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To the student

This book will give you the chance to practise your vocabulary in a fun way.

Vocabulary in Practice 5 has:

- 40 units of short, enjoyable exercises – each unit practises groups of words which belong together
- 4 Tests – one after every 10 units, helping you to remember the words from those units
- an Answer Key
- a Word List – this is a list of all the words in each unit with information about how the words are used.

You can use the book in two ways:

- 1 Start at the beginning of the book. Do units 1–40 and then do the Tests.
- 2 Look at the Contents. Do the units you think are important first. When you have finished the book, do the Tests.

You can do each unit in two ways:

- 1 Do the unit and check your answers in the Answer Key. Study the Word List and learn the words you got wrong. Then do the exercise again.
- 2 Study the Word List for the unit. Then do the unit and check your answers.

Note Do the exercises in this book in pencil. Then you can do the exercises again after a week or a month. Repeating the exercises will help you to remember the words.



Here are some ideas to help you to learn vocabulary:

- Write new words in a notebook: write the meaning in English or in your own language, then write a sentence using the word.
- List other related words: noun, verb, adjective [e.g. assertiveness/assert/assertive].
- Write the words in phrases, not in isolation: adjectives with nouns [e.g. immediate family], verbs with nouns [e.g. make a promise], words with prepositions [e.g. related to].
- Note anything particular about grammar [e.g. irregular verb form] or usage [e.g. slim (positive), skinny (negative)].
- List words in groups: words with opposite meanings [e.g. extrovert/introvert, make money / lose money], words with similar meanings [e.g. relation/relative, run-down/shabby].

We hope you find this book useful and that it makes learning English words fun.

1 Names

A Read what the woman is saying and then complete the form with the words in the box.

Hi! I'm Jean Jarvis. Actually, my full name is Jean Frances Jarvis but I don't like the name Frances, so not many people know that. I didn't much like my name before I got married either – I was Jean Smith then and that was a bit boring.



first name maiden name middle name initial signature surname title

APPLICATION FORM

1 (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss) *Mrs*

2 *Jean* 3 *J*

4 *Jarvis*

5 *Smith*

6 *Jean Jarvis*

B Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

anonymous autograph false name married name nickname pseudonym

- 1 It is believed the attacker is dangerous and that he may be using a
- 2 An letter in connection with the murder was received. Police are working to find out who could have sent it.
- 3 Although she and her husband have been together for many years, the famous author has never used her The author explained: 'I was already known as a writer before I met James and it seemed silly to change my name to something no-one would know.'
- 4 In school my was 'Legs' because I was so tall.
- 5 In the nineteenth century it was thought that women should not be writers, so Mary Ann Evans was forced to use a male
- 6 The fans pushed and shoved, all hoping to get the player's

2 Family

A Match the underlined words with the definitions below.

There are six of us in my immediate family – I have three siblings, and my parents are both alive. My sister is adopted, so she's not actually related to me. But as far as I'm concerned, she's just the same as my two brothers. My dad was an only child, so he hasn't many relatives. But I still have a large extended family on my mum's side, because she was one of eight. Out of all my friends, I'm definitely the one with the most relations.

Every year we have a big family gathering. All the generations are there – from my great-grandmother who's very old now right down to some of her great-great-grandchildren, my cousin's children. I should know all my close relations, of course, but I don't always remember what they're called. Forgetting names runs in the family – we all do it! Distant relatives – like my grandmother's cousin's son – have no chance!

- 1 stages in a family history *generations*
- 2 a family meeting or party
- 3 brother(s) and sister(s)
- 4 members of a family
- 5 parents, children, brothers and sisters
- 6 not near in a family relationship
- 7 including family members such as aunts, uncles, cousins
- 8 someone without brothers or sisters
- 9 near in a family relationship
- 10 of the same family
- 11 taken into a family and treated as their own by law
- 12 is found very often in the family

B Are these sentences true or false?

- 1 Your father is one of your siblings.
- 2 Your brother and your cousin are the same generation.
- 3 Your friends are usually related to you.
- 4 Your immediate family is usually smaller than your extended family.
- 5 Your grandmother is a distant relation.
- 6 Your distant relatives always live a long way away.

3 Describing character (1)

A Complete the lists.

adjective	noun	adjective	noun
1 assertive	7	..... capability
2 committed	8	..... competitiveness
3 conscientious	9	..... decisiveness
4 enthusiastic	10	..... motivation
5 organised	11	..... reliability
6 ruthless	12	..... self-assurance

B Complete the advert and letter of reference with the adjectives which match these definitions.

- loyal and willing to work hard
- wanting to win very much
- not afraid to say what you want or think
- very confident about your abilities
- not caring if others suffer
- able to plan carefully
- can be trusted
- puts a lot of effort into work
- interested in and energetic about work
- able to make decisions quickly and confidently
- able to do things effectively
- wants to do her work well

? Are you any or all of the following ...? ?

- completely (1)
- highly (2)
- absolutely (3)
- 100% (4)
- really (5)

If the answer is yes, call this number now for more information about a job which could be just what you've been waiting for.

Kelly has been working as a secretary with Kopac Services for the past three years. She has shown herself to be a highly (6) person who is (7) and (8) at all times. She has always been an extremely (9) member of the team. Her ability to be (10) at all times has meant that she has thrived in what can often be a stressful work environment. Kelly is a most (11) secretary. As she is also highly (12), she has the potential to succeed in her future career.

4 Describing character (2)

A Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

aggressive bossy considerate emotional extroverted gullible
indecisive introverted materialistic moody open placid
secretive stubborn trustworthy

WHAT'S YOUR STYLE?

We can tell a lot about someone by studying their handwriting. For example, it is said that untidy handwriting can tell us that person is (1) _____, finding it difficult to make decisions. Handwriting which slopes to the right can be a sign of an (2) _____ person who is frequently angry and even

violent towards others. And handwriting with no dots over the letter 'i' may be that of someone who is (3) _____, a quiet person who may have problems making friends.

We asked an expert to look at several handwriting samples and here's what she had to say about them.

What can you tell about a person from their handwriting?

This person is an (4) _____ person who cries easily. It's someone who hides their feelings and plans from others – someone I'd describe as (5) _____. It's also someone who believes almost anything they're told – a very (6) _____ type.

What can you tell about a person from their handwriting?

Looking at this balanced handwriting style tells us that this person is very (7) _____, always happy to talk about their feelings and thoughts. It is the writing of a (8) _____ person who makes an excellent friend, always loyal and honest. They have a gentle, (9) _____ nature and are (10) _____, often thinking of how others might feel or what others might need.

What can you tell about a person from their handwriting?

On the other hand, this is the writing of a (11) _____ type who refuses to change their opinion. It's that of an extremely confident and (12) _____ person. This is someone who enjoys telling others what to do – I'd call them (13) _____. This person would be difficult to live with, a very (14) _____ type who often gets annoyed for no good reason. They also think that money and possessions are more important than anything else – (15) _____ is the word I would use to describe that aspect of this person's character.

5 Describing appearance

A Put the words in the box into two groups.

lanky obese petite plump skinny slim stocky well-built

big/fat

small/thin

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B Match the words from A with the descriptions.

- 1 She's tall, with a large, strong body.
- 2 He's too fat, in a way that is unhealthy.
- 3 She's very thin in an unattractive way.
- 4 He's short, but strong and heavy.
- 5 She's short, with a small body.
- 6 He's thin in an attractive way.
- 7 She's tall, but very thin.
- 8 He's a little fat, but in a pleasant way.

C Complete the sentences with *build* or *figure*.

- 1 My elder cousin has the of a rugby player.
- 2 The actress had a beautiful slim
- 3 My mum has kept her quite well considering she's in her fifties.
- 4 Police are looking for a young man of slim but muscular
- 5 My sister does a lot of sport and has a very athletic
- 6 I'll lose my if I eat too much chocolate.
- 7 We use to refer to the shape and size of someone's body, usually in connection with strength and muscle.
- 8 We use to describe shape, especially whether it is attractive or not, and usually only for women.

6 How you feel

A Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 The driver became grateful / suspicious when the customs officer started asking questions about what was in the back of the truck.
- 2 I was furious / offended with him. He had promised not to say anything and then went and told everyone.
- 3 Nothing seems to have gone right recently, so I feel very amazed / negative about just about everything.
- 4 We were delighted / enthusiastic with their decision – it was exactly what we had been hoping for.
- 5 I'm much more positive / impressed about my future now that I've passed all my exams.
- 6 She was in love and felt ashamed / reckless – not caring what anyone thought or what happened to her next.

B Match the other words from A with the correct prepositions.

- | | | | |
|---------|-------|---------|------|
| 1 | about | 4 | for |
| 2 | at | 5 | of |
| 3 | by | 6 | with |

C Complete the paragraphs with the words and prepositions from B.

HOROSCOPES



Virgo 23 Aug-22 Sep This week, you'll be (1) the successes you'll have. They'll be all the more surprising considering the difficult times you've been having recently – there's no doubt you'll be (2) your change in fortune.



Libra 23 Sep-23 Oct You may not be (3) the behaviour of some of your colleagues this week (one of them in particular will disappoint you), but if you manage to remain (4) your work, making a particularly big effort, you'll receive the rewards you deserve.



Scorpio 24 Oct-21 Nov Think long and hard before doing anything unusual this week. You may find that a friend of yours will be (5) your actions and will refuse to speak to you for some time. You risk feeling (6) yourself and wishing you'd never done it.

7 Describing things (1)

A Find twelve adjectives in the grid. Put them into two groups.

j	o	u	t	r	a	g	e	o	u	s	l	r	o	u	s	k	c
o	f	c	h	t	h	r	e	a	t	e	n	i	n	g	t	a	r
p	r	o	m	i	s	i	n	g	r	e	a	g	h	o	r	m	i
x	o	y	o	n	w	p	t	r	e	m	e	n	d	o	u	s	m
u	f	i	n	a	p	p	r	o	p	r	i	a	t	e	n	r	i
p	a	t	h	e	t	i	c	a	p	p	a	l	l	i	n	g	n
r	q	u	e	z	u	n	a	c	c	e	p	t	a	b	l	e	a
a	r	k	l	e	t	g	s	e	n	s	a	t	i	o	n	a	l
b	e	r	i	d	i	c	u	l	o	u	s	h	o	p	l	m	r

positive

negative

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B Complete the sentences with the words from A.

- If the result of a football match is, it causes a feeling of great excitement and interest.
- If a dress is for a particular occasion, it is unsuitable.
- If the price of a car is, it makes you very angry.
- If someone's enthusiasm is, it is very large or great.
- If someone's behaviour is, it is possible that something unpleasant will happen.
- If a piece of work is, it is too bad to be approved of.
- If a film or story is, it holds your attention.
- If a restaurant looks from the outside, it looks as if a visit is going to be successful and enjoyable.
- If the food in a restaurant is, it is very bad.
- If a team's performance is, it is very bad, weak or useless.
- If a suggestion is, it is very silly or foolish.
- If the price of a house is, it is morally wrong.

8 Describing things (2)

A Circle the correct words to complete the adverts.

- 1 **WOMEN'S** hair drier, unused, still in its high-quality / original leather case. £10 only.
Tel: 01865 248978
- 2 **SOFA** in eye-catching / handy orange and brown, seats three.
£25.
Tel: 01325 35891
- 3 **MEN'S** ski jacket, large size, dark blue, detachable sleeves for warm weather, very irresistible / versatile.
Tel: 01865 311104
- 4 **Keyboard** with instruction books, CD and earphones, ideal / stylish for beginner.
Tel: 01865 246702
- 5 **Video recorder** VHS, black slim-line model, good working order, fair condition, great practical / value for money at £20.
Tel: 07866 823886
- 6 **PERSONAL CD-PLAYER**, with reliable / sophisticated playback options, boxed and unused. £220 for both.
Tel: 01325 31793

B Complete the adverts with the other words from A.

- 1 **GARDEN** swing, suitable for children from 2 years,
bargain at £15.
Tel: 01865 751613
- 2 **FILIGREE** bracelet and matching earrings,
jewellery, but unwanted gift. £12 ono.
Tel: 01865 368013
- 3 **TWO** wall lamps, unused, brass/mahogany, very
£20 the pair.
Tel: 01865 798181
- 4 **COOKER**, 50 cm wide, ten years old, very
Too small for new kitchen.
Accept £20.
Tel 01388 762569
- 5 **WOMEN'S** winter coat with hood, size 14
rather than fashionable. Worn twice.
£25 ono.
Tel: 01325 700479
- 6 **FOLD-UP** bike,
size for car boot or for carrying on trains.
Tel: 01748 822139

9 City life

A Match the underlined words with the definitions below.

This city, like any other, is densely populated and it can be difficult to decide which part of the built-up area you want to live in.

If it's urban living you're looking for, try the old commercial district in the centre of the city. Just ten years ago, this could only have been described as a deprived area. Many of the buildings were derelect or run-down until quite recently when a programme of regeneration began. Nowadays it's an up-and-coming neighbourhood, with several riverside developments, and property prices have risen over the past few months.

If you're in search of a suburban lifestyle, head for one of the residential areas several miles from the city centre. Some of the suburbs to the south of the city have modern estates with excellent local amenities as well as being within easy reach of the city centre.

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|----|---|-----------------------------|
| 1 | no longer used and in bad condition | <i>derelect</i> |
| 2 | areas where people live outside the city centre | |
| 3 | place where there are a lot of buildings | ..... |
| 4 | relating to cities or towns | ..... |
| 5 | not having the necessary things for a pleasant life | ..... |
| 6 | with a lot of people living close together | ..... |
| 7 | no longer in good condition | ..... |
| 8 | areas of new buildings | ..... |
| 9 | area of a city likely to be successful soon | ..... |
| 10 | part of a city with lots of shops and businesses | ..... |
| 11 | areas of housing | ..... |
| 12 | groups of houses built in a planned way | ..... |
| 13 | improvement of a place | ..... |
| 14 | nearby facilities that make life more comfortable | |
| 15 | not in the centre of a town or city | |

B Are these sentences true or false?

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|---|--|-------|
| 1 | Post boxes and phone boxes are examples of local amenities. | |
| 2 | Many people work in derelect factories. | |
| 3 | In most cities people don't live in the commercial district. | ..... |
| 4 | You find farms and parkland in built-up areas. | ..... |

10 Housing problems

A Circle the correct words to complete the first part of the text.

More and more young adults are living together as sharers in houses and flats. This may mean that there is less of a (1) housing shortage / mortgage than originally predicted. While the news is positive, (2) deposit / homelessness still remains a problem, with a large number of families in bed and breakfast and temporary (3) accommodation / first-time buyer. More affordable (4) council housing / rent is needed for such families, plus (5) hostels / tenants for those forced to (6) evict / squat in empty buildings or to (7) home owner / sleep rough on the streets of the city.

B Use the other words from A to complete the second part of the text.

Jonathan Abram is 25 and moved here from New Zealand five years ago. He's lived in six shared households since then. 'My favourite home belonged to someone who was a (1) and needed a bit of help to pay his (2) which he'd agreed with the bank. There were six people living in the house altogether – five (3) and the fellow it belonged to. The five of us paid (4) for our rooms each month as well as a small (5) before we moved in. I had an instant group of friends and it worked well – until the (6) wanted the place for himself and his girlfriend, and had to (7) us.'



C Complete the sentences with words from A and B.

- 1 A has never owned a home before.
- 2 People who live in often have to share a room.
- 3 A is someone who has bought a house or flat.
- 4 There isn't much cheap in many cities.
- 5 A is someone who pays for the use of a room or rooms.
- 6 The money an owner borrows from a bank is called a

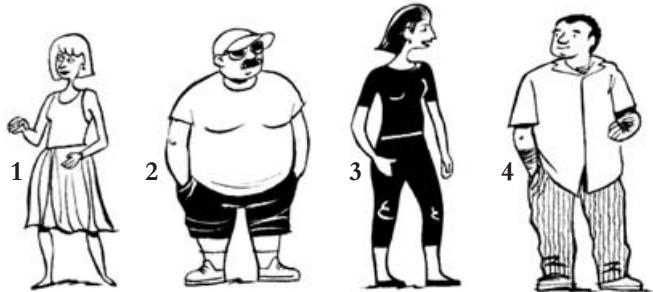
Test 1 (Units 1 –10)

A Complete the conversation. Write one word in each space.

- A: First of all, what's your (1) ?
 B: Barrell.
 A: Is that your (2) name?
 B: No, I'm single.
 A: And your (3) name?
 B: Jania, that's J-A-N-I-A.
 A: That's an unusual name. And what's your middle name (4) ?
 B: F – for Frances.
 A: And your (5) ? Ms?
 B: No, it's Dr actually.
 A: Thank you, Dr Barrell. Are you (6) to Dr Nick Barrell?
 B: Yes, he's a (7) relative. I don't know him very well.
 A: So, medicine (8) in the family, does it?
 B: Yes, lots of us are doctors.
 A: Are there any doctors in your (9) family?
 B: Both my parents are doctors. But there are only the three of us. I'm an (10) child.

B Circle the word for each person.

- 1 skinny / slim
- 2 obese / stocky
- 3 lanky / petite
- 4 plump / well-built



C Replace the underlined words with six adjectives from the box.

appalling eye-catching handy original outrageous promising reliable versatile

- 1 The thought was very silly or foolish.
- 2 Her coat is very attractive and noticeable.
- 3 Her work is showing signs that it will be successful.
- 4 Your work is too bad to be approved of.
- 5 This bag is able to be used for many different purposes.
- 6 A mobile phone is useful or convenient on the train.

Test 1 (Units 1 –10)

D The underlined words are in the wrong sentences. Write the correct word for each sentence.

- 1 My boss is emotional – he doesn't care about any pain he causes to other people.
- 2 She's being aggressive about her exam results – we don't know if she passed or failed.
- 3 If you disagree with him, he'll just argue back. He can be very secretive – and it's very unpleasant.
- 4 He's very materialistic about his work – he always finishes everything off before he goes home.
- 5 The bride got very ruthless at the wedding. She cried when she left for her honeymoon.
- 6 All she talks about is money – she's become so conscientious these days.

E Circle the adjective which describes how each person feels.

- 1 'I can't believe you took the money without asking!' delighted / furious
- 2 'Wow, that's amazing! Did you really do it yourself?' impressed / reckless
- 3 'I'm not saying it'll be easy, but I'm sure we can manage it.' offended / positive
- 4 'Thank you very much for helping me with my car. It was very kind of you.' amazed / grateful
- 5 'That'll never work. It's much too complicated and we don't have enough help.' ashamed / negative
- 6 'This is great – I really love it. Everyone should try it!' enthusiastic / suspicious

F Complete the paragraph. Write one word in each space.

I moved here five years ago. At first I lived in rented (1) in the centre of the city. I was one of four (2) in all, and we lived above a shop, in what wasn't really a (3) area – we didn't have many neighbours. The local (4) were great – there were shops all around us, and there were some great pubs too. But the man who owned the place wanted it for his daughter, so he decided to (5) us. I then moved in with my cousin and his family, who lived in the (6) But living four miles from my job in the city centre wasn't great – I had to get up much earlier. So in the end, my girlfriend and I decided to buy a place. We had enough money for a (7) and now we pay a massive (8) every month.

11 Modern living

A Complete the text with the words in the box.

commute downshift hectic lifestyle nine-to-five quality of life
rat race stress under pressure working conditions work-life balance

Until recently, I didn't have a very healthy (1)
I worked as a publisher for a large company based in London, and I was
always (2) to meet deadlines and get the books
published. The schedules were really (3) last
year, and there was a lot of (4) in my working
life. Don't get me wrong, my (5) were fine. I
had a large office, with a beautiful view over the Thames. I had the latest
computer and a secretary too. In addition, I earned a very good salary. The
problem was that my (6) was completely
wrong. I was away from my lovely home in the country far too much. And not
only did I work very long hours, but I had to (7)
into London every day by train to get to the office.

One Friday evening, after the journey home had taken me four hours
because of a rail accident, I decided I had to get out of the
(8) If I wanted to improve my
(9) and have more time for myself, my family
and friends, then I needed a (10) job which
would give me more free time. Next day I saw an advert for a sales assistant in
a local bookshop and put my house on the market. If I was going to
(11) , then I needed to make some economies
– and a smaller home was the first step. I've been working in the bookshop
and living in my cottage ever since!

B Circle the person who is more likely to do these things.

- 1 have a nine-to-five job – a taxi driver or an office worker
- 2 have more stress – a yoga teacher or a secondary school teacher
- 3 commute – an accountant or a gardener
- 4 be under pressure – a nurse or a ski instructor
- 5 find himself in the rat race – an office cleaner or a marketing manager
- 6 have a hectic day – a doctor or a museum attendant

12 Describing clothes

A Circle the materials and underline the patterns.

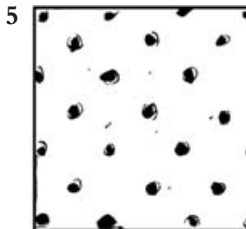
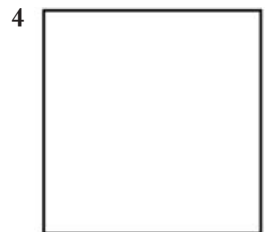
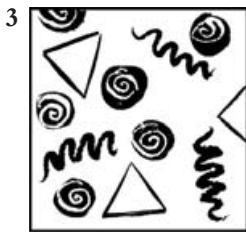
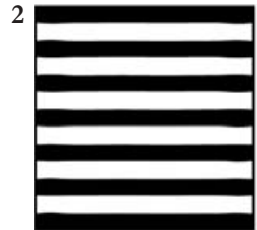
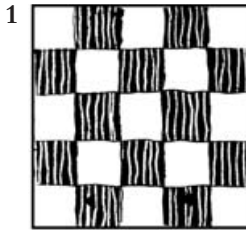
spotted linen wool striped silk patterned
checked cotton plain flowery denim lycra

B Match the materials from A with the lists of clothes they are often used for. Use each word once only.

- | | |
|---------|---|
| 1 | cardigan, gloves, jumper, scarf |
| 2 | cropped top, cycling shorts, leggings, swimsuit |
| 3 | blouse, shirt, T-shirt, underwear |
| 4 | shirt, scarf, tie, underwear |
| 5 | blouse, hat, suit, dress |
| 6 | dress, jeans, jacket, skirt |

C Match the adjectives from A with the patterns.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6



13 Fashion

A Match the underlined words with the definitions below.

I've been invited to a conference and a formal dinner afterwards and I'm wondering what to wear. I'll need something quite smart for the conference itself and an outfit for the evening, perhaps a trouser suit and blouse. But what should I buy? I once had a silk dress made-to-measure in Hong Kong, but usually I wear high-street fashions and buy them off-the-peg. I usually wear casual clothes, and would always choose a garment which was machine washable rather than dry-clean only. My sister-in-law, however, loves haute couture and has her favourite designer label. She always knows about the latest trend and has even been to Paris to see someone's spring collection. Perhaps I should ask her advice. On the other hand, she's got more money than I have, so perhaps I shouldn't!

- 1 one piece of clothing
- 2 clothes made by a famous designer
- 3 a set of clothes that are worn together
- 4 not suitable for special occasions
- 5 can be washed in a washing machine
- 6 clean, tidy and stylish
- 7 made specially for you
- 8 expensive clothes of original design and high quality
- 9 not made specially for you
- 10 clothes sold in shops
- 11 new development in clothing
- 12 can't be washed in a washing machine
- 13 a clothes designer's latest styles, shown every season

B Are these sentences true or false?

- 1 A suit, shirt and tie is an example of a garment.
- 2 People often wear casual clothes when they're relaxing.
- 3 High-street fashions cost more than haute couture.
- 4 You can wash dry-clean only clothes at home.
- 5 Made-to-measure clothes should fit better than off-the-peg.
- 6 A T-shirt and shorts is an example of a smart outfit.