

**B1.II**

**Unit 8**

**Exercise 1**

**Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.**

**THE LIFE OF A BALLERINA**

Many young girls dream (1) \_\_\_\_\_ being a professional ballerina one day, especially after attending their first few ballet classes (2) \_\_\_\_\_ young children. When asked what they want to be (3) \_\_\_\_\_ they grow up, many young girls say, "Ballet dancer!" The dream of being on stage with a lovely pink tutu and tights while a handsome Prince lifts and twirls them around the stage (4) \_\_\_\_\_ front of a large audience is captivating for them.

What many people don't know is how difficult life can be for a professional dancer. This is a career path filled (5) \_\_\_\_\_ very competitive "co-workers", continual stress and strain on the body and the permanent obligation of projecting the character of a beautiful and delicate ballerina. Also, due (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the demands that wearing ballet shoes put on them, ballet dancers have to endure a lot of pain, and in many cases their feet are badly damaged due to their career.

Unfortunately, the career of a ballet dancer is short and has a tendency to end very early. Most dancers will only be able to stay employed (7) \_\_\_\_\_ professional dancers until they reach their 30's. After that, they usually stop performing and choose to open dance studios, become teachers, choreographers, or change occupation all together.

Passion, love and commitment will drive most dedicated dancers to pursue this career. Although it can be tough, the rewards of such (8) \_\_\_\_\_ artistic career can be plentiful. For many dancers, they do not imagine themselves doing anything else with their lives other than pushing their bodies to the limit in order (9) \_\_\_\_\_ express themselves using this beautiful art form.

## Exercise 2

**Asking for and Making Recommendations. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.**

1. Is there any museum worth visiting?

**ABOUT**

What \_\_\_\_\_ museum?

2. Do you know any good restaurants to eat?

**ORDER**

What restaurants do \_\_\_\_\_ have lunch?

3. What do you think I should do?

**BEST**

What \_\_\_\_\_ should do?

4. You could try the new Spanish restaurant in Plaza Mayor.

**WOULD**

If I \_\_\_\_\_ the new Spanish restaurant in Plaza Mayor.

5. You might want to read his last book; it's incredibly hilarious.

**WHY**

\_\_\_\_\_ last book; it's incredibly hilarious.

6. You need to practice much harder if you want to qualify for the World Championship.

**TO**

If you want to qualify for the World Championship, \_\_\_\_\_ harder.

7. I wouldn't travel by bus; it's too dangerous

**TO**

I don't think \_\_\_\_\_ travel by bus.

8. Don't go to the zoo.

**WORTH**

It \_\_\_\_\_ the zoo.

9. I wish I could help, but I have no idea where the train station is.

**SURE**

I'm sorry; I am \_\_\_\_\_ station is.

**EXERCISE 3**

**Idioms. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.**

1. I am not going to argue with her although I know she might want to.

**TANGO**

She may want to argue, but it \_\_\_\_\_ and I won't stoop to her level.

2. She went crazy when I asked her to move her car.

**SONG**

I only asked her to move her car but she made such \_\_\_\_\_ it.

3. It was clear that the voters' opinion wasn't the same as the governor's.

**STEP**

The governor's remarks show that she is seriously \_\_\_\_\_ the voters.

4. They really enjoy going out and dance.

**BURNING**

They like \_\_\_\_\_.

5. I went to the party and I enjoyed myself dancing with everyone.

**GROOVE**

Yeah, I was at that party; I really \_\_\_\_\_.

6. It's not worth rushing; we have plenty of time to finish the report.

**STEP**

We have enough time so we should complete the report \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Are you all ready to have fun and dance tonight?

**PUT**

Are you ready to \_\_\_\_\_ tonight?