

24.1

Choose the best word or phrase from the box to fill each gap. You will need to use one twice and there is one that you don't need to use.

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Simon began his writing career only three years ago (1) he was recovering from an illness. It was during this time of recovery that he began to experiment with different writing styles, (2) ultimately led him to his current choice of historical fiction. He felt he had a natural ability for (3) and his writing flowed easily. At this time, Simon was still working for a construction company. He faced a good deal of ridicule from many of his colleagues, but (4) who mattered the most to him encouraged him and gave him confidence in his new role. (5) was demanding having to write after a day at work, but he was determined to complete his first novel. He eventually managed (6) two years after he had started writing. 'I've come a long way from my building days to (7) , but I wouldn't change it for the world.'

24.2

Choose a sentence from the list that could be used to deal with conflict in these situations. Write the letter of your answer in the box at the end of the sentence.

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| A I really am sorry. It was an accident. | D It would be a real pity to give up now. |
| B I guess I should have tried again. | E You have to agree that it's not always possible. |
| C Try and see it from my point of view. | F I'm glad that you accept my point now. |
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| 1 A colleague is angry because you have reversed your car into her car in the company car park. | <input type="text"/> |
| 2 A colleague reluctantly agrees with you on a controversial point in a meeting. | <input type="text"/> |
| 3 A friend is talking angrily about not going to the gym with you any more because you are nearly always late. | <input type="text"/> |
| 4 A colleague is annoyed that you didn't speak to his customer because when you tried to phone, the line was engaged. | <input type="text"/> |
| 5 A colleague refuses to try to understand your side of the disagreement. | <input type="text"/> |
| 6 A colleague is angry with you because you didn't submit your monthly figures on time. | <input type="text"/> |

24.3

Find a word related to each clue. The first letter has been given to help you.

- Before they enter formal education, many young children attend n..... school these days.
- In England, the age range at a p..... school is usually from five years to 11 years.
- Once children have reached 11 years old, they can move up to s..... school, where they have to stay until they are 16.
- Whilst they are still studying, at about the age of 17, students may a..... to go to university the following year.
- Sometimes for personal reasons, e.g. travel, illness or work experience, some students decide not to go to u..... immediately after they have finished their secondary schooling.
- When they have successfully completed their degree, students will g..... from university.
- If you have a very specific interest in a subject, you may decide to study it in much more depth and complete your d..... .

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