

6 VOCABULARY BOOSTER

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PRACTICE 6.1

2. impressive
3. squeezed into a ball shape
4. pristine
5. unstable
6. a threadbare shirt
7. shabby

PRACTICE 6.3: POSSIBLE ANSWERS

2. magnificent-looking, pricey-looking, gorgeous-looking
3. rumpled-looking
4. shabby-looking
5. tatty-looking
6. wonky-looking

PRACTICE 6.4

1. shuffle along, trudge along
2. sneak in, slip in
3. dawdle along
4. come charging/bounding up to me
5. tiptoe up, sneak up (*as quietly as possible*)

6. sneak out, slip out, tiptoe out
7. shuffle along, inch along (= *move along an inch (or other small amount) at a time*)
8. stagger in (= *enter the room*) / stagger up (= *arrive at your location*)
9. bumble/chug/dawdle around
10. scoot/rush/dash/fly + off (= *depart from lunch break*) / back (= *return to the office*)

PRACTICE 6.5: POSSIBLE ANSWERS

1. staggeringly
2. shuffle
3. lumber
4. tiptoe
5. strolled (*also sauntered, similar meaning*)
6. zoom
7. fly

PRACTICE 6.6

sneak → slip, tiptoe

belting → zooming, rushing

amble → stroll, bumble

dashing → rushing, zooming, belting

zooming → rushing, flying, zipping

stroll → amble, toddle

tiptoeing → sneaking, sidling

PRACTICE 6.7

1. yelling

2. snap
3. chattering
4. mutter
5. catch-up
6. whisper

PRACTICE 6.8

talking away loudly → chattering/nattering away

discuss → catch up on, chew the fat over, chat about

conversation → chat, chatter

complain quietly → grumble, mumble, murmur

laughing loudly → shrieking with laughter

shouting → yelling, bellowing, hollering (*appears twice in the passage*)

complaining → grumbling, moaning

secretly told → whispered

angrily said → snapped, retorted

having a nice conversation → chatting, having a nice chin-wag

PRACTICE 6.9: SUGGESTED ANSWERS

2. The youngster's grumbling/muttering about being asked to sort out his room.
3. The firefighters are having to yell/holler at each other to discuss their strategy.
4. When asked why she hit her sister, the little girl mumbles her answer.
5. The two friends are having a great chin-wag over their weekly coffee together. / Just as they do every week, the two friends are chewing the fat over coffee.

PRACTICE 6.11: SUGGESTED ANSWERS

2. It's really frustrating when the post office closes just as I'm arriving.
3. It's very irritating when my credit card won't work for online purchases.
4. I got really ticked off/ narked off/ furious with my pesky brother yesterday, when he spilt red wine on my favourite party clothes after borrowing them without asking.
5. It's maddening having to wait for ages in the bank.
6. It's frustrating not being able to connect to the wifi in the coffee shop.
7. I blew my top when my colleague blamed me for not finishing the report on time, even though it was impossible in the time available.
8. I get really wound up when I see starving African kids on TV. Why can't the government do something about it?

PRACTICE 6.12

narked off → ticked off, pissed off, bothered, uptight

wound up → bothered, frustrated, annoyed

uptight → wound up, upset, bothered

keep his cool → keep his temper, keep calm

worried → bothered, nervous, concerned, agitated

keeping your cool → keeping calm, not getting wound up

retaliated → snapped back, fought back, shot back, reacted angrily

smooth things over → pour oil on troubled waters, keep the peace

patch things up → make it up, get back on good terms