## Vocabulary activities B2

1. **Complete the sentences with the words/phrases in the box.**

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1. The salary was unsatisfactory. ___________, Alan decided to take the job due to the fact that it was close to home.

2. Before you decide which universities you’d like to apply to, you must ____________ factors such as tuition fees.

3. The computer technician wasn’t able to ____________ any of my files.

4. Graduating from university with honours is a major ____________.

5. A good teacher must ____________ his/her students to broaden their minds through reading.

6. The executives of the company must find a way to ____________ sales.

7. George has diabetes and ____________ he avoids sugary food.

8. Too much ____________ to the sun, especially in the middle of the day, may cause skin cancer.

9. Did you see the ____________ headline on the front page of today’s newspaper?

10. Gary was suspended from school for a week ____________ his rude remarks.
2. Circle the correct words.

1. The police officers are interpreting / interrogating the suspect.

2. Jack was transferred / transported to the French branch of the company.

3. Janet always keeps a first-aid / first-hand kit in the boot of her car.

4. Most single beds are rectangular / square in shape.

5. John is ambitious / content with his job and the money he’s earning.

6. Do you mind if my electrician / plumber has a look at the wiring in the house?

7. You would be amazed at just how much reading books will stimulate a child’s fantasy / imagination.

8. How will this decision affect / effect us?

9. A mathematician / politician needs to have good diplomatic skills.

10. Steve is a(n) advocate / support of animal rights.
3. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

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1. I’m writing with ________________ to the job position in the ads column of ‘Info’ magazine.

2. The last time I ________________ my CV was four years ago.

3. An annual ________________ includes your salary and any other benefits you may be receiving.

4. The young ________________ managed to become successful very quickly.

5. Tony worked hard all his life and was able to ________________ wealth.

6. Last month I attended a course on how to become a(n) ________________ secretary.

7. ________________ is highly-explosive and can be deadly when not handled with extreme care.

8. Diana is doing a(n) ________________ course this summer so that she can sit for the exam in December instead of May.

9. Austin comes from a wealthy family and lives a life of ________________.

10. Brian works for a(n) ________________ law firm.
4. Choose the correct answer a, b or c.

1. I think that’s a(n) _____ fantastic idea!
   a. absolutely       b. completely       c. utterly

2. You are _____ to a 10% discount with this coupon.
   a. bound           b. entitled          c. stuck

3. Walking is an easy way to _____ off calories.
   a. burn            b. put              c. take

4. I really value John’s ______.
   a. championship    b. friendship       c. relationship

5. Fred is _____ because he hurt his leg.
   a. leaping         b. limping          c. soaring

6. As we get older, we look back on our _____ years with nostalgia.
   a. adulthood       b. brotherhood      c. childhood

7. Elizabeth has been working hard all year and needs a holiday to _____ her batteries.
   a. pack            b. promote          c. recharge

8. Mr Stevens is in a business meeting with some _____ clients.
   a. competitive     b. extensive        c. prospective

9. There is an increasingly high level of _____ in the third-world countries.
   a. popularity      b. poverty          c. security

10. I’ll _____ with a warning this time, but the next time you don’t do your homework, I’ll call your father.
    a. charge you      b. let you off      c. get you away
5. Circle the correct words.

1. No matter how hard she tried, Isabelle couldn’t **carry / figure** out the answer to the Maths problem.

2. Mark’s arguments are so **confusing / convincing** that I always end up agreeing with him.

3. A(n) **optimist / pessimist** always sees the glass half full.

4. A graphic designer was hired to create the company **logo / solo**.

5. **Physical / Private** education is a compulsory subject at most state schools.

6. Violence is no way to **reassure / resolve** problems.

7. Jack is a clumsy child and is prone **at / to** making a mess.

8. Cynthia’s trip to Mexico gave her a chance to brush **at / up** on her Spanish.

9. This theory is quite difficult to take in. Could you **break it down / get it across** for me?

10. After two months of investigations, the police managed to arrest the **weird / notorious** criminal last night.
6. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

attempted  distinguished  disruptive  underpaid  definition
outcome  back  antibiotics  condition  crispy

1. Wayne likes his fried chicken extra ____________________.

2. What was the __________________ of the survey?

3. The teacher asked the __________________ student to leave the classroom.

4. Mat is selling his car, which is in good __________________, at a reasonable price.

5. Burglars __________________ to break into my house last night.

6. I wish I had a time machine to go __________________ in time.

7. Ryan bought a high __________________ colour television at a really good price.

8. Are there going to be any __________________ guests at the event?

9. The doctor prescribed __________________ for her cold.

10. Due to the economic crisis, many highly-qualified professionals are ________________.
7. Circle the correct words.

1. The government announced a **recreation / reduction** in the price of milk yesterday.

2. The publishing company hired somebody to **illuminate / illustrate** the children’s books.

3. The wolf’s **fangs / fins** are very sharp.

4. The little boy wanted his ice cream in a **cone / cube**.

5. This week is Energy **Conservation / Collision** Week.

6. The parrot put the nut in its **beak / paw**, cracked it and ate it.

7. There’s a **creepy / horrifying**, abandoned house on top of that hill.

8. The lion is roaming the jungle looking for its **predator / prey**.

9. Look at the size of the **tentacles / trunks** on that squid!

10. The new teacher **fascinated / threatened** us with stories about the far away places he had travelled to.
8. Choose the correct answer a, b or c.

1. After dinner, Brittany continued her homework from where she had _____ off.
   a. left  b. put  c. set

2. George is an _____ lawyer; he has never won a case.
   a. incompetent  b. incomplete  c. insecure

3. The _____ on the wall is crooked; tilt it a little to the left.
   a. frame  b. plaster  c. trait

4. Giving children everything they ask for does more _____ than good.
   a. damage  b. evil  c. harm

5. The doctor said that the patient was making _____, so he would be able to go home soon.
   a. complaints  b. progress  c. sense

6. That cake looks very ______. Can I have a piece?
   a. thrilling  b. tempting  c. enchanting

7. Dangerous criminals should be _____ where they cannot harm other people.
   a. covered up  b. locked up  c. set up

8. High cholesterol and blood pressure may _____ a heart attack.
   a. associate with  b. head for  c. lead to

9. Most mountains in my country have natural _____ of fresh water.
   a. plains  b. springs  c. valleys

10. My grandfather is retired and receives a ______.
    a. pension  b. position  c. benefit