

# Vocabulary activities

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1. Complete the email with the prepositions in the box.

at in to down up along up

Hi Max,

How are you? Well, I've got some good news and some bad news. I gave (1) \_\_\_\_\_ my job about three weeks ago. You know how I felt about it. I couldn't get (2) \_\_\_\_\_ with any of my co-workers and was feeling really (3) \_\_\_\_\_ when I was there. Fortunately, I went round (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Tina's house and as always she managed to cheer me (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Apart from making me feel better, she even helped me look for another job. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ first, I thought it would take me forever to find something else. We looked through the ads and found several interesting jobs. I finally got a new job and everybody is really nice to me. So, everything was OK in the end!

Keep (7) \_\_\_\_\_ touch,

Jessica



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2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrases in the box.

combined with	come along	beat (one's) best	be into
	nothing to worry	let (sb) in on	

1. Robert \_\_\_\_\_ sports. He enjoys watching basketball games.
2. Come on, Mum! I don't want Mary to \_\_\_\_\_. I'm going to Lisa's house to study, not to play.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ your secret. I promise not to tell anyone.
4. The doctor told me that I have \_\_\_\_\_ about. I'm in perfect health.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ today. I've got a sore throat and a terrible headache.
6. A healthy diet \_\_\_\_\_ lots of exercise can help you keep fit.



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3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrasal verbs in the box.

turn on	turn	turn into	turn up
turn down	keep on	burn off	

1. Stop it! If you \_\_\_\_\_ talking I'll send you out of the classroom.
2. This workout will help you \_\_\_\_\_ lots of calories.
3. I can't see anything. Please, \_\_\_\_\_ the lights \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Why did you \_\_\_\_\_ the radio? The music is too loud now.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ the oven or you'll burn the food!
6. That song gives me a headache. Can you please \_\_\_\_\_ the volume \_\_\_\_\_?
7. Chris has \_\_\_\_\_ a computer addict. He spends too many hours in front of a computer playing games.



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4. Complete the sentences with the prepositions in the box.

up   a   int   over   by   ou

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the time Ben got there, everyone had left.
2. The police asked Alice what she was doing \_\_\_\_\_ the time of the theft.
3. Susan crashed \_\_\_\_\_ a tree yesterday. Fortunately, only the car was damaged.
4. We tied \_\_\_\_\_ the burglar and called the police.
5. John threw my backpack in the middle of the road and a car ran \_\_\_\_\_ it.
6. Charlie and Carla set \_\_\_\_\_ on their journey two weeks ago.



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5. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrases in the box.

lose(one's)way	the other way round	by the way
know(one's)way around	on(one's)way	in(one's)way

1. Excuse me, sir! You're \_\_\_\_\_ and I can't get off the bus.

2. **Jane:** Oh, \_\_\_\_\_, there's been a change of plan. We're not going to the cinema.

**Peter:** I don't believe this! I'm already \_\_\_\_\_ there. Why didn't you call me earlier?

3. Jack didn't pass the ball to Leo. It was \_\_\_\_\_. Leo passed the ball to Jack.

4. **Mary:** Jack is late! Do you think he \_\_\_\_\_?

**Gary:** I wouldn't worry about him. He \_\_\_\_\_. He'll be here any minute.



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6. Complete the sentences with the prepositions in the box.

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1. The fire broke \_\_\_\_\_ during the night and destroyed three buildings in the area.
2. Could you all get \_\_\_\_\_ board, please? The ship is ready to sail.
3. Carol, you've arrived just \_\_\_\_\_ time! We were ready to leave.
4. As soon as the firefighters arrived, they put \_\_\_\_\_ the fire and saved the little girl.
5. Lack \_\_\_\_\_ money has led to people taking on more than one job.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ a few years' time, marine life will be destroyed because of water pollution.
7. I'm really exhausted! \_\_\_\_\_ fact, I don't think I can come to the party with you tonight.



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7. Complete the sentences with the prepositions in the box.

fo down in of on o away down

1. My alarm clock went \_\_\_\_\_ this morning, but I didn't hear it. For this reason, I didn't get to work \_\_\_\_\_ time.
2. Jane is very fond \_\_\_\_\_ animals. She's got seven pets.
3. Maria let me \_\_\_\_\_. She didn't keep her promise and now I'm very upset with her.
4. If you see someone getting seriously injured, you should call \_\_\_\_\_ an ambulance.
5. I really don't want to get involved \_\_\_\_\_ your argument. I think you two should calm \_\_\_\_\_ and stop shouting.
6. The bank robbers got \_\_\_\_\_ with over 1,000,000 euros!



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8. Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.

at all	from time to time	have time to kill	
make time	pass the time	take your time	waste time

1. Check the food in the oven \_\_\_\_\_, will you? I'll be back in two hours.
2. I'll have to \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow to visit Mary. It's her birthday.
3. When we go on holiday, we \_\_\_\_\_ swimming in the sea.
4. We're not in a hurry. \_\_\_\_\_. The film doesn't start for another two hours.
5. Have your mobile with you \_\_\_\_\_. I might need you.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_, so I thought I would come by your house and have a chat.  
What do you think?
7. You shouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ watching TV. You should do your homework.

