B2 First Reading and Use of English Part 1 - Mixed collocations

A. Talk about Bob Marley.



1. What makes a song stay popular for decades?

2. Why do musicians sometimes speak about issues outside music?

3. Can a concert change the way people think?

B. Complete the sentences by matching the collocation halves. Use A–L once.

1. ____ Changing a single digit can make ...	A. necessary for survival.
2. ____ To stop the fighting for good, they wanted lasting ...	B. peace between the rival groups.
3. ____ People everywhere know this symbol: it is widely ...	C. awareness of the problem.
4. ____ The manager accepted that the error was hers and took ...	D. responsibility for putting it right.
5. ____ The outdoor concert was cancelled because of heavy ...	E. related to each other.
6. ____ None of the equipment is optional: every item is strictly ...	F. the habit for good.
7. ____ Missing the final by one point left him bitterly ...	G. a difference to the final total.
8. ____ These two animal species share many features and are closely ...	H. a musical instrument.
9. ____ She takes guitar lessons because she wants to play ...	I. rain throughout the afternoon.
10. ____ The charity's campaign aims to raise ...	J. the truth about what happened.
11. ____ We need an honest account, so please tell ...	K. recognised around the world.
12. ____ He wants to stop biting his nails and break ...	L. disappointed with the result.

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C. Read the text and choose A, B, C or D for each gap. See example 0.

More than a concert

When Bob Marley returned to Jamaica after more than a year abroad, political rivalries had left communities deeply (0) ..... His appearance at the One Love Peace Concert in April 1978 promised to make a (1) ....., although music alone could hardly resolve the conflict. His return attracted considerable (2) ....., placing him in a position to influence people beyond his usual audience.

During 'Jammin', Marley invited political opponents Michael Manley and Edward Seaga onto the stage. Encouraging them to set aside their (3) ....., he raised their joined hands above his head. This sent a clear (4) .....: cooperation remained possible despite the hostility separating their supporters. For a moment, an idea that seemed unlikely became a visible reality.

The concert failed to produce lasting (5) .....; political violence continued. Nevertheless, the photograph remains widely (6) ....., preserving a moment of unity rather than a permanent solution. It raises questions about whether performers should take (7) ..... for addressing social problems, and how far their influence extends. The gesture holds a special (8) ..... in Marley's career because its ambition exceeded its immediate results.

0	A shared	B distributed	Ⓒ divided	D separated
1	A reaction	B result	C effect	D difference
2	A interest	B regard	C awareness	D appeal
3	A changes	B differences	C variations	D contrasts
4	A notice	B announcement	C instruction	D message
5	A rest	B peace	C silence	D ease
6	A recognised	B considered	C informed	D regarded
7	A charge	B care	C responsibility	D control
8	A site	B seat	C place	D location

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Answer Key

A. Answers will vary.

B. 1 G 2 B 3 K 4 D 5 I 6 A 7 L 8 E 9 H 10 C 11 J 12 F

C. 1 D 2 A 3 B 4 D 5 B 6 A 7 C 8 C

Glossary

bitterly disappointed: Extremely unhappy because something was not as good as you hoped.

break a habit: Stop doing something that you have done regularly.

closely related: Strongly connected or sharing many features.

considerable interest: A large amount of curiosity or attention.

deeply divided: Separated by serious disagreements or opposing views.

heavy rain: Rain that falls in large amounts.

hold a special place: Have particular importance in someone's life or in a story.

lasting peace: Freedom from war or conflict that continues for a long time.

make a difference: Have an effect that changes a situation or result.

play a musical instrument: Produce music using an object such as a guitar or piano.

raise awareness: Help more people know about and understand an issue.

send a clear message: Communicate an idea or intention that is easy to understand.

set aside differences: Stop focusing on disagreements so that you can work together.

strictly necessary: Essential for a particular purpose; not optional.

take responsibility: Accept a duty to deal with something or be accountable for it.

tell the truth: Say what is really the case, without lying.

widely recognised: Known or easily identified by many people.

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