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OET Listening – Vocabulary

Spelling Test:

1. The joys of spring
2. Down in the dumps
3. Clammy
4. Downward spiral
5. Wealth
6. Stigma
7. Liaison
8. Eye-opener

Exercise 1

Can you match the phrase with the appropriate definition in each box?

<p>1. The joys of spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Refers to the happiness and renewal associated with the arrival of spring.b) A slang term for seasonal allergies experienced during the spring months.c) A type of traditional folk dance performed during spring festivals in certain cultures.	<p>2. Wealth of information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Refers to a large or abundant amount of valuable or useful details.b) A financial term describing the total assets owned by an individual or organization.c) A term used in cooking to describe the rich flavour and texture of a dish.
<p>3. Down in the dumps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Refers to a recreational activity involving jumping into large piles of rubbish.b) A term used in geology to describe the movement of debris or sediment downhill.c) A colloquial expression describing a state of sadness, depression, or low spirits.	<p>4. Stigma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) A type of plant commonly found in tropical regions, known for its vibrant flowers and strong fragrance.b) Refers to a mark of shame or social disapproval associated with a particular trait, condition, or behaviour.c) A unit of measurement used in astronomy to quantify the brightness of stars and planets.

<p>5. Clammy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) A slang term used to describe a person who is introverted or reserved in social situations.b) Describes a moist, sticky, and cool feeling on the skin, often associated with sweating or illness.c) A type of shellfish commonly found in coastal regions, known for its smooth texture and mild flavour.	<p>6. Liaison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) A term used to describe a secret operation involving the interception of electronic communications.b) A type of martial arts technique used in self-defence.c) Refers to a situation where a person acts as a link or intermediary between two or more groups, organizations, or individuals.
<p>7. Downward spiral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) A type of exercise performed in extreme sports such as skydiving.b) A term used in economics to describe a sudden increase in stock market prices followed by a rapid decline.c) Refers to a situation or trend that progressively worsens or deteriorates over time, often leading to further negative consequences.	<p>8. Eye-opener</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Something that provides a new or surprising insight, perspective, or revelation, often leading to a change in attitude or understanding.b) A type of breakfast pastry filled with fruit or cheese.c) A term used in optometry to describe a surgical procedure for correcting vision problems.

Vocabulary 2

1. Stumble upon
2. Acclimatise
3. Hone
4. Bounce ideas off
5. Concerted
6. Bespoke
7. Invaluable

Exercise 2

Work out the meaning from the context

Vocabulary	Usage
1. stumble upon	Last night, I stumbled upon an old movie that I remember from childhood.
2. acclimatise	A lot of new starters say it doesn't take long to acclimatise . Let me know if you have any issues.
3. hone	I had the initial idea three years ago. I've been honing it ever since. Now I think we're ready.
4. bounce ideas off	Working in a team is great. It means you 've got people to bounce your ideas off .
5. concerted	I usually work hard anyway but to meet this deadline I made a concerted effort.
6. bespoke	All of the treatment plans at this clinic are bespoke , Mrs Smith, so you'll get exactly what YOU need.
7. invaluable	My wife is a doctor, so her advice with this chest infection has been invaluable .

Answers

Exercise 1

- 1) a
- 2) a
- 3) c
- 4) b
- 5) b
- 6) c
- 7) c
- 8) a

Exercise 2

Vocabulary	Usage
1. stumble upon	Last night, I stumbled upon an old movie that I remember from childhood. – find by accident
2. acclimatise	A lot of new starters say it doesn't take long to acclimatise . Let me know if you have any issues. – get used to
3. hone	I had the initial idea three years ago. I've been honing it ever since. Now I think we're ready. – develop / improve
4. bounce ideas off	Working in a team is great. It means you 've got people to bounce your ideas off . – brainstorming / discussing new ideas with people and getting feedback
5. concerted	I usually work hard anyway but to meet this deadline I made a concerted effort. – a lot of effort- more effort than normal
6. bespoke	All of the treatment plans at this clinic are bespoke , Mrs Smith, so you'll get exactly what YOU need. – specific to one / personal



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7. invaluable	My wife is a doctor, so her advice with this chest infection has been invaluable . – very valuable
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