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- 1 ► Listen to the rest of the talk. Complete the text with some of the words that the speaker stresses.

So, let's think a bit more about which plastics ¹ _____ be recycled. Well, the ² _____ of plastics that are manufactured and then recycled are plastic products ³ _____, waste trim from ⁴ _____ products or leftover material from the ⁵ _____ industry. Basically, ⁶ _____ kind of manufacturer that makes products out of plastic can recycle it back into the ⁷ _____ material again. And one of the ⁸ _____ pieces of equipment in this ⁹ _____ process is the shredder that cuts up the plastic. I'll be saying ¹⁰ _____ about this a bit later on.

1 point for each correct answer

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- 2 ► Listen to a psychology student talking to her tutor about her case study on the learning strategies used by one pupil at school. Choose the correct option a–c to complete the sentences.

- 1 What key factor does Anya and her tutor agree on for choosing her focus student? _____
a the student's general level of intelligence
b the student's commitment
c the student's willingness to take part in research
- 2 What does the tutor tell Anya about arranging tutorials with him? _____
a She should contact him when necessary.
b She should give him several days' notice.
c She should see him at the same time each week.
- 3 Why does the tutor suggest that Anya does a practice run? _____
a to save time overall
b to help Anya feel less worried
c It's a valuable source of data.
- 4 Which aspect of the project is Anya feeling positive about? _____
a carrying out research independently
b working on a long-term study
c trying out some of the equipment

2 points for each correct

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3 Decide whether each sentence is formal or informal and choose the correct answer from the words in italics.

- 1 Jane's so keen for us to take a break together that she spent ages trying to *talk me into it* / *persuade me to accompany her*.
- 2 There appears to have been a dramatic increase in the number of wrist injuries being reported. Do you consider that computer use *has any connection with* / *has something to do with* this?
- 3 In *an effort to make a positive impression on* / *trying to get on well with* the interviewer, Adam bought a new suit especially for the occasion.
- 4 Have you ever noticed that as time goes by you end up *adopting* / *taking on* some of the habits of the people you hang out with?
- 5 Marketing companies *make use of* / *utilize* much of the data available in the public domain to target potential customers.

2 points for each correct

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4 Complete the sentences with words from the box. There are two words that you don't need.

absorbent biodegradable durable elastic flexible fragile lightweight magnetic rigid transparent versatile water-resistant
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- 1 For going backpacking, you need a tent that's _____ as well as tough.
- 2 Plastic is an extremely _____ material, which is why it has so many uses.
- 3 Nowadays, many shops offer customers _____ bags as their way of helping the environment.
- 4 Some metals become _____, and therefore easier to use, when heated to a certain temperature.
- 5 Being made of a particularly _____ substance, this product should last for years.
- 6 You'll definitely need _____ clothes if you plan to go out in the speed boat.
- 7 It was such a _____ vase that it immediately shattered into pieces when I dropped it.
- 8 You'll need a very _____ cloth to dry those wet seats.
- 9 Golf is played with a _____ metal stick called a 'club'.
- 10 The water is so clean in this lake that it's virtually _____.

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5 Complete the sentences with verbs from the box and *on, up* or *off*. There are three verbs that you don't need.

build catch come cut drag go keep set

- 1 If Suzan can _____ saving half of her salary each month, she'll soon be able to buy a small car.
- 2 As long as we _____ now, we should get to the airport just before lunchtime.
- 3 Nobody ever guessed that those gadgets would _____ so quickly – everyone's got one now!
- 4 If you leave the meat out in this heat, it'll _____ very quickly.
- 5 Gert's got a number of clients on his books already, but he needs to _____ that if he wants to expand the business.

2 points for each correct

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6 Complete the dialogue between a bank manager and his client with the words in brackets in the correct tense. Use negative forms where necessary.

Bank manager Well, we were supposed to start our consultation at 10 and it's now almost 10.30. Do you have any idea where your partner is?

Olga I'm sorry, I don't. He ¹ _____ (could / have) car problems. He was going to pick it up from the garage this morning, but they ² _____ (might / finish) yet.

Bank manager Have you spoken to him recently?

Olga I left a voice message earlier, but there's a ³ _____ (chance / get) it. Anyway, I think he ⁴ _____ (be bound / turn up) at any minute.

Bank manager Well, I hope so, but I feel it's only fair to warn you that it's ⁵ _____ (doubtful / spend) a full hour with you as I have another appointment at 11.15.

Olga OK, let me try his mobile again.

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7 Rewrite the information in brackets using a participle clause.

EXAMPLE: Explained clearly, (If they are explained clearly) the instructions should be fairly straightforward to follow.

- 1 _____, (After he had arrived at the office) he realized he'd left his laptop at home.
- 2 _____ (If we assume they'll accept) the proposal, we should be able to make a start on the project early next year.
- 3 _____, (Because I'm an early bird) I like to go to the gym before it gets too crowded.
- 4 For a small country, we did well in the Olympics, _____ (and we won) eight gold medals and five silver.
- 5 _____ (Because he grew up) in Switzerland, he can speak three languages fluently.
- 6 _____ (As soon as she saw) her parents after so long away, she gave them a huge smile.
- 7 _____ (The moment I realized) my mistake, I turned bright red with embarrassment!
- 8 _____ (Because she doesn't understand) much about physics, she struggled to follow the lecture.
- 9 The people _____ (who are going to move in) next door are from Japan.
- 10 _____ (When they asked him about the rumour), he denied all knowledge of it.

1 point for each correct

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8 Choose the best option a–c to complete the sentences.

- 1 Lana was extremely _____ when she heard that her best friend was going to Australia for a month-long holiday.
 - a apathetic
 - b envious
 - c vocational

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- 2 It gets on my _____ when people don't reply to my text messages.
- a temper
 - b argument
 - c nerves
- 3 Sally's had her fair share of ups and _____ this year, but she always manages to stay positive.
- a highs
 - b lows
 - c downs
- 4 Let's wash those crystal glasses by hand rather than in the dishwasher. They're very _____.
- a fragile
 - b tough
 - c transparent
- 5 A number of homes in the mountains were _____ off for several days due to the heavy snow.
- a gone
 - b cut
 - c broken
- 6 Ivan _____ his language skills to his advantage while working as a salesman at the holiday resort.
- a postponed
 - b persuaded
 - c utilized
- 7 **A** Is there any news from the estate agent yet?
- B** No, but _____ as soon as I hear anything.
- a we'll see
 - b you'll see
 - c I'll let you know
- 8 Dirk's thrilled to be starting his _____ with the electrics company on Monday.
- a accreditation
 - b assurance
 - c apprenticeship
- 9 _____ learning courses are popular as you can mix with other students in person as well as online.
- a Straight
 - b Blended
 - c External
- 10 We've decided to just have a _____ this year. We didn't book our flights far enough in advance and now the prices are sky-high!
- a telethon
 - b staycation
 - c chillax

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9 Read the article and choose the correct heading A–H for each paragraph 1–6. There are two headings that you don’t need.

- A distinct differences from typical behaviour
- B the origin of some gestures
- C a way of changing the meaning of one well-known gesture
- D the main aspects of a gesture
- E the unconscious nature of gestures
- F ways of dealing with cultural differences in gestures
- G why a specific gesture was abandoned
- H instances of geographical variations in the meanings of gestures

Gestures

1 _____

Gestures are actions that convey non-verbal visual signals. In order to qualify as a gesture two things must happen: the action must be seen by someone watching and it must send them a message. The gesture can be a conscious one, such as waving to someone, or an unconscious one, such as yawning in front of someone. Either way, gestures have to be able to be understood by others and this may be achieved by developing consistency in how they are made.

2 _____

The majority of gestures have become instantly recognizable. People applaud at approximately the same rate and nod their heads or wave in a similar way. These are all actions we do without having to put too much thought into them. We make the same gestures as those around us without having to think about whether we’re doing them correctly.

3 _____

When someone is angry and shakes their fist in the air, it’s likely that each movement of the fist back and forth is carried out with similar force and speed. And indeed it’s fair to assume that the fist shakes adopted by many people are similar in their force and speed. Suppose you decided to put a fist shake to the test and as well as reducing its force, you slowed down the movement and increased the width of your hand movement. It’s unlikely that this signal would be recognized as what it’s intended to be, which is an indication of your anger. An onlooker is more likely to think that you are exercising your arm.

4 _____

However, human behaviour does not always follow fixed rules and there are individual peculiarities and variations. Take, for example, the smile. One person may show a wide, open-lipped smile, even in fairly serious situations, while another may choose to show a more closed, tight-lipped smile. When told the same joke, one person may laugh very loudly, while

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another may barely giggle. These variations, known as Gesture Variants, though seemingly tiny compared with the typical observance of gesture conventions, form our personal style of behaviour and can become significant signs of how individual we are.

5 _____

Gesture Variants do not lead to misunderstandings, but things become more complicated with other gestures. The Hand Purse signal, where the thumb and fingertips are brought together in a cone shape pointing upwards, is a good example. The hand moves, keeping this shape, in time to the most important words being spoken by the speaker. According to body language experts, this gesture was originally intended as a way of indicating emphasis during a conversation, and it can be observed globally. It has, however taken on a particular meaning in specific countries. To the French, where it is done with the fingers making only slight movements, it indicates fear, while in Tunisia, it warns people to slow down, with the hand moving downwards only.

6 _____

If there were considerable contact between cultures, gestures would undoubtedly be modified until no misunderstandings could occur, as without modifications, confusion can arise. It's for this reason that within any given culture, a menu of typical gestures does develop, therefore ruling out potential misunderstandings.

2 points for each correct answer

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10 Now complete each sentence with one word from the article. The word must appear in the article.

- 1 There is not much difference in the speed at which people _____.
- 2 According to the writer, people shake their fists to show feelings of _____.
- 3 The writer explains the Gesture Variants concept by explaining the differences in a human _____.
- 4 The Hand Purse gesture was originally supposed to indicate the _____ the speaker was trying to make.

2 points for each correct answer

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11 You would like to improve an aspect of the quality of the environmental where you live, e.g. more green spaces, less traffic, reduce litter/pollution, etc. Write a problem-solution-evaluation essay on this topic. Write 200–250 words.

In your essay remember to:

- introduce the subject in general