

## PART II VOCABULARY FOCUS

1. Complete the following sentences with a word or expression from the box.

tie the knot	split up	engagement	got engaged	courting
living in sin	got on	wined and dined	attracted to	proposed
chatted her up	fallen in love	asked her out	drift apart	cohabiting
				go out

George first met Alison at a party and was immediately 1. \_\_\_\_\_ her. He 2. \_\_\_\_\_ and at the end of the evening 3. \_\_\_\_\_ to dinner at a nearby restaurant. She accepted his offer and the next evening he 4. \_\_\_\_\_ her in style, with champagne and delicious, exotic foods. They 5. \_\_\_\_\_ well with each other, decided to meet again and then started to 6. \_\_\_\_\_ on a regular basis. George's granny was delighted that he was 7. \_\_\_\_\_ at last. It wasn't long before they realised that they had 8. \_\_\_\_\_ with each other. A few months later, they bought a flat and moved in together. George's granny disapproved of them 9. \_\_\_\_\_, but George explained that 10. \_\_\_\_\_ was quite normal these days. One day, George decided to ask Alison to marry him, so after a romantic meal, he got down on one knee and 11. \_\_\_\_\_ to her. They 12. \_\_\_\_\_ and the next day announced their 13. \_\_\_\_\_ to their friends and family. Their parents were delighted that they had decided to 14. \_\_\_\_\_. George's friends weren't so sure, however, and all agreed that they would 15. \_\_\_\_\_ and 16. \_\_\_\_\_ long before the wedding.

2. Choose the best word which completes each of these sentences.

### A. Appearance

1. She has \_\_\_\_\_ eyebrows.
  - a. plucked
  - b. curly
  - c. raised
  - d. stamped
2. John has brown hair and \_\_\_\_\_ cheeks.
  - a. thick
  - b. tanned
  - c. long
  - d. chubby
3. 'He looked \_\_\_\_\_ with an unshaven face and red, watery eyes.'
  - a. clean
  - b. tidy
  - c. flat
  - d. scruffy
4. He couldn't deny that he was a \_\_\_\_\_ man, with fine features and light hair that waved over his forehead.
  - a. handsome
  - b. beautiful
  - c. ugly
  - d. scruffy
5. If you are \_\_\_\_\_, losing weight may help you feel better.
  - a. slim
  - b. skinny
  - c. overweight
  - d. thin
6. Her young skin was creamy white with a scattering of light \_\_\_\_\_ on her high cheekbones.
  - a. nostrils
  - b. freckles
  - c. plaits
  - d. wrinkles
7. She had long, light brown hair with bright reddish-blond \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. ponytails
  - b. plaits
  - c. parting
  - d. highlights
8. Her long hazelnut coloured hair was tied back into a \_\_\_\_\_ which hung down to her lower back.
  - a. fringe
  - b. haircut
  - c. ponytail
  - d. highlights
9. They both had similar figures and skin \_\_\_\_\_, courtesy of their father's side of the family.
  - a. patterns
  - b. complexions
  - c. bodies
  - d. noses
10. It is very easy to disguise most \_\_\_\_\_ and freckles with makeup; there is an endless supply on sale.
  - a. lips
  - b. cheeks
  - c. eyelashes
  - d. birthmarks
11. To keep your \_\_\_\_\_ trimmed, an electric razor would be most effective.
  - a. fingernails
  - b. sideburns
  - c. parting
  - d. eyelashes

12. She had short, dark brown hair that reached her neck, and her \_\_\_\_\_ was at the left side, so more hair curved over the right.  
 a. shoulder                      b. parting                      c. ear                      d. head
13. My face is small and sharp, like an elf, with a \_\_\_\_\_ nose and chin.  
 a. puffy                      b. curly                      c. hollow                      d. pointed
14. Her \_\_\_\_\_ gracefully curved over her eyes.  
 a. elbows                      b. eyelashes                      c. sideburns                      d. plaits

### B. Character

1. Andrew is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ man – he is determined to become a famous businessman.  
 a. ambitious                      b. sensible                      c. narrow-minded                      d. gentle
2. He is so \_\_\_\_\_. He doesn't care about anyone's feelings except his own.  
 a. kind-hearted                      b. reliable                      c. selfish                      d. neutral
3. Mark is very \_\_\_\_\_. He never tells anyone he is a self-made millionaire.  
 a. boastful                      b. modest                      c. moody                      d. talkative
4. I told Frank that the plan wouldn't work, but he's so \_\_\_\_\_ that he just wouldn't listen.  
 a. stubborn                      b. polite                      c. patient                      d. miserable
5. My mother's very \_\_\_\_\_; she's always buying little gifts for her friends.  
 a. careless                      b. hardworking                      c. tolerant                      d. generous
6. Leo was too \_\_\_\_\_ to ask Mandy out on a date.  
 a. responsible                      b. shy                      c. gullible                      d. funny
7. Fred always gets the best marks in class. He is the most \_\_\_\_\_ person I know.  
 a. self-assured                      b. short-tempered                      c. intelligent                      d. two-faced
8. She was a \_\_\_\_\_ girl – always smiling and singing.  
 a. sympathetic                      b. nasty                      c. adventurous                      d. cheerful
9. The children at my new school are \_\_\_\_\_ and made me feel welcome immediately.  
 a. friendly                      b. conceited                      c. cruel                      d. ill-mannered
10. He was \_\_\_\_\_ of his musical abilities and knew that he'd win the talent contest.  
 a. scared                      b. broad-minded                      c. confident                      d. arrogant
11. Jane tends to be a bit \_\_\_\_\_. She is always running late and losing things.  
 a. charming                      b. bossy                      c. dull                      d. disorganised
12. Since Gayle is so \_\_\_\_\_, I sometimes can't tell how she feels.  
 a. supportive                      b. lively                      c. reserved                      d. honest
13. Alice may be smart, but she tends to be a little \_\_\_\_\_ and is always forgetting where she puts things.  
 a. obedient                      b. outgoing                      c. chatty                      d. absent-minded
14. Joanne is the life and soul of the party. She is such a \_\_\_\_\_ girl.  
 a. bad-tempered                      b. careless                      c. sociable                      d. defensive

### 3. Choose the correct word.

- We are a pretty **extended** / **close-knit** family, we tend to talk to each other every day.
- I get **on**/ **out** especially well with my first cousin. We are only a year apart in age and have grown up together.
- Many parents find it hard to understand their **adolescent/senior** children.
- In fact, my parents are **divorced/married** and I was brought up by my mother.

5. I have **half-brothers/brothers-in-law** and **sisters-in-law/stepsisters** from my parents' previous marriages, and they're all much older than me.
6. To me this was pointless as I loved my **fiancé/fiancée** and he loved me so why not get out and see the world together as a **pair/couple**.
7. Friends say the **foster/adult** children are treated as members of the family, and go on holidays with them.
8. While at play, **adolescents/toddlers** and young children are usually in the care of older **siblings/spouses**.
9. She'd been a **bridesmaid/bride** at their wedding and was now a **godmother/mother-in-law** of their recently-born firstborn child Jacob.
10. The **newly-wed/newborn couple** are wished every happiness and joy in their married lives.
11. Traditional Japanese **brides/grooms** wear three wedding robes – a white kimono, a coloured kimono, and a white dress and veil.
12. The basic Croatian family unit is the **extended/nuclear** family of parents and children living in one home.
13. Charles said he and his **wife-to-be/ex-wife** were "absolutely delighted" at their engagement.
14. A young couple got married and left on their **engagement/honeymoon**.

### SELF-CHECK

Describing people	Describing personality (character, feelings)
<i>appearance</i> attractive/ beautiful/ good-looking elegant/ scruffy handsome/ pretty ugly/ unattractive	adventurous aggressive ambitious amusing anxious arrogant bad-tempered
<i>age</i> adolescent elderly in (his / her) early/ late/ mid- twenties/thirties middle-aged	biased boastful boring bossy ( <i>informal</i> ) broad-minded candid
<i>height</i> average/ medium height short/ tall	carefree / careless characteristics ( <i>pl</i> ) charming chatterbox ( <i>informal</i> ) chatty cheerful
<i>build</i> (have a) paunch athletic broad shoulders chubby chunky ( <i>informal</i> ) fat fit obese overweight plump skinny ( <i>informal</i> ) slim stocky well-built	conceited confident determined dull easy-going excited extrovert furious generous good-natured gullible hard-working honest/ dishonest idle ( <i>formal</i> ) ill-mannered
<i>hair</i> bald	

blonde ( <i>AmE</i> blond)	immature
curly	independent
dyed	intelligent
fair	irresponsible
fringe	irritable
ginger	loyal/ disloyal
grey	mature
have a haircut	mean
highlights ( <i>pl</i> )	messy
medium-length	miserable
parting	modest
plaits	moody
pony-tail	narrow-minded
shoulder-length	nasty
spiky	nervous
straight	obedient
wavy	outgoing
<i>face</i>	passionate
beard	personality
birthmark	petrified
bushy/plucked eyebrows	polite / impolite
cheekbones	quiet
clean-shaven	reasonable
clear / good / healthy complexion	rebellious
dark/ fair/ pale/ tanned (skin, complexion)	relaxed
distinguishing features ( <i>formal</i> )	reliable
facial features	reserved
freckles (-d)	ruthless
full lips	scared
goatee	self-assured (confident/ conscious)
hollow/rosy cheeks	selfish / selfless
hooked / pointed / flat / snub/ upturned nose	sensible
moustache	sentimental
nostrils	short-tempered
puffy eyes	sociable
scar	sorrowful
sideburns	strong-willed
spotty	stubborn
tattoo	sympathetic
wear glasses / spectacles	tactful / tactless
wrinkles(-d)	tender-hearted
	tolerant / intolerant
	trustworthy
	two-faced
	upset
	vain
<b>Family life</b>	<i>People in life</i>
<i>Stages in life</i>	acquaintance
adolescence /adolescent	adopted / adoptive (parents)
adult / adulthood	biological (parents)
elderly (person)	couple
grow up / grown-up	~ -in-law (daughter-/ father-/ mother-/ sister-/ son-in-law )
infant	ex- ~ ( husband/wife)
juvenile	fiancé / fiancée
marriage	foster child / parents

<p>middle age / middle-aged  newborn  OAP (<i>BrE</i>) (Old Age Pensioner)  pensioner  senior citizen  teenager  toddler  youngster</p> <p><i>Marital status</i>  divorced  married / unmarried separated  single  widow / widower</p> <p><i>Weddings</i>  best man  bride  chief bridesmaid  church wedding  civil wedding  cohabiting  courting  engagement  groom  honeymoon  newly-weds  wedding ceremony</p> <p><i>Families</i>  close-knit / extended / immediate / nuclear family</p> <p><b>Phrasal verbs</b></p> <p>ask out (on a date)  break up  bring up  drift apart  fall for  fall out with  get by  get on/along with  get together  look after  look down on  look up to  take after</p>	<p>godfather/godmother  half sister  husband-to-be  nephew / niece  offspring  sibling  spouse (<i>formal</i>)  step~( father/mother /sister/ brother/ daughter/ son)  twins / triplets  wife-to-be</p> <p><b>Fixed phrases</b></p> <p>attracted to  be on good terms with  bear in mind  brace yourself  chat smb up  fall in love with  for some... for others  get engaged  have things in common  live in sin  pull yourself together  quarrel/squabble with  run away (from home)  run in the family  set an example  split up (with smb)  start a family</p> <p><b>Idioms</b></p> <p>a bimbo  a brick  a busybody  a couch potato  a fuddy-duddy  a golden boy  a gossip  a high-flyer  a jerk  a layabout  a moron  a pain in the neck  a slave driver  a slob  a sponger  a stick-in-the-mud  a troublemaker  a wet blanket  a windbag  an early bird  be an item  be in the clouds  be on cloud nine</p>
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	be over the moon have butterflies in your stomach jump for joy the life and soul of the party the salt of the earth tie the knot wine and dine
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