

# Unit 1

## Unit 1 Revision

### 1 Vocabulary life lessons

Complete the sentences with expressions to do with life lessons. The first letter has been given for you.

- 1 What is the most v..... lesson anyone has ever taught you?
- 2 I think making mistakes at work stands you in good s..... for making better decisions in the future.
- 3 You have to be patient when dealing with difficult situations – though that’s often easier said than d.....
- 4 If you find it difficult to make decisions, a good r..... of thumb is to think back to the last difficult decision you made and work out what you did.
- 5 I hate it when people do things just to m..... a point.
- 6 My mother had one guiding p..... in life: treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.

### 2 Language focus time phrases

Underline the mistake in the verb forms in these sentences. Then correct the mistake.

- 1 I study for my final exams at the moment.  
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- 2 We are living in Mexico City since 2011. We love it!  
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- 3 Working patterns changed over the last 25 years – people generally no longer work for just one company.  
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- 4 Most countries are being currently in recession.  
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- 5 In three weeks’ time, the country was holding presidential elections.  
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- 6 He finally opened a savings account when he started his new job. Up to then, he didn’t save any money.  
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### 3 Language focus time phrases

Choose the correct option to complete these sentences.

- 1 I am *always* / *in the past* / *recently* curious to know why one person succeeds and another might fail.
- 2 My father recently lost his job. *Up until then* / *Since then* / *At the moment*, he had always been really hardworking, but now he seems less positive.
- 3 I’ve been studying the secrets of success *three days ago* / *for many years* / *up to then*.
- 4 *At the moment* / *Soon* / *Previously* I am willing to try out new things and see where it leads me.
- 5 I used to worry about making mistakes, so *on Friday* / *from now on* / *often* I’m going to be more adventurous in my life.
- 6 *Before that* / *Prior to that time* / *About 20 years ago*, most people communicated by letter or phone – that’s no longer the case.

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### 4 Idioms irreversible word pairs

Complete the sentences with these irreversible word pairs.

as and when bits and pieces by and large day and age first and foremost ifs and buts  
peace and quiet rough and ready

- 1 ..... most people tend to stick to names they know rather than choose an unusual name for their baby.
- 2 I've completed most of the decorating work in my new house – I just have a few ..... to finish off.
- 3 Do you organise a lot of social activities, or do you prefer to be more relaxed and go out ..... you feel like it?
- 4 Parenting is a lot more difficult in this ..... – there are so many more challenges to face.
- 5 There are going to be no ..... – I've decided this is the best way to proceed with the problem.
- 6 The big family reunion was fun, but I'll be glad of some ..... now after all the noise and chaos.
- 7 The meal was a bit ..... . Sonia just took things out of the fridge and put them on the table.
- 8 I want Arsenal to do well, but ..... I'm a Newcastle fan. They're definitely my favourite team!

### 5 Language focus the perfect aspect

Complete the sentences with perfect tenses of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 He ..... several jobs before he found one that really suited him. (have)
- 2 Helena is really busy at work at the moment, so I ..... her with the children every night this week. (help)
- 3 By this time next week, I ..... my report. (complete)
- 4 I'm pretty happy with my life so far. I ..... a lot of interesting things. (do)
- 5 They were tired when they got back because they ..... all night. (travel)
- 6 We have been planning a big leaving party because by the time he retires, our boss ..... here for 40 years. (work)
- 7 When we arrived at the cinema, the film ..... . I was really disappointed.
- 8 Over the last few years, it's clear that people ..... more concerned about the environment. (become)

### 6 Word focus *life*

Complete the sentences to make expressions with *life*. Use the correct form of the verb in one of the sentences.

- 1 You'll meet lots of different people at the club – and from all ..... life.
- 2 I didn't get the job I applied for. It's the ..... life.
- 3 It's very hard for some people, but rising prices are just a ..... life.
- 4 There were so many great things to do in Sydney. I had ..... life.
- 5 He attracts a lot of attention because he's ..... life.