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Vocabulary

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

Do mobile phones interfere with our **1**. _____ of events? I think so. I went to a game with my brother, and even though he's a(n) **2.** _____ fan, he never put his phone down. The whole time, he was texting about the game and checking social media. He was so **3.** _____ by his phone, he missed the best bit of the game! This is not **4.** _____. If you're a(n) **5**. _____ at a live event, put the phone away and enjoy it.

1. a. enjoyment	b. comparison	c. capacity	d. exhaustion
2. a. conscious	b. devoted	c. interactive	d. capable
3. a. adjusted	b. inspired	c. distracted	d. updated
4. a. initial	b. exotic	c. eager	d. appropriate
5. a. disaster	b. spectator	c. pitcher	d. symbol

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

probable	astonished	disaster	exhaustion	continuously	etiquette	reputation

1. Her teacher was _____ and pleased at how quickly her guitar playing improved.

2. A baby can't be left alone—someone has to watch it _____.

3. I have a(n) _____ question: Is it okay to call a friend's parents by their first names?

4. Because of the cold, rainy weather, their big outdoor wedding was a complete _____.

5. I've never taken Dr Reed's class, but he has a(n) _____ for being very strict.

3. Match the words with the correct definitions.

1. inspire	a. the most important
2. initial	b. belief that someone is good and honest and will not harm you
3. athletic	c. an illness or injury that makes it difficult to do something that others do
4. typically	d. a connection between two or more things
5. disability	e. happening first
6. primary	f. wanting and intending to do something; motivated
7. conscious	g. to make someone feel that they can achieve something
8. link	h. having to do with sports
9. trust	i. knowing that something is present or is happening
10. determined	j. normally

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Grammar

4. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Is that the building (that / when / where) the president lives?
2. January is the month (which / when / where) it's coldest and it snows the most.
3. They wanted to visit Ireland, (that / when / where) their grandparents had come from.
4. All the projects must (finished / be finished / been finished) by 12th November.
5. Our hotel room should have (cleaned / be cleaned / been cleaned) before we arrived.

5. Complete the sentences using content clauses.

1. Is he our new neighbour? → I wonder _____.

2. Will this technology be useful? → I don't know _____.

3. What did Stephen Hawking do? → Please explain _____.

4. How long will the repairs take? → I'll ask _____.

5. What should we read next? → Let's decide _____.

6. Put the words in order to make sentences.

1. in / be / used / class. / can't / phones

_____

2. pool / I / the / swim. / learned / here's / where / to

_____

3. time / weekends / we / when / relax. / can / are / the

_____

4. are. / glasses / she / where / know / doesn't / her

_____

5. much / tablet / this / wonder / costs. / I / how

_____

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

1. These items cannot be return for a refund. _____

2. He shouldn't have punished for a mistake. _____

3. I'll show you the park that I play cricket. _____

4. Ask her what is the reason for her call. _____

5. I don't know what does this word mean. _____

Comprehension

8. Read and answer the questions.

Blog post: The Problem with Hollywood
Posted 08/21 by J. Y.

Is anyone else bored with Hollywood lately? They're continuously making new films based on comic books and superheroes. The reasons for this are clear: money and fear of taking risks. Fans of comic-book heroes are so devoted, studios don't have to wonder if they'll buy tickets to the next Spider-Man or Avengers film. They will. These films typically make $500 million at the box office, and some make a lot more. This is happening at a time when most people are going to the films less often, because they can stay home and use streaming services. So Hollywood can't afford to stop making comic-book films.

No wonder there are so few small, original films these days. In fact, fewer films can be made overall. That's because so much of the studios' budgets goes toward the blockbusters. In 2007, the major Hollywood studios produced 150 films. Now they make fewer than 100 per year. I admit that many of the superhero films are quite good; I enjoy them. But I like other genres, too.

And there's one more problem with all these comic-book films—the way the stars look. They all have perfect bodies with huge muscles. When boys and young men see this, they become more **conscious** of what *they* look like. They wonder if there's something wrong with them. I read that 90 percent of teenage boys are using protein powders and/or exercise to gain muscle, even if they are at a healthy weight. This wasn't true thirty years ago. Having a poor body image is an epidemic for boys as well as girls, and Hollywood is a big reason. Do you agree? Let me know in the comments.

1. Streaming services are replacing films for many people. true false
2. The writer hates superhero films. true false
3. Hollywood is making more films than ever. true false
4. The writer expresses concern about obesity. true false
5. The writer asks readers what they think. true false

6. What is the writer's main point?
a. Superhero films are low in quality.
b. People are seeing fewer films these days.
c. There are too many films about superheroes.

7. According to the reading, Hollywood keeps making superhero films because _____.
a. they're always successful b. no one has other ideas c. they're cheap to make

8. How many films do Hollywood studios make per year now?

a. A lot more than 150 b. About 150 c. A lot fewer than 150

9. What does the writer dislike about the stars who play superheroes?
a. Their poor acting b. Their effect on boys c. Their high pay

10. The word **conscious** in the reading means _____.
a. aware b. angry c. uncertain

9. Read and answer the questions.

Sasha: I notice you were checking your phone a lot during lunch. Do you mind if I ask why?

Louis: Oh, sorry. I need to improve my phone etiquette.

Sasha: That's okay—I have the same problem. I was just wondering.

Louis: Actually, I've been getting a lot of notifications about my fantasy football team.

Sasha: What is that exactly? I don't really understand fantasy football. It's not popular where I come from.

Louis: Well, it's an online game based on real players. You're like the manager of your own team. At the beginning of the season, there's a draft, when each person chooses their team. Then after each real game, you check how your players did. The better your players do in real life, the better your fantasy team does.

Sasha: I see. So, how's your team doing today?

Louis: That's why I was getting all those message—one of my players scored three goals.!

Sasha: Sounds like a fun game.

Louis: It is. I have no athletic ability, and I'll never coach a real team. So this is an interactive way to enjoy sport, and maybe make a little money. Last year I won about £100.

Sasha: Do people ever get rich at fantasy football?

Louis: It can be done, but the **odds** are very much against it. People do it for the enjoyment, not the money.

1. Louis was distracted by his phone during lunch. true false
2. Sasha says she also has bad phone manners. true false
3. A fantasy team includes real-life players. true false
4. Louis's team did poorly today. true false
5. Louis says that it's common to get rich from fantasy football. true false

6. How does Sasha feel about Louis checking his phone?
a. Annoyed b. Worried c. Curious

7. What does Sasha ask Louis?
a. What fantasy football is b. Why he plays fantasy football c. Whether he's good at fantasy football

8. What fantasy sport is Louis playing now?
a. Cricket b. Football c. Not enough information

9. Louis says that he is not capable of _____.

a. winning money b. playing sport well c. understanding sport

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

a. benefits b. rules c. chances

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Answer Key

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

2.
1. astonished
2. continuously
3. etiquette
4. disaster
5. reputation

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

4.
1. where
2. when
3. where
4. be finished
5. been cleaned

5.
1. if/whether he's our new neighbour
2. if/whether this technology will be useful
3. what Stephen Hawking did
4. how long the repairs will take
5. what we should read next

6.
1. Phones can't be used in class.
2. Here's the pool where I learned to swim.
3. Weekends are the time when we can relax.
4. She doesn't know where her glasses are.
5. I wonder how much this tablet costs.

7.
1. return → returned
2. punished → been punished
3. that → where
4. is the reason for her call-> the reason for her call is
5. does this word mean → this word means

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

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