

Reading

1 Read the text. Then put the sentences in the correct order.

The black dog

Jim and his friend Ron were on holiday in a village in the mountains. On their first day, they went up the mountain for a few hours. They saw a small black dog on the trail. There was nobody with the dog. That night, they told the lady in the hotel about it. They were surprised when she looked scared.

"In this village, people say, 'If you see that dog more than once, you'll have bad luck.' Last year a climber fell and was badly hurt. We believe he saw the black dog before he fell." Jim and Ron laughed. "We don't believe that story!" they said.

The next day they were on the mountain again. Suddenly, Jim saw the black dog. A few minutes later, he fell. When he woke up in hospital, the doctors said, "That was a bad accident. You are lucky to be alive." Ron visited Jim in hospital. "Do you think you fell because you saw the black dog?" he asked.

"I don't know," answered Jim. "But I think it's time to leave this village and go home."

- The lady told Jim and Ron that the dog can bring bad luck.
- They saw a little black dog on the trail.
- Jim said it was time to go home.
- 1** Jim and Ron went for their first walk in the mountains.
- Jim saw the little black dog again.
- They told the lady in the hotel about the dog.
- Jim and Ron went up the mountain a second time.
- Jim fell and had to go to hospital.



Vocabulary

2 Match to make phrases.

- | | |
|-----------|---|
| 1 dream | <input type="checkbox"/> a) worried |
| 2 it will | <input type="checkbox"/> b) about something |
| 3 make a | <input type="checkbox"/> c) bring you luck |
| 4 a wish | <input type="checkbox"/> d) for something |
| 5 wish | <input type="checkbox"/> e) wish |
| 6 be | <input type="checkbox"/> f) comes true |

Grammar

3 Circle the correct option.

- 1 If she *will find / finds* out, she *will be / is* angry.
- 2 If you *won't / don't* stop playing computer games, you *get / will get* a headache.
- 3 He *won't / doesn't* pass if he *won't / doesn't* study harder.
- 4 They *will phone / phone* us if they *will have / have* enough time.
- 5 We *will be / are* late if we *won't / don't* run.
- 6 That dog *stops / will stop* barking if you *give / will give* it some food.

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 If you drive (drive) so fast, we
..... will have (have) a crash.
- 2 If it (not rain) tomorrow, we
..... (have) a picnic in the park.
- 3 Don't worry. I (buy) you a new one if
I (break) it.
- 4 I (not tell) anyone if you
..... (tell) me. I promise.
- 5 If he (read) this, he (understand) everything.
- 6 If she (not call), I (send) her a text.



Dialogue

5 Complete the dialogue with the sentences in the box.

- a) It'll come true!
- b) If you find money in the street, that will bring you good luck. And you must make a wish then.
- c) If I see a ladder, I never walk under it. If I do, something bad will happen.
- d) Yes, I am. There are some things I never do, because they bring me bad luck.

A Are you superstitious?

B ¹

A Like what?

B ²

A And what can bring you good luck?

B ³

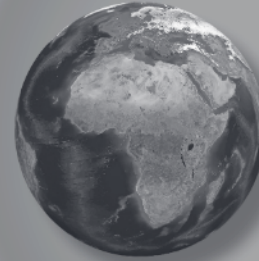
A Why? What will happen if you do that?

B ⁴

Reading

1 Read about superstitions. How many of these tasks can you do?

Superstitions around the world



1



I'm from Galicia, in the north of Spain. A popular superstition in this part of Spain is about a long queue of dead people.

They walk through the forests of Galicia at night. If you see these people, you will follow them forever. If you don't want to follow them, you mustn't go out at night when the moon is shining.

2



I'm from England. I always write a test with a new pencil. You won't make a mistake with a new pencil, because it has

never made a mistake before!

3



I'm from Turkey. We believe that if you stand between two people who have the same name, and you wish for something,

your wish will come true! If you see a spider in your house, you'll have visitors that day. But if you see a black cat, you have to touch your hair. If you don't do that, you'll have bad luck!

4



I'm from Korea. A superstition some people in my country believe in is about washing your hair on the day of a test. If you wash

your hair, you'll wash away everything you remember. So it's better to wash your hair after the test.

5



In Brazil, where I live, some people believe that if you put the sugar into your cup before the coffee, you'll get rich. But you mustn't leave your money on the floor. If you do that, your money will be gone and you won't know where it went.

Circle T (True) or F (False).

- 1 In Galicia people believe dead people walk through the forests at night. T / F
- 2 If you see a queue of dead people in Spain when the moon is bright, you'll go with them forever. T / F
- 3 If you write a test with a new pencil in England, you'll make a lot of mistakes. T / F

Choose the correct answer.

- 4 What do some people in Turkey believe will happen if you stand between two people with the same name and make a wish?
 - The two people will say thank you.
 - What you've wished for will come true.
 - The two people will ask you to go away.
- 5 If you see a spider in a house in Turkey, what do people think will happen to you?
 - Some people will come to visit you.
 - You'll dream about giant spiders for a week.
 - Some visitors will bring more spiders for you to see.
- 6 What should you do if you see a black cat in Turkey and don't want to have bad luck?
 - Close your eyes and don't look at the cat.
 - Put your hand on your hair.
 - Try to touch the cat and stroke it.

Complete the sentences with no more than 4 words.

- 7 In Korea some people don't wash their hair before a test because
- 8 If you want to get a lot of money in Brazil, when you have a coffee, always remember to put in the
- 9 If you don't want to lose your money in Brazil, you must never leave it

Vocabulary

2 Circle the correct word.

- 1 If you break a *cup* / *mirror*, you'll have bad luck.
- 2 If you see a black *cat* / *cuckoo*, you'll have bad luck.
- 3 If you make a *wish* / *dish*, it might come true one day.
- 4 Alice was wearing a beautiful *mirror* / *necklace* yesterday evening.
- 5 If you find money in the street, will you *pick it up* / *hold it* and take it home?
- 6 I stood on a *crack* / *ladder* to reach the top of the cupboard.
- 7 If you see a magpie in the morning, you'll have bad *plans* / *news*.
- 8 Are you *superstitions* / *superstitious*?

Grammar

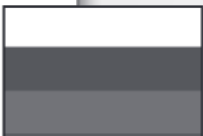
3 Circle the correct form of the verbs.

Some popular superstitions around the world



Japan:

- 1 If you carry part of a dead snake with you, you *become* / *will become* rich.
- 2 If you *sleep* / *will sleep* with your head to the north, you will have bad luck.



Russia:

- 3 If you drink and look into a mirror at the same time, you *drink* / *will drink* all your good luck away.



Korea:

- 4 Your girlfriend or boyfriend *leaves* / *will leave* you if you give them a pair of shoes as a present.



Turkey:

- 5 People will come and visit you if food *falls* / *will fall* on your clothes while you are eating.



United Kingdom:

- 6 If a bird *flies* / *will fly* into your house, someone will die in the next three days.

Essential English – Dialogue

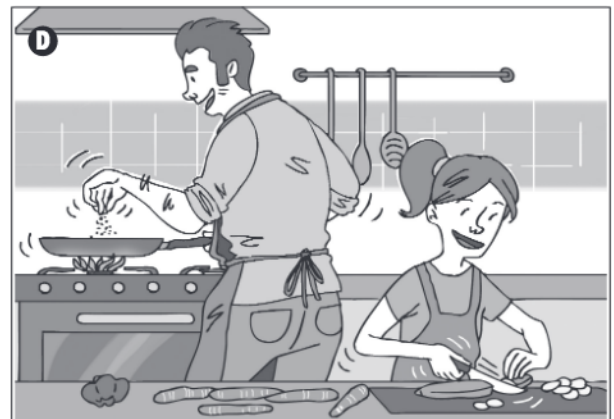
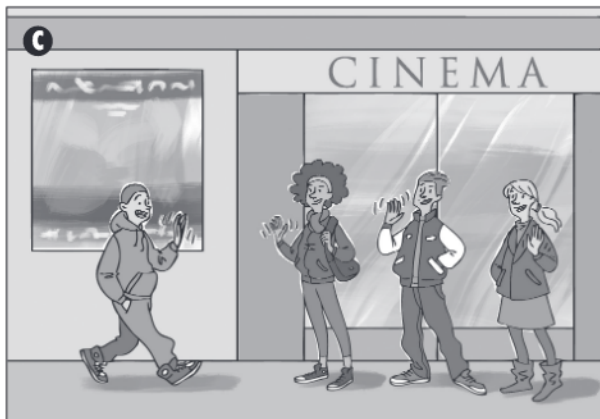
4 Put the dialogue in the correct order.

- A Great idea! What time are you going?
- 1 A What are your plans for Saturday?
- A I'd love to, but I can't. We're going to visit my grandparents.
- A And in the afternoon?
- A No, the evening is free. What about you?

- B I'm going to meet Lynette in the park. Do you want to come, too?
- B Let me see ... yes ... on Saturday I'm going to play volleyball in the morning.
- B 7 o'clock. I'll pick you up.
- B I'm going to watch a film at Jack's house. Why don't you come too?
- B Your grandparents will like that. Have you got plans for the evening?

Essential English – Vocabulary

5 Write the numbers 1–7 in the boxes a–g to make phrases. Then match the phrases with the pictures. Write the correct letter of the pictures A–G in the brackets.



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| 1 meet | <input type="checkbox"/> | a) a party (picture ...) |
| 2 stay | <input type="checkbox"/> | b) TV (picture ...) |
| 3 play | <input type="checkbox"/> | c) dinner (picture ...) |
| 4 do | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | d) friends at the cinema (picture C.) |
| 5 go to | <input type="checkbox"/> | e) homework (picture ...) |
| 6 watch | <input type="checkbox"/> | f) at home and read (picture ...) |
| 7 cook | <input type="checkbox"/> | g) computer games (picture ...) |

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the 1st conditional.

- 1 If you (not stop) at the red light, you (have) an accident.
- 2 If you (forget) your swimming cap, you (not be) allowed to swim.
- 3 There (not be) any food left if we (not get) to the market early.
- 4 If I (get) tickets for the show, I (phone) you.
- 5 If Jessie (not feel) well, she (not go) to school.
- 6 If we (finish) our homework quickly, Mum (let) us watch a film.
- 7 What you (do) if you (get) a bad mark in the test?
- 8 If you (find) my mobile phone, you (bring) it to me right away, please?

Vocabulary

2 Match to make phrases.

- | | |
|--------------|------------|
| 1 make | 5 the wish |
| 2 break | 6 cross |
| 3 walk under | 7 eat |
| 4 have bad | 8 meet |

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> a mirror | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 a wish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> luck | <input type="checkbox"/> a friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> the street | <input type="checkbox"/> comes true |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a carrot | <input type="checkbox"/> a ladder |


Dialogue

3 Put the dialogue in the correct order.

- A Stop worrying about everything! We'll have a wonderful day and nothing bad will happen!
- A There aren't any sharks in the sea here.
- A Then we won't go. The beach isn't much fun in the rain.
- A Would you like to go to the beach on Saturday?
- A We won't get lost! I've been there lots of times!
- B Oh, I hope it doesn't rain then! And what will happen if we get lost on the way to the beach?
- B OK, I'm glad you know the way. And what will we do if we see a shark in the sea?
- B Oh, that's good, I'm afraid of sharks.
- B Yes, please! I love the beach! But what will happen if it rains on Saturday morning?

Reading

1a Read the text. How many of these tasks can you do?



TOM'S BLOG
Being a good friend

Welcome to my blog! Today I want to talk about friendship. I think that good friends are really important in life. My best friend is called Paul and I've known him for more than eight years! I've learned a lot about friendship since I met him. In this blog, I'm going to share some of my thoughts on how to be a good friend. Please share your ideas too!

→ **Be honest and trust each other**
Don't lie to your friends or just tell them what they want to hear. It's better to be honest even if it's difficult sometimes. Make sure you keep your friends' secrets. Share your secrets with them and always keep your promises*.

→ **Nobody is perfect**
We don't always get on well with everyone. Sometimes we fall out with our friends. Don't worry because this doesn't mean that the friendship is over. Maybe you stormed out of a conversation or maybe your friend told you to mind your own business. Even if you haven't spoken to each other for a long time, you can always make up with them. Never be afraid to say sorry.

→ **Be there and listen**
Always try to find the time to listen to your friends' problems. Don't give up on them when they are going through difficult times. Paul has always helped me when I've had problems.

→ **Keep in touch**
Sometimes friends move to different places. I know from experience that this can mean that a friendship changes. But there are so many ways to communicate today via social media that it doesn't mean that you can't stay in touch.

I hope that you found my blog interesting! Please leave a comment below with your own ideas!

VOCABULARY: *keep a promise – ein Versprechen halten

- Complete the sentences with no more than 4 words.**
- 1 The name of Tom's best friend is
 - 2 They have been best friends for
 - 3 This blog is about how to be

- Circle T (True) or F (False).**
- 4 Sometimes you shouldn't tell your friends the truth. T / F
 - 5 You should always do what you promise your friends to do. T / F
 - 6 It doesn't matter if you fall out with your friends sometimes. T / F

Choose the correct answer.

- 7 How has Paul never let Tom down?
 He's never stormed out of a conversation.
 He's always been there for him during difficult times.
 He's always stayed in touch via social media.
- 8 Have any of Tom's friends ever moved away? How do we know this?
 No, they haven't because he says that he knows about this from other friends.
 Yes, they have because he says he knows about this from experience.
 We don't know because he doesn't explain this.
- 9 How do you think that Tom would stay in touch with friends who live far away?
 He would visit them in the holidays.
 He would phone them regularly.
 He would communicate on social networking sites.

1b What tips do you have for being a good friend? Leave a message on Tom's blog.

TOM'S BLOG *Being a good friend*

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Vocabulary

2 Read the dialogue and match the phrases 1–6 with the phrases a)–f).

- a) stormed out c) 've fallen out with e) mind your own business
 b) broke up with d) make up f) got on really well

James ¹ *I'm not talking to Paul any more. I don't know why I thought he was my friend.*
Olivia Oh, dear. What's happened?
James Well you know he ² *stopped seeing* Jane about two weeks ago.
Olivia Yes, I remember. She wanted to try and ³ *start again with* him.
James That's right. But he wasn't interested.
Olivia So what's the problem?
James Well, Jane and I have always ⁴ *had a good relationship*.
Olivia No! You didn't?
James Well I didn't think there was a problem. He finished with her.
Olivia So did you tell him that Jane's your girlfriend now?
James Yes and he ⁵ *left the room really angrily*.
Olivia Well, of course he did. James, sometimes you are really stupid.
James And I think you should ⁶ *keep your opinions to yourself*. I love her.
Olivia I give up!



Grammar

3 Circle for or since.

- 1 I've had my new phone *for / since* two weeks.
- 2 They haven't made a new album *for / since* 2015.
- 3 My mother has had the same haircut *for / since* ten years!
- 4 Ivor hasn't been back to Russia *for / since* 2010.
- 5 Have you lived here *for / since* a long time?
- 6 It's been two years *for / since* we saw our cousins in the USA.
- 7 It hasn't stopped raining *for / since* last Monday.
- 8 I've been at this school *for / since* five years.

Dialogue

4 Complete the dialogue with the answers in the box. There are two extra answers that you don't need.

- a) I've had it since this morning when I fell out with my friend, Sarah.
- b) I want advice! Tell me what you think I should do about Sarah.
- c) So do I.
- d) Yes, you could be right. I'm quite stressed because we usually get on so well.
- e) Yes, I went yesterday.
- f) I've got a bit of a headache.
- g) For eight years.

A You don't look at all well. What's the matter?

B ¹

A Oh dear, how long have you had that for?

B ²

A Well, do you think that might be the reason for your headache?

B ³

A I know you do. How long have you two been friends?

B ⁴

A That's a long time. Do you want my advice or shall I mind my own business?

B ⁵

A I think you should call her right now and make up with her.

Reading

1a Match the problems and the answers.

1 I've got a problem with my best friend. He met some other kids at a club he goes to after school. They're awful. They laugh at me, because they don't think I'm cool. Now he doesn't want to be my friend at school any more. But we've known each other for ten years! We've always done everything together. What should I do?

Sam

2 My friend has started wearing really terrible clothes. She looks awful, but she thinks she looks great. I'm afraid our friends might start laughing about her. Should I tell her what I really think?

Beth

3 I said something nasty* to my friend. I feel really bad about it. Now my friend won't talk to me. I want us to be friends again, but she wants to find new friends.

Caroline

VOCABULARY: *nasty – gemein

- a) *Sometimes friends say the wrong things. Nobody can be nice all the time! But you must understand. You've made your friend sad, and you will have to wait for your friend to feel better about it. Then I'm sure things will be the same between you again.*
- b) *Don't do anything. Your friend has to choose – you, or the new friends. Your friend has always liked you, and you haven't changed. But you cannot make him be your friend.*
- c) *Why? Mind your own business! Friends should be understanding. Sometimes being honest isn't the best thing to be.*

1b Write Sam, Beth or Caroline. You might have to write more than one name.

Who ...

- 1 is sorry about something they did?
- 2 thinks other kids might make fun of their friend?
- 3 wants to tell a friend the truth?
- 4 has got a friend who has found new friends?
- 5 has got a problem?
- 6 wants a friend back?

Grammar

2 Write the words in the correct order.

- 1 had / bike / a month / his / for / Tony's / new
 Tony's had his new bike for a month.
- 2 my / had / computer / one / year / I've / for

- 3 sunglasses / had / last / weekend / Sue's / her / since

- 4 our / for / new / had / car / We've / a week

- 5 Christmas / had / He's / since / dog / his

- 6 that / lived / since / They've / flat / in / 2015

- 7 had / this / weeks / problem / for / You've / two

Vocabulary

3 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

stormed fall broke make hear lie gets keeps mind listens

- 1 Sarah up with her boyfriend yesterday because he
 out of a conversation they were having.
- 2 I think that with a good friend, it doesn't matter if you out with
 him/her sometimes. You can always up again!
- 3 Kim on well with everyone in the class because she always
 to people's problems.
- 4 Leo was so angry that he told Laura to her own business.
- 5 I think a good friend doesn't to you and always
 a secret.
- 6 I think it's important in a friend that he/she doesn't always just tell you what you want to

Dialogue

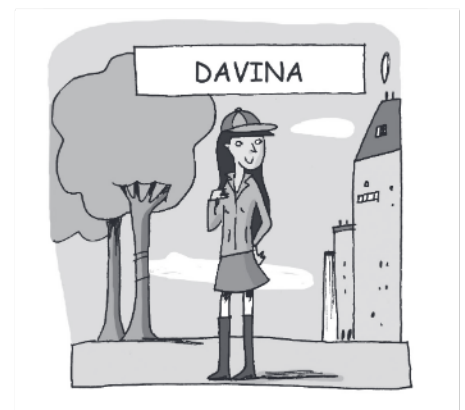
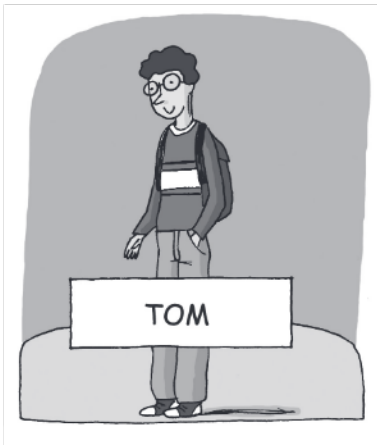
4 Complete the dialogue with the words and phrases in the box.

stormed come upset think hear agree with a good friend important

- A I'm so ¹..... about Mateo.
- B How ²..... ? Tell me about it!
- A We fell out and he ³..... out of the room.
- B Oh dear, I'm sorry to ⁴..... that.
- A I ⁵..... that a good friend doesn't storm out on you.
- B True, but I think that ⁶..... it's OK to fall out sometimes.
- A Maybe. But you must agree that it's ⁷..... in a friend that he says sorry after he behaves like that.
- B Yes, I ⁸..... He was probably just angry. I'm sure he'll call you tomorrow and say sorry.

Essential English – Vocabulary

5 Look at the pictures. Circle the correct word.



- 1 Tom is *tall / short* and *plump / thin*. He's got *short / long, straight / curly* hair.
He wears *a cap / glasses*.
- 2 Mrs Tomkins is *tall / short* and *plump / thin*. She's got *long / short, curly / straight* hair.
- 3 Davina is *short / tall* and *plump / thin*. She's got *short / long, straight / wavy* hair.
She wears *glasses / a cap*.

Grammar

1a Complete with *for* or *since*.

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| 1 She's been here for an hour. | 6 They've had their dog a month. |
| 2 She's been here 10 o'clock. | 7 Mary's been in Paris last year. |
| 3 We've lived in this town 2003. | 8 We haven't eaten pizza two weeks. |
| 4 I've had my computer October. | |
| 5 He's been ill three days. | |

1b Write sentences with *for* and *since*.

- 1 I / have / laptop / six months.
.....
- 2 My father / work / in that office / two years.
.....
- 3 My sister / have / new dog / July.
.....
- 4 We / study / English / three years.
.....

Vocabulary

2 Write the names of the people.



Marion is tall and thin.
Her hair is very short.

Peter is tall and has got long and wavy hair.

Anita is short and has curly hair.

Paul is plump and short.
He wears glasses and his hair is very long.

Dialogue

3 Put the dialogue in the correct order.

- Jenny** Oh, that's easy. My laptop.
- Jenny** Every day. I can't live without it.
- Jenny** I've had it since last Christmas.
- Interviewer** Your laptop? OK. How long have you had it?
- Interviewer** Hi, Jenny. Tell me, which of the things that you own do you like most?
- Interviewer** And how often do you use it?

Reading

1 Read the text. How many of these tasks can you do?

THE PHONE THAT CHANGED THE WAY WE LIVE



On January 9th, 2007, Steve Jobs gave the most important presentation of his life and turned a dream into reality. He introduced one of the world's most iconic* devices* – a mobile phone, that was also a music player, camera and an internet device.

Jobs was an American inventor, designer and entrepreneur*. He was born on February 24th 1955 in San Francisco, California, and adopted by a working class couple Paul and Clare Jobs. He grew up with them in Mountain View, California.

He attended Homestead High School in Cupertino, California, where he met his friend Steve Wozniak. After high school he went to college in Portland, Oregon, but he dropped out* after only one semester. He became a video game designer with Atari. Several months later he left the company and travelled to India.

In 1976 he and his old friend Steve Wozniak invented the Apple Mac computer in the garage of Jobs's home. Then in 2001, they created the Apple iPod, which transformed personal music players too.

However, no one was ready for the first iPhone. Its design was astonishing*. While other mobile phones were controlled with buttons, Apple designed a groundbreaking* touchscreen instead.

On June 28th 2007, huge lines of people waited and slept outside Apple stores across America. The following day, the doors opened and thousands of people rushed inside to buy their first iPhone.

Since then, Apple has sold more than 1.2 billion and has become the richest public company in the world. Apple's popularity has increased and it is now worth over \$900 billion.

Steve Jobs died at home in Palo Alto, California, on October 5th 2011. He was 56 years old, but his iPhone and inventions such as the iPad have changed the way we live.

VOCABULARY: ***iconic** – kultig; **device** – technisches Gerät; **entrepreneur** – Unternehmer/in; **drop out** – (vorzeitig) aussteigen/abbrechen; **astonishing** – hier: erstaunlich; **groundbreaking** – bahnbrechend, wegweisend

Circle T (True) or F (False).

- 1 Steve Jobs was born in Mountain View, California. T / F
- 2 He went to college in Cupertino, California. T / F
- 3 Jobs met his friend Steve Wozniak at high school. T / F

Choose the correct answer.

- 4 Steve Jobs graduated from college. didn't graduate from college.
 dropped out after high school.
- 5 Steve Jobs left Atari because he wanted to visit India. he didn't like his job.
 he wanted to create his own company.
- 6 Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak invented the Apple Mac computer
 in the garage of Jobs's home. in India. at high school.

Complete the sentences with no more than 4 words.

- 7 The iPhone was different to other phones because it had
.....
- 8 On June 28th 2007, huge lines of people waited and slept outside
.....
- 9 Apple has sold more than 1.2 billion iPhones and has become
..... in the world.

Vocabulary

2 Complete the text with the words in the box.

discover	invented	experimenting	worked out
try out	improving	designed	producing

Flying taxis in Dubai

Tired of traffic jams in busy cities? Don't worry!

1..... the amazing flying taxis of Dubai!

The taxis are a new idea for 2..... transport.

The German company "Volocopter" have 3.....

the taxis. They are really like a large drone and experts have

4..... them to carry two people. There is no

pilot flying the taxi! The company have 5..... a way to control them from the ground. All you have to do is enter your destination into an app, and the taxi will pick you up and

take you to your destination. Dubai is 6..... with the taxis at the moment to check

that they are safe. Even if there is a problem, the taxi has a large parachute* to allow the aircraft

and its passengers to safely float down to the ground. Dubai transport is 7.....

lots more so you'll be able to 8..... the taxis and fly around the city soon!



VOCABULARY: *parachute – Fallschirm

Grammar

3a Circle the correct form of the verb.

- 1 I *spoke* / *have spoken* to Tom yesterday.
- 2 I *didn't speak* / *haven't spoken* to Tom yet.
- 3 *Did you ever eat* / *Have you ever eaten* octopus?
- 4 You can't be hungry. You *ate* / *have eaten* three pizzas for lunch.
- 5 We *never went* / *have never been* to the USA in our life.
- 6 We *went* / *have been* to California last year.

3b Complete the sentences with the present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Apple more than 1.2 billion iPhones around the world. (sell)
- 2 It the richest private company in the world. (become)
- 3 Apple's popularity (increase)
- 4 People in places without a regular supply of electricity an iPhone. (buy)
- 5 Inventions such as the iPad the way we live. (change)

Dialogue

4 Complete the dialogue with the sentences in the box.

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| a) That's so cool! When can I try it out? | d) Yeah right! So what does your new app do? |
| b) That sounds good. Have you finished it yet? | e) Oh, I see! So we just click on a picture of the |
| c) I'm sure you'll work it out soon. Bye Tom. See you later! | food we want and bingo! |
| | f) Hi Tom, what are you doing? |

Jane 1.....

Tom Hi Jane. I'm inventing a new app. When everyone buys it, I'll be rich!

Jane 2.....

Tom Well, my idea is that we could order sandwiches and food from the school cafeteria.

Jane 3.....

Tom No, not yet. I've designed the menu but I haven't worked out how to put pictures there.

Jane 4.....

Tom That's right. And after you've chosen your food, the app tells you how much money you have to pay.

Jane 5.....

Tom Maybe next week. I'm trying to improve it and discover a way to download new food updates on to the app.

Jane 6.....

Reading

1 Read the text. Then circle T (True) or F (False).



It's hard to remember life before smartphones but here are some of the ways that our lives have changed:

Before we had smartphones we used to turn on our computer, wait patiently for our Wi-Fi to connect and open an internet browser. The smartphone has connected us to the internet all the time!

Many other devices* exist because of smartphones. There are tablets and smart watches, which are also connected to phones. Accessories such as phone cases, Bluetooth speakers, and headphones are extremely popular. People spend billions of euros on accessories every year.

There are now more than 2 million apps in the App Store. And smartphones and App Stores have created other companies that didn't exist before such as Uber taxis, to take us from place to place, or Instagram and Snapchat for sharing our photos.

These days, apps like Instagram have inspired people to take more pictures. As a result, not many people use hand-held cameras any more. We post around 350 million new photos and videos on Facebook every day!

Touchscreens were rare at one time. Now babies swipe* at TVs and wonder why the screen doesn't change! Now interactive screens are everywhere so it's surprising to see a device without one!

We don't need to hold a huge paper map and feel lost in a new city any more! Smartphones have given us colourful maps and perfect GPS directions to find our way!

There are so many reasons why smartphones have changed our world. We don't need alarm clocks, dictionaries, stopwatches and we never have to carry a calculator* or flashlight now. We can also pay in cafés and restaurants with our phone, watch our favourite TV shows and download cheaper video games!

VOCABULARY: *device – technisches Gerät; **swipe** – wischen; **calculator** – Taschenrechner

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| 1 | Before smartphones were invented, it took a long time to connect to the internet. | T / F |
| 2 | People spend millions of euros on phone accessories every year. | T / F |
| 3 | There are one million apps in the App Store. | T / F |
| 4 | Many companies like Uber taxis existed before smartphones. | T / F |
| 5 | People enjoy taking pictures more than before. | T / F |
| 6 | There are 150 million photos and videos posted on Facebook every day. | T / F |
| 7 | These days, it is surprising to see a device without a touchscreen. | T / F |
| 8 | Smartphones give us helpful maps and directions. | T / F |
| 9 | We can use our phones to pay for things in cafés and restaurants. | T / F |
| 10 | Buying video games is more expensive than before. | T / F |

Grammar

2 Circle the correct form of the verb.

- 1 A *Did you see / Have you seen* my new pictures on Instagram? They're awesome!
B No, I *didn't see / haven't seen* them yet.
- 2 I *downloaded / have downloaded* a really cool fitness app a few days ago.
- 3 *Did you ever / Have you ever* paid for things in a restaurant with a smartwatch?
- 4 She got a new video game yesterday but she *didn't play / hasn't played* it yet.
- 5 I *bought / have bought* a Bluetooth speaker for my phone last week.
- 6 A *Did you call / Have you called* Simon yet? He wants to know if you can go to the party next week.
B No, I *didn't / haven't*. I'll call him now.

Vocabulary

3 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

enter a competition	invention	invest	influence
come up with	develop	experiment	cheap

- 1 John has a great idea to make money.
We're going to be rich!
- 2 Mom, can I at school next week?
I want to win first prize for the best photographer.
- 3 I haven't finished making the robot yet. I need to
..... and check to see if it works well.
- 4 Have you been to the new restaurant yet? The food is
..... but it's really nice.
- 5 My favourite was the internet. It's the
best thing ever.
- 6 My dad has had a good on me. He
always helps me and encourages me.
- 7 We want to save and some money for the future.
- 8 Anna has taken a new course to and improve her computer skills.



Essential English – Vocabulary

4 Complete the TV programme with the words and phrases in the box.

detective
music show
nature programme
quiz show
romantic film
science-fiction film
sports show
the news



On tonight's ¹ : African Elephants.
On tonight's ² : Bayern Munich vs
Manchester United.

Pop hits of the week

Weekly ³

Love Story: the famous ⁴ from the 1970s.

⁵ : find out what's happening in the world at
5.30 p.m., seven p.m., ten p.m. Followed by tomorrow's weather.

Who wants to win a million pounds?

Take part in our ⁶ Answer the questions at home.

Is there Life on the Moon?

A ⁷ about the year 2099.

Police Action: The Body in the Classroom

Tonight Jim Carter, the famous ⁸ has to find out what
happened to Mrs Stevens, a school teacher ...