

Vocabulary

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- 1 puzzled 2 dull 3 in a blue moon 4 breathtaking
5 ashamed

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- 1 pedestrian 2 wig 3 plug 4 degree 5 range

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- 1 pick 2 hop 3 post 4 mate 5 split

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- 1 on 2 far 3 away 4 forward 5 about

Grammar

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- 1 hadn't used 2 she was coming 3 were supposed to
4 have escaped 5 'm visiting

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- 1 wouldn't have got
2 prefer it if
3 are nowhere
4 a little
5 never used to eat / didn't use to eat

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- 1 whose 2 to buy 3 have worried 4 was given
5 'll be getting

8

- 1 hardly any
2 that/which/- we're looking at
3 feel like having
4 was/were taller; wasn't/weren't (so) short
5 've been bought a great tablet

Reading

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- 1 C 2 A 3 B 4 A 5 B 6 C 7 A 8 B 9 C 10 B

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- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F

Writing

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- 1 Furthermore 2 due to 3 as long as 4 Although
5 Then

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Sample answers

Task A

It's clear that landing on the moon was one of the great achievements in human history. However, should we spend a lot of money on space exploration when there are so many other problems in the world?

When we read the news, we become aware of all the different problems which are affecting countries around the world: hunger, wars, poverty, disease, immigration, climate change. Furthermore, countries need to spend a lot of money on health care, education, pensions for old people, and they have to help people who haven't got a job. Therefore, it might seem that space exploration is not so important.

However, in my opinion we shouldn't just spend money on solving urgent problems. Humanity needs to progress, and we won't progress if we don't continue to explore the world. Furthermore, it's possible that we will need to start colonies on other planets if the world's population continues to increase.

In conclusion, space exploration is an important and necessary part of human activity. We are naturally curious about the world, and we should keep on exploring it.

Task B

I was walking along the street when I saw a beautiful black cat which looked very expensive. It seemed lost and it started to follow me, and when I got home it came inside.

The cat had a collar around its neck with a phone number. When my mum saw it, she said that I should phone its owners. So I called them, and they said that they would send their chauffeur to pick up the cat! When he arrived, he said that the owners would like to thank me personally, so I got in the car.

Their house was about 10 miles away. It was actually a mansion! When they came out to say hello, I realised that the woman was a big film star! I couldn't believe it. She posted a picture of all of us with their cat on her twitter account.

After that, all the newspapers wanted to speak to me! I must admit that I felt a bit awkward. I mean, I'm not used to getting lots of attention from the media!