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WELCOME

A WHAT A STORY!

Descriptive verbs

Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 The hurricane *demolished / fled / raged* everything in its path.
- 2 The prisoner *struck / smashed / dived* under the water to avoid the bullets.
- 3 The family *smashed / fled / struck* from their burning home.
- 4 As she started to fall, I managed to *grab / rage / scream* her by the arm.
- 5 The fire *demolished / raged / dived* through the trees.
- 6 The people *screamed / grabbed / demolished* in terror as the wave came toward them.
- 7 The robbers *smashed / flew / screamed* a window to break into the bank.
- 8 The car was *grabbed / dived / struck* by the falling tree.

Phrasal verbs

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the list.

end | figure | stand | clean
look | break | give | keep

- 1 I need to _____ up my room. It's really messy.
- 2 He studied medicine in college, so I'm not sure how he _____ up as an accountant.
- 3 Can you believe it? Our car _____ down five kilometers from home.
- 4 I know I should _____ up eating so much chocolate, but it's too difficult.
- 5 They _____ on having their picnic even though it started to rain.
- 6 When I have a problem, my mom always helps me _____ it out.
- 7 I'm really _____ forward to summer break. I need some rest.
- 8 Bill really _____ out in the picture because of his crazy shirt.

Elements of a story

1 Match the words with the definitions.

- 1 hero
- 2 plot
- 3 dialogue
- 4 characters
- 5 ending
- 6 opening
- 7 villain
- 8 setting

- a the people in the story
- b a bad man or woman
- c how the story starts
- d how the story finishes
- e the man or woman in the story we identify with
- f the place where the story happens
- g what the people in the story say
- h the storyline

2 Complete the text with the missing words.

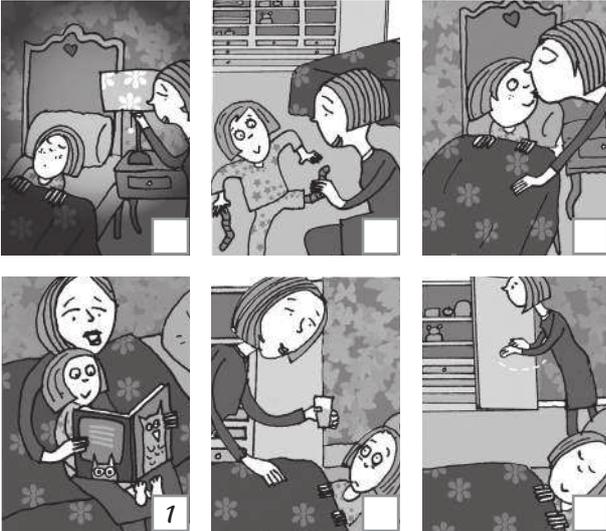
So, what do you need to write a successful story? Well to start with, you need a good ¹_____ – without a great storyline you've got no chance. Of course, any good story needs a selection of different ²_____, a ³_____ for the reader to identify with and a ⁴_____ to hate. And to help bring all these people to life, you'll need to have good ⁵_____ between them. What they say and how they say it is so important. Then you'll need a ⁶_____ for your story. Where and when does the action happen? Is it the modern day, in the past, or even in the future?

So now that you've got all that, it's time to start writing. The ⁷_____ is essential. You'll need to get your reader's attention from the very beginning. And once you have their attention, hopefully they'll read the whole story, so you'll need to give them a good ⁸_____, too, to make sure they won't feel they've wasted their time.

And that's all you need. That and a lot of luck.

Talking about past routines

1 02 Listen and put the pictures in order.



2 Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

- 1 When I was little, my mom/dad used to _____
- 2 My first teacher at school used to _____
- 3 When I was upset, I used to _____
- 4 When it was my birthday, my parents used to _____
- 5 During summer vacation, I used to _____

SUMMING UP

Put the dialogue in order.

- ANA Well, for example, he'd tell a story about how a fire was raging through our house and how we needed to smash down the door. And he'd do all the actions.
- ANA My dad used to tell me really great stories when I was a kid.
- ANA Yes it is. I really miss his stories.
- ANA Really dramatic and exciting stories, and he used to pretend they were happening to us.
- ANA He was. I used to really look forward to his stories. But he stopped telling them as I got older.
- JAKE That's a shame.
- JAKE What kind of stories?
- JAKE He sounds like a really fun dad.
- JAKE What do you mean?

B AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

Future plans

Match the sentence halves.

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1 I don't graduate from | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 You'll need to get a | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Many young people are waiting longer to start | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Before I start my career, I'd love to travel | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 I'd like to make enough money so I can | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 My parents would love for me to settle | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| a a family these days. | |
| b the world for a year or so. | |
| c retire before I'm 60. | |
| d down, but I'm not ready yet. | |
| e high school for another two years. | |
| f really good degree if you want to work for them. | |

Life plans

Put the events in the order that they happened.

- So I returned home and went to college.
- So I decided to travel the world for a while until I made up my mind.
- When I was in Asia, I suddenly realized what career I wanted to do – teaching.
- We started a family after I had been teaching for a few years.
- 7 When I graduated from high school, I wasn't too sure what I wanted to do.
- Next year I'm going to retire. I can't help wondering how it all passed so quickly.
- After the birth of my second son, I got promoted. Now I'm a principal.
- During my senior year of college, I met the love of my life, and we settled down.

Being emphatic: so and such

1 Choose the correct option.

- 1 This exercise is *so* / *such* difficult.
- 2 Mr. Peters is *so* / *such* a good teacher.
- 3 That was *so* / *such* a bad baseball game.
- 4 I was *so* / *such* late for school today.
- 5 She gave me *so* / *such* a great present.
- 6 Andrew is *so* / *such* good at chess.
- 7 I feel *so* / *such* tired today.
- 8 We had *so* / *such* a good trip.

2 Complete the sentences with so or such. Then match the sentences to the photos.

- 1 He has _____ a smart dog.
- 2 They're _____ a talented family.
- 3 I am _____ tired.
- 4 It's _____ windy today.
- 5 It was _____ an exciting game!
- 6 This cake is _____ delicious.



Extreme adjectives

1 Complete with the missing adjectives.

- 0 That movie wasn't just bad. It was terrible !
- 1 Math isn't just interesting. It's f_____ !
- 2 That joke wasn't just funny. It was h_____ !
- 3 The water wasn't cold. It was f_____ !
- 4 No, they weren't scared. They were t_____ !
- 5 Their house isn't big. It's e_____ !
- 6 That dog isn't small. It's t_____ !
- 7 It isn't just hot today. It's b_____ !

2 Complete the second diary entry with extreme adjectives.

Life's pretty good. I can't really complain. I live in a big house with my parents. We get along well most of the time. I like school. It's interesting, and I really enjoy going most days. Mr. Henderson, my science teacher, is really funny. He makes me laugh, and it's always fun in his classes. In my free time I go go-karting. It's a really exciting hobby. I won a trophy last week. It was pretty small, but the size isn't important. It says "Most Improved Driver" on it, so I'm happy with it. I'm not sure my mom's so happy about my hobby. She's scared I'll be in an accident. I tell her not to worry and that one day I'll be a world champion.

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Life's pretty ¹_____. I can't complain at all. I live in a ²_____ house with my wife and children. We get along well all of the time. I like my job. It's ³_____, and I really enjoy going most days. My boss is really ⁴_____. He makes me laugh, and it's always fun hanging out with him. I'm a race car driver. It's a really ⁵_____ sport. I won a trophy last week. It was ⁶_____, but the size isn't important. It says "World Champion" on it, so I'm ⁷_____ with it. I'm not sure my mom's so happy about my job. She's ⁸_____ I'll have an accident. I tell her, "Don't you think you should relax a little?"

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SUMMING UP

Complete the dialogue with the words in the list. There are four extra words.

amazing | settle | terrible | promote | college
 enormous | so | such | retire | career | travel | huge

- KATIE** So, what are your plans for the weekend, Conner?
- CONNER** Well my dad's going to ¹_____ from his job next week, so we're having an ²_____ party for him on Saturday. It's going to be really big!
- KATIE** But he's ³_____ young!
- CONNER** I know, and the crazy thing is that the company offered to ⁴_____ him, too.
- KATIE** So, what made him decide to leave?
- CONNER** Well, the money he got was ⁵_____, but it was ⁶_____ a stressful job.
- KATIE** Yeah, money isn't everything.
- CONNER** Now he plans to ⁷_____ the world with my mom.
- KATIE** But what about you?
- CONNER** Well, I hope they're going to wait until I'm away at ⁸_____. But with the mood my dad's in, I can't be too sure!

C HOW PEOPLE BEHAVE

Personality

Complete the descriptions with adjectives.

- 1 He only thinks about himself and what's good for him. He's really s_____.
- 2 She always says "please" or "thank you." She's very p_____.
- 3 You didn't need to buy me a present. That was very t_____ of you.
- 4 He never panics. He's a very c_____ person.
- 5 She's very l_____. She always seems to have so much energy.
- 6 He's very quiet, not because he's unfriendly; he's just a little s_____.
- 7 He's very g_____ with both his money and, more importantly, his time.
- 8 He left without saying goodbye, which I thought was a little r_____.

Using should

1 Write a reply. Use *should* or *shouldn't*.

- 0 "I'm really tired today."
You should have gone to bed earlier. _____
- 1 "It's Luis's birthday tomorrow."

- 2 "I can't believe it. We missed the bus."

- 3 "My tooth really hurts."

- 4 "Mia's really upset with me."

2 Complete the dialogue with *should* / *shouldn't have* and the correct form of the verbs in the list.

stay | get up | bring | put | set

TEACHER Have you done your homework, Elsie?

ELSIE Um, yes, but I left it at home.

TEACHER You ¹ _____ it with you.

ELSIE I know. I'm sorry, but I was in such a hurry. I left it on the kitchen table.

TEACHER You ² _____ earlier. Then you wouldn't have been in such a hurry.

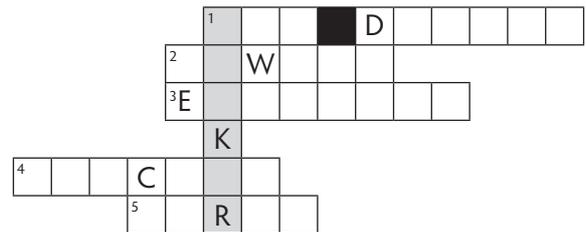
ELSIE I know. I ³ _____ my alarm clock, but I forgot. And I

⁴ _____ my book in my bag the night before. And I

⁵ _____ up so late last night.

Career paths

1 Use the clues to complete the crossword and find the mystery profession.



- 1 He takes us to and from school.
- 2 She helps people who must go to court.
- 3 My brother builds bridges and tunnels.
- 4 He works in the classroom.
- 5 My aunt works in the biggest hospital in Chicago.

2 Choose the correct option.

- 1 My uncle is a receptionist at a clinic. He works in *finance* / *healthcare*.
- 2 I'd like to work in *law* / *education*, maybe as a professor at a university.
- 3 If you want to get into medical school, you'll need the right *degree* / *salary*.
- 4 There are more than 500 *employees* / *employers* working at the factory.
- 5 They're one of the biggest *employees* / *employers* in the region, with more than 2,000 people working for them.
- 6 My mom's in *education* / *finance*. She's an accountant at a hospital.
- 7 I know he's in *law* / *healthcare*. He's a lawyer.

Decisions

Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Come on, Alice. Make up
 - 2 Can you be quiet? I find it difficult to make
 - 3 It's an important decision. I need to think long
 - 4 Don't worry. You can always change
 - 5 It's been ten minutes already. Have you come
- a and hard about it.
 - b your mind later if you want to.
 - c your mind. Do you want a sandwich or not?
 - d to a decision yet?
 - e a decision when people are talking.



Permission

1 Choose the correct option.

- Do your parents *allow / let / make* you do whatever you want?
- I'm not *allowed / let / made* to go out on a school night.
- My parents *let / make / allow* me do my homework before I can play on my tablet.
- Our teacher *makes / lets / allows* us raise our hands if we want to ask a question.
- My mother won't *allow / let / make* me come to your party.
- Are we really *allowed / let / made* to go in that abandoned house?

2 Complete the sentences with the missing words.

- Are you _____ to stay up late?
- Does he _____ you use phones in class?
- Do your parents _____ you do your homework before you can watch TV?
- He complained, but they _____ him clean up the whole room.
- Do your parents _____ you to get up late on weekends?
- Do your teachers _____ you eat in class?

3 Write your answers to the questions in Exercise 2.

SUMMING UP

Put the dialogue in order.

- JIM I hope you're right. Anyway, I'm allowed to use their family car.
- 7 JIM Did you hear the news? I got a summer job.
- JIM I'm actually really scared. I don't have a lot of experience with kids.
- JIM I don't think I'm allowed to use it when I'm not working.
- JIM Babysitting four children from the same family every day.
- LUCY Wow! You're really brave.
- LUCY You'll be fine. You're fun and nice. That's all kids want.
- LUCY You never know. You should ask them. A friend with a car! This is going to be a great summer.
- LUCY Cool! Where are you going to take me?
- LUCY Congratulations. What is it?

D NEW THINGS

Reporting verbs

1 Match each verb with a sentence.

- | | |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| invite | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| recommend | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| refuse | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| explain | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| agree | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| demand | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| persuade | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| encourage | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- To get to the station, you need to take the number 3 bus.
- No, Bella, I won't take you to the party.
- I want you to get out of my house, Ben. Now!
- Would you like to go to the movies, Jenny?
- Come on, Jim. Come to the party with me. You will? Great!
- You should enter the talent show. You're a great singer, Lucy.
- Read this book, Matt. You'll love it.
- OK, Simon. I'll talk to your dad and see if I can change his mind.

2 Report the sentences in Exercise 1.

- He *explained how to get to the station by bus.*
- She _____
- He _____
- She _____
- He _____
- She _____
- He _____
- She _____

3 Complete with the reporting verbs in Exercise 1. There are three you won't use.

I can't believe I've ¹ _____ to run a marathon with Tim. How did that happen? It all started when he ² _____ to me about this children's charity that he is involved with. I said it sounded interesting, and he ³ _____ me to one of their meetings. So I went to see what it was all about. I didn't know they were organizing a marathon to raise money. They asked me to get involved, and of course, I ⁴ _____ . I mean, I'm not crazy. I've never run that far in my life! But they kept on trying to ⁵ _____ me to do it, and in the end I gave in and said yes. And now I can't get out of it.

Negative adjectives

Rewrite the sentences using a negative adjective.

- 0 I'm not happy.
I'm unhappy. _____
- 1 It's not true.

- 2 It's not a formal party.

- 3 They're not patient.

- 4 That wasn't responsible of you.

- 5 Buy it. It's not expensive.

- 6 They're not polite children.

- 7 I don't think that's possible.

Changes

Match the sentence halves.

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 If you're bored, why don't you take | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 The children are all doing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 If children form | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 If he doesn't change his | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Why's it so difficult to break | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 I'm not going to make | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 I might give | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Sometimes I struggle | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- a any resolutions this new year.
 - b up the piano and learn to play the guitar instead.
 - c to understand math. It can be so hard.
 - d bad habits?
 - e good habits when they're young, they'll never forget them.
 - f up a new hobby?
 - g ways, he's going to get into trouble some day.
 - h really well at their new school.

Regrets: I wish ... / If only ...

For each situation write two regrets: one about the present and one about the past.

- 0 I can't afford to buy my mom a birthday present.
I wish I had more money. _____
If only I hadn't spent all my money on clothes. _____
- 1 Sara refuses to speak to me.

- 2 I'm so tired. I want to go to bed, but I'm stuck here in science class.

- 3 All the popular boys are on the basketball team.

- 4 I'm bored.

SUMMING UP

Complete the dialogue with the words/phrases in the list. There are four extra words/phrases.

encourage | struggle | wasn't | unhappy | am not | impossible
 take up | gave up | demand | impolite | hadn't given it up | refuse

- MARTHA What's up, Ben? You look a little ¹_____.
- BEN I'm OK. I'm just bored. I don't have anything to do.
- MARTHA Why don't you ²_____ a new hobby? That will fill your time.
- BEN Like what?
- MARTHA Guitar lessons. You've always wanted to play the guitar better.
- BEN That's true. I wish I ³_____ when I was a teenager. I'd be really good now.
- MARTHA Well, it's not too late to start again.
- BEN It is. It's ⁴_____ for someone my age to start learning an instrument.
- MARTHA What? You're 23!
- BEN I know, but I really ⁵_____ with learning new things. I wish I ⁶_____ that way, but I am.
- MARTHA OK then – be bored.
- BEN What? That's not very nice.
- MARTHA Well I'm trying to ⁷_____ you, but you ⁸_____ to listen. I give up.
- BEN I'm sorry, Martha. I'm just joking. And you're right – it's never too late to start something new. In fact, I think I might just do that. Do you know any good teachers?
- MARTHA That's more like it. In fact I do ... my brother! He's great.

1 SURVIVAL

GRAMMAR

Verbs followed by infinitive or gerund SB page 14

1 ★★★ Write the verbs in the correct columns according to what they are followed by (infinitive or gerund).

keep | suggest | manage | promise | ask
 decide | detest | don't mind | miss | want
 can't stand | enjoy | offer | choose

infinitive	gerund
	keep

2 ★★★ Circle the correct form of the verbs to complete the mini-dialogues.

- 1 JANE Did Simon manage *to finish* / *finishing* his essay last night?
 HARRY Yes, so he promised *coming* / *to come* climbing with us this weekend.
 JANE Great! My dad offered *to give* / *giving* us a ride to the climbing gym.
- 2 KATE I suggested *to take* / *taking* a picnic basket, but they don't want *to carry* / *carrying* it.
 SAM I don't mind *to carry* / *carrying* it.
- 3 ELIF Now that I live in the city, I miss *to go* / *going* for long walks in the country.
 JO Really? I can't stand *to walk* / *walking* in the country.
- 4 ANNA You're very good at the violin!
 ZOE No, I'm not. I really enjoy *to play* / *playing*, and I keep *to practice* / *practicing*, but I'm not improving.
 ANNA Ask Tom *to help* / *helping* you. He's a great musician.
- 5 ENRIQUE We have to walk to the library. My dad won't drive us.
 LOLA Really? Usually your dad doesn't mind *to drive* / *driving*!

3 ★★★ Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.



I enjoy ¹ _____ (climb) mountains, so last year I decided ² _____ (climb) Flattop Mountain in Colorado with a friend. We planned ³ _____ (fly) there in August, and we arranged ⁴ _____ (stay) with a friend in Denver for a few days. We started our climb at 6 a.m., and we hoped ⁵ _____ (get back) down the mountain by 2 p.m. The weather was good, so we managed ⁶ _____ (reach) the summit in three hours. We never imagined ⁷ _____ (see) such a beautiful view from the summit. The next day we felt like ⁸ _____ (climb) the mountain again.

4 ★★★ Find five mistakes in the dialogue and correct them.

- KATE I can't believe it. I managed climbing Devil's Rock this weekend.
 MATEO Really?
 KATE I've watched you climb it a couple of times, but I never imagined to climb it myself. I'm hoping doing more climbing next weekend. I learned descending the rock face using the rope. That was scary! What did you do over the weekend?
 MATEO I wanted coming climbing with you and the others, but I had some homework to do.

5 ★★★ Complete the sentences so that they are true for you.

- 1 I enjoy _____
 2 I started _____
 3 I don't mind _____
 4 I hate _____
 5 I refuse _____
 6 I love _____

Different meanings of verb + infinitive and verb + gerund

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6 ★★★ Match the sentences with their meanings.

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|--|--------------------------|
| 1 I stopped to look at the view. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 I stopped looking at the view. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 He remembers buying a newspaper. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Remember to buy a newspaper, Tom. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 He went on to climb the mountain. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 He went on climbing the mountain. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 I'll never forget reading that article in the newspaper. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 I forgot to read that article in the newspaper. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- a I'll always remember that article I read in the newspaper.
 b He knows he bought a newspaper.
 c I didn't remember to read that article in the newspaper.
 d He continued to climb the mountain after a break.
 e I didn't look at the view anymore.
 f Don't forget to buy a newspaper.
 g I stopped so I could look at the view.
 h After doing other things, he climbed the mountain.

7 ★★★ Complete the mini-dialogues with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 A I forgot _____ (tell) you.
 We're going to the beach this weekend.
 B Lucky you!
- 2 A Did Helena finish her essay?
 B No, she didn't. She tried _____ (finish) it last night, but she couldn't.
- 3 A I regret _____ (not leave) earlier on Saturday.
 B Yes, you missed the boat race.
- 4 A Do you still play the piano?
 B No, I stopped _____ (play) when I was nine.
- 5 A Do you remember _____ (borrow) my J.K. Rowling book?
 B Yes, I do. Sorry I haven't given it back yet.
- 6 A You left your guitar at Karen's house. Her dad called me this morning.
 B Yes, I know. I stopped _____ (pick it up) on the way home just now.

8 ★★★ Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the list.

eat | listen | tell | watch

- 1 I was studying for my history exam, and then I stopped _____ to some music.
 2 I listened to the first three songs, and then I stopped _____.
 3 I remember _____ that movie last year.
 4 Remember _____ that movie tonight. It's really good.
 5 I've tried _____ more vegetables, but I don't like them.
 6 I tried _____ less, but I still didn't lose any weight.
 7 I regret _____ you that there aren't any more tickets for the concert.
 8 I regret _____ Emma about the trip last weekend.

9 ★★★ Now write a true sentence for each of the situations. Think of ...

- something you regret doing or saying.
- something you remember doing or saying when you were in elementary school.
- something you've tried doing.
- something you've stopped doing.
- something you forgot to do recently.

GET IT RIGHT! infinitive or gerund after certain verbs

Learners often omit *to* or don't use gerund after certain verbs.

- ✓ We decided *to* go out for a meal.
 ✗ We decided *go* out for a meal.

Correct the errors in the sentences.

- Jenny couldn't afford take the language course.

- He started feel uncomfortable because he didn't know anyone there.

- We were tired, so Ethan suggested make an early night of it.

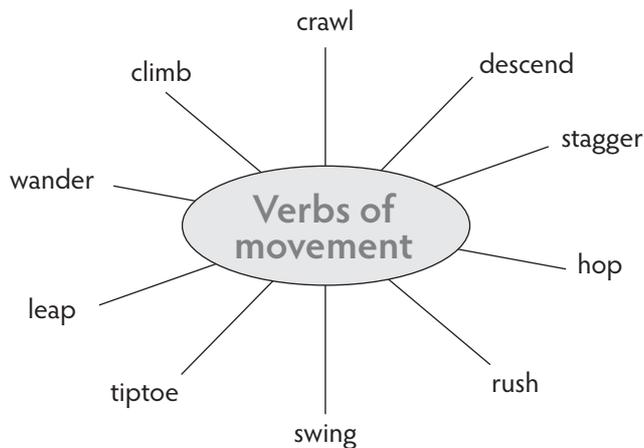
- I never promised help you with your homework!

- Do they practice sing every evening?

- We wanted leave right away, but we couldn't.

VOCABULARY

Word list

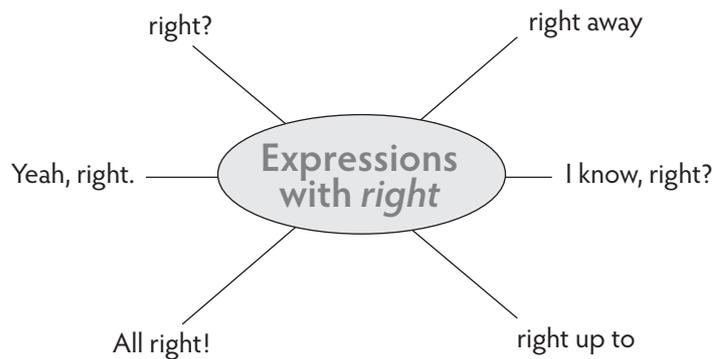


Adjectives to describe uncomfortable feelings

puzzled
 stuck
 desperate



ashamed
 guilty
 awkward



Key words in context

- commercially** I don't think your product will be **commercially** successful. You won't have very many sales.
- extreme** The weather conditions were **extreme**. It was very unusual to see such a snowstorm.
- knot** He tied a **knot** at the end of the rope.
- risky** It was **risky** to climb down the rock face without a safety rope, but they had to do it.
- shelter** It was snowing hard. We had to build a **shelter** to protect us from the snow and the cold.
- slip** I **slipped** on the ice and fell over backward.
- stunt** That was a dangerous **stunt**. He jumped over three buses on a motorcycle.
- thrilled** I was **thrilled** when I won the race. My parents were very happy, too.
- ultimate** Climbing the mountain was the **ultimate** challenge for Jake. He had trained for months.