

A Complete the conversations with the correct form of these words and phrases.

for the time being in no time only a matter of time take things one at a time time-consuming

- 1 A: I'm really not happy with the course I'm taking at university, Mum. It's ¹_____ and I don't have enough time to have a life outside of studying.
- B: Well, I knew when you chose that course that it was ²_____ before you said that. I knew you wouldn't enjoy it. But, ³_____, I think you're going to have to put up with it, ⁴_____ and see how you feel as each day comes. You're so close to the end of term, so just wait until then and you can reassess your options. The holidays will come around ⁵_____.

in no time it's about time long-time make up for lost time

- 2 A: I can't believe you came and visited me! ¹_____ – it's been so long! It must have been more than six months since you last stopped by.
- B: I know – I'm sorry, I've just been so busy.
- A: Don't worry, I'm not angry! ²_____ friends don't need to meet or speak every day to know that we're always there for each other when we need something.
- B: You're right, and that's why I love our friendship so much! Anyway, I'm here for the whole weekend, so we've got plenty of time to catch up properly and ³_____. You need to tell me all about your new job!
- A: Well, I'm finding it hard to get used to being part of such a large team, but I'm sure I'll get used to it ⁴_____.
- B: I'm sure you will. Being adaptable is one of your strengths.

B Choose one of the topics and write a short paragraph about your own experience. It can be a true story or made up.

- A situation when you had to put up with something for the time being
- How you met a long-time friend
- A time when you had to take things one at a time to improve in something
- A time when you had to make up for lost time with someone
- A project you were a part of that was time-consuming

C Share your stories in pairs.

9 Vocabulary 1 Fashion

1 Complete the questionnaire with the correct form of these words and phrases.

be back in fashion dress code (x2) flattering formal (x2) glamorous outfit (x2)
practical scruffy see better days smart casual trendy unconventional

You and your clothes ...

- 1 Have you ever been invited to an event with a _____? Was it a _____ occasion?

- 2 Are there any trends or _____ from the past that you'd like to _____ in the future?

- 3 Do you think some colours or patterns are more _____ on you than others? Which ones?

- 4 What would be your go-to _____, if you were told to dress for a _____ event with an important guest list?

- 5 Would you consider yourself a _____ person who likes to keep up with the latest fashions, or do you have more of an individual style?

- 6 Do you own any clothes that have _____ and are not in the best condition?

- 7 Do you prefer to wear _____ clothing that's comfortable, or to wear _____ clothing and feel well-dressed?

- 8 Do you tend to throw things out as soon as they start to look worn and _____?

- 9 Do you own any _____ clothing that is unique in style or colour?

- 10 Would you prefer to have a _____ for school or work, or to wear _____ clothes you can choose?

B Write your own answers to the questions and explain your ideas.

C Work in small groups. Take turns to ask and answer the questions. Would you say you are all quite similar in your fashion choices or quite different? Why?

9 Vocabulary 2 Green business trends

A Replace the words and phrases in bold with the correct form of these words and phrases.

biodegradable carbon emissions catch on competitive consumer demand energy companies
fossil fuels investors natural resource refillable bottles renewable energy switching upward trend

- 1 Globally, more than a million plastic bottles are sold every minute. By switching to **packaging we can reuse** _____, we could reduce the amount of plastic waste significantly.
- 2 Some good examples of plastic alternatives are paper and bamboo. Both materials are **able to decay naturally** _____. The trend of using alternative packaging is **becoming popular** _____ and many companies are now changing the materials they use to wrap their goods.
- 3 The most common type of **energy that can be used again** _____ in the world is hydropower, followed by wind and solar energy.
- 4 The **increased shift** _____ in hybrid and electric vehicles has led to an increased demand for lithium, which is a **material existing in nature** _____, used to make batteries.
- 5 The use of too many **fuels formed underground** _____ such as coal, gas and oil are producing dangerous levels of **greenhouse gases** _____. In 2021, these reached an all-time high.
- 6 With many big **businesses that provide power** _____ now **moving** _____ to renewable resources, it is expected that we will start to emit fewer greenhouse gases, which contribute towards global warming.
- 7 There is a growing **need for goods and services** _____ for products made with sustainable materials and there is now an annual awards ceremony for those with the most innovative alternatives. The prize is financial backing from **people that put money into something to make a profit** _____.
- 8 Many **wanting to be more successful than others** _____ entrepreneurs are now working towards finding alternative and sustainable methods of travelling. They are aiming to be the first, and the most successful, by inventing electronic boats, planes and even jetpacks!

B Compare your answers with a partner. Were any of the statements surprising? Why? / Why not?

C Work in pairs. What can people do to be greener? Make a list of your ideas. Then compare your list with another pair.

Recycle waste where possible, buy products made with alternative packaging, e.g. bamboo or paper ...