

- 9 1 was absolutely devastated  
2 was completely blown away  
3 were beside themselves  
4 was bored stiff  
5 'm thrilled to pieces  
6 making such a fuss  
7 totally lost it
- 10 1 1 original  
2 curiosity, curious  
3 energy, energetic  
4 collaborate, collaboration  
5 influence, influential
- 2 ●● = outraged, upright, naked  
●● = distraught, success  
●●● = gratitude  
●●● = indignant, offended, inhabit  
●●● = interrupt, reproduce  
●●●● = patronizing, ultimately  
●●●● = embarrassment, incompetent, insomnia  
●●●● = evolution, controversial, generation

## Unit 2

- 1 1 1 c 2 a 3 b 4 e 5 d 6 g  
7 i 8 h 9 j 10 f
- 2 1 sincerely hope  
2 fully understand  
3 virtually impossible  
4 eagerly await  
5 highly unlikely  
6 distinctly remember  
7 bitterly disappointed  
8 perfectly clear  
9 sorely tempted  
10 deeply regret
- 3 1 absolutely 6 perfectly  
2 completely 7 strongly  
3 entirely 8 fully  
4 wildly 9 firmly  
5 safely 10 greatly
- 2 1 late 6 hard  
2 easy 7 Surely  
3 hardly 8 rightly  
4 lately 9 easily  
5 right 10 sure
- 3 1 T  
2 F His working class background meant that his parents wanted him to aspire to a profession, e.g., being an accountant, a lawyer, a dentist, or a doctor.  
3 F Her caregiver was interested in her desire to become a writer, as was Somerset Maugham because he replied to a letter her caregiver had sent to him about her and advised her what she should do to become a writer.  
4 F He joked around like other kids, but didn't write jokes.
- 5 T  
6 F She writes even when she has only a little bit of time. It might not be good writing, but it's better than not writing anything.  
7 F He "shakes" (= rereads) what he has written, and if it still works, he's had a good day.
- 2 1 Michael Holroyd, because he is a biographer.  
2 Jodi Picoult, because when she writes, she just sits down and does it.  
3 Wendy Cope, because she is a poet.  
4 Michael Morpurgo, because he writes children's books.  
5 Penelope Lively, because she already had advice from Somerset Maugham.  
6 Ian Rankin, because he changed his mind about his career and followed his dream.  
7 Stephen King, because he asks "What if?" when he combines two ideas in new and interesting ways.
- 3 1 Ian Rankin, an epiphany  
2 Wendy Cope, agenda  
3 Michael Morpurgo, triggered  
4 Penelope Lively, aspiration  
5 Ian Rankin's, standard of living  
6 Michael Holroyd, come apart  
7 Stephen King, boiled down to  
8 Jodi Picoult, blocked
- 4 1 western China, George Robertson (friend), the conductor, the engine driver, a Chinese woman  
2 built = constructed  
valley = pass  
a good idea = nifty  
totally isolated = extremely remote  
wilderness = sand dunes and nothing  
water tank = water tower  
take a walk = stretch my legs  
baking = blazing  
practically perfect = pretty impeccable  
beauty = loveliness  
gorgeous = beautiful  
rather serious = slightly unsmiling
- 3 1 To see how much time she had before the train left.  
2 Have you ever read the works of Anthony Trollope? It surprised him because he didn't expect her to know about this writer.  
3 It's the title of the book that the woman wants to discuss with him.  
4 Simon struggled through the conversation because he couldn't remember a lot about the book she wanted to discuss. He scribbled his name so that the woman could keep in contact with him.  
5 The woman scabbled on the ground to pick up the card with his information on it as the train pulled away so that she could keep it and contact him again.  
6 Because Simon told her that he loved her and wanted to marry her after only a short conversation with her.
- 4 1 T  
2 F She regularly rides her bike 30 miles across the desert to meet the train.  
3 T  
4 F There have been migrant workers on the train who she can speak to in English.  
5 F They're the best of friends and have been for years.
- 5 1 Positive: famous, firm, frank, assertive, self-confident, frugal, eloquent  
Negative: notorious, authoritarian, tactless, aggressive, cocky, stingy, long-winded
- 2 1 stingy, frugal  
2 tactless, frank  
3 self-confident, cocky  
4 eloquent, long-winded  
5 famous, notorious  
6 aggressive, assertive  
7 firm, authoritarian
- 6 1 noisy, crowded, downtown  
2 ✓  
3 cool, dark, peaceful  
4 beautiful, old, wooden  
5 ✓  
6 large, deep  
7 long, black, bamboo  
8 ✓  
9 interesting young  
10 pale blue cotton  
11 long, cold  
12 ✓
- 7 1 massive 11 cascading  
2 swung back 12 refused  
3 marched 13 account for  
4 demanding to know 14 swung round  
5 caught sight of 15 fury  
6 ornate 16 crimson  
7 momentarily 17 all at once  
8 resplendent 18 drooped  
9 turquoise 19 desperately  
10 gown 20 forlorn
- 8 1 on, l 7 for, d  
2 of, f 8 to, e  
3 to, a 9 with, j  
4 from, h 10 of, g  
5 for, b 11 on, i  
6 about, c 12 with, k
- 9 1 e 2 c 3 b 4 a 5 d  
2 and 3 Listen to the audio to compare and check your answers.