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Vocabulary

1. Read the sentences. Circle the correct answers.

1. A(n) _____ person should never go to prison.

2. It's normal to feel _____ before a big exam.

3. The president had to resign because of a(n) _____.

4. The _____ said she had seen the man running away from the police.

5. It's _____ to leave the table without saying "excuse me."

1. a. intensive	b. innocent	c. dreadful	d. distant
2. a. dishonesty	b. punishment	c. anxiety	d. incarceration
3. a. defence	b. countdown	c. investor	d. scandal
4. a. witness	b. institution	c. legislation	d. insurance
5. a. forward	b. criminal	c. positive	d. impolite

2. Fill in the gaps with the correct words from the box. Two words will not be used.

corporation	apparent	decade	remark	investigate	increasingly	obey

1. I think the 1990s was a very good _____ for popular music.

2. Melissa used to work for a big _____, but now she owns her own business.

3. What should parents do if their children won't _____ them?

4. As I waited for my late friend to arrive, I got _____ angry.

5. The police said they were going to _____ the mysterious fire.

3. Match the words with the correct definitions.

1. forgive	a. fairness; the system of laws that judges or punishes people
2. indicate	b. to give freedom or free movement to someone or something
3. release	c. to guarantee that something will happen
4. impact	d. involving great fear; extremely bad
5. insurance	e. to stop feeling angry at someone for something he or she has done
6. intensive	f. to keep away from
7. dreadful	g. the effect that something has on something else
8. assure	h. involving a lot of work in a short period of time
9. justice	i. to show or demonstrate
10. avoid	j. an agreement that provides protection against loss or injury

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Grammar

4. Fill in the gaps with *although, so,* or *so that.*

1. Tomorrow is a holiday, _____ the office will be closed.

2. _____ Jillian is well-educated, she can't find a good job.

3. Stick to your budget _____ you don't run out of money.

4. My brother loves to watch sports, _____ he's not a good athlete himself.

5. She's a police officer, _____ she knows a lot about crime.

5. Circle the correct word(s).

1. The little girl really takes (off / after) her mother—they look alike.

2. We're not rich, but we make enough money to get (over / by).

3. I'm not feeling well because I still haven't got (over / by) the flu.

4. Please don't bring (up / on) any embarrassing topics at the dinner table.

5. Since it's pretty late, I should probably take (off / down).

6. Rewrite the sentences as reported speech.

1. "The bank is closed," she said.

→ She said _____

2. "Who's at the door?" Nick asked.

→ Nick asked _____

3. "Where are you from?" I asked Kelly.

→ I asked _____

4. "Come in," I said to him.

→ I told him _____

5. "Put your pencils down," the teacher said to us.

→ The teacher told _____

7. Find the error and write the correction on the line.

1. Mr. Lee said us to listen carefully. _____

2. My boss told me come to the meeting. _____

3. Someone asked where was the bathroom. _____

4. The criminal is trying to get out his punishment. _____

5. Marcy speaks French, so that she can translate for us. _____

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Comprehension

8. Read and answer the questions.

Diamond Theft

The Carlton Cannes is a famous luxury hotel in the south of France, and the home of the Cannes Film Festival. It's also the location of two famous crimes—one fictional and one real. The 1955 film *To Catch a Thief* took place at the Carlton Cannes. In the film, someone steals valuable jewellery from rich guests. In 2013, someone actually stole jewellery worth £120 million from the hotel.

A diamond company, Leviev, had rented a large room in the Carlton to show its beautiful goods to potential buyers. On the morning of Sunday, 28th July, Leviev employees were unpacking the diamonds when a man with a gun simply walked in the door. He grabbed 72 pieces of jewellery and walked out.

Both police and representatives from the Leviev's insurance company investigated the theft. The insurance company eventually paid Leviev £60 million. But the police have not solved the crime. Everyone was **puzzled** about how the robber knew where to find the goods, and why the door to the room wasn't locked. Although security cameras were able to get some photos of the man, his face was covered, and witnesses couldn't provide any helpful information. A reward of £1 million was offered by the insurance company to anyone who could help catch the robber, but his identity remains a mystery.

Most people believe that one or more employees at the hotel must have provided help to the criminal. John Shaw, the insurance agent whose firm investigated the crime, said that the man knew exactly when to arrive and how to get away. "It was very good timing," he said.

1. The crime happened in 2013.	true	false
2. The criminal did not have a weapon.	true	false
3. The robber has been captured.	true	false
4. The man avoided security cameras.	true	false
5. John Shaw said that the criminal knew when to arrive.	true	false

6. What happened in 1955?

a. A film was made. b. Jewels were stolen. c. The Cannes Film Festival began.

7. Which is true about the crime?

a. The door was not locked. b. There were no witnesses. c. Both a and b

8. What did the insurance company do?

a. Investigate the robbery b. Offer a reward c. Both a and b

9. The word **puzzled** in the reading means _____.

a. frightened b. confused c. innocent

10. Which is true about the robber?

a. He stole £1 million in diamonds. b. He worked at the hotel. c. No one knows his name.

9. Read and answer the questions.

Danielle: Did you see this article? Five school students were arrested for stealing from the shopping centre last weekend. They're all being prosecuted. I think it's too bad.
Gabriel: Why? If they stole, they should be punished. If they're **innocent**, they'll have a chance to put on a defence.
Danielle: Yeah, but kids make mistakes.
Gabriel: And punishment will teach them not to do it again. It worked on me. When I was little, about six, I took some sweets from a shop. But my mum caught me.
Danielle: Oh, really? What did she do?
Gabriel: She ordered me to return them and to tell the shop owner I was sorry. So I did. The shop owner forgave me immediately, but my mum didn't! I wasn't allowed to play video games for a week. I never stole anything again. Did anything like that ever happen to you?
Danielle: No. I stole a toy car from my cousin when I was five, but no one caught me.
Gabriel: You got away with it?
Danielle: Yeah, for a while. But I felt really bad, and a few days later, I panicked. I was scared that someone would find out, so I returned it when no one was watching. And I never stole again either. So, you see, punishment isn't always necessary.
Gabriel: But these kids are older—almost adults. It's apparent that they need to learn dishonesty is wrong.

1. The students will have to go to court.	true	false
2. Gabriel brings up an incident from his childhood.	true	false
3. Gabriel committed several crimes as a child.	true	false
4. Danielle felt anxiety about stealing.	true	false
5. Gabriel doesn't think punishment is necessary.	true	false

6. What does Gabriel think about the kids who were arrested?
a. The arrests were a mistake. b. They should be prosecuted. c. They didn't steal.

7. The word **innocent** in the reading means _____.
a. not sure b. not guilty c. positive

8. The store owner _____.
a. wasn't angry with Gabriel b. caught Gabriel c. punished Gabriel

9. Which is true about Danielle?
a. Her toy car was stolen. b. She stole from a relative. c. She's never stolen anything.

10. How was Danielle punished?
a. She had to give up some toys. b. She had to say she was sorry. c. She did not receive punishment.

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Answer Key

1.
1. b
2. c
3. d
4. a
5. d

2.
1. decade
2. corporation
3. obey
4. increasingly
5. investigate

3.
1. e
2. i
3. b
4. g
5. j
6. h
7. d
8. c
9. a
10. f

4.
1. so
2. Although
3. so that
4. although
5. so

5.
1. after
2. by
3. over
4. up
5. off

6.
1. (that) the bank was closed.
2. who was at the door
3. Kelly where she was from
4. to come in
5. us to put our pencils down

7.
1.said → told
2. come → to come
3. where was the bathroom → where the bathroom was
4. get out → get out of
5. so that → so

8.
1. true
2. false
3. false
4. false
5. true
6. a
7. a
8. c
9. b
10. c

9.
1. true
2. true
3. false
4. true
5. false
6. b
7. b
8. a
9. b
10. c