

Use of English

Part 4 Key word transformations

1 Read the **tip** box below, then match the underlined phrases in sentences a–f with 1–6.

- a The USA did not take part in the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.
- b When preparing for a hike, it's important to take into account what the weather will be like.
- c At the age of one, a baby is just starting to make sense of the world around him.
- d Marianne agreed to be home by midnight because she didn't want to have a row with her parents.
- e It's arrogant to make fun of other people's achievements.
- f Several factors play a part in the success or failure of a film.

- 1 argue
- 2 consider
- 3 be a cause of
- 4 laugh at
- 5 join in
- 6 understand

tip

Phrases like those underlined in 1 usually appear in dictionaries under the noun rather than the verb. You may have to read the entry carefully to find them.

2 Using a dictionary, find verbs to replace 1–6 in the text below.

Last weekend, I organised an 80th birthday party for my grandfather. Two of my brothers agreed to ¹lend a hand with the preparations. Our sister Rachel was out of the country at the time. My grandfather has so many grandchildren now, he sometimes ²loses track of their names, but Rachel has always been a favourite. I ³let her know about the party, and she ⁴got in touch with our grandfather on the day to ⁵say sorry for not being there. She ⁶gave him her word that she would visit him as soon as she returned home.

3 Rewrite each sentence a–f keeping the meaning the same. Use two to five words including the word given.

- a Students at the summer school are expected to participate in leisure activities.
part
Students at the summer school are expected to leisure activities.
- b Stubborn people often find it difficult to apologise for their mistakes.
sorry
Stubborn people often find it difficult their mistakes.
- c Considering that my grandmother is so old, her memory is amazing.
account
If you old my grandmother is, her memory is amazing.
- d Contacting a doctor on a Sunday can be difficult.
touch
It can be difficult to with a doctor on a Sunday.
- e When he first moved to London, some of the children at school used to laugh at his accent.
make
When he first moved to London, some of the children at school used to his accent.
- f When she invited us for dinner, we promised that we wouldn't be late.
word
When she invited us for dinner, we that we wouldn't be late.

