

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question circle A, B, C or D.

IN JUST 30 DAYS, YOU TOO CAN WRITE A MASTERPIECE



Or maybe not. National Novel Writing Month is set to start very soon. Hundreds of thousands of (1) _____ novelists around the world will put pen to paper – or fingers to (2) _____ – hoping to turn out a 50,000-word book in only 30 days. The first such competition (3) _____ 11 years ago when 21 friends in America decided they had to take drastic action if they were ever to (4) _____ their literacy ambitions. Now up to 200,000 books are (5) _____ to be uploaded on the writing month website this year. And (6) _____ there are plenty of tales of great novelists spending years crafting their masterpieces, many of the literary world's most popular works were actually (7) _____ out in a few weeks.

Lindsay Grant, who helps (8) _____ the writing month website, said that 55 novels written under the scheme have reached publication. "The idea is to get the (9) _____ drafts of the novels down," Ms Grant said. "But many people then (10) _____ on to rewrite." Some time ago, author Sebastian Faulks wrote a James Bond thriller, *Devil May Care*, in only six weeks – using the same work pattern as Bond's creator, Ian Fleming. "I enjoyed the rush," he said. "There was a way in which my own (11) _____ to the finish line mirrored the chase of the plot. Novels that have been written quickly can retain a slightly torn-off, uneven (12) _____, like life."

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| 1. A) hoping | B) wishing | C) intending | D) aspiring |
| 2. A) software | B) program | C) keyboard | D) monitor |
| 3. A) kept | B) held | C) spent | D) passed |
| 4. A) gain | B) achieve | C) fill | D) complete |
| 5. A) expected | B) supposed | C) considered | D) thought |
| 6. A) provided | B) however | C) although | D) because |
| 7. A) knocked | B) kicked | C) splashed | D) pulled |
| 8. A) handle | B) control | C) run | D) work |
| 9. A) crude | B) plain | C) odd | D) rough |
| 10. A) go | B) bring | C) lead | D) catch |
| 11. A) search | B) pursuit | C) race | D) hunt |
| 12. A) factor | B) quality | C) feature | D) value |

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