

# Overview 8

## vocabulary

Choose the word which best completes each sentence.

- 1 Linguists have discovered that Nostratic and proto-Indo-European have many words in .....  
A relation                      B affinity                      C common                      D conjunction
- 2 I have told her that I am not going to go ahead with my plans ..... she may think.  
A whether                      B whatever                      C however                      D despite
- 3 The best way of writing a composition in a foreign language is to try and write ..... thinking in your own language.  
A unless                      B except                      C without                      D apart from
- 4 Recent EEC legislation is aimed at removing trade ..... between member states.  
A barriers                      B walls                      C boundaries                      D fences
- 5 The tabloid newspapers, which are engaged in a ..... war, are all trying to print the most sensational stories to improve sales.  
A press                      B paper                      C trading                      D circulation
- 6 However good Schoenberg ..... have been, I still find his modern music very difficult to appreciate.  
A could                      B may                      C should                      D would
- 7 There are very few artists who have ..... much material success in their own lifetimes.  
A enjoyed                      B disposed                      C possessed                      D realized
- 8 No ..... how hard he tries, he always seems to make the same grammatical mistakes.  
A importance                      B effect                      C matter                      D question
- 9 Doctors advise people who are deficient ..... Vitamin C to eat more fruit and vegetables.  
A from                      B of                      C in                      D for
- 10 Life expectancy in the third world is relatively short, ..... in the western world it has increased substantially.  
A whereas                      B unlike                      C however                      D contrary
- 11 Although he spoke slowly, I found it difficult at times to follow the ..... of his argument.  
A spool                      B track                      C thread                      D path
- 12 I copied down ..... the directions that he gave me.  
A verbatim                      B by word                      C by heart                      D finely
- 13 The professor noticed that the student's essay ..... a strong resemblance to an article he had seen published in a journal.  
A bore                      B held                      C carried                      D contained
- 14 The murder weapon was eventually found after a ..... search of the field, which lasted several days.  
A vigilant                      B particular                      C painstaking                      D circumspect
- 15 The similarities between all three crimes were such that they could not be ..... down to chance.  
A set                      B put                      C laid                      D taken

## blank-filling

Fill each of the blanks in the following sentences with a suitable word or phrase.

- 1 If you ..... lines, you'll see that he's trying to tell us that he is being bullied at school.

- 2 No ..... angry with you; after all, you did take his car without even asking him.
- 3 Excellent as ..... a player, he made a very poor manager of the football club.
- 4 The factory manager asked all the employees to see if they could come ..... some ideas as to how the problem could be solved.
- 5 He is ..... away the most successful pop singer of his generation.
- 6 No ..... organized I try to be, I never seem to be able to find the documents I need.
- 7 It ..... an actor that Ronald Reagan first became famous.
- 8 I'd forgotten my key so what I ..... to go round to the neighbours to borrow theirs.
- 9 I think you can ..... read that you ought to wear formal dress – after all, it is a wedding.
- 10 As ..... am concerned, you can come home whenever you like.

*transformations*

*Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence before it.*

- 1 Mrs Thatcher was known as the 'Iron Lady'.  
It .....
- 2 Monday was the day when the letter arrived.  
It .....
- 3 Many school leavers speak English inadequately.  
Many school leavers do not have an .....
- 4 Although the papers claim that they are going to get divorced, they are not.  
Contrary .....
- 5 His memory gradually failed as he grew old.  
The older .....
- 6 Vitamin intake and intelligence are not connected.  
There .....
- 7 The fire led to the setting up of a public enquiry.  
As a .....
- 8 You will still have to pay the mechanic even if the car cannot be repaired.  
Whether .....
- 9 It was his lack of confidence that surprised me.  
What .....
- 10 We would have had a nice party if he hadn't behaved so badly.  
It was his .....