

Vocabulary practice

1 Complete these sentences with words from the *Keywords* box. You may need to change the tense or form.

- 1 Silk is a _____ which originally came from the Far East.
- 2 _____ days are my favourite days in winter.
- 3 The early twentieth century was an _____ of conflict in many parts of the world.
- 4 I always put _____ into my phone so I don't miss important appointments.
- 5 After many years at sea, my uncle has some fascinating _____ to tell.
- 6 Do you want to sit at a table or at the _____ for lunch?
- 7 Our teacher _____ us for working so hard for our last exam.
- 8 I love the _____ of reggae music.
- 9 My boss is going to evaluate my knowledge and my _____ at work.
- 10 You should never walk across the _____ at a train station.

2 Match nouns and adjectives words from A with nouns from B to make collocations. Say if the words in A are nouns or adjectives. Find the collocations in the article.

A

basic	examination	growth
health	military	railway

B

care	equipment	era
line	room	service

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Grammar practice

- 3** Look at these extracts from the article and underline the reduced relative clause in each one.

... there is a queue of patients waiting next to the railway line ...

... a teenage girl needing a post-operative check-up ...

... the patients treated on the train generally praise the doctors ...

- 4** Rewrite the sentences using reduced relative clauses.

1 The towns which were built along the BAM are losing inhabitants.

2 The cook who works on the train serves three meals a day.

3 Some patients who are standing in the queue need urgent attention.

4 Many of the people who were sent to Berkakit settled there.

5 A few of the doctors who travel on the train are specialists.

6 People who need emergency attention don't always get it.
