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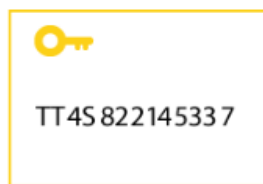
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
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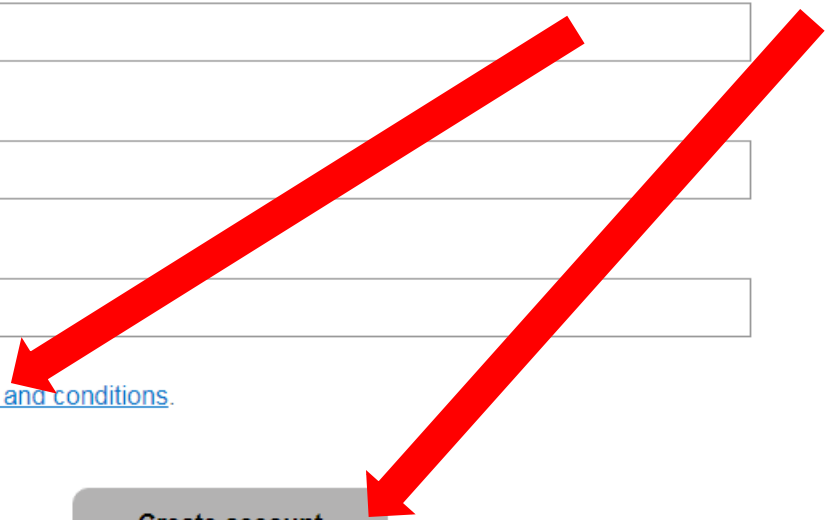
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Vocabulary 1: General nouns

1 With a partner, describe each of the photographs. Then discuss the questions below.



- Describe your reaction to each photograph.
- What global issues are presented in the photographs?
- Do you think any of the photographs present opportunities? Give reasons and examples.
- Do you think problems and difficult situations can present us with opportunities? Why/Why not?

2 Match each sentence 1–8 with a sentence a–h. Use the adjectives and nouns to help you identify the connection.

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|---|--|
| 1 I lost my wallet last week. | a It was too good an opportunity to miss. |
| 2 My parents and my brother came to my graduation. | b It is a rather awkward situation. |
| 3 After leaving college, I found myself with lots of free time and money. | c Some think it is a growing problem, while for others it opens up many possibilities. |
| 4 Both sides refuse to talk to each other. | d It caused a company crisis. |
| 5 Access to too much information can overwhelm as well as help people. | e It was a very special occasion. |
| 6 I was offered a scholarship to go to university. | f It was an annoying incident, which I reported to the police. |
| 7 The number of cars sold fell. | g These were the perfect circumstances to write my first novel. |
| 8 All participants at the meeting agreed on the necessary action. | h It was a good outcome. |

Global issues and opportunities

3 Look again at the sentences in exercise 2. Which nouns are general?

Example: opportunity

4 Which noun in exercise 2 completes both the gaps below?

Computer waste is a serious world It is now accumulating everywhere. The , however, can be solved by ...

In pairs, discuss the reasons for your answer.

5 Match each group of adjectives 1–10 with a noun a–j that collocates with all of the adjectives in the group.

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 growing/booming/irreversible | a crisis |
| 2 golden/occasional/perfect | b problem |
| 3 main/likely/probable | c opportunity |
| 4 ideal/long-term/difficult | d event |
| 5 imaginative/active/perfect | e issue |
| 6 memorable/total/late | f occasion |
| 7 significant/political/current | g situation |
| 8 adverse/unfavourable/trying | h solution |
| 9 burning/controversial/major | i impression |
| 10 favourable/also/good | j circumstances |

6 Complete sentences 1–8 with a word from the box below. Make any necessary changes.

issue incident outcome problem possibility impression cause event

- I would like to describe an amusing _____ that happened at work.
- There is a fair _____ that the plan will succeed.
- The most likely _____ of overcrowding in cities is a rise in birth rates.
- A series of significant _____ occurred in the early part of the 19th century, which changed the face of transport forever.
- Instead of being seen as a serious _____, the situation should be thought of as a golden opportunity.
- Energy costs have been a burning _____ over the last few decades.
- The natural fascist made a profound _____ on me.
- The _____ of the talks was not totally unexpected.

7 Work in pairs. Choose one or more of the following situations and describe what happened to your partner:

- an event that made a profound impression on you
- a serious problem that you solved
- a golden opportunity you seized

Useful expressions

I'm going to talk about ...
I'd like to describe ...
What I'd like to describe is ...
It was ... because ...
Another reason is ...

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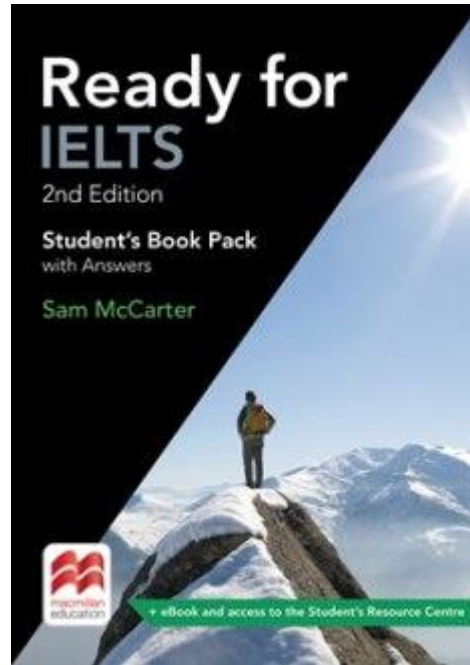
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