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UNIT 6

Exercise 1

For questions 1 to 8 read the text below and think of a word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning.

Example (0) has

Cinema (0) _____ always considered itself superior (1)_____ television, but the cultural landscape has shifted. In what (2)_____now widely considered the Second Golden Age of Television, TV Series have hours and hours to develop characters, tell backstories, build tension, and they now have the budgets to compete (3) _____ the Big Screen. Hollywood has long (4) _____ synonymous with glamour, wealth, and prestige, yet these days it could be labeled (5)_____ staid, predictable and over-indulgent.

As it was in the music industry, when rock and roll burst the bubble (6) _____ the old music establishment "Tin Pan Alley", and punk turned the tables on progressive rock, in the business of making videos, there's now a new sheriff in town. Such is the attraction of the small screen these days, a host of renowned Hollywood film-makers, big hitters (7) _____ Steven Spielberg, David Lynch, Martin Scorsese and Oliver Stone have entered the saloon. This is what Steven Soderbergh had to say (8) _____ the Cannes Film Festival: "In terms of cultural real estate, TV has really taken control of the conversation that used to be the reserve of movies. It's sort of a second golden age of television, which is great for the viewers. … If you like your stories to go narrow and deep, TV is exciting."

Exercise 2

For questions 1–8, 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 THREE and SIX words, including the word given.
Example:
0 I regret not taking that job offer last year.
WISH
I _____ that job offer last year.
Answer*:* WISH I HAD TAKEN

1 It's a shame we didn't book the flight tickets earlier, as prices have doubled.
ONLY
If _____ the flight tickets earlier, as prices have doubled.

2 I really annoy my flatmate because I leave my shoes in the hallway.
WOULD
My flatmate wishes _____ my shoes in the hallway.

3 Richard deeply regrets speaking to his manager in such an aggressive manner.
SPOKEN
Richard wishes he _____ so aggressively to his manager.

4 I feel terrible that I wasn't able to attend Sarah's graduation ceremony.
COULD
I wish I _____ Sarah's graduation ceremony.

5 Alex is constantly interrupting others while they are talking, which drives me crazy.
STOP
I wish Alex _____ others off when they are speaking.

6 I didn't take my tutor's advice, and now I am struggling with the assignment.
HAD
If _____ my tutor's advice, I wouldn't be struggling with the assignment now.

7 It's a pity we don't live closer to the coast, as we love water sports.
ONLY
If _____ nearer the coast, as we love water sports.

8 You really should have informed us about the change of schedule earlier.
RATHER
I _____ us about the change of schedule earlier.

Exercise 3

For questions 1–5, complete the set of sentences with the correct idiomatic phrase from the word bank. You may need to adapt the structure slightly depending on the sentence.

Word Bank:

two thumbs up | stole the show | cut to the chase| star-studded | that's a wrap

1.

- The charity gala attracted a _____ cast of Hollywood A-listers, musicians, and international athletes.
- The upcoming exhibition tournament boasts a _____ line-up featuring four former Grand Slam champions.

2.

- We only have ten minutes before the board meeting ends, so let's _____ and talk directly about the budget deficit.
- I appreciate the polite small talk, but I need to _____: are you willing to match the competitor's price or not?

3.

- After twelve hours of non-stop shooting in the rain, the director finally called out, "Okay everyone, _____ for today!"
- Once the final client sign-off is logged in the system, _____ on the quarterly migration project.

4.

- Although the lead actor was expected to be the main attraction, the ten-year-old supporting dancer completely _____ with her solo performance.
- The product presentation went smoothly, but the unexpected interactive demo at the end was what really _____ during the annual summit.

5.

- The new documentary about deep-sea exploration received _____ from every major film critic this weekend.
- After reviewing the final proposal, the creative director gave the project _____ and approved immediate launch.