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## WORDS AND PHRASES

- 1 Function words: *should, in, the, her, through*  
Lexical words: *car, hoping, fun, show, maybe, office, sleep, weekend*
  
- 2 Word classes of the italicized words and possible clues to arrive at the right alternative.
  - a. 1 We need to *book* our tickets. (*Book* is a verb – it occurs after *to*.)  
2 I bought him a *book* about butterflies. (*Book* is a noun – it occurs after the article *a*.)
  - b. 1 They saluted the *American* flag. (*American* is an adjective – it describes *flag*, which is a noun.)  
2 They saluted the *Americans*. (*Americans* is a noun – it occurs after *the* and is not followed by (another) noun.)
  - c. 1 She didn't know the *correct* answer. (*Correct* is an adjective – it says something about what kind of answer.)  
2 She had to *correct* her mistake. (*Correct* is a verb – it occurs after *to* and is followed by a determiner.)
  - d. 1 I *will* always love you. (*Will* is an auxiliary – it occurs just after the subject and means roughly “want to”.)  
2 Were you there for the reading of his *will*? (*Will* is a noun – it occurs just after a determiner and is not followed by a main verb.)

- e.
  - 1 It was getting *dark*. (*Dark* is an adjective – it describes a colour.)
  - 2 He was afraid of the *dark*. (*Dark* is a noun – it occurs just after the definite article *the* and is not followed by (another) noun.)
  
- 3 Words that occur twice have not been repeated.
  - a. The lexical verbs in the text: *begin, get, sit, have, do, peep, read, have, be, think*
  - b. The nouns in the text: *Alice, sister, bank, book, pictures, conversations, use*
  - c. The prepositional phrases in the text: *of sitting, by her sister, on the bank, of having nothing to do, into the book her sister was reading, in it, without pictures or conversation*
  
- 4 The answers are based on the Corpus of Contemporary American English as of spring 2018.
  - a. There are slightly more occurrences of *been* as an auxiliary among the first 20 hits.
  - b. *In and out*.
  - c. The most common phrases are *at the end of, at the university of, at the top of, at the time of, at the beginning of*. *End, university, top, time* and *beginning* are all nouns.
  - d. *At the end of the day/year/first/month/season*. It is a prepositional phrase. *Day* is most common.
  - e. Many examples of *the end of the day* have a meaning equivalent to *når alt kommer til alt*, which is obviously not a literal meaning.