

Word skills 1

1 Use your dictionary to complete the word in each sentence.

- 1 The children never do what I tell them to! They are very *disobedient*.....
- 2 It won't rain in August, surely! That seems extremely un.....
- 3 No, I told you not to sell the shares! You must have mis.....
- 4 Jack gets very good marks, and is an out..... student.
- 5 If you co..... with the police you will receive a light sentence.
- 6 Dave was in the first sub..... that sailed to the North Pole.
- 7 Just heat up the rice, it's been pre.....
- 8 Mr Jones is incredibly rich. In fact he's a multi.....

2 Complete each sentence with a word formed from the word in *italics*, beginning as shown. Begin the word with a prefix from the box.

dis- in- non- over- re- un- vice- trans-

- 1 I'm not *satisfied* with your work. I am *dissatisfied*..... with it.
- 2 She doesn't have the *usual* kind of haircut. It's very
- 3 Mary is sailing across the *Atlantic*. She is on a voyage.
- 4 Dan is the *president's* assistant. He is the
- 5 Terry is no longer a *smoker*. Now he is a
- 6 Don't wear a *formal* suit. The dinner is quite
- 7 You haven't *written* this clearly. It'll have to be
- 8 This steak is *cooked* too much. It's

3 Complete each sentence with a word formed from a word in the box, ending as shown.

astonish fool music thought back free lead short

- 1 I don't want to be a slave! I demand my *free*.dom.
- 2 How kind of you to bring flowers! That was veryful.
- 3 Martin plays the guitar, but he isn't a very goodian.
- 4 Our school has closed because there is aage of teachers.
- 5 Brian is one of the world'sing architects.
- 6 Imagine myment when the cat started to speak!
- 7 Don't beish! There is no such thing as a ghost!
- 8 I prefer to begin at the end and gowards.

FIRST CERTIFICATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

- 4 Complete each sentence with a word formed from a word in box A. Use one of the prefixes or suffixes in box B. Prefixes and suffixes can be used more than once.

A	care	employ	home	postpone	satisfied
	charge	friend	night	pronounce	skirts

B	dis-	mis-	out-	over-	-less	-ment	-ship	-ee
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- I travelled to Scotland on the ...*overnight*..... train and slept all the way.
- You're always breaking things! Why are you so
- Jane knows a lot of French words, but she tends to them.
- We all believe in between the people of different nations.
- Bad weather caused the of nearly all the football programme.
- George was very with the service at the hotel.
- We live in a flat on the of London.
- Patsy thought the shop assistant had her.
- David was tired of being a / an so he started his own company.
- The government is providing more money to help people.

- 5 Complete the compound word in each sentence with a word from the box.

bow	cut	helmet	powder	storm
case	fire	place	steps	writing

- I could hear the sound of gun*fire*..... coming from the main square.
- We had to take shelter during a severe thunder.....
- Nobody can read the doctor's hand.....
- You look awful. Why don't you have a hair..... ?
- I wanted to do some washing but I've run out of soap.....
- If you ride a motorbike you have to wear a crash.....
- There isn't room in here for another book.....
- After the shower, the sun came out and there was a rain.....
- I could hear the sound of foot..... . Someone was coming!
- At one end of the room is a lovely old stone fire.....

6 Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

Evening classes

Recently I decided to go to evening classes twice a week. During the day I work in a (1) secretarial..... agency SECRETARY
 as a telephonist. It is not a very interesting (2) OCCUPY
 and I get bored. I also got tired of coming home every evening, putting a (3) meal in the oven and FREEZE
 then watching TV. So I decided to take up (4) CARPENTER
 as a hobby. Perhaps I should give you an (5) for EXPLAIN
 my choice. Learning a skill is a good (6) to the SOLVE
 problem of boring work. Also, I felt I was a (7) FAIL
 because any time I tried to put up a shelf, for example, it always fell down! Now I am quite a (8) wood- SUCCESS
 worker! I am working on the (9) of some CONSTRUCT
 furniture at the moment. And although there are only two other girls in the class, I don't feel any (10) EMBARRASS
 - I've turned out to be the best student in the class!

7 Underline the most suitable word.

- 1 Helen doesn't look well. She is extremely *slim* / *thin*.
- 2 It's really hot today, but it's nice and *chilly* / *cool* in here.
- 3 Peter *nodded* / *shook* his head in agreement.
- 4 I can't pay you anything for this old coin. It's *priceless* / *worthless*.
- 5 The house was surrounded by a *high* / *tall* fence.
- 6 The sun is shining, and it's a / an *attractive* / *lovely* day.
- 7 This chicken is good. It's very *tasteful* / *tasty*.
- 8 Be careful of the next corner. It's rather *dangerous* / *harmful*.
- 9 Graham left the film before the end because he was *bored* / *lazy*.
- 10 When I saw him scratch my car I got very *angry* / *nervous*.
- 11 Everyone was *pleasant* / *pleased* when Carlos won first prize.
- 12 Fiona runs regularly and is very *fit* / *fitted*.
- 13 Sarah felt *disappointed* / *disappointing* when she didn't get the job.
- 14 Jim went to the hospital because he had a *hurt* / *pain* in his leg.
- 15 The doctor gave Sue a *receipt* / *prescription* for some painkillers.

FIRST CERTIFICATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

8 Complete each sentence with a word formed from a word in the box.

do fall get make set draw feel give put take

- 1 Those children next door are *making*..... a lot of noise.
- 2 I don't really like going out this evening.
- 3 You don't have to hurry. You can your time.
- 4 Armstrong was the first person to foot on the Moon.
- 5 The director us permission to park our motorbikes here.
- 6 Can you me a favour? I need some help with the garden.
- 7 I can't talk now. I'm just lunch.
- 8 When something goes wrong, people always the blame on me!
- 9 Tom has just in love yet again!
- 10 I would like to your attention to these instructions.

9 Rewrite each sentence so that it includes the word given in capitals.

- 1 The forest outside the town started burning last night. CAUGHT
The forest outside the town caught fire last night.
- 2 Suddenly Janet started crying. TEARS

- 3 What's your occupation? DO

- 4 We'll have to decide soon. DECISION

- 5 Can you look after my plants while I'm away? TAKE

- 6 You will write or phone, won't you? TOUCH

- 7 Diane had a baby boy last week. GAVE

- 8 Peter always remains calm in an emergency. HEAD

- 9 Stop holding the steering wheel! LET

- 10 He can't possibly win the race. STANDS
