you would be able to come to (would/able/come) our performance last Friday.

- You (suppose/call/I) yesterday. Why didn't you?
- Last time we met, Kelly (go/take/she) driving test. How did it go?
- My English teacher told me that I (be/talk) the head of the school immediately about my inappropriate behaviour.
- The company rep couldn't talk much longer because (he/be/leave) Paris on business in a matter of hours.
- Ted (just/about/close) the window when he saw a man climbing over his neighbour's balcony.
- Kim (on/verge/drop) out of school this time last month.