



**Exercise № 1.** Circle a letter A, B, C or D that best fills each numbered gap.

I never (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to amaze me how many films are (2) \_\_\_\_\_ by the critics as a load of rubbish but go on to achieve considerable commercial success, flying in the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of such criticism. In fact it is the exception rather than the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ when critics and cinemagoers see (5) \_\_\_\_\_. ‘Titanic’, ‘Captain Corelli’s Mandolin’ and ‘Perl Harbour’ for example, met with quite a lot of media (6) \_\_\_\_\_ but all three (7) \_\_\_\_\_ at the box office like few others have before. It (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the question: what is a quality film? How can one film be (9) \_\_\_\_\_ as a ‘classic’ and another as a ‘turkey’. What (10) \_\_\_\_\_ as ‘a great film’. Meanwhile, the rivalry among studios has never been more (11) \_\_\_\_\_. All of them will happily spend millions of dollars on a ‘happening’ to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ their film in an attempt to (13) \_\_\_\_\_ their potential audience into buying their ticket. They will also spend millions to try and (14) \_\_\_\_\_ damaging rumours about their stars and (15) \_\_\_\_\_ them as heroes on a level beyond any other human being on the planet.

- |                      |                   |                 |               |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1) A) stops          | B) ceases         | C) ends         | D) finishes   |
| 2) A) considered     | B) complimented   | C) counted      | D) panned     |
| 3) A) face           | B) wind           | C) variance     | D) plane      |
| 4) A) acceptance     | B) rule           | C) reception    | D) law        |
| 5) A) at loggerheads | B) on tenterhooks | C) face to face | D) eye to eye |
| 6) A) disagreement   | B) competition    | C) hostility    | D) reprisal   |
| 7) A) took off       | B) petered out    | C) broke off    | D) dried up   |
| 8) A) lifts          | B) puts           | C) rises        | D) raises     |
| 9) A) categorized    | B) called         | C) thought      | D) qualified  |
| 10) A) qualifies     | B) names          | C) acts         | D) serves     |
| 11) A) intensive     | B) opposed        | C) intense      | D) all-out    |
| 12) A) branch out    | B) launch         | C) shoot off    | D) put up     |
| 13) A) brainwash     | B) start up       | C) put out      | D) consign    |
| 14) A) reject        | B) disperse       | C) annihilate   | D) dispel     |
| 15) A) count         | B) expose         | C) promote      | D) double     |

**Exercise № 2.** Read the text below. Use the word given in CAPITALS at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

There are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ arguments for rewarding winners in sport (2) \_\_\_\_\_, thereby allowing the more talented to take (3) \_\_\_\_\_ more from their sport than those of lesser lights. If someone is able to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ beat the rest of the best in the world at tennis or golf, few would begrudge him in the biggest pot of gold. It is quite another thing, however, to pay (5) \_\_\_\_\_ weekly sums of money to a member of an 11-man team – far in (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of most people’s annual salary. This team member may have a knack with the odd (7) \_\_\_\_\_ free kick or (8) \_\_\_\_\_ header, but he will often be out of action for (9) \_\_\_\_\_ periods with mysterious injuries,

- 1) PERSUADE
- 2) FINANCE
- 3) CORRESPOND
- 4) REPEAT
  
- 5) ASTRONOMY
- 6) EXCEED
- 7) SUCCEED
- 8) SPECTACLE
- 9) TERMINATE

and after a few years will allow himself to be sold to the highest (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for the whole sordid process to be repeated elsewhere. If is little short of an (11) \_\_\_\_\_.

10) BID

11) OBSCENE

**Exercise № 3.** Fill each of the blanks with a suitable adjective from the box.

devoid; prone; incumbent; impervious; conducive; inherent  
indent; reminiscent; inclined; conversant

- 1) I feel it is \_\_\_\_\_ upon me, as director, to inform you of the company's financial difficulties.
- 2) My mother used to be \_\_\_\_\_ to sudden fainting fits for no apparent reason.
- 3) The animals seemed \_\_\_\_\_ on causing as much damage as possible.
- 4) My sister appears \_\_\_\_\_ of even the most basic common sense sometimes.
- 5) My attempts at drawing are \_\_\_\_\_ of those of an angry child.
- 6) I am more and more \_\_\_\_\_ towards the idea of retiring early.
- 7) There is a fundamental flaw \_\_\_\_\_ in what you propose and so it won't work.
- 8) You seem to be \_\_\_\_\_ to any criticism.
- 9) I don't think the current climate is \_\_\_\_\_ to much investment.
- 10) I'm not fully \_\_\_\_\_ with the rules of basketball.

**Exercise № 4.** Complete the sentences with an appropriate form of the reporting verbs in the box. Add a preposition or pronoun if necessary.

claim; check; whisper; reassure; emphasise; reveal

- 1) Before I parked my car outside Gus's house, I \_\_\_\_\_ him that this would be okay.
- 2) I know that Darren enjoys his work as a gardener, but when he \_\_\_\_\_ to be the best job in the world, I wasn't sure whether he was being serious or not.
- 3) The company hadn't paid me for the work I'd done for them, but when I phoned, they \_\_\_\_\_ that a cheque was on its way.
- 4) Carlson didn't want to speak to the police yet. He didn't want to \_\_\_\_\_ anyone that he knew who the murderer was until he had concrete evidence.
- 5) When Lesley handed me the report she said that it was only a first draft. She \_\_\_\_\_ that it should remain confidential until the statistics had been verified.
- 6) Just before I stood up to make my speech, my friend Jenny came up close and \_\_\_\_\_ me that my shirt was hanging out at the back.

**Exercise № 5.** Complete these annual appraisal summaries, written by a personnel manager with the correct particles.

- 1) Tyra sometimes comes \_\_\_\_\_ as a little aggressive, but in general she has good relations with her colleagues and seems to bring \_\_\_\_\_ the best in the staff she manages.
- 2) Jane has had to overcome a great deal due to her physical disability, but her determination and will to succeed always shine \_\_\_\_\_, despite the difficulties.
- 3) Luke prides himself \_\_\_\_\_ his ability to cope with huge amounts of stress and to meet deadlines. He has always met deadlines, though I can't personally vouch \_\_\_\_\_ his ability to deal with a major crisis.
- 4) It's always so nice to see how Gus's face lights \_\_\_\_\_ whenever he is praised for his achievements, and he has had some notable successes in the last 12 months. Let's hope it continues that way.
- 5) Lesley is very good at drawing \_\_\_\_\_ the shyer and less confident members of staff. She seems like an excellent candidate for promotion in the next round.

**Ответы:**

<b>Задание № 1.</b>	1) 2) 3) 4) 5) 6) 7) 8)	9) 10) 11) 12) 13) 14) 15)
<b>Задание № 2.</b>	1) 2) 3) 4) 5) 6)	7) 8) 9) 10) 11)
<b>Задание № 3.</b>	1) 2) 3) 4) 5)	6) 7) 8) 9) 10)
<b>Задание № 4.</b>	1) 2) 3)	4) 5) 6)
<b>Задание № 5.</b>	1) 2) 3)	4) 5)

**Желаем успеха!**