

VOCABULARY

A) Please read the sentences and choose the best answer (A, B, or C).

1. Products produced in Asia are often cheaper to buy ___ those produced in Europe or America.
A in common B the difference between C compared with
2. My mom says smartphones are not ___ standard cell phones.
A as good as B alike C equal
3. They still have four wheels and an engine, but automobiles today have very little with ___ automobiles of the past.
A equal B in common C alike
4. Although these two computers look ___, the more expensive one is much more powerful.
A alike B equal C in common
5. All of these cell phones have an ___ number of important improvements.
A equal B in common C alike

B) Please use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the blank in the same line.

<p>When you are looking for any kind of (1) _____, there are a few things to think about. It's important not to be afraid of (2) _____.</p> <p>If you don't get the job you apply for, you weren't meant to get the job. Stay positive. A key factor is (3) _____. You should really want to do the job. This is much more important than thinking only about having a good (4) _____. Believe me, job satisfaction is more important. Just know this—you will (5) _____ in the end.</p>	<p>1. EMPLOY</p> <p>2. FAIL</p> <p>3. MOTIVATE</p> <p>4. COME</p> <p>5. SUCCESS</p>
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C) Please complete the sentences with the CORRECT FORM of these verbs.

<i>alter</i>	<i>believe</i>	<i>go</i>	<i>reject</i>	<i>transfer</i>
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1. Did you know that a lot of famous actors _____ their appearance before they became successful? For example, some actors have their teeth fixed to look "more American."
2. I'm _____ all the data to you right now. You should have it in a few minutes.
3. Not every company _____ in the motto "The customer is always right."
4. If anything _____ wrong, call me. I can be there in half an hour.
5. Oh, no. My work visa has been _____. What am I going to do now?

READING

[1] Elon Musk was born in South Africa on June 28, 1971. At the age of 24, he moved to California, borrowed \$2,000 from his father, and started a software company with his brother, Kimbal. They worked very hard, and the company quickly became a big success, and because of this, he decided he wanted to become CEO of the company. The other important members of the company, however, refused. On account of this, Musk sold his part of the company. He got \$22 million.

[2] In 1999, just four years after he started his first company, Musk started another company because he wanted to create a better service for paying for things online. It was financed with \$10 million of the money he got from selling his first business. This company also became very successful, but once again he disagreed with the other people involved. As a result, he again decided to sell. The money he received this time was even more: it was around \$165 million.

[3] Musk has continued to found one business after another, and each one has been a great success. According to Musk, the reason why he has been so successful is that they are all based on his simple business ideas: these are to work hard and to not follow trends.

[4] Musk is now 46 and has a net worth of \$15.2 billion, making him the 80th richest person in the world. If anybody knows the secrets of success, it must be him.

D) Please find these phrases in the text. What do each of the pronouns in bold refer to?

1. **They** worked very hard 1 ... (Paragraph 1)
2. ... the company quickly became a big success, and because of **this** ... (Paragraph 1)
3. **It** was financed with \$10 million ... (Paragraph 2)
4. ... each **one** has been a great success ... (Paragraph 3)
5. ... **these** are to work hard and to not follow trends ... (Paragraph 3)

E) Please scan the text and answer the questions.

1. Why did Musk sell his part of the company he started with his brother?
A The company didn't want him to be CEO.
B He wanted to start a new company.
2. Why did Musk create his second company?
A To buy and sell things online
B To make buying and selling online easier
3. Why did Musk sell the online payment company?
A He didn't agree with the other people in the company.
B The company became too successful.
4. Why does Musk believe his businesses are successful?
A Because he invests a lot of money
B Because his business ideas are simple
5. Which is NOT part of Musk's simple business philosophy?
A To work hard
B To follow trends