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3. Match the idioms to their definitions.

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| 1) <i>a silver surfer</i> | a) ready to use |
| 2) <i>blow a fuse</i> | b) to react to a situation with fear and confusion |
| 3) <i>get/have our wires crossed</i> | c) a person aged over 50 who uses the Internet |
| 4) <i>not rocket science</i> | d) to get angry/to lose your temper |
| 5) <i>on the same wavelength</i> | e) to think similarly or to have the same ideas and opinions |
| 6) <i>re-invent the wheel</i> | f) something is easy to understand or do |
| 7) <i>up and running</i> | g) to waste time doing something that has already been done correctly |
| 8) <i>hit the panic button</i> | h) to misunderstand someone |

4. Complete the sentences with the idioms. Change the form where necessary.

- Mother totally _____ when I told her I had failed Math.
- The film doesn't _____ for action films, but it adds enough clever twists on the genre to still feel fresh and new.
- My grandmother is always checking her emails, chatting to friends online, and doing her online banking, she is _____.
- People should be able to fill in the forms themselves — this is _____.
- I was surprised that we became friends so quickly, but we're just always _____.
- Calm down! It's just a fly. There's no need to _____.
- It only took me a few minutes to get the printer _____ after taking it out of the box.
- I'm sorry about all the confusion regarding the contract, Tim; it looks like we _____ somehow.

READING

5. What do you think life would be like without technology? Can you spend a day without it? Read the text and check it out.

Most of us cannot imagine that they can go for a day without the touch or use of the technology we are used to. Today, almost everything we do is dependent on technology. We have phones, iPods, and computers, just to mention a few. 1) _____. You may have noted how people constantly keep checking their phones for texts or emails. Others keep looking or logging in to their computers. Sometimes it is just because we have an addiction. It is essential to try to have a day that is without the use of technology.

The last time I was away from my cell phone or computer for more than an hour was about four years ago. Sure, when I take an exam or when I am at an event, I put my phone in my bag, but it is still within my reach. Just think about the loads of time you could have spent exploring the world and enjoying the weather, 2) _____. I have devoted my life to my social media, creating an online presence, and communicating with my friends and family mostly through technology. So I decided to challenge this habit of mine and go one day *without* technology.

That morning, I woke up without my phone's alarm. Before going to bed yesterday I was really nervous that I could miss my class, but still *turned it off*. I got up, took a towel and went to shower. Then I went downstairs to eat my breakfast. Next I went upstairs to get ready for school. I always have music playing when I am getting ready and it *felt odd* not having it on. 3) _____.

Again on the 20 minute walk to my school, I really missed having music on. However just walking to classes not listening to music was something new to me. It gave me a chance to look at my surroundings instead of *getting lost* in the lyrics. In class, all my friends were too busy with their smart phones, so I nearly got mad as I couldn't even talk to them.

After my classes, I went to the school cafe to get my meal. I took my lunch over to the lawn and sat by the tree. As I ate, I watched the calm skies 4) _____. I saw a flock of 30 birds or so flying high above, and a butterfly landed about 40 feet away from me to scan the grass for flowers. On my journey both to and from the school yard, every single person looked me in the eyes and said "hello" to me. I usually have my headphones in and no one notices me. I found that very surprising.

SCIENCE AND PROGRESS

At this point, I still had not looked at my phone once. Honestly, I really wasn't having the *desire*. I thought I would have to check my Facebook or texts. I made my way back home and fell on my bed to figure out something to do. I began to get very bored. 5) _____. I wasn't longing for communication through the Internet, but *live interaction*, and for those who know me well, that is something very rare and odd for this introvert. Thank God, my parents came back home by then and we had dinner together.

I ended up reading a book in my bed, although I never read books just for any purpose I did lots of things that day that I normally wouldn't. But by 22:00, I gave up because I was afraid to miss something. I wasn't able to go the whole day, but I still went about 15 hours without technology. I learned that I don't need my phone to entertain me and that nothing can replace *face-to-face communication*. I also realized that I need to start hanging out more and not hiding behind the walls of my home, because the world is such a beautiful and fascinating place. 6) _____. These things are short-lived and fast-changing.

The simplest of things that day made me happy: the people saying "hello" to me, the nature around and the butterfly and those birds. These things are real and alive. 7) _____. Go a whole day without your laptop or phone. You might be surprised what it can do for you.

6. Are you ready to accept the challenge and to spend a day without your mobile, TV, MP3 player, computer? Support your answer.

7. Read the text again and put these sentences into the right place in the text.

- 1) I started to actually seek real human contact so that I wouldn't be alone.
- 2) But no, ever since I got my first computer and phone, I have chosen to spend my free time scrolling, clicking, and typing away in a virtual world.
- 3) Our generation is too dependent on instant retweets, likes, and shares from their peers.
- 4) Don't invest your life into something that is artificial and temporary.
- 5) But I remained strong and kept my phone away from me.
- 6) Because I wasn't absorbed in my phone, I managed to see some cool things.
- 7) Technology is useful, but sometimes overused and other times even misused.

GRAMMAR

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THE RELATIVE PRONOUNS

who (for people)/*which* (for things/animals) / *that* (for people/things)/*whose* (possessive)

The relative adverbs are: *where* (referring to places) / *when* (referring to time)

Defining relative clause:

- identifies the person or thing we are talking about;
- **that** often replaces **who** or **which**;
- comma before the relative pronoun is not usually used;
- we can omit the relative pronoun when it is the object of the clause.

Ex.: Telecommuting is just the start of progress that will see many people holding down jobs without ever actually going in to work.

Non-defining relative clause:

- gives extra information about the person or thing which is not essential;
- we cannot use **that** or omit the relative pronoun;
- a comma is always used before the relative pronoun:

Ex.: Jill, who has got two children, has decided to telecommute.

NOTE!

In relative clauses we normally put the preposition at the end of it. But not in formal English.

Ex.: That's the man who/that he was speaking to. (informal) /

That's the man to whom he was speaking. (formal)

In the sentence, *which* refers to the complete clause, a comma is always used.

Ex.: Fred left school, which surprised everyone.