

3 LEXIS IN CONTEXT

It's health and safety gone mad!

Look at the Lexis in Context on Student's Book p.67. Then complete the sentences with the past simple forms of the verbs.

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- 1 They banned teenagers wearing hoodies from the shopping centre because they couldn't be identified.
- 2 My grandmother _____ into the room, supporting herself on her walking stick.
- 3 We went to the town hall to protest when the council _____ the new parking restrictions.
- 4 The teacher _____ my mobile phone because I was playing with it in class.
- 5 She _____ her heavy workload as the reason for her resignation.
- 6 The recent loss to Italy _____ my belief that England will not qualify for the next World Cup.
- 7 When we first moved in, our neighbour's Wi-fi _____ with ours.
- 8 The player _____ in pain when the doctor touched his swollen ankle.
- 9 The new road design _____ the traffic by giving pedestrians and cyclists priority.
- 10 There was very little damage because the smoke detector _____ as soon as the fire started.

4 GRAMMAR

permission, obligation, and necessity

- a ~~Cross out~~ the modal verb that is NOT possible in the sentences.

- 1 We need to / We've got to / ~~We can~~ check out before 12, or the hotel will charge us for another night.
- 2 When we were children, we couldn't / shouldn't / weren't allowed to stay out late.
- 3 I should have / must have / ought to have packed some warmer clothes – I'm freezing!
- 4 You mustn't / aren't supposed to / don't have to walk dogs on this beach, but many people do.
- 5 Some members of my family couldn't / needn't / weren't able to attend our wedding because it was held abroad.
- 6 I mustn't / needn't / don't have to study tonight because my exams are over.
- 7 We ought to / We're allowed to / We'd better look in on your mother this weekend. She hasn't been well.
- 8 We didn't need to / didn't have to / couldn't ring the bell because the door was open.
- 9 You can / should / ought to see a doctor about that cough.

- b Rewrite the sentences using the **bold** words.

- 1 It is compulsory for motorcyclists to wear a helmet. **to**
You have to wear a helmet on a motorbike.
- 2 We regret buying such a big house. **shouldn't**
We _____ such a big house.
- 3 I couldn't wear jeans to work in my previous company. **wasn't**
I _____ jeans to work in my previous job.
- 4 Our teacher says we should always speak English in class, but not all of us do. **are**
We _____ in class, but not all of us do.
- 5 Don't be late. The class always starts on time. **better**
You _____ late. The class always starts on time.
- 6 We're going on holiday so we can't come to your wedding. **won't**
We _____ to your wedding as we're going on holiday.
- 7 The best thing to do would be to apply for a transfer to a different department. **to**
You really _____ for a transfer to a different department.
- 8 We took sandwiches, but they weren't necessary. **taken**
We _____ sandwiches.
- 9 You cannot use mobile phones in this carriage. **It**
_____ mobile phones in this carriage.

5 LISTENING

- a **iChecker** Listen to an interview with Anna Usborne, ex-pupil of a Steiner School. In general, does she regard her education as a positive experience, a negative experience, or both positive and negative?
- b Listen again and mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false).
- 1 Steiner Schools focus on the needs of the child rather than imparting information.
 - 2 Anna was not required to take any exams while she was at school.
 - 3 Today, she would not be permitted to travel to school in the way that she did in the past.
 - 4 She has very fond memories of her early school years because she was free to do what she wanted.
 - 5 She considers that she learnt more about art at her school than she would have at any other.
 - 6 She regards the primary stage of her education as much more effective than the secondary stage.
- c Listen again with the audio script on p.73 and try to guess the meaning of any words that you don't know. Then check in your dictionary.

6 READING

- a Read the article and match the headings A–F with the stories 1–4. There are two headings you do not need to use.

- A Forbidden flowers
- B Too near the ground
- C The end of sweets
- D No celebrating
- E No more experiments
- F Putting your foot in it

- b Complete the article with a, b, or c.

- 1 a but
- b or
- c neither
- 2 a therefore
- b as
- c although
- 3 a However
- b Actually
- c Otherwise
- 4 a According to
- b As regards
- c Despite
- 5 a must
- b can't
- c couldn't
- 6 a definitely
- b continually
- c unlikely
- 7 a don't
- b do
- c didn't
- 8 a So
- b Besides
- c Though

- c Look at the highlighted words and expressions and match them to the synonyms below.

- 1 careful _____
- 2 showing the opposite _____
- 3 a set of laws _____
- 4 in use _____
- 5 who has a position of power _____

Debunking health and safety myths

In the UK, it is the Health and Safety Executive that is responsible for passing **legislation** aimed at keeping the population safe. While many of the rules and regulations currently **in effect** have indeed been issued by this organization, a number of myths abound. Here are some of the worst of them.

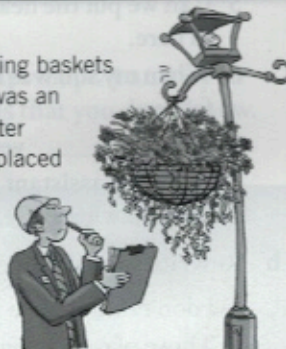
1 _____

Each year we hear of companies banning employees from decorating their offices at Christmas for 'health and safety' reasons, ¹ _____ requiring the work to be done by a 'qualified' person. Such rules have never been issued by the Health and Safety Executive, ² _____ managers would be sensible to provide staff with step ladders to hang up decorations rather than expecting them to balance on wheelie chairs.



2 _____

Back in 2004, a town did briefly take down its hanging baskets over fears that old lamp posts would collapse. This was an excessively **cautious** reaction to a low risk. ³ _____, after quick checks, the hanging baskets were promptly replaced and have been on lamp posts in the town every year since. ⁴ _____ this, the story continues to be repeated and the danger is that someone **in authority** will believe it and take action.



3 _____

The idea that park benches ⁵ _____ be replaced because they are 8 cm too low seems to have originated from a decision by one particular park manager; it has no basis in health and safety law at all. There are no such bench height requirements and inspectors will ⁶ _____ not be sent around measuring the benches at any point in the near future.



4 _____

Despite recent reports **to the contrary**, health and safety law does not ban staff from wearing sandals or flip-flops at work. It must be said, however, that slips, trips and falls ⁷ _____ account for about 30 per cent of all workplace accidents. ⁸ _____, if you work somewhere where the floor can't be kept dry or clean, then wearing shoes that fit well and have a good grip would be a better choice than flip-flops.

