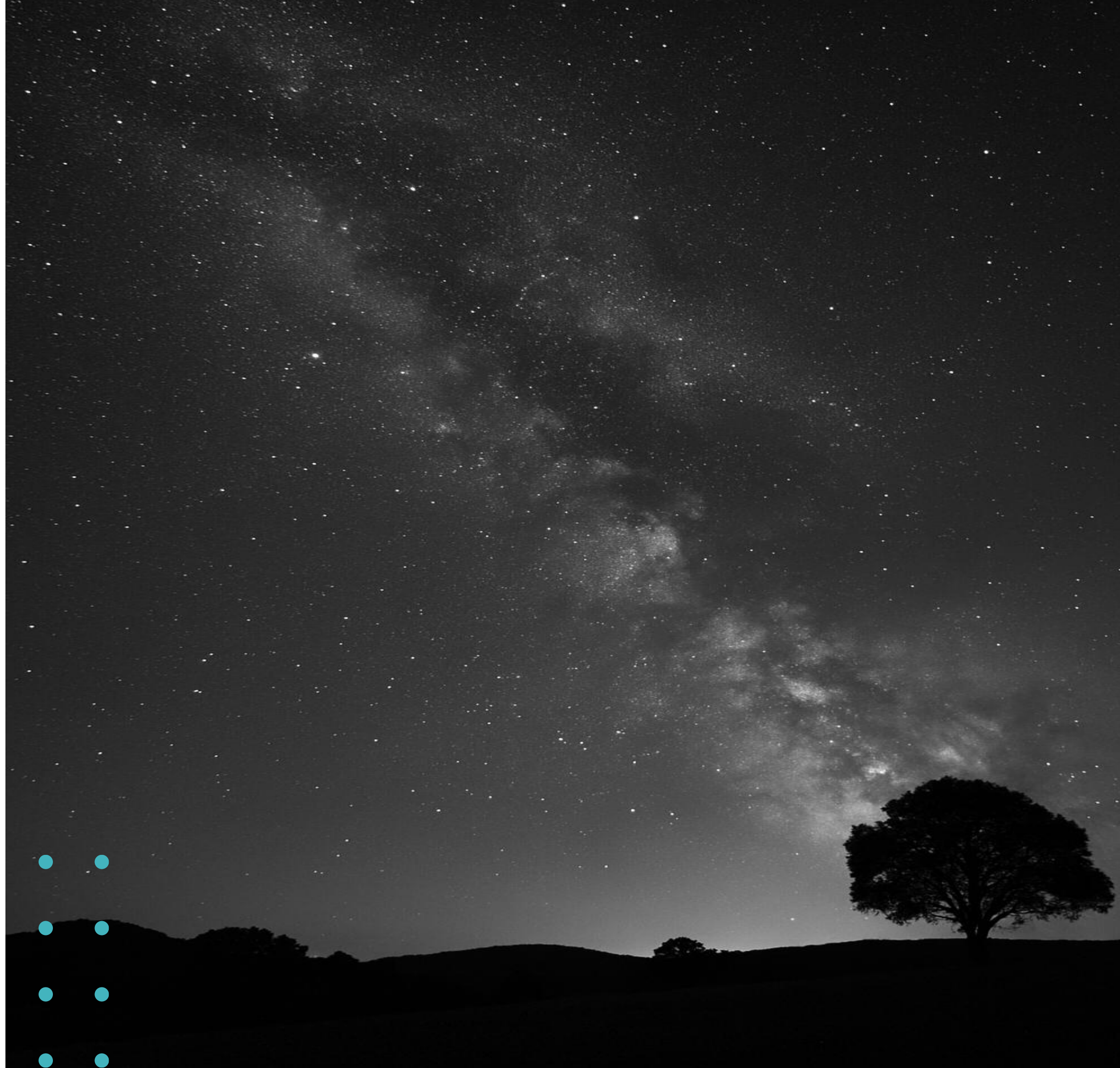




General Intermediate

Homework - Unit 10: Beyond our
belief



Recognizing which modal

1. Match a line in A with a line in B.

A

1. You must have lost weight.
2. They must be out.
3. They can't have bought a new car.
4. You can't be hungry.
5. We may move to the country.
6. He can't come from NYC.
7. I might have flu.
8. You must know Andrea.
9. It could be a shooting star.
10. He can't be coming tonight.

B

- a. She's been working in our office since June.
- b. But perhaps it's just a passing satellite.
- c. We've just had breakfast.
- d. He doesn't have an American accent.
- e. We're tired of the city rat race.
- f. I feel hot and I've got a sore throat.
- g. Their car isn't in the drive.
- h. Your jeans look too big.
- i. He'd be here by now, if he were.
- j. They couldn't afford to.

Modals of probability — present

2. Moe is late for work. Suggest reasons why using *must, might, could, or may*.

Why do you think Moe's late?

- 1. Is he still in bed? (might)
He might still be in bed.
- 2. Is he ill? (must)
_____.
- 3. Is he in the coffee bar? (could)
_____.
- 4. Does he have a doctor's appointment? (might)
_____.
- 5. Is he stuck in a traffic jam? (may)
_____.
- 6. Is his bus late? (might)
_____.
- 7. Is he talking to a colleague from another department? (may)
_____.
- 8. Does he want to miss the meeting? (must)
_____.



3. Rewrite each sentence in exercise 2 with *can't* and give the reason.

- 1. *He can't still be in bed, he never oversleeps.*
- 2. _____ (fine yesterday)
- 3. _____ (it/closed)
- 4. _____ (not ill)
- 5. _____ (not rush hour)
- 6. _____ (always on time)
- 7. _____ (everyone / in meetings now)
- 8. _____ (been preparing for weeks)

4. Ask Amy! is a problem page in a magazine. Read Amy's reply to Kat Visser. What do you think her problem is?

Ask Amy!

KAT'S PROBLEM:

Dear Amy,
I have a really lovely boyfriend – he's hardworking, kind and good fun. But, I'm worried about my parents meeting him because....

Best wishes,
K. Visser



AMY REPLIES:

Dear Kat,
I understand why you feel worried. Your parents sound very nice, but they obviously have strong feelings about something like this. Have a word with them about what a nice guy he is, and how much he cares for you. Talk to Bernard as well and explain that your parents are a bit old-fashioned and aren't up to date with modern trends. They won't know how common it is nowadays for people to have these on their bodies. You're right, it's a good idea that they meet him, and perhaps he could help them with their garden. If they get to know him and like him, they may forgive his colourful appearance.

Good luck,
Your, Amy!

5. Underline the correct modal verb.

1. Bernard must / might be Kitty's new boyfriend.
2. Kat's parents can't / may be quite old.
3. She can't / must care about her parents' feelings.
4. She must / might be their only child.
5. Bernard could / can't be a gardener.
6. He can't / must be introduced to her parents soon.
7. Kat must / can't be hoping to introduce him to her parents soon.

6. Read Amy's reply to Leo Blake. What is his problem?

Ask Amy!



LIAN'S PROBLEM:

Dear Amy,
We fight all the time, I hate him!

Yours,
Lian Clinton

AMY REPLIES:

Dear Lian,
It is very difficult not to get angry with your brother in your situation. At your age you need time on your own and some privacy when you are with your friends. Ask your parents to find time in their busy lives to sit down and talk to you about what is happening. Tell them how Oscar is stopping you from doing your schoolwork. The younger child in a family is often the favourite and gets very spoilt. Also, you should tell them about the problems Oliver is having at school. He won't leave you alone until he has more friends of his own.

Yours, Amy!

7. Complete the deductions about Leo with the correct words from below.

might not know | must have (x2) | could be jealous | ~~must be~~ |
may sometimes get annoyed | might be studying | can't have

1. Lian must be the eldest child in the family.
2. He _____ a younger brother called Oscar.
3. Lian's friends _____ with Oscar.
4. Lian's parents _____ very demanding jobs.
5. Lian _____ for some exams.
6. The parents _____ that Oscar has problems at school.
7. Lian _____ of Oscar.
8. Oscar _____ many friends.

The continuous infinitive

8. Complete the conversations with a suitable verb in the continuous infinitive.

- A:** Do you know where Kitty is?
B: She's on her phone. She may be calling her manager.
- A:** Where's Leo?
B: He's upstairs. He must _____ his project in his room.
- A:** He's not in his room.
B: Try the bathroom. He might _____ a shower.
- A:** I can't find the thing that changes the TV channel.
B: The remote control? Stand up. You may _____ on it.
- A:** What's that noise?
B: It sounds like an ambulance. It must _____ someone to hospital.
- A:** What's that noise outside?
B: It sounds like workmen. They must _____ up the road.
- A:** What for?
B: I don't know. They could _____ a broken water pipe.

9. Rewrite these sentences using the modal verbs in the past.

- I'm sure you didn't work hard. You failed. (can't)
You can't have worked hard.
- I'm sure they've arrived. I can hear a car. (must)
_____.
- I'm not sure, but I think they went by train. (may)
_____.
- Perhaps I left my phone in the coffee shop. (might)
_____.
- I think he went to Oxford University. (may)
_____.
- He has probably been on a diet. (must)
_____.
- It's possible that they got married in secret. (could)
_____.
- Perhaps he called while we were out. (could)
_____.

Modals of probability — past

10. What happened to them?



must / accident
might / skiing



must / miss / plane
plane / could / delayed



must / catch / bird
bird / might / escape



must / lost phone
may / stolen



can't / enjoy / film
must / boring



must / argument
can't / enjoy / meal

All modals of probability

11. Read the newspaper article. Answer the questions.

1. How did the cat travel to Paris? *No one knows!*
2. How did it travel back to London?
3. Are Marna and Sean still together?
4. How did they know that it was their cat?

Two Londoners, Marna Gillingham and Sean Purdy, have recently been reunited with their pet cat. Of course, it's not unusual for cats to go missing. However, this cat, called 'Moon Unit', had been missing for eight years and was not found in a neighbouring street, but 200 miles away, across the Channel, in Paris.

Marna and her ex-partner, Sean, had adopted Moon Unit over ten years ago, when they were a couple, and she had vanished after a New Year's Eve party at their flat in Bermondsey, London. They searched for months and had numerous 'sightings' but it has never Moon Unit. Eventually, their relationship ended and they moved house.

Then suddenly, last month, Marna received an email from the UK microchipping database, Pettog, saying that their cat had been found by L'Association d'Aide de Defense des Animaux en Detresse (ADAD) in Paris. Moon Unit had been spotted wandering around a French railway station. It seemed impossible, but the microchip proved that it was indeed the same cat. Moon Unit travelled back to England on the ferry from Calais, but no one knows how she crossed the sea in the first place and ended up in the French capital.

Marna and Sean are no longer together as a couple, but they are fundraising to thank ADAD for reuniting them with their cat and Marna has agreed that Sean can keep Moon Unit.



12. Rewrite these sentences in the article using the words in brackets.

1. Perhaps Moon Unit was stolen and taken to France. (might)
_____.
2. Maybe she was frightened by all the noise at the party. (may)
_____.
3. Perhaps she had been living at the railway station. (could)
_____.
4. Mama and Sean were undoubtedly very surprised when they heard from ADAD. (must)
_____.
5. I'm sure they didn't expect to see their cat again. (can't)
_____.
6. Their relationship ended so I don't think they have a lot in common. (can't)
_____.
7. It seems that they are still friends. (must)
_____.
8. They probably had a reason to call the cat 'Moon Unit'. (must)
_____.

be and have

1. Complete the expressions with *be* or *have*.

- ____ away on business
- ____ a good time
- ____ sure of
- ____ keen on
- ____ crazy about
- ____ a lot in common
- ____ a problem
- ____ up to date
- ____ a word with
- ____ fun
- ____ into
- ____ off work
- ____ about to
- ____ in touch
- ____ yourself
- ____ time off work

2. Read the conversations and complete these *be* or *have* expressions with one word.

1.

A: I'll miss you. You're so often _____ on business.

B: Don't worry, I'll be in Madrid _____ as soon as I get there.

A: Look, you have to go. Your flight's _____ to board.

B: Don't _____ too much fun while I'm away.

A: You can be _____ of that! _____ a good time!

2.

A: Do you like Maria?

B: Like her! I'm _____ about her!

A: I didn't think she was your type.

B: What do you mean? We _____ great times together. We have a lot in

_____.

A: Really?

B: Well, yes. She's _____ opera and so I am.

A: What? Since when have you been _____ on opera?

B: Well, I am now.

3.

A: Can I have a _____ with you?

B: What about?

A: Well, you've had a lot of time _____ work lately.

B: I'm sorry.

A: You _____ off four times last month.

B: I know, I've _____ a lot of family problems.

A: What kind of problems?

B: Or – I'd rather not to say.

Phrasal verbs and prepositions *out* and *up*

3. Complete the text about the two brothers with *out* or *up*.

A TRAGIC BUSINESS VENTURE

Peter and Richard Smith were two brothers who loved their food. Their favorite pastime was eating, 1. _____ in the many cafes and restaurants in the town. Unsurprisingly, they put on too much weight. They decided to take 2. _____ playing paddle and working 3. _____ in the local fitness and leisure centre. Then Peter came 4. _____ with a good business idea. He suggested that they set 5. _____ a health shop in the centre of town. Neil was enthusiastic, so they found 6. _____ how much this might cost and started to work 7. _____ their finances. Between them, they had saved 8. _____ quite a bit of money, so they bought a small shop on the high street. Everything went well for a time and they built 9. _____ a very successful business. They became very rich, very healthy and very slim. They were very happy. Then, they both fell for the same girl, Sarah - they fell in love with her, but they fell 10. _____ with each other. They had terrible arguments, and inevitably their business started to fail and to add to the to their misery, Zoe ended 11. _____ marrying the guy from the Vodafone shop, Ben and Neil never made 12. _____. They lost their money and they lost the girl.



4. Complete the sentences with one of the prepositions from below.

in | for (x2) | of (x2) | on (x3) | with | to

1. **A:** I really like Martin. You can always rely _____ him to help with a problem.
B: I know, he insisted _____ giving me a lift home when I missed the last bus.
2. **A:** Do you believe _____ ghosts?
B: Of course not! I'm not frightened _____ anything..., what's that noise?!
3. **A:** Excuse me, we didn't ask _____ salad with our pizza.
B: It comes free with every pizza. You don't have to pay _____ it.
4. **A:** How did the architect react _____ your ideas?
B: He said they were possible. He's working _____ the plans now.
5. **A:** We fell in love _____ this house as soon as we saw it.
B: I'm not surprised. I've always dreamed _____ having a kitchen as big as this.

Expressing attitude

1. Read the conversations quickly. Who are the people talking about? Why?
2. Read it again and underline the word that expresses the attitude of the speaker.

'Have you heard?'

A: Have you heard about Daniel?

B: No, I haven't.

C: Well, I haven't spoken to him myself, but 1. *actually/apparently* he was caught cheating in his maths exam.

B: 2. *Fortunately/No kidding!* I just don't believe it! Does he have a problem with maths?

A: No. 3. *Actually/Really*, maths is his best subject. He's brilliant at maths.

B: 4. *Certainly/Really?* I didn't know that. So why would he cheat? He 5. *clearly/hopefully* doesn't need to.

C: 6. *Exactly/Utterly*. And 7. *anyway/unfortunately*, Daniel's not the type to cheat. He would never do such a thing.

B: He must be very upset. 8. *Generally/Presumably* he's going to complain.

A: Yes, he's seeing the principal this afternoon. 9. *Luckily/Obviously*, he's going to deny it completely.

B: Well, 10. *hopefully/naturally*, the principal will believe him. Let me know what happens.

A: I will. 11. *Absolutely/Personally*, I think he'll be OK.

B: I hope you're right. Cheers. See you later.

A: Yeah. Fingers crossed for Daniel.

1. Read about Benjamin and Molly. Where did they meet? How does the story end?

2. Read the text again and complete the gaps 1- 15 with the correct word 1-15 from below.

Love's ups and downs!

It was a Friday evening and Benjamin Evans had just been stood 1. _____ by a girl he had arranged to meet via dating website 'eMatch'. So instead of romantic evening 2. _____ out in a nice restaurant, Benjamin headed to his local Tesco supermarket to buy a bottle of wine and frozen pizza. The girl 3. _____ have found someone better-looking on the website; said Benjamin. He waited at the checkout and smile at the girl serving. She 4. _____ tired - it had been a long day. 'Can I help you with your packing?' she asked automatically. 'Do I look 5. _____ a useless single guy who can't pack two items?' Benjamin asked.

'Single? How come?' She asked. 6. _____, I'm divorced. She left.'

'Really? She must 7. _____ crazy! That's £9.55, please. Have you got a loyalty card?' Later, in the car park, Benjamin was 8. _____ to start his car, but the conversation with the checkout girl kept going round in his head.

He wondered if she 9. _____ have been trying to tell him something. He wrote 'CALL ME' and his phone number on a scrap of paper, ran back and left it on her counter. 'I had to 10. _____ out if she was at all 11. _____ on me. 'The girl, Molly called him that evening, and they met the next evening in a quiet pub. They discovered that they had a lot in 12. _____. She was also divorced. She and her ex-husband had tried to work something 13. _____, but had not managed to 14. _____ up. Benjamin and Molly started dating and now, one year later, are 15. _____ up for their wedding. They are determined to make this marriage work.

1. down / up / on
2. going / working / eating
3. can / may / would
4. looked / spoke / worked
5. like / as / after
6. naturally / personally / actually
7. be / have / look
8. want / about / able
9. could / can't / must
10. work / make / find
11. interested / keen / attracted
12. similar / future / common
13. out / through / on
14. do / make / take
15. saving / looking / being