

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Balloon adventure

Brian Jones and Bertrand Piccard were the first team to go (0) A the world in a balloon. Nobody (1) _____ them to finish their astonishing 19-day expedition, especially as they had to (2) _____ with poisonous fumes and temperatures of -50°C .

Brian had run a business, but he got tired of it and (3) _____ to buy a balloon. Before long he was one of the country's (4) _____ balloon instructors and pilots. Why did he risk everything for one trip? He says he was not a very confident child: 'When I was seven a friend (5) _____ me go down a water slide with him. I still (6) _____ being absolutely terrified. I've never learnt to swim properly.' He thinks everyone should face their greatest (7) _____ and that is one reason why he went up in the balloon. Six of the 19 days were spent over the Pacific Ocean. Brian says he won't (8) _____ to do it again because there are so many other things he wants to do.

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| 0 | A round | B through | C across | D above |
| 1 | A expected | B hoped | C intended | D admitted |
| 2 | A do away | B get along | C keep up | D put up |
| 3 | A thought | B considered | C afforded | D decided |
| 4 | A unique | B preferable | C leading | D suitable |
| 5 | A demanded | B made | C encouraged | D persuaded |
| 6 | A forget | B remind | C remember | D regret |
| 7 | A fears | B suspicions | C disturbances | D frights |
| 8 | A delay | B imagine | C attempt | D suggest |

Grammar focus task

These are some verbs from the exam task. Without looking back, put them into the table below. Three of the verbs can go in two columns.

afford admit attempt consider decide delay demand encourage
expect hope imagine learn persuade remind suggest want

Verb + to infinitive	Verb + -ing	Verb + object + to infinitive
afford	admit, encourage	encourage