

# 9 Digital humans

## Vocabulary A day in the life

### V insight Phrasal verbs: relationships

#### 1 Replace the words in *italics* with the correct phrasal verbs.

- It takes a long time to *get back to your usual self* after the flu – it's a serious illness.  
a get past      b get round      c get over
- I think it's good that we see more men who can *lose control of their feelings* and cry in public.  
a break up      b break down      c break out
- I usually use the internet to quickly *bring myself up-to-date* with the day's news.  
a catch up with      b catch up to      c catch up for
- You'll never guess who I *met unexpectedly* in the city centre today! Gerry and Sheila!  
a ran across      b ran over      c ran into
- I didn't know much about Tony because he says so little, but he really *talked freely* on the hike.  
a opened out      b opened up      c opened over
- My big brother is at the same school as me, so he always *supports and defends* me in the playground.  
a sticks out for      b sticks behind for      c sticks up for
- Sharon and I *liked each other* the first time we met. We have exactly the same sense of humour.  
a hit it up      b hit it off      c hit it on
- You're just a bully! Why don't you try *being horrible* to someone your own size?  
a picking on      b picking at      c picking into

### V insight Words often confused

#### 2 Choose one word from the pairs of words below to complete the sentences.

- actually / currently    ■ sympathetic / friendly
  - consequently / consistently    ■ latest / last
  - eventually / possibly
- I'm getting the ..... smartphone for Christmas!
  - Donald asked Lola four times, and she ..... agreed to go to the cinema with him.
  - This game is ..... unavailable on our website. Please try again later.
  - Well done! Your work has improved ..... over the last year, because you've tried harder.
  - My phone memory keeps saying it's full, but it's ..... half empty.
  - Last Window* was the ..... computer game made by Cing before they went out of business.
  - Don't tell Jamie any of your problems. He's never very ....., and he'll just say it's your own fault.
  - Everyone likes Jack because he's so ..... to everyone he meets.
  - I don't like unfriending people, and ..... I've got hundreds of friends on Facebook.
  - I haven't decided about my future. I'll ..... go to university to study ICT.

### V Technology

#### 3 Put the actions in the correct order, 1–9.

- ..... a Upload the photos on your camera.
- ..... b Download a photo editing program.
- ..... c Undo some of the changes to one of the photos.
- ..... d Log out of your computer.
- ..... e Install the program.
- ..... f Delete some of the photos and edit the others.
- ..... g Log into your computer.
- ..... h Post some photos on a social networking site.
- ..... i Click on the icon to open the program.

#### 4 Complete the article with the words below.

- share    ■ get over    ■ sympathetic    ■ friendly
- break down    ■ log out of    ■ consistently    ■ log into
- hit it off    ■ actually    ■ open up    ■ pick on    ■ upload

#### Internet romance scams

Research has shown that over 200,000 people in Britain have been the victims of internet romance scams. The scammers, both male and female, post fake profiles of themselves on internet dating sites, and usually <sup>1</sup> ..... a photo of a very attractive person. They seem very <sup>2</sup> ..... when you contact them, and ask you to <sup>3</sup> ..... the dating site and <sup>4</sup> ..... your email or instant messaging account instead, so that you can chat more privately. They seem to <sup>5</sup> ..... so many of your interests that it can feel like you've really <sup>6</sup> ..... immediately. They <sup>7</sup> ..... very quickly and tell you all about their personal lives.

This can go on for days, weeks, or months, but eventually they will tell you that they are in a very difficult situation. It can be so serious that it seems they are about to <sup>8</sup> ..... unless you help them by ... sending them some money. If you do, they let you know about another terrible problem they have. They know how to <sup>9</sup> ..... people who are extremely <sup>10</sup> ..... to other people's bad luck stories, and they <sup>11</sup> ..... seem to have terrible luck. When the victim realizes that the relationship is <sup>12</sup> ..... a scam, it can take them a long time to <sup>13</sup> ..... it.

#### 5 CHALLENGE! Imagine an older person (perhaps a parent or grandparent) has asked you how to do something on a computer. Write some simple instructions for them in English.