# **1** Home and Family

## **Vocabulary Practice**

#### Ex. 1

#### Fill in the blanks with the words given below and change the form if necessary.

apologize	confirm	adventure	irritated
moral	reject	pursuit	priority

- 1. Research in education has \_\_\_\_\_\_ that students engage in learning when they feel connected with others.
- 2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the story is being honest, even when it may disappoint someone.
- 3. They have \_\_\_\_\_\_ an offer of a 3% pay rise and are seeking a 4% increase.
- 4. The man \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the woman for using bad language in front of her son.
- 5. The day before yesterday, the explorer told us about his \_\_\_\_\_ in African forests.
- 6. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ of happiness is common, but knowing how to attain that happiness can be tough.
- 7. John's mother was a calm person who didn't get \_\_\_\_\_ very easily.
- 8. Our \_\_\_\_\_\_ is to help students connect what they learn in the classroom with career competencies to achieve professional success.

#### Ex. 2

# Fill in the blanks with the phrases and expressions given below and change the form if necessary.

burst into	figure out	mend one's ways	check in
be jealous of	apologize for	take for granted	strive for

- 1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ this exceedingly long email and look forward to any thoughts you might have.
- 2. The parents often shared their struggles with their children, so the children knew what it was like to \_\_\_\_\_\_ something important.
- 3. My eyes opened slowly and I looked around, trying to \_\_\_\_\_ exactly where I was.
- 4. Thinking about leaving her home and all of her friends for three years, Jane suddenly stopped and \_\_\_\_\_\_ tears.
- 5. He \_\_\_\_\_\_ without luggage for a flight to Beijing at five o'clock yesterday afternoon.

- 6. Today, we often \_\_\_\_\_ many electronic products such as smartphones and digital cameras.
- 7. The parents believe that their son really needs to \_\_\_\_\_\_ if he wants to be successful in life.
- 8. Tom \_\_\_\_\_\_ his colleague's promotion, as he felt he himself more deserving.

#### **Ex.3** Choose the best item to complete each of the following sentences. 1. Instead of working hard himself, he is always of others' success. A. displeased B. unpleasant C. angry D. jealous 2. He tried to join the army, but was because of his poor health. A. returned B. rejected C. avoided D. failed 3. All passport holders must hold a valid before traveling to this country. A. visa B. paper C. document D. card 4. To succeed in business, one must be prepared to risks. B. take A. get C. do D. have 5. I have a career, which is important, but my family is my A. effort B. purpose C. priority D. routine 6. Rachel's parents have moved to a small coastal town in of a quiet life. A. look B. discovery C. research D. pursuit 7. The of my story is that one should find whatever means to achieve a good work-life balance. A. moral B. sense C. thought D. information 8. If he didn't his ways quickly, he would be asked to leave the team. A. repair B. mend C. strive D. realize

#### **Ex. 4**

#### Fill in each blank with a proper preposition or adverb.

- 1. Much \_\_\_\_\_\_ our surprise, he seemed very comfortable and at ease in the new surroundings.
- 2. Tell your children how much you love them, and look for opportunities to tell them you're proud them.

- 3. When you have sad or mixed-up feelings, I hope you'll tell me about them, so we can figure them \_\_\_\_\_\_ together.
- 4. Do not take the people who love you \_\_\_\_\_ granted. Spend time with them and appreciate their love and support.
- 5. There's no need to be jealous \_\_\_\_\_\_ other families because you don't know what goes on behind close doors.
- 6. One day, my mother burst \_\_\_\_\_\_ tears and told us that our beloved pet had passed away.
- 7. Though my two children are almost seven years \_\_\_\_\_\_ in age, they get along wonderfully.
- 8. In most situations, friends will be understanding if you want to turn \_\_\_\_\_\_ an invitation.

#### Ex. 5

#### Fill in each blank with the correct form of the word given in brackets.

- 1. Jerry spoke (passionate) \_\_\_\_\_\_ about the sport for over two hours and answered many questions from a really enthusiastic audience.
- 2. We (urgent) \_\_\_\_\_\_ need volunteers to pack food for our neighbors during the ongoing food crisis.
- 3. The research takes into (consider) \_\_\_\_\_\_ factors like the similarity of language, cultural background and education experience.
- 4. We will have a further (discuss) \_\_\_\_\_\_ before we arrive at a decision about the case.
- 5. I truly (apology) \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the terrible experience you went through while communicating with our employee Dan.
- 7. If you want to make a (complain) \_\_\_\_\_, you can do so by email, letter or telephone.
- 8. The (pursue) \_\_\_\_\_\_ of one's goals and dreams is a journey that often takes a lifetime to accomplish.

#### **Ex. 6**

Study the following words to see how they are formed and then complete each of the following sentences with the proper form of the word given in brackets.

$re + place \rightarrow replace$	meaning "again"
$host + ess \rightarrow hostess$	meaning "a female"

1. You may contact us if you wish to obtain permission to (print) \_\_\_\_\_ any materials appearing on our website.

2. A (waiter) \_\_\_\_\_ came to our table and she asked us what we wanted to order.

3. She had to (write) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the article because the professor said there were too many mistakes.

4. Jane is a former (actor) \_\_\_\_\_\_ and drama teacher who lives not far from where I live now.

- 5. These systems will have to be built or (build) \_\_\_\_\_\_ over the next several years.
- 6. The (prince) \_\_\_\_\_\_ is said to have changed her mind for the sake of her father.
- 7. When the restaurant (open) \_\_\_\_\_\_ a couple of weeks ago, we were the very first customers to order lunch.
- 8. One of my friends sent me a letter, asking me to (consider) \_\_\_\_\_ my decision.

### **Grammar Review**

#### 虚拟语气 (Subjunctive Mood) (一)

我们使用虚拟语气谈论非真实的或不大可能发生的情况。由if引导的条件句(conditional clauses) 是一种虚拟语气常用的句型。在这种句型中,主从句的谓语动词形式会受动作发生时间的影响。

1. 表示与现在事实相反

从句谓语动词形式:动词过去式(be用were)

主句谓语动词形式: would/could/should/might + 动词原形

If I had time, I would attend the meeting.

2. 表示与过去事实相反

从句谓语动词形式: had + 过去分词

主句谓语动词形式: would/could/should/might + have + 过去分词

If you had studied hard, you would have passed the exam.

3. 表示与将来事实相反

从句谓语动词形式: a. 动词过去式; b. should + 动词原形; c. were to + 动词原形

主句谓语动词形式: would/could/should/might + 动词原形

If it rained/should rain/were to rain next week, the crops would be saved.

4. 有时候,条件从句中的动作与主句动作发生的时间不一致,这时主句和从句的谓语动词应根据各自的时间选用适当的形式。

If we hadn't gotten everything ready yesterday, we would be in trouble now.

5. 有时条件从句中的if可省略,此时需将had/should/could/were置于句首,与主语倒装。 *Had* you come here last night, you *would have seen* Mary.

#### **Ex.** 7

#### Rewrite each of the following sentences by using the subjunctive mood.

1. You don't have enough clothes on, so you feel cold.

If you had enough clothes on, \_\_\_\_

2. Our picnic was not perfect because there were some passing showers. If there hadn't been any passing showers, 3. We have been walking for a whole day and we are feeling so tired now.

If we hadn't been walking for a whole day, \_\_\_\_

4. John has been practicing Chinese constantly and can speak it fluently.

If John hadn't been practicing Chinese constantly,

5. I can't buy the camera because I have no money with me now.

\_\_\_\_\_, I could buy the camera.

6. The conditions have been favorable up until now; that is why the wheat is growing well.

\_\_\_\_\_, the wheat would not be growing well.

7. He has worked in this field for ten years, so he is confident about the position.

\_\_\_\_\_, he would not be confident about the position.

8. She did not take the doctor's advice, so she is in hospital now.

\_\_\_\_\_, she would not be in hospital now.

#### **Ex. 8**

#### Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb(s) given in brackets.

- 1. If she (have) \_\_\_\_\_\_ time, she would learn another language.
- 2. If you had come a few minutes earlier, you (catch) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the train.
- 3. If I (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_ you, I would go and do the experiment at once.
- 4. If they hadn't used a computer, they (can not solve) \_\_\_\_\_ the problem so quickly.
- 5. Had you listened to me, you (not make) \_\_\_\_\_\_ such a big mistake.
- 6. If the blind (can see) \_\_\_\_\_, they (value) \_\_\_\_\_ their sight more than we do.
- 7. If the captain hadn't kept calm in the terrible storm, the accident (not be prevented)
- 8. If humans didn't have memories, one (not learn) \_\_\_\_\_\_ from experience.

#### Ex. 9

#### Choose the best item to complete each of the following sentences.

1. I would have attended your wedding gladly if you A. would have invited me B. invited me C. could have invited me D. had invited me 2. If you see Mr. Allen, give him my regards. A. should B. would C. shall D. will 3. If I had a time machine, I to ancient civilizations. A. would travel B. will travel D. had traveled C. would have traveled 4. If he hadn't kept his head, an accident A. would happen B. happened C. would have happened D. happens

5. \_\_\_\_\_, he would have been able to pass the exam.

- A. If he studied more
- B. If he should study more
- C. Studying more
- D. Had he studied more
- 6. I'll be very happy if I \_\_\_\_\_\_ enough money to buy a new car.
  - A. had B. would have
  - C. have D. shall have
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ come, please tell him to wait for me at the gate.
  - A. He shouldB. Should heC. If heD. If he had
- 8. If he \_\_\_\_\_ his legs yesterday, he \_\_\_\_\_ the Summer Palace with us now.
  - A. hadn't hurt; would be visiting B. hadn't hurt; would have visited
  - C. didn't hurt; would have visited D. didn't hurt; would visit

## **Translation Practice**

#### Ex. 10

Translate the following English phrases and sentences into Chinese or vice versa.

1.	feel proud of yourself This made him proud of his social skills. We are proud of his achievement.	1 + + +	我为我们的祖国而骄傲。
2.	rejected the idea strongly reject our view I applied for the job, but was rejected.	+ + + +	
3.	your immediate priority Our first priority remains our family. Safety is our number one priority.	+ + + +	我们的首要任务应该是公共安全。

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- 4. He had taken their support for granted. Never take things for granted. Don't take his help for granted.
- 他认为这些事情都是理所当然的。

## Writing Practice

#### Ex. 11

#### Answer the questions according to the following email.

Subject: About the discussion group From: John Borg <jborg@su.se> To: Sam Hujak <shujak@washington.edu> Date: Nov 17, 2023 10:20

Dear Sam,

Sorry I didn't answer your message earlier. I had been on vacation for a week. I hope you did well on your exams!

I remember you telling me about an email discussion group for students. Could you tell me how I can join in?

I'm thinking about studying in the U.S.A. next year, and I'd like to find out what experiences other people have had.

Thanks! John Borg

- 1. Who is the sender?
- 2. What is the receiver's email address?
- 3. What is the date of the message?
- 4. What does John do?
- 5. Where does John plan to study next year?

#### Ex. 12

#### Complete the following email according to the information given in brackets.

Subject: Visit to China	$\odot$
From: Mateo Brown <sales@korsree.com.uk></sales@korsree.com.uk>	
To: Wang Minghua <technical@leelea.com.cn></technical@leelea.com.cn>	
Date: Jan 13, 2024 10:18	
Dear Mr. Wang,	
I am now planning my trip to China and I would be ve	ery pleased if we could meet to discuss the
new range of Korsree products.	
I hope to be 1)	(3月7日和8日在北京). Would it be
convenient if we 2)	(3月8日上午10点拜访
您)? I would also be grateful if, in your reply, you cou	Ild tell me 3)
(您的办公室在哪儿). 4)	(我期待您的回复).
Yours faithfully,	
Mateo Brown	
Department of Sales	

## **Reading Practice**

**Ex. 13** 

Read the following passage as fast as you can and then decide whether the statements are TRUE or FALSE.

Starting time: Finishing time:

Bill Javis took over our village news agency at a time in life when most of us only want to relax. He just thought he would like something, but not too much to do, and the news agency was ready-made. The business didn't produce very much for him, but Bill was a man who only wanted the simplicity, order and regularity of a job. He had been a long-serving sailor and had done everything by the clock all his life.

Every day, he opened his shop at 6:00 a.m. to catch the early trade; the papers arrived on his doorstep before that. Many of Bill's customers were city workers, and the shop was convenient for the station. Business tailed off by 10 o'clock, so at 11 sharp, Bill closed for lunch. It was hard luck on

anybody who wanted a paper or magazine in the afternoon since Bill would most likely be down on the riverbank, fishing, and his nearest competitor was five kilometers away. Sometimes in the afternoon, the evening paper landed on the doormat, and at 4 o'clock, Bill reopened. The evening rush lasted until seven, and it was worthwhile.

He lived in a flat above the shop alone. Except in very bad weather, you always knew where to find him in the afternoon, as I have said. Once, on a sunny afternoon, I walked home along the riverbank from a shopping trip to the village. According to my watch, it was three minutes past four, so I was astonished to see Bill sitting there on his little chair with a line in the water. He had had no luck, I could see, but he was making no effort to move.

"What's wrong, Bill?" I called out from the path.

In response, he put a hand in his jacket and took out a big, golden object. For a moment I had no idea what it could be, and then it suddenly went off with a noise like a fire engine. Stopping the bell, Bill held the thing up and called back, "Ten to four, you see, and this is dead right."

I had never known anyone who carried a brass alarm clock around with them before.

- (True/False) 1. Bill Javis became a newsagent after completing his career as a sailor.
- (True/False) 2. Bill opened the shop early in the day because the shop had to be open when the morning papers arrived.
- (True/False) 3. People usually knew where to find Bill in the afternoon.
- (True/False) 4. One afternoon, the writer was surprised to find Bill still fishing when it was three minutes past four.
- (True/False) 5. From the passage, we know that the bell must have gone off at the wrong time.

#### **Ex. 14**

#### Read the following passage and answer the questions.

Americans spend a lot of time and money on physical activities ranging from bowling to skiing. The purpose for engaging in these activities is not only enjoyment. Doctors have found that vigorous exercise keeps people feeling healthier and looking better. So Americans are working at maintaining or recapturing their youth and vigor.

In spring and summer, neighborhood teams organized into leagues compete in softball or baseball games. In cool weather, basketball is popular both indoors and outdoors. Boys and young men also play football just for fun, without the formality of yard markers, goal posts, padding, or referees.

Golf, one of the most popular participation sports, is played all year except on snowy days. Since it is a relatively mild form of athletics, people of all ages can play it. Doctors highly recommend it for exercise and often practice what they preach. Americans joke about not getting sick on Wednesday because all the doctors are out on the golf course. Although the only equipment needed for golf is a set of clubs, some balls and tees, the annual expenditure for golf equipment is not to be underestimated.

Another popular sport is bowling. It is estimated that 67 million people bowl in the United States. Many bowling leagues are formed by coworkers or members of organizations such as charitable groups. Bowling is another game that is not too strenuous and can be played with a minimum investment in equipment.

- 1. Why do Americans spend a lot of time and money on physical activities? To maintain or recapture their
- 2. What is the popular indoor sport in cool weather? The sport is
- 3. When is golf not played? Golf is not played

money on

- 4. Where can you find doctors on Wednesday? We can find them
- 5. What are the advantages of playing bowling?

It is not too

and you do not need to spend a lot of

## Practice for Practical English Test for Colleges (Level A)

#### Ex. 15

## There are 10 incomplete statements here. You are required to complete each one by deciding on the most appropriate word or words from the 4 choices marked A, B, C and D.

1. The service there was \_\_\_\_\_\_ poor that we went to another restaurant down the street.

A. so B. such C. very D. too

2. It was soon after the economic crisis \_\_\_\_\_\_ sales of e-business started to grow.

A. why B. how C. where D. that

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_ we receive your application, we'll send you an email to confirm it.

A. Once B. Since C. Though D. Unless

4. Make a list of what you have to do and put the items \_\_\_\_\_ order of importance.

A. on B. in C. for D. about

5. When you have filled in the form, keep the top part and send \_\_\_\_\_ part to the bank.

A. others B. other C. the other D. the others

6. All our spare parts are guaranteed if you have your car \_\_\_\_\_ with us each year.

A. serviced B. service C. to service D. servicing

7. We are confident that we \_\_\_\_\_ our export sales by 15 percent by the end of this year.

A. increase B. had increased C. would increase D. will have increased

8. If you leave your preparation \_\_\_\_\_\_ the last minute, you'll reduce your chances of passing the exam.

A. for B. with

D. until

9. Only after we really understand your business \_\_\_\_\_\_a suitable insurance program for you.

A. can we recommend B. we can recommend

C. recommend we can D. recommend can we

10. The course comes in three books of case studies, \_\_\_\_\_ a variety of business activities in different parts of the world.

A. being covered B. covering

C. cover

D. covered

C. over

#### Chinese Wisdom

回乡偶书(一)

贺知章

少小离家老大回, 乡音无改鬓毛衰。 儿童相见不相识, 笑问客从何处来。

#### Home-Coming (I) by He Zhizhang

I left home young and not till old do I come back,

Unchanged my accent, my hair no longer black.

My children whom I meet do not know who am I.

"Where do you come from, sir?" they ask with beaming eye.

-Translated by Xu Yuanchong