### Colloquial English Waste

### 1 LOOKING AT LANGUAGE

Circle the correct comment adverb in the conversations.

- 1 A How do you recycle your organic waste?
  - B We don't. Ideally / Obviously (Unfortunately), it's impossible to do that where we live.
- 2 A Who's in charge of emptying the trash cans in your house?
  - **B** Amazingly / Gradually / Sadly, my teenage son always takes the trash out.
- 3 A How do you dispose of old electrical devices?
  - **B** Actually / Eventually / Unfortunately, it's not usually a problem because I rarely buy new ones.
- 4 A What kind of things do you recycle?
  - **B** Amazingly / Apparently / Basically, we try to recycle as much as we can.
- 5 A Can you see any problems with recycling?
  - B Actually / Anyway / Obviously, you need four different recycling bins in the kitchen, but apart from that, it's easy.
- 6 A What happened to that beautiful old vase you had?
  - B Generally / Sadly / Strangely it broke, so we had to throw it away.
- 7 A Have they come to empty the recycling bins yet?
  - B No, they haven't. They always come on Mondays, but basically / in fact / strangely they haven't come today.

#### 2 VOCABULARY FROM THE INTERVIEW

Complete the sentences from the interview with a phrase from the list.

|   | orn out e <del>nded up</del> falling apart pretty much ff the hook for the sake |
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| 0 | THE HOOK TOT THE SAKE   |
| 1 | We <u>ended up</u> filming in 11 countries.                                     |
| 2 | He wears his sweaters until they're   |
| 3 | He keeps his cars until they're   |
| 4 | He can make anything look beautiful   |
| 5 | I don't like to blame one person because that lets                              |
|   | us  |
| 6 | We shouldn't buy new things of it.  |

#### 3 THE CONVERSATION

Circle the best response.



- 1 There are plastic bottles that you can eat when you've finished the water.
  - a Yes, isn't that awful?
  - (b) Oh wow!
- 2 There's more plastic in the sea by weight than fish.
  - a That sounds pretty cool.
  - b I mean, that's so depressing, isn't it?
- 3 I can't believe how much plastic there is.
  - a Yes, it's very scary!
  - b Oh wow!
- 4 They've found plastic in the Marianna Trench.
  - a Yes, isn't that awful?
  - **b** I think that's just so amazing.
- 5 They've found bacteria that have evolved to digest nylon plastic.
  - a Its really awful, actually.
  - b That's amazing!

## 4 VOCABULARY FROM THE CONVERSATION

Complete the sentences with a word from the list.

| da | y <del>doubt</del> hilarious involved taste         |
|----|---|
| 1  | I would without a <u>doubt</u> recommend this book. |
| 2  | I couldn't stop laughing; it was                    |
|    | just  |
| 3  | I'd really like to get with animals                 |
| 4  | Reading biographies affects my life and just        |
|    | how I act day-to                                    |
| 5  | But it comes down to, doesn't it                    |

# Can you remember...? 1-5

#### GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

- Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence. Write 2-5 words. Use the word in parentheses.
  - 1 I met John when we were students. (known) I've known John since we were students.
  - 2 My son's girlfriend is from Turkey; she's young and interesting. (Turkish)

My son is going out with an \_\_\_\_

3 There's no doubt you'll save money if you sell your car. (certainly)

You if you sell your car.

4 It started to rain two hours after we started walking. (had)

We

\_\_\_\_\_two hours when it started to rain. 5 My flight to Las Vegas leaves at 11:00

tomorrow and arrives at 12:15. (flying)

At 12:00 tomorrow, I\_\_\_ \_\_ to Las Vegas.

6 My classes end in May next year. (will) My classes

\_\_\_\_\_by June. 7 If the concert isn't sold out, I'll get you a ticket.

I'll get you a ticket for the concert \_\_\_\_

8 I got a cold because I went out with wet hair. (have)

If I hadn't gone out with wet hair, \_\_

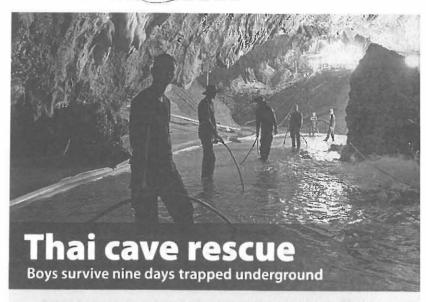
9 It annoys me when you don't listen to me. (wish)

listen to me.

10 I regret not visiting The Louvre when I was in Paris. (visited)

The Louvre when I was in Paris.

Read the article. Circle a, b, or c.



In the summer of 2018, 12 teenage soccer players became trapped deep inside a cave in Thailand with the coach who was taking 1\_\_\_\_ them. They had entered the cave to celebrate one of the boy's birthdays, but <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_rains had flooded the cave, so they couldn't get out. For nine days, the boys and the coach were sitting in complete darkness, which must have been very 3\_\_\_\_. They managed to survive by drinking the water dripping from the cave walls and by eating the snacks they had bought for the birthday party. 4\_\_\_\_\_, the 25-year-old coach, Ekapol Chantawong, refused to eat any of the food so that the boys would have more for themselves. He helped them stay calm by teaching them meditation. When divers 5\_\_\_\_ found the boys, they were 6\_\_\_\_ to see that all the boys were still alive. They were also astonished to find that the boys didn't seem particularly 7\_\_\_\_\_ by their experience. The rescue team, on the other hand, was in a race against time to get the boys out of the cave before the <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_rains began. They had also noticed that the level of oxygen in the cave was dropping. The rescue operation took 9\_\_\_\_ over three days and resulted in all 13 boys being taken safely out of the cave. There was a moment of 10\_\_\_\_, however, when diver Saman Gunan died while he was helping to bring air tanks through the tunnels for the boys.

- 1 a after 2 a hard
- 3 a scare 4 a Apparently
- 5 a lately 6 a bewildered
- 7 a stress
- 8 a blizzard 9 a part
- 10 a anger

- **b** care of
- **b** heavy
- **b** scared **b** Basically
- **b** eventually **b** grateful
- **b** stressed
- **b** hurricane **b** place
- **b** sorrow

- c pity on
- c strong c scary
- c Certainly
- c gradually c relieved
- c stressful
- c monsoon
- **c** risks c loss
- Go online to check your progress