

2a – Fill in the gaps

From the following list, use each word only once to complete the sentences below. Remember that in the case of nouns and verbs you may need to change the form of the word:

achieve (v)	•	automatic (adj)	•	conceive (v)	•	create (v)
ensue (v)	•	equilibrium (n)	•	manipulate (v)		
mathematics (n)	•	innovative (adj)	•	period (n)	•	precede (v)
section (n)	•	series (n)	•	stable (adj)	•	tradition (n)

- In order to be successful, some politicians _____ other people to get what they want.
- Japanese and Korean companies have invested heavily in the UK, _____ thousands of new jobs.
- The Internet was first _____ of as a way of linking computers in the USA together.
- Serious unrest and rioting _____ as a result of the decision to ignore the result of the election.
- Since consumers are always demanding new products, companies which can be _____ are more likely to succeed.
- Most planes today are controlled not by human pilots but by a computer system known as an _____ pilot, which is even responsible for taking off and landing.
- Most employers insist that their employees have qualifications in English and _____.
- Some academics have argued that standards have been falling because more students are _____ first class degrees.
- Over a _____ of twenty years, the economy grew at an average of 8% per year.
- The price of a product will not change if there is _____ between the supply and the demand for that product.
- By _____, wedding guests in most cultures give presents or money to the newly-married couple.
- In addition to the regular lectures, we have a _____ of public lectures given by guest speakers from other universities.
- Although the arrival of coffee in Britain _____ that of tea, it is the second drink which is the more popular today.
- Reports are usually divided into separate _____ with headings such as 'Findings' and 'Conclusions.'
- After a very difficult night, his blood pressure became _____ again and his family were allowed to visit him.

2b – Choose the right word

In each of the sentences below, decide which **bold** word is more suitable.

1. A new moon **occurs** / **takes** place every 28 days.
2. Students should not be **inert** / **passive** but should try instead to contribute as much as possible to discussions in seminar groups.
3. On the first day, the course director and the subject tutor explained their **respective** / **single** roles to the new students.
4. It is now possible to **infer** / **imply** a link between using mobile phones and contracting some forms of cancer.
5. The fact that population growth is still **accelerating** / **catching up** is one of the most important problems we face.
6. Most universities need to earn money from private sources, but the **important** / **major** part of their funding still comes from the government.
7. Expenditure on weapons such as guns, tanks and aeroplanes consumes a large **piece** / **portion** of a country's wealth.
8. Because foreign exchange rates **ebb and flow** / **fluctuate**, it is not always possible for exporters to know how much money they will receive from sales.
9. Member countries **award** / **contribute** money to the United Nations to pay for the running of the organization.
10. The main **concentration** / **focus** of Greenpeace is on problems concerning pollution.
11. Although their **plan** / **design** was often very good, the quality of many British cars tended to be poor.
12. Although it is very expensive, it is possible to **convert** / **exchange** other forms of carbon into diamonds.
13. Prehistoric man could not **think** / **comprehend** why the moon appears to grow bigger and then smaller each month.
14. In some situations, a law court can **authorise** / **let** the police to enter a house without the owner's permission.

Don't forget to keep a record of the words and expressions that you have learnt, review your notes from time to time and try to use new vocabulary items whenever possible.

2c – Finish the sentence

Choose the best ending for each of the sentence extracts below from the list underneath:

1. In 1905, Einstein published the first part of his **theory**...
2. Environmentalists point out that electric cars just **shift**...
3. Most metals **expand**...
4. As a result of the **intense**...
5. Fifty years ago, most smokers were not **aware**...
6. The new grading machine has the **function**...
7. In many universities, there is a coffee bar **adjacent**...
8. After studying for two hours, it becomes difficult to **concentrate**...
9. Some children show a great deal of **maturity**...
10. Sadly, according to government **statistics**,...
11. In the seventeenth century, Galileo **demonstrated**...
12. In the 1980's, the US and Soviet governments made the **crucial**...
13. Politicians often complain that newspapers **distort**...
14. The history of the Americas is usually from seen from the **perspective**...
15. An already difficult operation was **complicated**...

- a. ...of the dangers of smoking.
- b. ...at a young age, while others may continue to be irresponsible.
- c. ...to the library where students can take a break.
- d. ...the pollution problem from the car itself to the electricity station.
- e. ...that all objects (heavy or light) fall at the same speed.
- f. ...heat of the fire, the front half of the train was completely destroyed.
- g. ...what they say so that the readers cannot read the truth.
- h. ...of relativity, which completely changed our ideas of time and space.
- i. ...of the European immigrants, rather than from that of the original inhabitants.
- j. ...on your work and so it is a good idea to take a break.
- k. ...when they are heated.
- l. ...of separating the larger pieces of metal from the smaller pieces.
- m. ...over 30% of marriages end in divorce within five years.
- n. ...decision to reduce the number of atomic weapons.
- o. ...by the fact that the patient had a history of heart disease.

2d – Word substitution

From the list below, choose one word which could be used in place of the language shown in **bold** without changing the meaning of the sentence. Remember that you may need to change the form or in some cases the grammatical class of the word:

affect (v)	•	capillary (n)	•	notion (n)	•	decade (n)	•	emphasise (v)
expose (v)	•	generate (v)	•	consequent (adj)	•	pertinent (adj)		
predict (v)	•	select (v)	•	signify (v)	•	structure (n)	•	undergo (v)

1. Over the previous **ten years**, we have seen an enormous growth in the number of home personal computers. _____
2. Lecturers often speak more loudly and more slowly when they want to **stress** an important point. _____
3. One important function of newspapers is to **uncover** dishonest behaviour and wrong-doing by those in power. _____
4. The **organisation** of the company has changed completely, with far fewer senior managers. _____
5. The decision to give longer prison sentences **indicated** a hardening of the government's attitude towards drug offenders. _____
6. The new computer system **created** a lot of interest among potential customers. _____
7. When the government increased the tax on petrol, there was a **resultant** rise in transport costs. _____
8. In the first instance, the blood passes out of the heart, through the lungs and along the arteries before reaching the **small blood vessels** within the skin. _____
9. Until the sixteenth century, the idea that the Earth moves around the Sun was regarded as a ridiculous idea, whereas today we accept this **concept** as completely normal. _____
10. Pollution is a problem which has an **effect** on every country today. _____
11. Most economists **forecast** that China will become a leading world economy in the twenty-first century. _____
12. One difficult aspect of writing an essay is selecting material which is **relevant** to the topic and excluding irrelevant information. _____
13. The company has **experienced** a number of significant changes in the last few years. _____
14. The first thing to do is to **choose** the courses which you would like to study and then look at each university prospectus. _____

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2e – Choose the best word

For each of the sentences here, choose the best word from a,b or c:

1. Although he had no _____ injuries, doctors later found that he was suffering from internal bleeding.
a. outside b. external c. outlying
2. There is a marked _____ between the poverty of the poorest members of society and the affluence of the richest.
a. opposite b. contrast c. variation
3. The allied forces launched _____ bombing raids on several important sites in and around the enemy capital.
a. simultaneous b. contemporary c. coincidental
4. Students are often advised to look at the first and last _____ of a book before attempting to read it in detail.
a. headings b. chapters c. titles
5. Although this is far from certain, the _____ age of the universe is about 4.6 billion years.
a. approximate b. general c. rough
6. Some economists argue that new _____ causes unemployment while others feel that it allows more jobs to be created.
a. science b. engineering c. technology
7. After you have submitted your application, the university will attempt to _____ that the information you have supplied is correct.
a. verify b. certify c. investigate
8. Young children go through a _____ in their development when they try to copy everything they hear.
a. process b. phase c. transition
9. In the some countries, there is no tax on books on the _____ that education should not be taxed.
a. principle b. idea c. concept
10. Further information can be _____ from the nearest British Council office.
a. obtained b. found c. got
11. As everyone knows, certain metals such as iron and steel can have a _____ field while others like copper cannot.
a. electrical b. magnetic c. chemical
12. Just as dividing up an orange into _____ makes it easier to eat, always try to break up a longer piece of text into small blocks of words.
a. segments b. pieces c. sections
13. One problem for any teacher is that each student has his/her own _____ needs.
a. separate b. individual c. distinctive
14. Good theories are important of course, but we must have _____ evidence to support them.
a. empirical b. true c. realistic

2f – Make a collocation

Start by reading through the sentences below. Then take one word from the box on the left and combine this with one from the box on the right to make a collocation. (Note that more than one pairing may be possible and also that some words appear more than once.) Then try to match your combinations with the spaces in the sentences below:

endangered	•	sequence of		
separate	•	devote	•	highly
transmit	•	assert	•	inhibit
precise	•	reacted	•	verbal
natural	•	economically		

events	•	sophisticated	•	angrily
signals	•	species	•	feasible
details	•	agreement	•	the right
entities	•	phenonema		
growth	•	time and money		

1. In spite of advances in technology, we are still at risk from _____ such as earthquakes and floods.
2. One threat facing companies today is _____ computer 'hackers' who break into the most advanced computer systems.
3. The accident was the result of a tragic _____ which could have been prevented with better safety procedures.
4. The company _____ to the suggestion that its products were unsafe.
5. There is considerable doubt over whether the proposal by the American government for a manned trip to Mars is technically and _____
6. Tigers (and other large cats) are now an _____ and may disappear altogether in the future.
7. After the Second World War, African nations started to _____ to become independent.
8. In law, a _____ even though it is not written down like a formal contract, is still a contract.
9. While she refused to give any _____, the Minister admitted that several people had been arrested.
10. In order to produce new medicines, drug companies have to _____ on a huge scale to their research and development activities.
11. Most economists believe that high taxes _____ in the economy.
12. In spite of its age, the satellite is still continuing to _____ to Earth.
13. Are the mind and body the same thing or are they two _____?