



Learn English Through Stories.

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Contents

Vocabulary.

Ten tests.

A. Complete using the words in the box.

• close • confident • cool • divorced • generous • grateful
independent • loving • loyal • ordinary • patient • private • single

1. Thanks for looking after my dog for the weekend. I'm really.....
2. Judy is one of the most..... people I know. She's always giving me presents!
3. I don't want a girlfriend. I like being.....
4. It will take a while for Simon to forgive you. You'll just have to be.....
5. Adam's parents are..... , so he only sees his dad at the weekend.
6. Cats are more..... than dogs. They live their own lives and don't need human company.
7. I'm very.....to my best friend. I'd never talk about her behind her back.
8. Sandy's such a..... dog. He's always so happy to see us when we come home!
9. I'm not a very..... person. I get nervous when I have to speak in public.
10. My diary is..... No one is allowed to read it apart from me.
11. I tell my sister all my problems and secrets. We have a very..... relationship.
12. My uncle's really..... ! He's in a rock band!
13. I'm just a/an..... person with a normal life - but I'm quite happy!

B. Complete using a word formed from the letters given.

1. Don't you think Ben and Angie make a lovely.....? **L E O P U C**
2. How many..... are staying at the hotel at the moment? **S E G U T S**
3. All our..... are coming to the wedding. **S N O R E A L I T**
4. A.....is just a friend you haven't met yet! **G R A N T E R S**
5. How long have you been going out with your.....? **D R I N F E Y O B**
6. Why are you in such a bad..... ? **O D O M**
7. My grandparents live in a really quiet..... **O H I D R O U G H B O N E**
8. My cousin has just moved into a..... in the city centre. **A T L F**
9. I'm going to the cinema with my..... tonight. **R E D G I N F L I R**

C. Each of the words in bold is in the wrong sentence. Write the correct word.

1. I was first **respected** to Jake at a party.
2. I shouldn't have **rented** you. Now I know you can't keep a secret!
3. Our house is being **recognised** so we're staying with my grandparents at the moment.
4. Everyone **apologised** Mr Turner because he was strict but fair.
5. Have you **introduced** to Kelly for losing her CD?
6. Sarah said I was a liar but Carol **trusted** me and said I wasn't.
7. We **decorated** a small house in the countryside for the summer.
8. No one **defended** Phil when he came to the party dressed as an old man.

D. Circle the correct word.

1. I thought I could trust you! You've really let me **off / down**.
2. Do you get **on / in** well with your older sister?
3. As children grow **off / up**, they want more independence from their parents.
4. Dave has fallen **off / out** with Jason and they're not talking to each other at the moment.
5. Ed was brought **in / up** by his aunt because his parents lived abroad.
6. I used to go **out / by** with Tony but we split **off / up** about a year ago.
7. I hate looking **after / over** my baby brother!

E. Write one word in each gap.

Advice for parents of teenagers

You've always (1)..... up your children to come to you when they're in trouble. You feel it's your job to (2).....after them when they're having problems. But now, as your children are (3)..... up, they often don't want to share their problems with you. That's perfectly normal, so don't worry! Of course, you want to (4).....on well with your children, but that means you have to give them some freedom.

Maybe they've (5)..... out with their best friend and feel upset and angry.

Maybe they've just (6).....up with the boyfriend or girlfriend they've been (7).....out with. Maybe they've been (8)....down by a friend who they trusted. Teenagers go through all these problems. If they want to talk to you about it, then that's fine. But if they don't, don't force them. They'll come to you when they're ready.

F. Each of the words in bold is wrong. Write the correct word.

1. Are you still **on** contact with any friends from university?
2. I'm going to split up with Dan because we've got nothing **from** common.
3. I don't think I'd like to live **on** myself.
4. Would you like to live **by** your own? .
5. Fiona didn't break your MP3 player **with** purpose. It was an accident!
6. Guess what! Mike and Julie are **at** love with each other.

G. Complete by changing the form of the word in capitals.

1. I'm asking for your.....! **FORGIVE**
2. Doug is such a.....I never believe a word he says! **LIE**
3. Be.....! I've just painted the walls and they're wet. **CARE**
4. Lying to your dad like that was really.....**HONEST**
5. My brother is..... but that doesn't stop him from doing lots of sport.
ABLE
6. I haven't got the.....to go up to a stranger at a party and introduce myself.
CONFIDENT
7. My best friend gives me lots of help with my..... problems. **PERSON**
8. My..... with Chris lasted for over three years. **RELATION**

H. Complete the words.

1. Liz has got a really lively person.....
2. Roger is always losing things. He's so care..... !
3. I really admire you for your honest.....
4. I have a lot of admir..... for Linda. She's achieved such a lot.
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6. In the introduc.....to this book, it says that moving house is extremely stressful.
7. Most of my relat..... live in Canada so I don't see them very often.

I. Write one word in each gap.

I'm very fond (1)..... my husband, William. I've been married (2)..... him for over sixty years. I know he cares (3)..... me now just as much as when we first met all those years ago. I'd got lost, and I asked him for directions. He was so kind (4).....me. He offered to drive me wherever I wanted to go. It was love at first sight and since then my relationship (5).....him has always been wonderful.

William is proud (6).....my success as an artist, and he's never been jealous (7)..... my fame. I really admire him (8)..... supporting me so much over the years. Every evening, we chat (9).....each other (10)..... the day's events. Of course, we do sometimes argue (11)..... things. All couples do. But whenever I have an argument (12)..... him, we soon start laughing and both apologise (13)..... each other (14)..... getting angry. I can't imagine life without him!

J. Complete each dialogue with an idiom from below.

**give or take; bumper to bumper; nook and cranny; neat and tidy;
here, there and everywhere; little by little; neck and neck; wear and tear.**

1. A: Was the traffic bad on the way here?

B: Yes, it was.....the whole way.

2. A: Did you get everything you needed today?

B: Yes, but I had to go..... to find it all.

3. A: This sofa is only six months old, but it looks really old.

B: Well, it gets a lot of.....

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6. A: What's Galya's flat like?

B: Well, you know how organised she is! It's very.....

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B: Two of them finished.....

8. A: Were there a lot of people at the party?

B: About a hundred,..... a few.

Answers

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3. I don't want a girlfriend. I like being **single**.
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B. Complete using a word formed from the letters given.

1. Don't you think Ben and Angie make a lovely **couple**?
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3. All our **relations** are coming to the wedding.
4. A **stranger** is just a friend you haven't met yet!
5. How long have you been going out with your **boyfriend**?
6. Why are you in such a bad **mood**?
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