

Grammar

1 Cross out any words that can be omitted in normal, colloquial speech.

- 1 I'm sorry! I can't hear you! Can you say that again?
- 2 **A:** How are you these days?
B: I'm not feeling too good, I'm afraid. I've got to go back to the doctor this afternoon.
- 3 **A:** Have you been to the theatre recently?
B: Not for a long time. I don't really like the theatre.
- 4 **A:** Hi! What are you doing here?
B: I'm just waiting for Marie to finish class.
A: Do you feel like a quick coffee while you're waiting?
B: That sounds a great idea.
- 5 **A:** Are you on your way to college?
B: Yeah. My car's being repaired at the moment.
A: Do you want a lift?
B: Thanks.

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Vocabulary

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. There are two more words than you need.

blow clam confide drop eavesdrop
hold hush keep leak release

- 1 If I have a problem I usually _____ in my best friend. I trust her.
- 2 The head teacher _____ a bombshell and informed staff that the school would be closing.
- 3 People who _____ never hear anything good about themselves!
- 4 More and more employees are _____ the whistle on their employers for bad practice at work.
- 5 I tried to find out what had happened, but the boys just _____ up and refused to say a word.
- 6 The government is trying to _____ up the latest scandal involving a minister, but it's still all over the front pages.
- 7 This news is potentially extremely damaging and we need to _____ a lid on it as long as possible.
- 8 We've just discovered who _____ the sensitive information to the press.

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Grammar

- 1 Complete the text with the passive form of the verbs in the box.

accept ask bring broadcast buy cause
consider film release report reunite see

It ¹_____ in newspapers today that a sensational video clip on YouTube ²_____ by over 40 million people. It is a clip showing the reunion of two men and a young lion called Christian and ³_____ to be one of the most touching scenes between men and lions ever ⁴_____ .

Christian ⁵_____ for £250 in Harrods in 1969 by John Rendall and Ace Bourke. When he grew too big for their London home, Christian ⁶_____ back into the wild in Africa. Nine months later John and Ace went to Africa ⁷_____ with the lion and the joy of the reconciliation has touched everyone who has viewed it. When ⁸_____ if they felt afraid of the meeting, Ace insisted that at no time did they feel in danger. Christian's body language was clear to them and any harm or injury ⁹_____ accidentally. There was possible danger from the female lions that ¹⁰_____ along by Christian, but they seemed caught up in the euphoria of the moment and presented no problems. Ace and John were overwhelmed by the intensity of Christian's reaction to them. They were obviously sad to leave him again, but Christian ¹¹_____ by the other lions and was in his natural home.

An hour-long film about the life of Christian ¹²_____ next Thursday evening.

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Vocabulary

- 2 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- The story was splashed _____ the front page of the newspaper.
- People are buying _____ the idea that debt isn't really important.
- I don't know that I'd be happy if I were rolling _____ money.
- The writer's childhood experiences scarred him _____ life.
- It dawned _____ Pete that Sara had stood him up.
- The picture was so stunning it took my breath _____ .
- The answer came to me _____ a flash while I was driving home last night.
- Kids often think their parents are made _____ money!

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