

## Grunt Work

### Synonyms

**Ex. 1** Find synonyms for the given words. Match the words from column A with column B.

#### Column A

1. to confirm
2. notorious (*grunter*)
3. to distract
4. to insist
5. to muffle
6. to prohibit (*somebody from doing something*)
7. to revoke (*membership*)
8. a persistent offender
9. to serve a purpose / function
10. to boost (*performance*)

#### Column B

- a) to annul, to invalidate
- b) to break concentration of
- c) to improve, to enhance
- d) a stubborn perpetrator
- e) be useful, come in handy
- f) to mute
- g) habitual
- h) to state as true, to validate
- i) to forbid (*somebody to do something*)
- j) to assert, to maintain

**Ex. 2** Fill in the gaps using words from Ex. 1 from column A. Change their form if necessary.

1. Hey, I'm trying to work here. Could you please stop ..... me all the time?
2. He is a ..... drunk. I've never seen him sober.
3. She ..... that she's not the one who ate the whole cake.
4. The promotion of our city ..... tourism in this region last year.
5. His words were ....., but she could understand most of it.
6. Do you ..... that you were involved in a conspiracy to destroy the government?
7. Are you going to ..... me from entering this club?
8. I can guarantee you that ..... will be punished.
9. Your constant complaining doesn't ..... It's useless and what is more, it lowers team's morale.
10. One of the main contractor backed out from the deal, so the offer is going to be .....

### Prepositions

**Ex. 3** Fill in the gaps with appropriate prepositions.

1. She was accused ..... distracting players with the loud cries.
2. Everybody needs a person who they can rely .....
3. The gripe ..... students is that they have got too many exams in this term.
4. The mirror has been attached ..... the wall.
5. Their generosity enabled us ..... buy the house.
6. .... my workout I don't have to grunt. It's pointless for me.
7. Doing some extreme sports can lead ..... popped blood vessels.
8. I don't want to be involved ..... this project.
9. I really wish to smack him ..... a sweaty towel when he's messing with me at the gym.
10. I can't stand his behaviour, ..... other words, I hate it.
11. According ..... this newspaper, the school principal was fired.
12. Each ..... the players was awarded prizes.

### **Additional words and phrases:**

- (irritated) gym-goer
- to settle the debate
- pure and simple
- pro = professional
- an opponent = a rival
- to pose a question = to ask a question
- prior (evidence) = previous
- a weapon of mass distraction
- a conscious choice = a deliberate choice
- martial arts – for example, judo, karate
- to conclude = to deduce
- exert (their maximum effort) = to do their best
- to take heed = to pay attention to, be careful, to listen carefully
- to precede = to be earlier than
- to stifle (their inner Sharapova) = to stop, to prevent, to suppress
- to probe (the distraction issue) = to investigate
- to emit (loud cries) = to utter
- a cue = a signal

### **Translation**

**Ex. 4** Translate into English.

1. Czy interesujesz się sztukami walki takimi jak judo lub karate? –
2. Rozpraszał mnie hałas. –
3. Nie ufaj Robertowi. On jest notorycznym kłamcą. –
4. Dyrektor szkoły zabronił/zakazał uczniom ściągania na sprawdzianach. –
5. Jack został oskarżony o kradzież. –
6. Czy mogę zadać pytanie? –
7. Nasza firma zamierza zwiększyć produktywność. –
8. Oni zamierzają cofnąć / unieważnić moje członkostwo. –
9. Jego zachowanie nie służy żadnemu celowi / jest bezużyteczne / nieprzydatne. –
10. Mogę polegać na moich rodzicach. –
11. Innymi słowy, mogę im ufać. –
12. Wzrost ciśnienia krwi może być niebezpieczny. –
13. Mój szef pozwolił mi / umożliwił mi wyjazd za granicę. –
14. Muszę potwierdzić datę spotkania. –
15. Studiowanie w Polsce to mój świadomy wybór. –