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Vocabulary

1. Look at the picture. Circle the correct answers.

Hello from London! This is the **1.**_____ of Westminster. It's where the British **2.** _____ meets to make laws. Beautiful, isn't it? You can also see red buses, another **3.** _____ of London. I've been studying here for a month now, and I've **4.** _____ to London life pretty well. One nice surprise was the **5.** _____. Some people say British food is bad, but I love it!

1. a. Palace	b. Monument	c. Image	d. Aesthetic
2. a. substance	b. parliament	c. subculture	d. landmark
3. a. icon	b. tale	c. contract	d. message
4. a. expressed	b. approached	c. identified	d. adapted
5. a. evolution	b. subculture	c. theory	d. cuisine

2. Match the questions with the appropriate responses.

1. Why do we always argue about movies?	a. My grandfather has had a big influence on me.
2. Why do you prefer living in urban areas?	b. To get rid of harmful germs.
3. Who is your role model?	c. Mainly because of good marketing.
4. Why do we have to wash our hands?	d. You and I have different tastes.
5. Why was this film a blockbuster?	e. They're more sophisticated.

3. Match the words with the correct definitions.

1. aesthetic	a. to make (a situation or activity) continue in the same way
2. entire	b. environment; everything around you
3. distinguish	c. not strong
4. represent	d. the way that people think someone or something is
5. surroundings	e. relating to beauty
6. mild	f. to mean; to stand for
7. strict	g. happening a lot or all the time
8. constantly	h. to notice or identify a difference between people or things
9. maintain	i. strongly limiting someone's freedom to behave as they wish
10. image	j. complete; whole

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Grammar

4. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the given verbs. Use the simple past or the past continuous.

1. The term's over. We _____ our last class this afternoon. (have)

2. She missed your text because she _____ at the time. (sleep)

3. While I was reading my book on the underground, I _____ my stop! (miss)

4. We _____ up the stairs when he fell and hurt his leg. (run)

5. I found your watch! I saw it when I _____ under the couch. (clean)

5. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Some bacteria are (more / most) harmful than others.

2. Raj is one of (most / the most) artistic people I know.

3. This ugly building makes our street (less / least) pretty.

4. Wow, your puppy is getting (big / bigger) and bigger!

5. Incheon Airport is (by far / far) nicer than most airports.

6. Put the words in order to make sentences.

1. the 1960s, / dress / would / women / like /Audrey Hepburn / in

_____

2. last / at / what / doing / you / 9.00 p.m. / night? / were

_____

3. better. / the / spend / the / we / more time / together,

_____

4. is / away / far / French food / the / best. / and

_____

5. arrived, / you / we / waiting / hours. / two / had been / for / when

_____

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

1. What game were you played all day? _____

2. He would have curly hair, but now it's straight. _____

3. By 6 this morning, I've already started studying. _____

4. People used to thinking that the Earth is flat. _____

5. Tokyo is considerably big than New York. _____

Comprehension

8. Read and answer the questions.

NSYNC: Boy Band

Even if you don't remember music from the 1990s or early 2000s, you are probably familiar with some NSYNC songs. The group got together in 1995 in Orlando, Florida, USA. Its five members were JC Chasez, Chris Kirkpatrick, Joey Fatone, Lance Bass, and Justin Timberlake.

When NSYNC first became a group, they didn't know each other. A producer named Lou Pearlman was looking for some young men with talent to form a popular boy band. They found Kirkpatrick first, and then Timberlake. When the other members had been chosen, the group went to Sweden to work on an album. They then began giving concerts in Germany and then around Europe. Their sound caught on, and their first album, *NSYNC*, was a big hit in Europe. It was less successful in the USA. However, their second album was a huge hit in America. It was called *No Strings Attached,* and it was the best-selling album of 2000. It includes "Bye Bye Bye" and "It's Gonna Be Me," which are still two of NSYNC's best-known songs. But by then, the group was constantly arguing with Pearlman, their producer. They said he had taken money that belonged to them. Pearlman later went to jail.

NSYNC only made one more album together after that. In 2004 Timberlake was becoming a bigger and bigger star. He decided to leave the group. The five guys have given concerts together many times since then, but they are no longer together. However, Justin Timberlake became an icon and is now one of the most successful **solo** artists of all time. He and NSYNC are role models for many of today's pop singers.

1. NSYNC's members hadn't met before they formed the group.	true	false
2. Kirkpatrick had joined the group before the others did.	true	false
3. They first popularized their music in Florida.	true	false
4. *No Strings Attached* was the most popular album of 2000.	true	false
5. NSYNC has had an influence on other pop singers.	true	false

6. What was Lou Pearlman doing in 1995?

a. Looking for good singers b. Singing in a boy band c. Making an album

7. The group first gave concerts in _____.

a. USA b. Sweden c. Germany

8. Why is "Bye Bye Bye" important for NSYNC?

a. It was their first song. b. It's one of their most famous songs. c. It was their least popular song.

9. What happened to NSYNC in 2004?

a. Justin Timberlake left. b. They found fame and fortune. c. They argued with Pearlman.

10. The word **solo** in the reading is closest in meaning to_____.

a. meaningful b. aesthetic c. individual

9. Read and answer the questions.

Maria: Where should we go for dinner?

Kendall: How about Gino's? Their pizza is by far the most delicious I've ever had.

Maria: Yeah, but I don't go there anymore. I'm afraid of the bacteria. Last time I went, the floor was kind of dirty. And the whole place looks old and dull, even the walls. I hadn't noticed it before.

Kendall: It's authentic Italian from the country! I don't care how my surroundings look when I'm eating. I just care about the cuisine. And I'm sure it's safe—we've eaten there many times.

Maria: Right, but there are tonnes of other restaurants around here. So let's try something different and more sophisticated. How about the Urban Café?

Kendall: I've seen that place. Everything in it is made of metal. It looks weird—like a spaceship from the future.

Maria: Yes, it has a modern aesthetic. I think it looks cool. I haven't tried it yet, but I saw an interview with the owner on TV. He's Japanese, and he helped get Japanese food to catch on in North America in the 90s. He was very impressive.

Kendall: Does the Urban Café serve Japanese food?

Maria: It's a mix of Japanese and French. The owner wants this place to be different from his other restaurants. All the food critics are **praising** it. I don't know how expensive it is…

Kendall: Well, it's worth a try. I don't like the look of the place, but maybe the food will be good.

1. Maria used to eat at Gino's.	true	false
2. Kendall is very concerned with the visual part of a restaurant.	true	false
3. Maria thinks she might catch germs at Gino's.	true	false
4. The Urban Café's owner wants to distinguish it from other places.	true	false
5. The Urban Café is getting bad reviews.	true	false

6. What does Maria NOT like about Gino's?

a. The food b. The owner c. The surroundings

7. Maria likes the Urban Café because of its _____.

a. aesthetic b. food c. prices

8. The cuisine served at the Urban Café is _____.

a. Japanese b. French c. Both a and b

9. The two speakers have different taste in _____.

a. decoration b. pizza c. Japanese food

10. The word **praise** in the reading means _____.

a. show what you think b. say good things about c. have a disagreement

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Answer Key

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

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

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

4.
1. had
2. was sleeping
3. missed
4. were running
5. was cleaning

5.
1. more
2. the most
3. less
4. bigger
5. far

6.
1. In the 1960s, women would dress like Audrey Hepburn.
2. What were you doing at 9:00 p.m. last night?
3. The more time we spend together, the better.
4. French food is far and away the best.
5. When you arrived, we had been waiting for two hours.

7.
1. played → playing
2. would → used to
3. I've → I'd have
4. thinking → think
5.big → bigger

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

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