

## Consolidation 10

### 243 Use only one word to fill in each of the numbered blanks.

As part of Project Pelagos, a marine reserve covering the same area as Switzerland and located in the Ligurian Sea is (1) ..... planned. The programme was (2) ..... by environmentalists from the University of Genoa in response (3) ..... growing concern about the number of whales and dolphins being harmed in those waters.

Every year large numbers of dolphins, orcas and finback whales migrate to this area from Atlantic waters in (4) ..... of food. (5) ....., studies estimate that correspondingly large numbers never (6) ..... to mate in native waters. The deaths are being (7) ..... by the presence of DDT, a pernicious insecticide voluntarily banned (8) ..... Britain, in the seas off the Ligurian coast. Its (9) ..... on marine animals is cumulative rather (10) ..... instantaneous, so whales returning to the same area year (11) ..... year are particularly vulnerable. The (12) ..... major problem is the use of large fishing nets (13) ..... trap dolphins and whales. Very recent laws prohibit Italy's fishing boats, some of (14) ..... have drag nets up to 10 kilometres in length, from entering the area, but as yet there is nothing to (15) ..... foreign boats from fishing there. The nets are a particular problem and it has been estimated that approximately 400 dolphins (16) ..... in them each year.

The project aims (17) ..... develop a safe area for these animals, but the administrators admit that funding is a problem. To remedy this, they have set (18) ..... an adoption scheme for which there is no fixed registration fee. Donations have been averaging £25 and for this, participants receive certification of their involvement (19) ..... the scheme, an information pack about their dolphin or whale, plus regular updates. In addition, there are plans afoot to allow some volunteers to accompany scientists going out (20) ..... observation trips.

### Phrasal Verbs 1

### 244 Look at Appendix 1 and fill in the missing prepositions or adverbs from the box below, then give a synonym for each phrasal verb.

down, in, aside, behind, in for, off, down to, about, up with, up, out, forward, on, away, back, through, across

- He had a bad time in the army but he has put it **behind** him now.
- Just put ..... your name and address on this card.
- The lecturer had difficulty in putting ..... his ideas.
- He put his failure in the exam ..... bad luck.
- The drought in Africa has put ..... development in the area by decades.
- Why don't you put ..... that new position at the university?
- Make sure you put ..... the fire before going to bed.
- Could you put me ..... to Mr Jones, please?
- If you can't afford a hotel, we'll put you ..... for the night.
- How can you put ..... the noise in this house? I'd go mad.
- He put ..... an insurance claim after the accident but he got nothing.
- Don't be put ..... by his manner. He always acts that way.
- They're putting ..... a dance performance in the town hall tonight.
- We put ..... a sum of money each month for our summer holidays.
- John's father had to be put ..... when he started running about the streets screaming.
- Mr Jones has put ..... the proposal that all members should make a contribution to the relief fund.
- It is being put ..... that the Vice-President is involved in the scandal but there seems to be no evidence for it.

What other meanings can you find for a) put on and b) put through?

Phrasal Verbs 2

245 Look at Appendix 1 and fill in the missing prepositions or adverbs from the box below, then give a synonym for each phrasal verb.

on, through, with, out, together, down, up to, over, on to

1. His proposal met **with** total opposition from the committee.
2. We'd better move ..... the housing problem before time runs out.
3. Please note ..... these figures so we can go over them later.
4. She asked him to pass the pepper ..... to her.
5. We can narrow our options ..... to two or three at the most.
6. If you think you can live ..... charity for ever, you're sadly mistaken.
7. You ought to try and live ..... your parents' expectations.
8. I think you've missed ..... John and Sally from the invitation list.
9. The detective tried to piece ..... the events from the few clues he had.
10. He's used to hardships because he's lived ..... two wars.
11. John has been passed ..... for promotion in favour of a younger man.
12. New automated machinery in factories is phasing ..... old production techniques and methods.
13. I'm afraid you'll have to learn to live ..... this problem for the rest of your life.

What's the difference between "call off" and "put off"?

Idioms 1

**be in the same boat** : be in the same (usu bad) situation

**go without saying** : be a foregone conclusion

**behind the scenes** : in secret

**be all at sea** : in a state of confusion

**be/have a close shave** : barely escape an accident etc.

**be in sb's shoes** : be in sb's position

**go for a song** : be sold very cheaply

**smell a rat** : suspect that sth is wrong

**be/get soaked to the skin** : be/get very wet

**live out of a suitcase** : travel often

**pull one's socks up** : make a greater effort

**on a shoe-string** : on a very small budget

246 Fill in the blanks with one of the idioms.

1. Almost everything sold at the auction **went for a song**; I've never seen so many bargains.
2. As far as her future goes, Olivia .....; she hasn't got any idea what career to follow.
3. He told his son that he ought to ..... or he'd never make a success of himself.
4. It ..... that he'll get the role in the play; after all, he's perfect for it.
5. If I ....., I would think twice about taking that job.
6. It would be interesting to know what goes on ..... in a political campaign.
7. She ..... when her husband started coming home late so she followed him only to find out that he had started gambling again.
8. As far as jobs go, we're both ..... I haven't worked for months either.
9. I went out in a downpour without my umbrella and got .....
10. It ..... when a tile fell off the roof and nearly hit her on the head.
11. My brother travelled around the States ..... I don't know how he survived on so little money.
12. People who are involved in international business tend to ..... much of the time.

## Idioms 2

**247** Read the following sentences and explain the idioms in bold italics.

- I know he tends to exaggerate, so I **take** everything he tells me **with a pinch of salt**.
- He's so **thick-skinned** that I don't think he'd notice if you called him an idiot to his face.
- Did it show** that I was bored during the meeting? I tried to act as if I was interested.
- Her father **made quite a scene** when she came home two hours later than she was supposed to.
- Unless they let their daughter play with other children more, I don't think she'll ever **come out of her shell**.
- I'll **sleep on it** and give you my decision tomorrow.
- After having a terrible day at work, it was **the last straw** when her car broke down on the way home.
- The mugger who **gave** the police **the slip**, wasn't apprehended until a week later.
- Paul **is the spitting image of** his father - even his mannerisms are the same.
- Could you tell me your surname one more time? I'm afraid I've got **a memory like a sieve**.
- Laura's parents assured her that they would not **stand in her way** if she wanted to become a pilot, and that in fact they would help her in any way they could.
- Arresting that woman was **a long shot** as there was so little evidence against her, but in the end she turned out to be the ringleader.
- By **pulling a few strings**, my friend who works at the airline managed to get us a ticket on the next flight.
- I can't stay awake a moment longer - I'm going **to hit the sack**.
- Although her friend asked her not to tell anyone about her secret wedding plans, she **spilled the beans** and soon everyone knew.

## Prepositions

**248** Look at Appendix 3 and fill in the blanks with the correct preposition.

- Mark was saved **from** drowning by the heroic action of his brother.
- The board of directors is meeting today to appoint a replacement ..... the retiring chairman.
- He was very solicitous ..... our comfort and made every effort to ensure we had a pleasant journey.
- We'd better go out for dinner; the food we have in the house isn't sufficient ..... the six of us.
- When the dam broke, a surge ..... water rushed down the mountain.
- I was smitten ..... regret as soon as I had made the unkind comment.
- I can't pay the electricity bill until next week because I'm very short ..... money right now.
- The manager was not sympathetic ..... their request for a non-smoking area.
- Her colleagues intend to support her ..... her fight against discrimination in the workplace.
- They're bringing out a sequel ..... this television series next summer.

**249** Look at Appendix 3 and fill in the blanks with the correct preposition.

- I acted **on** impulse and bought my wife a large bunch of flowers.
- He has an excellent lawyer acting ..... him and is bound to win the case.
- We agreed ..... his plan and started making preparations immediately.
- None of us could agree ..... what to buy our teacher as a present.
- Sam's views are often so outrageous that people rarely agree ..... him.
- The secretary's argument ..... her boss led to her being fired.
- There are strong arguments ..... banning the use of aerosol sprays.
- On our honeymoon we argued ..... everything from the food to the weather!
- When the explorer arrived ..... the river, he immediately filled up his water bottles.
- You must show your passport as soon as you arrive ..... a new country.
- Professor Watson is an expert ..... medieval architecture.
- He's not only a comedian, but also an expert ..... ventriloquism.