

# Unit 2

## 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.

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| 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

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

Down

- 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 .....
- If you accidentally say something which is embarrassing, you ..... your foot in it.
- If you end up paying for something, you have to ..... the bill.
- If you say something which causes a bad situation for yourself, you have ..... yourself in the foot.

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