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Unit 1

Exercise 1. For questions 1-9, read the quotes below and decide which phrase from the box best fits each gap to complete the quote.

take control	take pride	a hand willing to help
take care	take advantage	give it a go
take part	a second chance	giving advice

1. "When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of _____, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand." Henri Nouwen
2. "People do make mistakes and I think they should be punished. But they should be forgiven and given the opportunity for _____. We are human beings." David Millar
3. "Sometimes it's the things that scare us most that turn out the best. Sometimes you just have to_____." Unknown
4. "A person's most useful asset is not the head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen, and _____." Unknown
5. " _____ of your body. It's the only place you have to live." Jim Rohn
6. "In essence, if we want to direct our lives, we must _____ of our consistent actions. It's not what we do once in a while that shapes our lives, but what we do consistently." Anthony Robbins
7. "An intelligent person does not _____ in the sources of misery, which are due to contact with material senses. Such pleasures have a beginning and an end, and so the wise man does not delight in them." Bhagavad Gita
8. "Don't wait for an employer, friend, or mentor to show appreciation for your work. _____ in your own efforts on a daily basis." Denis Waitley
9. "We grow a little every time we do not _____of somebody's weakness." Bernard Williams

Exercise 2.

You are going to read about some people who have different pet peeves.
For questions 1- 10, choose from the people (A-F). The people may be chosen more than once.

What really makes me mad...

- A. The radical "preachers" who try to shove their beliefs down your throat. I do not mean just religious people; I've been harassed by vegans, fans of a football club, and even some charity groups who yell at me for not giving more than a dollar.
- B. People telling me what I do and do not like. For example, I hate bananas but they always try to convince me that I should. Maybe I couldn't when I was a kid but I'm 30 years old and I can figure out my tastes for myself.
- C. When people constantly move their legs or tap things. My brother does this and it drives me crazy, and so does my Dad. Their legs sometimes touch my seat from under me or they incessantly tap on a wooden surface so it's just tap... tap... tap even when I'm trying to sleep.
- D. When people scrape their teeth against forks or spoons. My brother does this when we have soup for dinner (or anything else with a spoon and bowl) all I hear is clink... clink.... clink incessantly. I have told him many times not to clank his teeth on the spoon (it's mostly spoons) but he just does not care and my parents do not say anything to him. I am going to end up exploding at him.
- E. When people touch me. I'm very sensitive and moody when it comes to being touched. I decide who touches me, where and when, not anyone else. I really hate when people know that I am (so obviously given what I've told them and body language) not wanting to be touched yet find it necessary to start putting their hands on my shoulder and patting my hands and hair.
- F. When people who have used up the milk or bread are totally incapable of getting a new one out. My husband does this all the time. He'll use up a loaf of bread or the rest of the milk and instead of getting a new one out he just leaves it so when I need the milk for cooking (which he also eats) or bread for dinner, toast whatever I end up with frozen bread (we keep bread in the freezer until we need it).

Which person

- is bothered by annoying sounds made with the fingers? 1 _____
- may one day lose his temper? 2 _____
- thinks he is old enough to make his own decisions? 3 _____
- complains about things not being replaced? 4 _____
- hates bad manners at the table? 5 _____
- does not like undesired body contact? 6 _____
- is annoyed by people who cannot stand still? 7 _____
- can't stand people who criticize his food choices? 8 _____
- complains that people do not care about the non-verbal messages he sends? 9 _____
- hates people trying to impose their opinions? 10 _____

Exercise 3 For each sentence choose the best option.

1. The company was in great danger but fortunately the new manager was able to _____ of the situation.

- a) take care

b) take advantage

c) take control

d) take part

2. I know you've never tried this dish before but why don't you _____ and see if you like it?

a) give it a go

b) give it a hand

c) take control

d) take part

3. John will _____ in the race against cancer next week.

a) give it a go

b) take part

c) take pride

d) give it a chance

4. Mary _____ in the fact that she has never asked her parents for money.

a) takes part

b) takes control

c) takes advantage

d) takes pride

5. John has apologized so many times. I think you should _____.

a) give him a hand

b) give him advice

c) give him a chance

d) give him a go

Exercise 5 Rewrite each sentence using the correct tense.

1. What a pity we didn't meet them last night!

I wish _____

2. You should have driven more carefully.

I wish _____

3. You should not have brought Jennifer along to the funeral, she was so upset.

I wish _____

4. If only John hadn't lied to me!

I wish _____

5. I regret selling my old Jaguar.

I wish _____

6. "Bob, leave your sister alone!"

I wish _____

7. I'd really like you to pay more attention.

I wish _____

8. I'm sorry I didn't phone you.

I wish _____

9. You didn't speak to me at the party, I regret it.

I wish _____

10. Why didn't I check the petrol before leaving?

I wish _____