

Fixed Expressions - B2/C1+ Level

Agreement & Disagreement - Exercise 1.1

Complete the sentences with one of the phrases in red in the correct form.

to some extent / beg to differ / split hairs / make a case for / fair enough / see eye to eye /
at odds with / agree to disagree / on the same wavelength / call into question

1. The new manager is _____ her team over unfair treatment.
2. The two rivals will never _____ on the reform strategy.
3. I _____. I don't think the evidence supports his claim.
4. The team works well because they are _____.
5. We're just _____ over nothing. The main issue has already been decided.
6. They decided to _____ about politics.
7. The lawyer _____ reducing the sentence.
8. His behaviour _____ his suitability for the managerial role.
9. The new system is effective, _____, but it still has flaws.
10. A: "I can't stay any longer." - B: "_____, see you tomorrow."

Cause & Effect - Exercise 1.2

Complete the sentences with one of the phrases in red in the correct form.

thanks to / stem from / give rise to / in consequence / for want of /
in the wake of / bring about / lead to / as a result of / put down to

1. The reforms _____ significant improvements in education.
2. The scandal _____ widespread public anger.
3. The match was cancelled _____ heavy rain.
4. Poor planning often _____ wasted resources.
5. Security was tightened _____ the terrorist attack.
6. Most of his problems _____ a lack of confidence.
7. His success can be _____ hard work and determination.
8. He failed to meet the deadline, and _____, lost the contract.
9. _____ modern medicine, life expectancy has increased.
10. The plan failed _____ proper funding.

ANSWERS:

Exercise 1.1

1. The new manager is at odds with her team over unfair treatment.
2. The two rivals will never see eye to eye on the reform strategy.
3. I beg to differ. I don't think the evidence supports his claim.
4. The team works well because they are on the same wavelength.
5. We're just splitting hairs over nothing. The main issue has already been decided.
6. They decided to agree to disagree about politics.
7. The lawyer made a strong case for reducing the sentence.
8. His behaviour calls into question his suitability for the managerial role.
9. The new system is effective, to some extent, but it still has flaws.
10. A: "I can't stay any longer." B: "Fair enough, see you tomorrow."

Exercise 1.2

1. The reforms brought about significant improvements in education.
2. The scandal gave rise to widespread public anger.
3. The match was cancelled as a result of heavy rain.
4. Poor planning often leads to wasted resources.
5. Security was tightened in the wake of the terrorist attack.
6. Most of his problems stem from a lack of confidence.
7. His success can be put down to hard work and determination.
8. He failed to meet the deadline, and in consequence, lost the contract.
9. Thanks to modern medicine, life expectancy has increased.
10. The plan failed for want of proper funding.