

## Consolidation 4

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

The 1990s has been hailed (1) ..... the environmental decade; the world and the environment are now firmly (2) ..... the political agenda. The citizens of planet Earth are waking (3) ..... to the knowledge that action is (4) ..... not only by governments but also by all mankind, to preserve the world as we know it.

The ozone layer, environmental pollution, global warming, the rainforests are topics discussed (5) ..... -wide from the newsroom to the café. Environmental pollution is an area which is of direct (6) ..... to all of us, from the chemical waste (7) ..... out by factories to the rubbish we throw (8) ..... every day. Industrial pollution is being emitted continually (9) ..... the world's cities, clogging up the atmosphere, poisoning the rivers and destroying nature's balance.

New environmental awareness is already evident: young children are (10) ..... educated about recycling household waste, housewives are becoming green-shoppers, concerned (11) ..... the contents and packaging in their shopping baskets, and governments are at (12) ..... beginning to take serious and effective (13) ..... . Although this environmental awareness is laudable, it could be (14) ..... that perhaps it has all come a bit too (15) ..... . Man has been polluting the environment in (16) ..... damaging ways for the past 150 years. The methods and processes which cause so (17) ..... of the pollution form the core of "civilised" living. In trying to cope (18) ..... the problems which the Earth faces, we must also (19) ..... at the causes and re-evaluate our way of living, turning to natural, environmental ways of producing energy, and living our (20) ..... closer to nature.

### Phrasal Verbs 1

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

round, off, across, through, down to, to, into, out, up,  
up with, by, up to, forward, on, over, in, round to, out in

- I'm not sure how the accident came **about** but I suspect somebody was being careless.
- He came ..... a collection of valuable old coins in the attic.
- How did you come ..... this painting? It's a Picasso, you know.
- This diamond came ..... me from my great-grandmother.
- After she hit her head, it took her several minutes to come .....
- How much did the food bill come ..... this week?
- Did the new play come ..... your expectations?
- Those seeds I planted haven't come ..... yet.
- He came ..... several thousands when his grandfather died.
- The party came ..... rather well. Everyone enjoyed themselves.
- The students are coming ..... very well in Maths this term.
- It came ..... that Sue's husband had been arrested for theft.
- I don't know what's come ..... him; he's acting very oddly.
- He came ..... a rash after eating a kilo of strawberries.
- Her latest novel is coming ..... soon.
- Long hair for men is coming ..... again. More and more wear their hair long.
- After the flood, hundreds of volunteers came ..... with offers of assistance.
- We don't know yet how we'll solve the problem but I'm sure someone will come ..... a solution soon.
- Most of the companies which came ..... the economic crisis are now operating very successfully.
- They've come ..... our way of thinking at last.

## Phrasal Verbs 2

<b>deal in :</b>	trade in sth
<b>deal with :</b>	tackle a problem, cope with
<b>do away with :</b>	abolish
<b>do down :</b>	criticise
<b>be done for :</b>	be in serious trouble
<b>do out of :</b>	deprive of
<b>do up :</b>	fasten (a coat etc)
<b>do with :</b>	tolerate
<b>do without :</b>	manage in spite of lack of sth (opp.: do with)
<b>drive at :</b>	imply

What's the difference between **care about** and **care for**?

## Idioms 1

## 96 Match the idioms with the definitions.

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|----------------------------|--|-------------|
| 1. keep an eye on sth      | A. have a feeling that sb is talking about one | 1. <b>F</b> |
| 2. take it easy            | B. within the rules                            | 2. ....     |
| 3. feel one's ears burning | C. manage to look serious                      | 3. ....     |
| 4. (keep) a straight face  | D. be inexperienced                            | 4. ....     |
| 5. be flat out             | E. very quickly                                | 5. ....     |
| 6. one's flesh and blood   | F. guard sth                                   | 6. ....     |
| 7. fair and square         | G. insist                                      | 7. ....     |
| 8. in a flash              | H. be very tired                               | 8. ....     |
| 9. put one's foot down     | I. family member                               | 9. ....     |
| 10. be green               | J. calm down                                   | 10. ....    |

Now make sentences using the above idioms.

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....
6. ....
7. ....
8. ....
9. ....
10. ....

## 95 Fill in the correct phrasal verb.

1. Can you **do up** my dress please?
2. The death penalty should have been ..... long before it was.
3. I can't ..... his indifference any more.
4. What were you ..... when you said you might not see Mark for some time?
5. He ..... antique furniture and paintings.
6. The old man was ..... his life's savings by a confidence trickster.
7. Surely you can ..... sugar in your coffee for once?
8. How do you ..... an unruly class when they are disobedient?
9. You shouldn't ..... your classmates just because they're not as quick as you.
10. We're ..... now - here come the police!

Idioms 2

97 Look at Appendix 2 and explain the meaning of the idioms in bold italics.

- There were so many **gate crashers** at the party that I didn't even recognise the people I invited.
- Don't **take your mother for granted**; she does a lot of work for you.
- She **cooked my goose** when she refused to provide an alibi for me.
- Most politicians **have the gift of the gab**.
- "It's all Greek to me,"** she said as the professor was explaining the new maths problem.
- In politics, there is always a little **give and take**.
- I **heard it through the grapevine** that we are going to get a rise next month.
- He met Jennifer and **fell head over heels in love**.
- He **put his foot in it** when he mentioned Sally's ex-boyfriend to her new one.
- I was asked to make a speech but I couldn't because I **had a frog in my throat**.
- After our break-up, I was comforted by the fact that **there are plenty more fish in the sea**.
- My teacher and I **got off on the wrong foot**, but now we are good friends.

Prepositions

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

- My cousin has a flair **for** languages and can speak more than six.
- All the animals in the forest fled ..... the fire.
- If you have a grievance ..... the company, please lodge a formal written complaint.
- My car is guaranteed ..... rust for eight years.
- The teacher told me to stop fiddling ..... and to sit still and concentrate.
- My brother is always gibing ..... me about my weight.
- I was furious ..... my sister ..... her continual lies to our mother.
- His glee ..... the news of his success was a joy to see.
- You musn't grieve ..... one trivial mistake.
- He has a fixation ..... becoming the best doctor in the world.
- She does nothing but fret ..... her lack of money.
- His fidelity ..... the firm has won him great respect.
- He is always gloating ..... his sudden success as an actor.
- He is certainly good ..... maths, if not much else.
- The factory owner is not in the habit of fraternising ..... his workers.

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- He is out of jail **on** bail until the trial begins.
- Her sales methods are ..... odds with company policy.
- I found the ring purely ..... luck.
- I didn't go to see him ..... fear of catching his cold.
- That house has been ..... sale for two years.
- Come to the party, ..... all means.
- You shouldn't take such a valuable employee ..... granted.
- ..... all, I spent £500 on holiday.
- You will receive the listed items ..... demand in a week's time.
- He went to the meeting ..... disguise so as not to be recognised.
- There were a lot of problems, but ..... the end everything was all right.
- He was so surprised that he was ..... a loss for words.
- Our teacher was ..... a bad mood today; he shouted ..... everyone.
- Try to get the photograph ..... focus this time.
- They were ..... the trail of the Yeti when the blizzard started.
- ..... answer to your question, the meeting will take place next Tuesday.
- Torturing people is an offence ..... humanity.