

## THEME 4 WHAT A LIFE VOCABULARY EXERCISES (SPICE UP)

### A. Match the sentence halves below to describe life.

1. Life is a work a) to see if they work.
2. Life is so unpredictable b) in progress.
3. Life is really simple, c) not to be saved.
4. Life is trying things d) that we never know what comes next.
5. Life is ours to be spent e) but we insist on making it complicated.

### B. Guess the meaning of the bold words and choose the correct option.

1. After Susie had moved to Italy, she was **diagnosed** with diabetes.  
a) to name exactly what the illness is b) to give information about the illness
2. My father had undergone **surgery** on his heart before I graduated from university.  
a) treatment of diseases by cutting a part of the body b) dressing a wound with a plaster
3. The famous tennis player made a remarkable **recovery** from a shin injury.  
a) physical damage to someone's body b) becoming well again after an illness
4. After an **exhausting** shift at the hospital, the doctor just wanted to get home for some sleep.  
a) extremely tiring b) extremely disappointing
5. **Regrettably**, COVID-19 has caused the deaths of many people all over the world.  
a) in a way that makes you feel interested b) in a way that makes you feel sorry
6. The interview with Terry Fox's foundation manager was **aired** live last night.  
a) to broadcast on TV b) to speak on TV

### C. Read the mini dialogues and fill in the blanks using the correct word. One is extra.

surgery / air / fortunately / exhausting / recovery / diagnose / regrettably

1. Harry: Did you talk to Jason about his mistake?  
David: Yes, I did. He insisted that he was right. \_\_\_\_\_, there's nothing more we can do to help Jason understand his mistake.
2. Lisa: I phoned you yesterday, but you didn't answer my call. I'm worried about your dad.  
Mila: I was sleeping when you called me. Doctors expect him to make a full and speedy \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you so much for your consideration.
3. Mary: I don't understand why my cat's hair keeps falling out. Do you have any idea?  
Gray: I'm not a vet. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ the cause of your cat's hair loss, but he may be allergic to something. You'd better take him to a clinic.
4. Pete: How was your appointment with the doctor?  
Jim: No good news. I have to undergo heart bypass \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as possible.
5. Laura: What do you think about your new manager?  
Clara: He seems to be a lively character, but his never-ending energy can be quite \_\_\_\_\_ at times.
6. Tom: Why don't we go to the stadium to watch the football match?  
Bob: No need, Tom. Channel 21-Z will \_\_\_\_\_ the match live tonight.

**D. Match the idioms with their meanings. One is extra.**

**come a long way / ahead of his time.**

1. to develop and to become very successful
2. to achieve success after retirement or failure
3. too advanced or modern to be understood or appreciated

**E. Fill in the sentences with the given words.**

**solitude / acquired / accessible / masterpiece / announced / released / fought / journalism**

1. While everyone was sitting down, Dennis \_\_\_\_\_ that he was going to publish his own poetry book.
2. I'm a big fan of Dan Brown, whose novels are published in 56 languages around the world. first children's book, Wild Symphony, was \_\_\_\_\_ in 2020.
3. The island is only \_\_\_\_\_ by boat, so it is usually uncrowded.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ tooth and nail to pass my exams and study at my dream school, the University of Barcelona.
5. I wished to work on my novel in \_\_\_\_\_, so I moved to a small town by the sea.
6. Simon \_\_\_\_\_ a fortune after his grandfather passed away.
7. Writing is always fun for me, so I've decided to study \_\_\_\_\_ at university.
8. Without a doubt, the Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci is a/an \_\_\_\_\_.