



Vocabulary Practice 4

Idioms/ Fixed Phrases

52 Fill in the blanks with one of the idioms/fixed phrases in the correct tense form.

in a nutshell - stating the main facts about sth in a short clear way
make allowances for sb - to make excuses or explanations for sb or sth/ sb's behavior
have a good eye/nose/ear for sth - to be good at noticing sth/finding and recognizing sth/ learning and copying sth
fish for information/compliments - to try to get sth by indirect questions

kill two birds with one stone - to achieve two things with one action
have/to take the floor - to speak at an important public meeting
fit/fill the bill - to be exactly what you need
speak volumes (about/for) - to clearly show the nature of sth or sb's feelings
make sb's day - to make sb very happy

1. You haven't studied hard enough and did badly in your exams., you'll have to sit this year's class again next year.
2. Hearing her voice on the phone really I was happy, even overjoyed.
3. Dad is under pressure at work, so you should it if you want to talk to him.
4. Like any other good newspaper journalist, he for a story.
5. He spoke for five minutes and then stepped aside to allow other speakers.....
6. I have to cash a check and make a payment on my bank loan. I will by doing them both in one trip to the bank.
7. She certainly art, which explains why she was a successful art dealer.
8. He didn't want to create the impression that he was, so he stopped asking embarrassing questions.
9. This job perfectly. It is well-paid and far from being boring.
10. The way he covers the news in his TV programme him as a journalist.



Prepositional Idioms and Phrases

53 Look up a preposition in Appendix 2 and fill in one of the prepositions.

1. Such computer specialists are very rare, really few and far
2. These stylish gadgets are the cutting edge of audio technology.
3. This online survey of consumer preferences is just hot the press.
4. You can be anything you set your mind on. Don't be afraid to reach the stars.
5. This is their second defeat the hands the world champions.
6. A good rule thumb is that a portion of rice is two handfuls.
7. my surprise and delight we reached an agreement on that vulnerable matter.
8. Why was there a delay communicating the latest information to the public?
9. You'll soon forget about him after he leaves - sight, mind.
10. The plans of the TV channel are well way of broadcasting live across the country.



Word Formation: Revision

54 Use the relevant words given to form a word that fits in the space in the same numbered line.

OBSESSED WITH YOUR INBOX?

It was not so long ago that we dealt with colleagues through face-to-face (0) *interaction* and with counterparts and customers by phone or letter. But the world of communication has (1) a dramatic transformation, not all for the good. Email, while (2) a swift means of communication, providing your server is fully (3), and that the address you have contains no (4), has had a (5) effect on certain people's behaviour, both at home and in business. For these people, the use of email has become (6) addictive to the extent that it is (7) their mental and physical health. Addicts spend their day (8) checking for email and have a (9) to panic if their server goes down. It is estimated that one in six people spends four hours a day sending and receiving messages, the equivalent to more than two working days a week. The negative effect on (10) is something employers are well aware of.

(0) **INTERACT**

(1) **GO**

(2) **DOUBT**

(3) **FUNCTION**

(4) **ACCURATE**

(5) **SIGNIFY**

(6) **RESIST**

(7) **THREAT**

(8) **COMPULSION**

(9) **TEND**

(10) **PRODUCE**

Grammar Revision 4: Infinitive/Gerund

55 A Mixed Bag. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct grammar form.

1. I don't mind (travel) by bus, but I hate (stand) in queues. – I don't care for (queue) either, and you waste so much time (wait) for buses.
2. Jean tends (arrive) late on Mondays, but our boss doesn't seem (care) about that. He is said (be) in love with her since she came to work here.
3. He was made (leave) the town and he didn't want the last money (spend) on a room on the outskirts; he didn't expect (offer) the shelter at her place. He was too exhausted (resist) (accept) the offer.
4. "Why don't you have your hair (wave)?" I asked. But Jane didn't appear (hear) me. She seemed (listen) to the sounds of nature.
5. It was wise (apply) early to be certain (obtain) the place at the club, as the vacancies at the club are known (inform) of at a month's notice.
6. It was silly of me (fail) (pass) the audition, so you can imagine how delighted I was (invite) (come) once again.
7. On (introduce) they fell to (talk). They seemed (know) each other for ages. I had never seen anyone (laugh) so heartily.

8. The information doesn't seem (take) seriously, that's why no one considered (take) precautions (prevent) (spread) of the disease.
9. Simon hates (have) his picture (take). He is said (be) a naughty boy from birth. His behavior at school also leaves much (desire).
10. I had my stereo (steal), because I failed (lock) the door of my car, so I had the mechanic (install) anti-theft alarm in my car.
11. This actress can't get used to (suppose) (keep) (take) drugs for many years. She is said (undergo) treatment not long ago.
12. We are busy (provide) support for people in need, as well as (raise) money for charities. We are looking forward to (assist) in this work.
13. I can't stand the idea of (work) until I am 70, only (retire) to some boring country village and (waste) my time (grow) vegetables and flowers.
14. (stay) connected to the Internet in that faraway village he tried (find) the accessible Internet point, but there happened (be) none.
15. The dog was accustomed to (forbid) (leave) the house as punishment for (make) the postman (run) all the way to the gate.
16. The neighbours let the police (know) that Nancy's son turned out (leave) with a 12-year-old girl for the weekend. Nancy was supposed (spend) the weekend with the friends.
17. On that day Mathew started surfing only (force) (jump off) a wave (avoid) (hit) by another surfer. The wave didn't get him (stop) (surf). The other surfers watched him (climb up) the board and (go on) (enjoy) himself.
18. We have already had TV programmes (broadcast) for fifty years. It appears only obvious (conclude) that it is here (stay). There have been many objections to (have) TV sets in our homes, of course. Some people say TV needs (prohibit) for a variety of grounds. For example, it causes our eyes (strain). The commercials persuade us (buy) more. Children are likely (turn) to violence through (watch) it.

WRITING PRACTICE 4

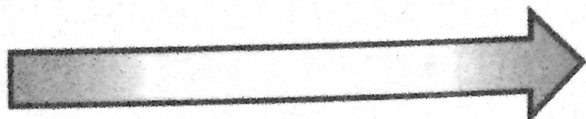
Essay writing

56 Make use of your arguments from Ex. 44 and prepare a draft of an essay on the following topic.

Television has an influence on the way we behave or think.

Introduction

Paragraph 2



59 A Mixed Bag. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

A Last year I (1) (stay) for a few days in an old house in Scotland which (2) (be) famous for its ghost since its existence. When my hosts (3) (suggest) (4) (stay) up all night (5) (see) their ghost, I simply laughed at them as I (6) (never/believe) in ghosts, so I (7) (not/be) afraid of (8) (see) them of course. Then I (9) (tell) about the woman who (10) (suppose) (11) (haunt) their house for centuries. She (12) (accuse) of (13) (murder) her husband in the eighteenth century because she (14) (be) jealous of him, but she (15) (avoid) (16) (try), and (17) (disappear). She appeared quite regularly, walking through the house and (18) (seem) (19) (search) for something. I (20) (agree) to watch that night, although it (21) (mean) (22) (sit) for hours in the cold. I (23) (expect) one of my friends (24) (appear) dressed as the ghost, and so when the figure of a woman finally (25) (come) towards me, I (26) (pretend) (27) (terrify) and (28) (shake) with horror. You can imagine my surprise when the figure (29) (take) a knife from her dress, and then (30) (vanish). I decided (31) (disappear) myself, and (32) (drive) home to London as quickly as I (33) (can).

B My first working day at the Excelsior Food Company was rather unusual. First of all, I (1) (give) a greasy overall. Whoever (2) (wear) it before (3) (never/wash) it! When I (4) (mention) this to the foreman he asked if I (5) (be) afraid of a bit of dirt. My first job meant (6) (sweep) the floor. The factory (7) (not/seem) (8) (ever/clean) properly. I (9) (scrub) and (10) (sweep) until I (11) (send) (12) (put) pies into boxes for the rest of the morning. Someone (13) (suppose) (14) (take) them to the cold-store, but whoever this person (15) (be), they (16) (obviously/ forget) about it. As a result, a huge pile of boxes (17) (turn out) (18) (wait) (19) (move). Then I (19) (discover) that I (20) (expect) (21) (move) them! But nobody (22) (tell) me (23) (make) guesses about my duties.

60 Translate the sentences.

1. *Бесполезно пытаться заставить его делать то, что он не хочет.*
2. Ты советуешь прочитать эту статью? – Да, ее *стоит* почитать. Автор выражает необычную точку зрения на проблему общения в социальных сетях.
3. Вы видели, как Том *добрался* до другого берега реки? – Да, это было довольно трудно, но он сказал, что это *стоило* всех усилий.
4. Я хочу, чтобы мы вернулись домой. – Зачем? – Я не помню, чтобы я *выключала* утюг. – Не волнуйся, я видел, как ты его *выключала* и ставила на полку.
5. Когда Тэд выглянул в окно, он заметил, что Анна сидела в саду. Она была очень расстроена. Он видел, что ей трудно *привыкнуть* к жизни вдали от дома.
6. Какой смысл устраивать совещание и приглашать на него большое количество людей, если вы все равно не *разрешите* им *высказать* свою точку зрения?

7. Джек не ждал, что ему помогут найти работу. Он *привык* полагаться на себя.
8. Не смейся меня. Если ты не прекратишь рассказывать свои истории, я никогда не закончу даже это предложение, не говоря уже обо всем упражнении.
9. Том не против, если на собрании ему зададут вопросы по этой важной теме?
10. Ожидается, что они *доберутся* до вершины горы к вечеру завтрашнего дня.
11. Ты случайно не знаешь, куда ушел Тед? – Нет, но я слышал, как хлопнула дверь.
12. Я сожалею, что приняла это предложение. Работа оказалась совсем другой, не такой, как я ожидала. И к тому же она *предполагает* много командировок.
13. С чего ты взял, что я помогу тебе? Идея в том, что ты все должен сделать сам.
14. Анна видела, что ему не хочется говорить о работе, поэтому сменила тему.
15. Казалось, обо всем договорились, и (казалось, что) ничто не могло помешать им *осуществить их план*. Но оказалось, что вначале ими была допущена ошибка.
16. Говорили, что *стоимость* похищенной картины *составляла* миллион евро.
17. Они случайно встретились на вечере, и, говорят, с тех пор не расстаются.
18. Сообщается, что стороны *пришли к соглашению* по самым важным вопросам.
19. Очевидно, социальные сети *существенно влияют* на жизнь каждого человека.
20. Весьма вероятно, очень скоро электронные учебники *заменят* бумажные.

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Essay Writing. Comment on the following statement. Use the Discussion Clock (Appendix 4) to think of ideas for the statement. Write 200-250 words.

The mass media have a harmful effect on moral standards of a culture.

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Study the photographs. In 1.5-2 minutes be ready to compare and contrast the photographs. You will speak for not more than 2 minutes (12-15 sentences). You have to talk continuously.

- a) give a brief description of the photos (action, location)
- b) say what the pictures have in common
- c) say in what way the pictures are different
- d) say which leisure activity you prefer
- e) explain why



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