

Step up your game

- 1 Have a look at the VocabBooster. Match the verbs in A with the words/phrases in B to make meaningful collocations. Sometimes there is more than one possibility.

		VocabBooster	
	A	B	
to undermine	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	everyone's daily life
to affect	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	a fair and open society
to set	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	the skills
to improve	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	their citizens in old age
to be designed	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	the economic and social well-being
to develop	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	solutions to common problems
to look after	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	to improve the quality of people's lives
to seek	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	on the well-being of all citizens
to be focused	9	<input type="checkbox"/>	international standards

- 2 Have a look at the sentences (1–7) below. Rephrase them by using the phrases from the box and a gerund. Sometimes there is more than one possibility.

to look forward to ■ not to mind ■ to suggest ■ to remember ■ can't stand ■ to be used to ■ not to care about

- 1 I find seeing people throw plastic packaging out of cars unbearable.
I
- 2 We really want to meet you tomorrow.
We
- 3 It is essential that you transfer the money today.
You must
- 4 It would be a good idea to review your CV.
I
- 5 Sarah doesn't have a problem doing an unpaid internship to gain experience.
She
- 6 Our team had huge issues with the new software at the beginning, but now they can work with it quite well.
They
- 7 I was really nervous every time I made a mistake, but now it doesn't bother me anymore.
I



3 Andreas Onea, an Austrian *Paralympic* athlete, gave an inspiring talk at a *TEDx* event in Vienna. Go to *YouTube* (▶ *Embrace life with just one arm*) and listen to the talk. After having listened to Andreas Onea, you decide to make a vlog about it on your *Youtube* channel.

In your vlog you should

- describe who Andreas Onea is and what he does
- point out what the key message of his talk is
- comment how *Paralympic* sports supports inclusion of impaired people.

Speak for about four minutes.

- 4 You have been asked to write an article focusing on nuclear energy for the English section of your school magazine.



Step 1: Before you start writing your article, do some research on the Internet. Take notes in the grid.

1 The current situation of nuclear power plants in Austria and its neighbouring countries	
2 The history of nuclear power plants in Austria	
3 Public opinion on using nuclear energy in Austria	
4 Future predictions on using nuclear power in Austria and its neighbouring countries	



Step 2: Now write your article. Use your notes from the grid and the phrases from the LanguageBox. Give your article a title. Write about 300 words.

► Best Shots 4/5 – modular. HAK/HUM, Writing reference, p. 254)

LanguageBox

Useful phrases for the first paragraph

Do you know how many EU countries have no nuclear power plants at all?
 In fact, Austria has a strong tradition of ...
 Let's take a closer look at how this came to be.

Useful phrases for the main part

It all started with ...
 Surprisingly, ...
 The next thing that happened was ...
 Despite ...
 So, in the end, ...
 In general, popular opinion in Austria tends to ...
 Reasons for this may include ...



Useful phrases for the last paragraph

What does this mean for Austria in the future?
 Bearing all these developments in mind, it may be safe to say that ...