Unit 2 Extra practice

1 **Vocabulary phrasal verb get**

Choose the correct option to complete these sentences.

1 I came back from holiday last week and I found it really difficult to get at / get down to work when I first went back into the office.

2 Some people are well off and can afford to spend what they like; others have to get by / get through on a much smaller salary.

3 He is so ambitious: his main aim is to get ahead / get down in his career.

4 I didn’t want to write the report, but my boss told me to get by / get on with it.

5 His speech was very unclear – no one knew what he was trying to get ahead / get at.

6 There are so many reports to read – I’m never going to get on with / get through them all before the end of the day.

2 **Language focus the continuous aspect**

Choose the correct option to complete these sentences.

1 The explorers were travelling / had been travelling for two months when they first found signs of civilisation.

2 He hasn’t been studying / isn’t studying much in the last few weeks.

3 Sales figures for this year are good and therefore the business will be employing / was employing more workers.

4 Tomas finished my report while he is watching / was watching the football on TV.

5 I’ve booked my holiday and this time next month I’ll be relaxing / I’m relaxing on the beach.

6 Last year she was studying / had been studying for her finals; now she’s in her first job.

7 We are living / have been living in Singapore for five years now.

8 Many people were predicting / are predicting that the recession will continue for a number of years.

3 **Language focus present and perfect participles**

Look at the participles in italics in these sentences. How could you rewrite these participles? Choose the correct option (a or b).

1 I sat in the café, waiting for my girlfriend to arrive.
   a with the result that I was waiting
   b while I was waiting

2 Having finished my breakfast, I went out to work.
   a After I had finished
   b Because I had finished

3 Not having competed in a tennis tournament before, I was extremely nervous.
   a Because I hadn’t competed
   b While I wasn’t competing

4 I didn’t understand what he was saying, but not wanting to appear stupid, I just agreed.
   a with the result that I didn’t want to appear
   b because I didn’t want to appear

5 Having completed his first triathlon, Greg was delighted with the achievement.
   a While he completed
   b After he had completed

6 I left the office at half past six, missing the train by five minutes.
   a because I missed
   b with the result that I missed

7 After the floods, the insurance companies put aside an extra $100 million, knowing that they would have lots of claims.
   a because they knew
   b after they knew

8 The company employed ten extra staff, helping to launch the product on time.
   a after they had helped
   b with the result that they helped
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4 Idioms health and safety

Match the two parts of these idioms to do with health and safety.

1 be on the safe a in cotton wool
2 cut b net
3 do things by c with danger
4 wrap someone d corners
5 safety e precautions
6 second f side
7 be fraught g nature
8 take h the book

5 Word focus foot

Complete the crossword using expressions with foot.

Across
3 If you do the same job as one of your parents, you follow in their ____________.
5 If you insist on doing something, you put your foot ____________.

Down
1 If you manage to get a job in a company, even if it’s only one day a week, you have got your foot in the ____________.
2 If you accidentally say something which is embarrassing, you ____________ your foot in it.
3 If you end up paying for something, you have to ____________ the bill.
4 If you say something which causes a bad situation for yourself, you have ____________ yourself in the foot.