

C2 vocabulary BOOSTER 2

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1. FLABBERGASTED

🇵🇱 bardzo zaskoczony, wstrząśnięty

2. GO APOPLECTIC WITH RAGE

🇵🇱 niesamowicie się wściec

3. BE FULL OF YOURSELF

🇵🇱 wywyższać się, egoistycznie nastawiony

4. GROSS OUT

🇵🇱 zrobić coś, co wywołuje wstręt

5. PETRIFIED

🇵🇱 wiarygodny, przekonujący



He's so full of himself, always bragging about his achievements.

TASK 1 Match the words / phrases above with their correct definitions.

- a) become extremely angry
- b) think you are very important or better than others
- c) extremely scared or frightened
- d) very surprised or shocked
- e) make someone feel disgusted

TASK 2 Complete the sentences.

1. He went _____ when his favourite football team have lost the game.
2. His dirty fingernails really _____.
3. She was absolutely _____ when she saw the spider, she couldn't stop shouting.
4. She was _____ when she heard the news.
5. I might be wrong, but the first impression was that the new boss was a bit _____.

TASK 3 Let's talk!

- Have you ever been flabbergasted by something unexpected? What happened?
- How do you calm down after going apoplectic with rage?
- What do you think of people who are full of themselves?
- What's something that grosses you out?
- Can you remember a time when you were petrified?

Listening 4

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Task 1

You will hear a talk by a toy designer.
Complete the text with the relevant words below.

pearly representativeness conform internalised stand up for
blatantly redhead

As a little girl, I loved playing with dolls. I had quite a collection with at least twenty versions of one particular doll: blonde, brunette, (1)_____; wearing swimwear, a party gown or roller skates. And yet, despite their apparent diversity, not one resembled me in the slightest. They all had (2)_____ white skin, ridiculously long legs and pencil-thin waists. Not one had dark skin, nor were there any in trousers, let alone business suits or lab coats. As for non-standard body shapes, like the ones I saw in my own neighbourhood, forget it. Now, maybe I should have felt bitter at being excluded so (3)_____. But like so many other girls who don't (4)_____ to the stereotype, I simply accepted it as the way the world worked. From a very early age, I'd (5)_____ the attitude that some identities are more worthy than others. But as I've matured, I've come to appreciate that if we don't (6)_____ who we are, no one else will. So while it's certainly a relief to see today's dolls reflecting a much broader variety of female identities, including those living with disabilities, we're still a long way from true (7)_____.

- 1 What is her main point about her collection of dolls?
 - A Their outfits reflected outdated stereotypes of women's clothing.
 - B Despite superficial differences, they were far from representative.
 - C They were inappropriate because their body shapes were inauthentic.
- 2 How does she feel about her childhood experiences today?
 - A aggrieved at the injustice
 - B impassioned to drive changes
 - C reassured by recent improvements



Let's talk

- How do you think toys, like dolls, influence the way we see ourselves or others growing up?
- Do you think there's been enough progress in terms of diversity and representation in toys, media, and fashion?

Flying solo

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Let's talk

- Do you think solo travel is becoming more or less popular these days?
- Would you consider going on a solo trip, or do you prefer travelling with others?

TRAVELLING SOLO

Much has been said about what fun it can be to travel alone, but on a more profound level it's an exercise in self-confidence. You see yourself as a stronger, more independent person after travelling alone, whether it be to a far-flung location or merely a neighbouring town. You will feel more comfortable with being in your own skin, more comfortable in your own company. What's more, solo travel has practical benefits. It enables you to indulge in idiosyncratic whims, such as visiting a quirky museum or even trawling a local antiques shop, because your choices are not contingent on fellow travellers.



MISSING OUT



The inescapable truth is that, despite what many a self-help blogger may claim, life is a great deal more enjoyable in the company of other people.

Take travelling alone. Although the quiet contemplation of an unexpectedly beautiful scene does hold a certain appeal, it's ultimately disheartening to have no one with whom to share this sort of experience. There is also the small matter of it being inherently inconvenient to travel on your own.

When travelling solo, there is no one to hold you accountable for missteps, no one to bounce ideas off before it's too late and you make a bad decision.

Use the phrases provided to discuss the underlined parts of the text.

- I think it's hard to argue with the idea that...
- While some may disagree, I do believe that...
- One thing I've noticed is that..
- There's no denying that...
- From my perspective...
- That's a tricky one... let me think.
- I'm a bit stumped on that, to be honest.