

Proficiency C2 (CPE) – Vocabulary Exercises (8) – Answer Key

Synonyms

Ex. 1 Write synonyms for the given adjectives. Use words from the box.

gripping	clichéd	acclaimed	memorable	over-hyped	over-the-top
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1. established – **acclaimed** (*uznany*)
2. far-fetched – **over-the-top** (*skrajny, przesadzony, naciągany*)
3. rousing, inspiring, captivating – **gripping** (*porywający*)
4. unforgettable – **memorable** (*zapadający w pamięć*)
5. hackneyed – **clichéd** (*wyświechtany, oklepany*)
6. overrated – **over-hyped** (*przereklamowany*)

Prepositions

Ex. 2 Fill in the gaps with appropriate prepositions.

1. Teenagers often rebel **AGAINST** their parents.
2. The mainstay **OF** China's economy is real estate market.
3. Molly isn't susceptible **TO** illnesses. She's the picture of good health.
4. You have to swallow these pills **IN** order **TO** feel better.
5. This word is too difficult for me. I can't get my tongue **ROUND / AROUND** it.
6. I don't understand this craze **FOR** being fit.
7. It's no use crying **OVER** spilt milk.
8. Don't count your chickens **BEFORE** they hatch.
9. Actions speak louder **THAN** words.
10. I bit **OFF** more than I could chew taking on extra hours.

Word Formation

Ex. 3 Use the word given in CAPITALS in brackets to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

1. I wasn't able to hide my utter **dejection** (DEJECT).
2. We decided not to buy a new house because of financial **constraints** (CONSTRAIN).
3. Some elderly people still remember the time of **austerity** (AUSTERE).
4. Household appliances are made with built-in **obsolescence** (OBSOLETE).
5. I think that he did it out of simple **meanness** (MEAN).
6. Peter failed his driving test many times, but he is **undeterred** (DETER) and is going to take it again.
7. I'd love to serve an **apprenticeship** (APPRENTICE) as an accountant.
8. There was some **scepticism** (SCEPTICAL) in his voice when he was talking about his daughter's plans for the future.
9. She was trying to mask her deep **insecurity** (SECURE) at business meeting.
10. Some important files have disappeared **inexplicably** (EXPLAIN).