

Life stages

12.1 Nearest and dearest

Vocabulary family and relationships

- Complete the phrases with suitable particles.

1 be close <u>to</u>	7 care ___
2 be devoted ___	8 get ___ someone's nerves
3 be left ___	9 look ___ to
4 be spoilt ___	10 take ___
5 bring joy ___	11 tell ___
6 bring ___	12 turn ___ someone
- Write six phrases from exercise 1 to match meanings 1–6.
 - knowing somebody very well and liking them very much
be close to someone
 - look or behave like an older member of your family

 - go to someone for help or advice

 - care for a child as they grow up, teaching him or her how to behave

 - not included or mentioned

 - speaking angrily to someone because they did something wrong

- Replace the underlined part of the sentence using a completed phrase from exercise 1, making any necessary grammatical changes.
 - His parents give him everything he wants.
He is spoilt by his parents.
 - She really admires her older brother.

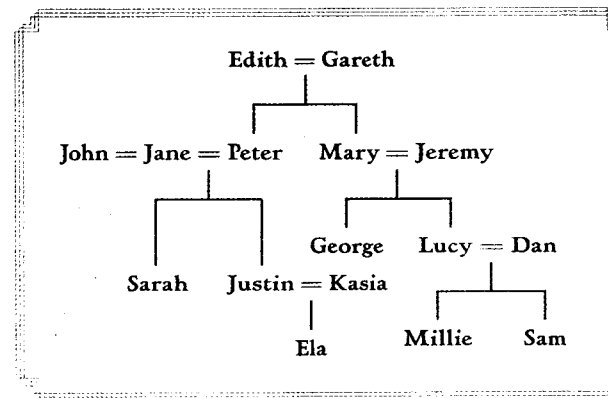
 - He looks after his elderly father at home.

 - My children are hard work but they make me very happy.

 - That noise is really starting to annoy me.

 - He really loves his wife. He would do anything for her.

- Look at the family tree and answer the questions.



Who is Sarah's ...

- twin? Justin
- sister-in-law? _____
- stepfather? _____
- second cousin? _____
- niece? _____
- sibling? _____
- aunt? _____

PRONUNCIATION phrase stress

- 12.1))) Listen to the sentences and mark which word in italics carries the main stress.
 - His grandparents helped to *bring him up*.
 - I *care for* my mother at home.
 - They really *look up to* their big sister.
 - Who do you *take after*?
 - Please don't *tell me off*.
 - I didn't know who to *turn to*.

Grammar unreal situations

- 6 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.
- I only helped you because I didn't know what you planned to do.
If I had known what you (had) planned to do, I wouldn't have helped you.
 - I don't have much money because I decided to be a nurse.
If _____, I would have more money.
 - I'm only going tonight because Jack is going.
I wouldn't go tonight if _____
 - I don't have a pet because I live in a flat.
If I _____
 - He didn't get the job because he doesn't speak English very fluently.
If he spoke English more fluently, _____
 - He didn't make an effort to get to know people, so he was quite unhappy.
He might have been happier if _____
- 7 Find and correct the mistakes in six of the sentences.
- I wouldn't have met my husband if I ~~didn't take~~ ^{hadn't taken} this job.
 - If I'd had more sleep last night, I would feel ~~bet~~ ^{bet}ter now.
 - If I had forgotten the ticket, I might not been able to travel.
 - My feet would be soaking wet if I hadn't bring my boots.
 - If he had stayed at home, he wouldn't have had an accident.
 - If you lived closer, I would given you a lift home last night.
 - We might not have met if Simon doesn't introduce us.
 - If we didn't need to live near the children's school, we will move.
- 8 Read the article and then complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.
- If the taxi driver _____ (not ask) about the other baby, the Backmans _____ (not know) Lin was a twin.
 - If the Backmans _____ (not write down) the names, they _____ (not be able to) find Emilie.
 - The girls _____ (could know) each other sooner if the adoption papers _____ (be) correct.
 - If Emilie _____ (not be) on Facebook, Lin _____ (could not contact) her.
 - The girls _____ (could go) to each other's weddings if they _____ (meet) earlier.
 - If it _____ (not be) for the taxi driver, the girls _____ (not know) each other now.

Twins born in Indonesia find each other in Sweden thirty years later

Lin Backman was adopted nearly thirty years ago from an orphanage in Indonesia. As her new parents drove away from the orphanage with her in a taxi, the driver asked them about the baby's twin sister. They had no idea that Lin was a twin. The Backmans wrote down both girls' Indonesian names, and back in Sweden they were able to find the other twin, Emilie's adoptive family.

However, the adoption papers showed different names for the girls' fathers, so the families decided the girls couldn't be twins after all – or even siblings, as they were the same age – and the families lost touch.

Years later, Lin found Emilie on Facebook using her adoptive name and decided to contact her. The girls discovered that they had a lot in common. They were both teachers and had both got married on the same day (a year apart) and danced to the same song at their wedding.

A DNA test proved that they are indeed twins, and it now seems that their father was a taxi driver. He may even have been the taxi driver who first spoke to Lin's parents.



I can ...

Very well Quite well More practice

talk about family and relationships.

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12.2 If I could turn back time ...

Vocabulary life events and choices

1 Complete each sentence with one or two words. The first letter is given.

- 1 It takes *courage* to ask for a pay rise, but it's usually worth the risk.
- 2 For our first d _____, my husband and I went for a pizza.
- 3 Don't be rude about someone's appearance; that's just m _____.
- 4 She had an unusual c _____ p _____; first she was an actor, then she retrained as a doctor.
- 5 I never work at the weekend. It's important to spend q _____ t _____ with my family.
- 6 As well as being a lovely house, his p _____ has doubled in value since he bought it.
- 7 I'm worried that my p _____ won't be enough to live on when I retire.
- 8 They had a huge r _____, and now they're not speaking to each other.
- 9 You need to stop wasting time and t _____ your studies s _____.

2 Put the words in brackets in the correct order to complete the sentences.

- 1 Bullies often stop if you *stand up to them* (them / stand / up / to).
- 2 My mother taught me to always _____ (up / with / make / someone) straightaway after a row.
- 3 He's nearly forty now. Isn't it time he _____ (with / down / settled / someone)?
- 4 He was offered the job, but he _____ (it / down / turned).
- 5 It's hard for him to give up smoking now because he _____ (it / took / up) when he was just a teenager.
- 6 This is a great investment opportunity – don't _____ (miss / it / on / out).

➔ **STUDY TIP** All the verbs in exercise 2 are phrasal verbs. When you learn phrasal verbs, make sure you note whether they can be separated. For example, 'turn down a job' or 'turn a job down' are both possible – but 'stand up to someone' is inseparable, and *cannot* be 'stand up someone to'.

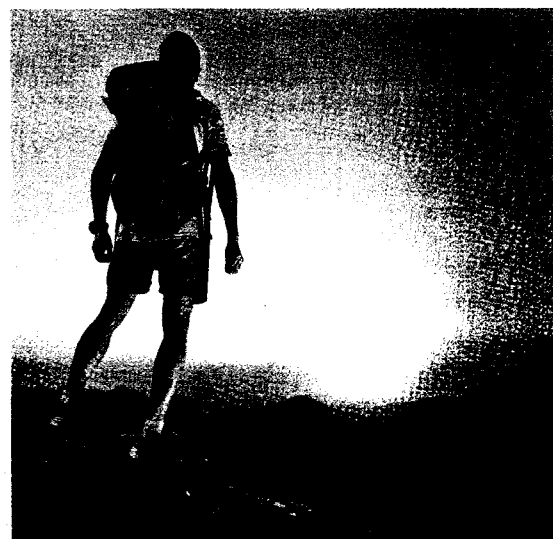
3 Choose the best options to complete the text.

#FOMO and how to get over it

We've probably all felt it at some point, that disturbing thought that people are having a good time without us. It's so common, it even has a name – FOMO, or 'fear of missing ¹*out*/on'. We worry that if we ²*turn down* / *take up* an invitation, it might just be the party of the year and we won't be there. But if that means we agree to go to everything, then we won't be able to spend much quality ³*opportunity* / *time* at home with our family.

If we are concerned that ⁴*settling down* / *making up* early will mean less adventure and travel, well, it probably will. But then again, those who choose to concentrate on their ⁵*work* / *career* path might worry about whether they will ever meet the right person to start a family with.

Beating FOMO means having the ⁶*courage* / *value* to accept that someone else probably is having more fun than you, while realizing that what matters is to enjoy the life you are living now, rather than always worrying about what everyone else is doing.



Grammar using *wish* and *if only*

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Add *would* where appropriate.

- I wish you would stop (stop) making so much noise.
- If only I _____ (not lose) my bag. It had my wedding ring in it.
- I wish I _____ (pay) attention more in class, I might not have failed the exam.
- I wish the holidays _____ (come). I'm really ready for a break.
- If only he _____ (stop) smoking. I'm worried about his health, but he doesn't seem to care.
- I wish you _____ (take) the job. I think it was a mistake to turn it down.
- I wish you _____ (take) the job, is there anything I can say to persuade you?
- If only you _____ (live) nearer ... I'd love to meet up more often.

5 Complete the quotes using the words and phrases in the box.

could see ~~had invented~~ had known might have done wasn't

'I have often said that I wish I
1 had invented blue jeans: the most
spectacular, the most practical, the
most relaxed and nonchalant. They
have ... all I hope for in my clothes.'

Yves St Laurent, fashion designer

'If only we 2 _____ the endless
string of consequences that result
from our smallest actions. But we
can't know better until knowing
better is useless.'

John Green, author

'The release of atom power has
changed everything except our way
of thinking ... the solution to this
problem lies in the heart of mankind.

If only I 3 _____, I should
have become a watchmaker.'

Albert Einstein, theoretical physicist

'Success makes so many people
hate you. I wish it 4 _____ that
way. It would be wonderful to enjoy
success without seeing envy in the
eyes of those around you.'

Marilyn Monroe, film star

'The art of acceptance is the art of making someone
who has just done you a small favour wish that he
5 _____ you a greater one.'

Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights activist

6 Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

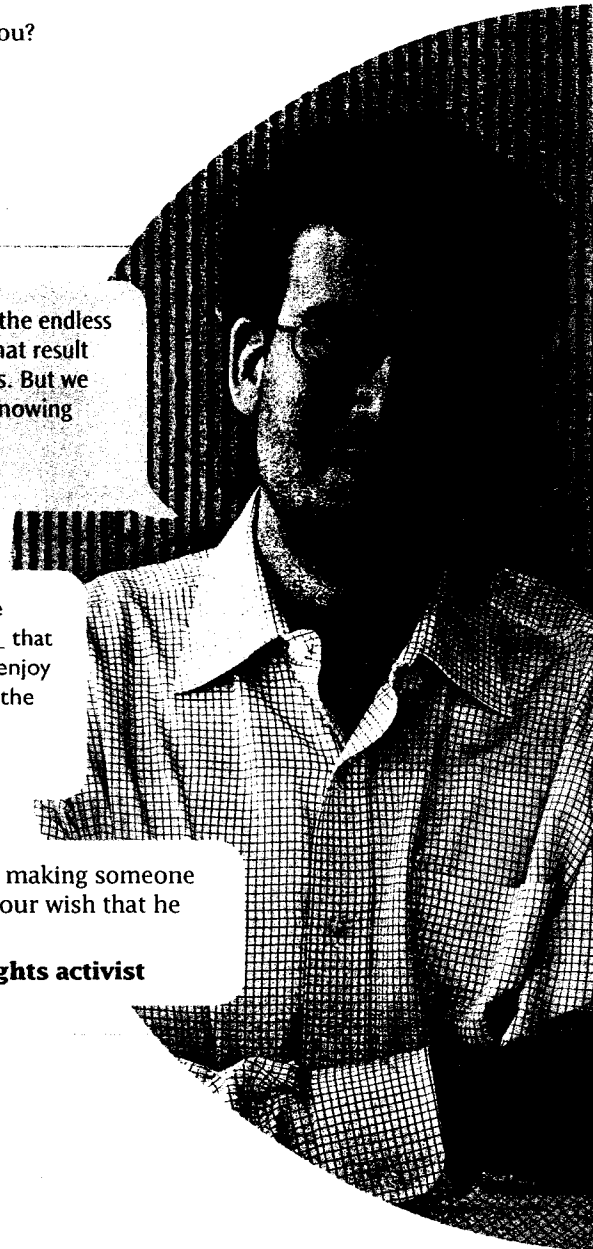
- I wish he *wasn't* / hope he isn't late this time.
- If only she *wasn't* / *isn't* married to my best friend.
- I wish you *stopped* / *would stop* calling me that silly name.
- She wishes she *had never met* / *would never meet* him.
- If only the weather *was* / *had been* better. The rain spoiled the holiday.
- He wished he *had bought* / *bought* a better seat. He couldn't see much of the play at all.

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use *wish* and *if only* for wishes and regrets.



12.3 Vocabulary development

Vocabulary development compound adjectives

1 Put the compound adjectives in the box into the correct category, 1-5.

brand-new clean-shaven eco-friendly fixed-wheel
floral-patterned full-time good-looking high-heeled
home-made little-known low-tech old-fashioned
run-down second-hand thick-rimmed tight-fitting
turned-up worn-out

- 1 ending in a past participle: high-heeled, _____, _____, _____, _____
- 2 ending in a present participle: good-looking, _____
- 3 ending in a noun: full-time, _____, _____
- 4 ending in an adjective: brand-new, _____
- 5 ending in a preposition: worn-out, _____, _____

2 Complete the sentences with one of the compound adjectives from the box in exercise 1.

- 1 The bread is shop-bought, but you wouldn't know, it tastes just like home-made.
- 2 I don't like wearing very _____ clothes. Baggy ones are much more comfortable.
- 3 My husband has grown a beard, but I think he looked better when he was _____.
- 4 You should buy _____ cleaning products instead of all those containing dangerous chemicals.
- 5 The problem with buying a _____ car is that it might not be very reliable.
- 6 Facebook is considered a bit _____ by some people - they're all on Instagram instead.
- 7 The centre of the city is very smart, but the suburbs are a bit _____.
- 8 It's a _____ fact that Plato disapproved of people writing things down.

Vocabulary extension

3 Choose one ending from the box to complete the compound adjectives in each group. There are more endings than you need.

brained headed hearted minded sighted worthy

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 far- <u>sighted</u> | 4 level-_____ |
| short- <u>sighted</u> | light-_____ |
| 2 absent-_____ | 5 half-_____ |
| narrow-_____ | kind-_____ |
| open-_____ | hard-_____ |
| 3 praise _____ | light-_____ |
| news _____ | whole-_____ |
| trust _____ | |

4 Match meanings 1-8 to some of the completed compound adjectives in exercise 3.

- 1 slightly faint, not completely in control of your thoughts or movements light-headed
- 2 complete and enthusiastic _____
- 3 that you can rely on to be good or honest _____
- 4 giving no importance to the feelings of other people _____
- 5 not willing to listen to new ideas or to the opinions of others _____
- 6 calm and sensible, can make good decisions even in difficult situations _____
- 7 deserving approval _____
- 8 tending to forget things _____

