

GRAMMAR

a Circle a, b, or c.

- It ____ that the senator is to retire at the end of her term.
a has announced b announced it
c has been announced
- Excuse me. ____ to be a problem with this seat—I can't change its position.
a It seems b There seems c It appears
- ____ to a recent article, eating a lot of salt may not cause long-term health problems.
a According b Apparently c Considering
- ____ that the murderer is being concealed by friends.
a There is thought b It is thought c It thought
- My house is a mess—if only I ____ so messy!
a 'm not b weren't c was
- I'd ____ you didn't come in with your muddy shoes.
a rather b prefer it c wish
- I really wish we ____ that white sofa—it gets dirty much too easily.
a haven't bought b hadn't bought c don't buy
- I'd like ____ it in the morning, if that's possible.
a that they deliver b them delivering
c them to deliver
- If we hadn't had to work late, ____ the game now.
a I'd be watching b I'd have watched c I'll watch
- I'll pay for the classes ____ you agree not to miss any.
a supposing b unless c providing

b Complete the sentences with the right form of the verb in parentheses.

- The president is believed _____ his vacation in the Caribbean currently. (spend)
- It's time you _____ to think about what subjects you want to study next year. (start)
- My parents always encouraged me _____ foreign languages. (learn)
- My new job involves me _____ to South America two or three times a year. (travel)
- They're incredibly generous people and they wouldn't let me _____ for anything. (pay)
- Daniel can stay the night as long as he _____ sleeping on the sofa. (not mind)
- Supposing the Yankees lost their last two games, _____ they still _____ the division? (win)
- Marcus might have hurt his head badly if he _____ a helmet when he fell off his bike. (not wear)
- _____ you _____ me earlier that you were coming, I would have taken the day off. (tell)
- If my wife hadn't inherited a lot of money, we definitely _____ in a house like this now. (not live)

VOCABULARY

a Complete the sentences with a preposition.

- We arrived _____ time to spare.
- Don't tell me you're still listening to Nickleback! You're really _____ the times.
- Let's set off early. There's so much to see, and I don't want to run _____ of time.
- We've decided to stay here _____ the time being.
- We missed the bus, so _____ the time we got to the theater the play had started.
- The reservation is for 8:30, so please make an effort to be _____ time.
- He met Lara in Moscow, where he was working _____ the time.
- It's _____ time you started studying.

b Circle the right word or phrase.

- The *standard* / *cost* of living is higher in the city than it is in the suburbs. Rents are almost double.
- Liz spent a fortune on her new bag! She must be *loaded* / *affluent*.
- Fares* / *Fines* on the New York City subway have gone up a lot recently. The cost of a SingleRide ticket is now \$3.
- A This hat cost \$20.
B Twenty *bucks* / *spots*? You're kidding!
- They wanted to buy a house, but the bank wouldn't give them *an installment* / *a mortgage*.
- The highest rate of *income* / *inflation* tax in the US is currently 37%.
- Our vacation *budget* / *grant* is only \$1,500, so we won't be able to go abroad.
- Would you like to make a *donation* / *deposit*? It's for UNICEF.

c Complete the compound adjectives.

- My father is very intolerant and **narrow-**_____.
- Don't say anything about her new hairstyle. She's feeling very _____-**conscious**.
- Jane gets her vintage clothes from **second** _____ stores.
- You shouldn't have gone to the interview in those _____-**out** jeans.
- Their kids are really **badly-**_____. They never do what they're told.
- Our trip to Uganda was a _____-**changing** experience.
- The local bakery sells good _____**made** cakes.

d Complete the sentences with a verb or adjective.

- 1 I was on the phone when we suddenly got _____ off and the line went dead.
- 2 I tried to call Bill at the office, but I couldn't _____ through. The line was busy.
- 3 You'll have to _____ up a little. My grandmother is very deaf.
- 4 I'm so _____ of you. That was a wonderful performance.
- 5 My sister is totally _____ on that new reality show on TV.
- 6 I'm completely _____ to potato chips. I buy a package almost every day.
- 7 I hope Franz and Amy _____ up with some great ideas for the April meeting.

CAN YOU understand this text?

a Read the article once. What two strategies do the people have in common?

b Read the article again and choose a, b, or c.

- 1 a But b And c So
- 2 a easily b hardly c never
- 3 a less valuable than b as valuable as c more valuable than
- 4 a rather than b in addition to c despite
- 5 a after b without c instead of
- 6 a neck b behalf c shoulders
- 7 a in spite of b as well as c because of
- 8 a in my control b out of my control c under control
- 9 a Nor will I ask b I will also ask c I love asking
- 10 a at home b at the front door c in the kitchen

c Look at the highlighted words and phrases and figure out their meaning. Check with your teacher or with a dictionary.

▶ CAN YOU understand this movie?

Watch or listen to a short movie on giving presentations. Complete the sentences with two or three words.

- 1 The one thing Louise hates about her job is _____.
- 2 Nowadays in most jobs you need to be able to deliver a message _____ and _____.
- 3 RADA opened in the Haymarket in _____ in the year _____.
- 4 Actors and public speakers use a lot of the _____ to engage an audience.
- 5 The RADA approach can be summarized as "_____, _____, _____."
- 6 After Louise's first presentation, the instructor gives her some _____.
- 7 If you can get your _____ right it will help your breathing.
- 8 In public speaking it's important to _____ an _____ from the beginning.
- 9 It's equally important to end on a _____.
- 10 The RADA technique gives you the skills to _____ in _____.



How I stay calm

The school principal

Education transformed my life. I wasn't academic, I was a plodder. ¹_____ I had the most fantastic teachers. In a way, that's where the stress and worry of this job comes from, the knowledge that a school can make a huge difference to the lives of young people. Children are here for only a fixed period; any time that is lost, they'll ²_____ get back.

There are 1,100 people in the building whose jobs are all essential to the running of the school, and I need to make sure that every single one of them is doing what they need to be doing. Our cleaners are ³_____ our teaching staff. Nothing can prepare you for being responsible for it all. However, most stressful situations that arise, be it with antisocial behavior or angry parents turning up, we have systems to deal with them. When I arrived in 2012, I introduced a policy for both teachers and students of always remaining calm and non-confrontational. The minute you shout, people don't listen to you; they just focus on the noise you're creating ⁴_____ what you're saying. The other thing that helps me remain calm is being highly visible, so that everyone—parents and those in school—can talk to me as soon as something is niggling them. It's when things fester that they create the most stress. So I'm at the school gate at the start and end of every day.

I'm an organized person; I won't leave my office ⁵_____ getting everything ready for the next morning. One rule I try to stick to is that I do my work at work; I'll stay late to get it finished, but I won't take it home. And I run. If there's something I need to deal with, I can usually find a solution on my run, and by the time I get home I'm relaxed.

The high school wrestling coach

When I'm watching one of my guys wrestle a match, my heart is usually racing pretty fast. I can get pretty worked up if I think the referee made a bad call, but most of the time I can stay calm and in control. I'm no use to my guys if I'm constantly yelling at the referee.

As a junior varsity wrestling coach, I have a lot of responsibility resting on my ⁶_____. I'm teaching my guys how to wrestle, ⁷_____ how to balance practice with schoolwork. I also have to deal with the kids' schedules—who can't make a practice because their mom scheduled a dentist appointment, who can't come to an important match on a Saturday because he's going to a family wedding. Most of these things are ⁸_____, and there's really nothing I can do about them, so I just try to just go with the flow.

The best way for me to stay calm while surrounded by 23 energetic boys is to remind myself that they wouldn't be on the team if they weren't interested in the sport. When the kids are showing effort and staying focused in practices, I won't discourage them by yelling or being mean. ⁹_____ them to do moves they're not ready for yet.

When I was a wrestler in college, there was a period when I was injured and I felt I was letting my coaches down. Then one of them told me the best thing I could do was to give my injury time to heal. He told me to go home, rest up, and leave all my stress ¹⁰_____. And I did. So, I guess the point is whether I'm dealing with 23 high school kids or a season-ending injury, as long as I'm calm and I have a good attitude, I can handle anything!

