

## INTERMEDIATE PLUS UNIT 8

### 8.1 Lexical chunks with *make, do, take*

**1** Circle the word in each group that does not collocate with the verb in bold.

- 1 **make** alterations over money  
 2 **do** harm wrong control  
 3 **take** deeds seriously advantage

**2** Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

advantage alive control damage excuses  
 favour interest money pact seriously  
 word wrong

- When we were young, my sister and I made a \_\_\_\_\_ that we would always be friends.
- He would have more chance of passing his exams if he took them more \_\_\_\_\_.
- Can you do me a \_\_\_\_\_? I've forgotten my wallet. Could I borrow some money?
- Everyone loves Helen. She can do no \_\_\_\_\_ in their eyes.
- My son has finally taken an \_\_\_\_\_ in his studies and his marks have been good as a result.
- I love this book! The writer really knows how to make the characters come \_\_\_\_\_.
- Stop making \_\_\_\_\_! Just say sorry and I'll think about forgiving you.
- I had a little accident in the car this morning but don't worry. I didn't do any \_\_\_\_\_ to it.
- I've never seen the film so I'll have to take your \_\_\_\_\_ for it that it's good.
- The co-pilot took \_\_\_\_\_ of the plane while the captain took a break.
- My mum makes quite a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ as a professional photographer.
- We should take \_\_\_\_\_ of the sales and buy that coat you wanted but was too expensive.

**3** Match the words in the box with the definitions 1–9.

chisel commission deal dust foreground  
 ladder massive offend publisher

- very big \_\_\_\_\_
- the part nearest to an observer \_\_\_\_\_
- a person whose business is making books, magazines, newspapers, etc. \_\_\_\_\_
- to formally ask someone to produce something for you \_\_\_\_\_
- a piece of equipment for climbing up to high places \_\_\_\_\_

- a tool for cutting stone or wood \_\_\_\_\_
- small bits of dirt resembling a powder \_\_\_\_\_
- to make someone angry by doing something impolite \_\_\_\_\_
- an agreement \_\_\_\_\_

### 8.2 Critical thinking

**4** Complete the text with one word in each gap. The first letter in each word is given.

#### In search of the truth

Even the most <sup>1</sup>w\_\_\_\_\_ and <sup>2</sup>r\_\_\_\_\_ person can be tricked into believing a <sup>3</sup>m\_\_\_\_\_ news article. Of course, we all like to think we are <sup>4</sup>o\_\_\_\_\_, but in fact we are all <sup>5</sup>b\_\_\_\_\_ in one way or another. As long as something that confirms our opinions is slightly <sup>6</sup>p\_\_\_\_\_ then we tend to see it as <sup>7</sup>a\_\_\_\_\_, no matter how <sup>8</sup>f\_\_\_\_\_ the evidence may be. If you want <sup>9</sup>r\_\_\_\_\_ news which you can trust, you have to have <sup>10</sup>r\_\_\_\_\_ expectations and never truly trust anything you read in the press.

**5** Underline the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- Denise *brought/grew* up in a village on the border with Canada.
- It was so *windy/winding* that my hat nearly blew off.
- I used to love it when my father would read stories *loud/aloud* before bed when I was a child.
- She was quite a *gifted/giffed* musician but her parents couldn't afford to send her to music school.
- He had never set *feet/foot* in a theatre until the day his sister invited him to see her in a play.
- The doll was the best present *imaginable/imagined*. I played with it every day of my childhood.
- Our house was *freezing/congealing* in winter so we had to wear coats and hats inside.
- I can remember the neighbours. They used to have these really *salvage/wild* parties.

## Numbers and statistics

### 6 Write the numbers and statistics in full.

- 1  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$   
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 442,922 km  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 4,500,000  
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- 4 24%  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 976 kg  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 7.3  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 29,102,048  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 8:1  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9  $125\text{ m}^2$   
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10 57 g  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 8.3 Idioms

### 7 Match 1–8 with a)–h) to make sentences.

- 1 Come on! Spill
- 2 Ignore James. You have to take everything he says with a pinch
- 3 Late again? You're lucky that our boss usually turns a blind
- 4 I tried to apologise to Vicki by getting her flowers but she's allergic to them. It's only added fuel
- 5 Honestly, I didn't break your sunglasses. I don't have a clue
- 6 Did you hear what Laura did? It was so funny! I was laughing my head
- 7 I find it very difficult to concentrate when I'm studying at the moment. I keep getting
- 8 I'm sorry but I can't come into work today. I'm feeling a bit under

- a) eye to that sort of thing.
- b) the weather. It's probably just a cold.
- c) sidetracked by social media.
- d) of salt. He's always making stuff up.
- e) to the fire.
- f) the beans. What happened on your date?
- g) what you're talking about.
- h) off when she was telling us about it.

### 8 Find and correct six mistakes in the conversations.

- 1 **A:** Wow! You've got eyes like thunder. What happened?  
**B:** I'm just angry. I don't want to talk about it.
- 2 **A:** Do you want these shoes? They're new brand. I bought them but they are the wrong size and I've lost the receipt.  
**B:** Yes, please!
- 3 **A:** It wasn't only me. The other boys were being rude to the teacher, too!  
**B:** That's against the point! You were doing it and that's what matters.
- 4 **A:** Even though I work long hours, I still find it hard to make things meet at the end of the month.  
**B:** It sounds like you need a better paid job.
- 5 **A:** Do I have to come to dinner with your parents? You know your father and I don't see eye level.  
**B:** Just don't talk about politics and you'll be okay.
- 6 **A:** Nigel has been studying since he got the sock last year.  
**B:** Oh good. He's been wanting to change professions for a while.

## 8.4 Finding out

### 9 Complete the text with one letter in each gap.

Having <sup>1</sup>a \_\_\_ e \_\_\_ to so much knowledge really is a mixed <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_ e \_\_\_ i \_\_\_. I try to be a <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_ i \_\_\_ e \_\_\_ i \_\_\_ internet user but I find it very hard to <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_ i \_\_\_ e \_\_\_ what's useful on the internet and what's not. I know all the rules about checking the <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_ ou \_\_\_ e of any information and taking anything that can't provide evidence with a <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_ i \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ a \_\_\_. But I still find it difficult to <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_ o \_\_\_ e to my own \_\_\_ o \_\_\_ u \_\_\_ io \_\_\_ when provided with conflicting information. At least there are reliable online encyclopaedias so I don't have to learn so many facts by <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_ ea \_\_\_ anymore. Some people say that the internet is the sum of all human knowledge. I don't doubt that. I just want to know what to do with it.

## Word search

**10** Find twenty words in the word search that match the meanings 1–20.



- 1 change small details (4, 11)
- 2 create an official agreement (4, 1, 4)
- 3 harm (2, 6)
- 4 help you give a person for free (6)
- 5 gain responsibility, become leader (4, 7)
- 6 explain why you did or didn't do something (4, 7)
- 7 let people believe you did something (4, 6)
- 8 formally request that someone produce something (10)
- 9 the part of an image nearest to an observer (10)
- 10 a person who makes reading material (9)
- 11 knowing a lot about a particular subject or about many different subjects (4, 8)
- 12 preferring one side over another (6)
- 13 imperfect (6)
- 14 accepting of other people's opinions (4, 6)
- 15 having natural ability (6)
- 16 origin of some information (6)
- 17 natural, uncontrolled (4)
- 18 tell a secret (5, 3, 5)
- 19 not have an opinion about something (3, 2, 3, 5)
- 20 conservative (5, 4)

