

## Exercises

48.1



Fill in the missing words in each sentence with a word formed from the same root as the word in brackets. You may need a dictionary to help you with items 7 to 10.

- 1 There has been an enormous ..... in aviation in recent years. (EXPAND)
- 2 Economists are increasingly concerned that development should be ..... (SUSTAIN)
- 3 There has been no ..... change in the patient's condition. (PERCEIVE)
- 4 The survey found that most people feel that modern life is becoming ..... difficult. (INCREASE)
- 5 Industrial ..... has, of course, transformed people's working lives. (DEVELOP)
- 6 The group's aims include the ..... of famine and poverty. (ELIMINATE)
- 7 The apparatus worked well after we had made some ..... to it. (MODIFY)
- 8 With increasing unemployment many people have had to make ..... to their lives. (ADJUST)
- 9 Many linguists have studied first language ....., or how people learn their mother tongue. (ACQUIRE)
- 10 There is unlikely to be any ..... of controls in the near future. (RELAX)

48.2

Answer these questions about the language in this unit.

- 1 If prices *fluctuate* what do they do?
- 2 If a disease is *eliminated* how much of it remains?
- 3 If interest in something is *diminishing* is it becoming less or more?
- 4 If there is a *marked* change in someone's behaviour is it a big or a small change?
- 5 If most people feel that mobile phones *enhance* their lives, do they feel that their lives have become better or worse?
- 6 If controls on imports are *relaxed* do they become more or less strict?

48.3

Choose the best word in italics to complete each sentence.

- 1 The economy now seems to be *recovering* / *amending*.
- 2 Many people now are *converting* / *transforming* to using solar power.
- 3 Our survey did not succeed in getting all the information we need and so we shall have to *diminish* / *refine* our questions a little.
- 4 Why do some people *abandon* / *shift* their families and disappear without a word?
- 5 It takes most people some time to *alter* / *adjust* to living in a new country.
- 6 In recent years most societies have seen a major change in the *transition* / *status quo*.
- 7 It is increasingly hard to *adapt* / *maintain* traditions in the face of progress.
- 8 There have been some attempts to *restore* / *alter* the environment to its original state.

48.4

Which preposition is needed to complete each phrase?

- 1 a change ..... the climate
- 2 to transfer money ..... a Swiss bank account
- 3 a shift ..... the countryside towards the towns
- 4 to have an impact ..... the cost of living
- 5 to relax controls ..... immigration
- 6 to adjust ..... changes
- 7 the transition ..... one period to the next
- 8 to adapt ..... a new way of life