



**VOCABULARY 1 (Items 1 – 5)**

Complete the text. Use five of the words in the box. Write ONE word in each space.  
(There are three extra words in the box.)

agriculture	area	climate	desert
disease	medicine	planet	sunlight

A forest is a large **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ of tree-covered land. Tropical rainforests are found near the Equator, where the hot, wet, tropical **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ helps trees and plants grow very quickly. In some places the trees grow so close together that the **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ cannot reach the dark forest floor. These forests are very important for us. A quarter of the **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_ prescribed by doctors comes from plants found in rainforests. Unfortunately, forests are being destroyed, for example, by farmers who want to use the land for **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_.

**VOCABULARY 2 (Items 6 – 10)**

Complete each sentence. Choose the correct option: **A, B, C** or **D**.

6. We need to save electricity. So if you're not watching the TV, turn it \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. up                      B. on                      C. down                      D. off
7. When the book was \_\_\_\_\_ in 2005, more than 100,000 copies were sold.  
A. manufactured      B. designed              C. published              D. replaced
8. Unfortunately, the doctor was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ the patient.  
A. cure                      B. improve              C. increase              D. cause
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the local newspaper decided not to print my letter.  
A. editor                      B. member              C. leader                      D. captain
10. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ our business, so we're going to open a new shop in Sohar.  
A. export                      B. exercise              C. examine                      D. expand

**Write your answers on your answer paper.**



**GRAMMAR 3 (Items 11 – 15)**

Look at the sentences. If the sentence is correct, put a tick ( ✓ ).  
If the sentence is not correct, write it correctly.  
Do not change the meaning of the sentence.

Examples: Ahmed is a nice man. \_\_\_\_\_ ✓  
Salma are a nice woman. Salma is a nice woman.

11. Alia bought a few book. \_\_\_\_\_
12. I have to go to bank. \_\_\_\_\_
13. The baby's asleep. Don't wake him up! \_\_\_\_\_
14. It's too hot to go out. \_\_\_\_\_
15. I've wrote to her three times. \_\_\_\_\_

**READING 1 [Items 1 - 4]**

Read the text, and then for each question, write a short answer (**ONE or TWO WORDS**).

Born in England in 1950, Richard Branson is now a world-famous businessman, but when he was a teenager, life was not easy. He suffered from dyslexia, which means difficulty with reading and writing, and this made school a constant struggle for him.

Despite this challenge, he started a national magazine called 'Student' when he was only 16, and the following year, he opened a student advisory centre, which provided help for teenagers. At the age of 19, he entered the music industry, selling records by mail. Then, when he was 20, he opened his own record shop in London. Two years later, in 1972, he built his own recording studio, which was a great success.

Branson has never been afraid to take risks, and in 1984 he took a huge step. He started his own airline called 'Virgin Atlantic Airways', which is now the second largest British international airline. It offers low prices and some unusual services for passengers, including ice-cream during movies, private rooms, showers and exercise facilities!

Today, Richard Branson owns about 150 companies and employs more than 5,000 people. With his self-confident, charismatic personality, he is able to inspire and influence the people around him. He believes that employees are the most important part of a successful business. Every month, he writes a letter to all the people who work for him, inviting them to express their ideas and talk about their problems.

1. What **two** skills caused problems for Branson at school? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was his first business? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How old was he when he set up a recording studio? \_\_\_\_\_
4. In Branson's opinion, what makes a business successful? \_\_\_\_\_

**READING 2 (Items 5 – 10)**

Read the following two e-mails. Then, for each item, choose the correct option: **A, B or C.**

**Text 1**

Hi Karl-Heinz,

How are you? I arrived home from Germany late on Saturday evening. The train journey from Dortmund to Den Haag was fine, but crossing the North Sea wasn't much fun! There was a storm, so it took us nearly four hours to reach England — and I was sick three times!

Anyway, I'm OK now, and I just wanted to say 'many thanks' again to you and your parents. I really enjoyed my week in Germany, and I hope I can stay longer next time!

But before that, of course, you must come and visit me! My mum and dad would really like to meet you. I asked them if you could come here in June, but they said no — I've got my exams then, and July is difficult because my sister Sandra's getting married on the 24<sup>th</sup>. So they think August would be better. Is that OK for you? Please let me know as soon as possible.

Best wishes to you and your parents...

James

5. James travelled back to the UK by train and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. ship                                      B. plane                                      C. bus
6. He stayed in Germany for \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- A. five    B. seven                                      C. ten
7. He invites Karl-Heinz to visit him in \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. June    B. July    C. August

**Text 2**

Hi James,

Many thanks for your message. I'm glad you enjoyed your stay with us. And yes, August sounds good, but I'll have to check with my parents first. It should be OK, though...

As you know, I took lots of photos during your visit, using my brand-new digital camera, of course! I want to send you the best ones — but the problem is, there are so many, it's difficult to decide which *are* the best!

By the way, we've found something of yours — your diary! (Lucky it wasn't your passport!) It was in your bedroom. You must have left it behind when you were packing. Would you like me to post it you?

Anyway, I must stop now. I need to get some sleep. I'm not feeling too well — I think I've caught the flu! But I'll write again soon...

Best wishes to you and all the family,

Karl-Heinz

