

- 4 Write the correct form of the word in brackets to complete the text. Sometimes you will need more than one word.**

Bill is a keen **1)** (swim), and he wants **2)** (try) to swim the channel between England and France next week. He said he **3)** (attempt) the swim last year if he **4)** (catch) a cold the week before. He has been training for months, and he is getting very fit. His best friend Carl is a **5)** (fast) swimmer than him, but he hasn't got as much stamina. He doesn't think he **6)** (be able to) swim that far. Also, he's just too thin! You must have a lot of muscle but you **7)** (need) to be slim. In fact, some fat is essential because it keeps you warm. So, while Bill is swimming, Carl **8)** (travel) beside him in a boat. The swimmer is allowed to have a helper, but they **9)** (must) touch the swimmer or give him anything, apart from food and drink. If Bill makes it to France he **10)** (swim) 21 miles in freezing water. It is much **11)** (difficult) than swimming in a pool because the water is very cold and there can be big waves, and boats and ships get in the way. Good luck, Bill!

- 5 Write the correct words in the gaps to complete the interview.**

'What is desertification?'

'Well, desertification happens when sand from the desert is blown by the **1)** over farm land and kills the plants growing on it. One of the worst areas for this is south of the Sahara in Africa, where the desert moved 100kms **2)** 1950 and 1975.'

'What causes desertification?'

'The **3)** common cause is that animals eat the plants that grow on the edge of the desert, and then the sand becomes loose. Also, people cut **4)** trees and bushes for fuel. There have also been a lot of **5)** in recent years, with almost no rainfall in some areas.'

'What can we do to prevent this?'

'Well, governments around the world are doing

6) lot to prevent this problem. **7)** example, in Saudi Arabia they are planting hedges beside some roads to stop them being covered in sand. But we **8)** reduce the number of animals that are free to graze on desert plants. We should also make **9)** that local people have enough fuel so they don't **10)** to use the trees.'

- 6 Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D to complete the sentences.**

- 1** Has Mrs Simpson gone? What time did she out of the hotel?
A sign B check C book D leave
- 2** Sue asked Tina 'What while I am on holiday next week?'
A do you do B are you doing
C will you be doing D have you done
- 3** You sat next to Penelope Cruz in a restaurant! It amazing!
A should have been B can be
C must have been D has to be
- 4** After a week by the sea, Graham is going to the mountains.
A aim for B head to
C aim to D head for
- 5** We have revised really thoroughly, and we all our exams.
A hope to pass B are hoping to passing
C hope passing D hope for passing
- 6** The teacher told John the answer on the board.
A writing B write
C written D to write
- 7** Maria said she to netball practice today.
A isn't coming B wasn't coming
C didn't come D doesn't come
- 8** Although Patricia is quite, she loves singing in public!
A immature B self-confident
C shy D lively
- 9** Do you want to with me next weekend?
A go skating B do skating
C skate D be skating
- 10** It's not fair! Hugh has got a huge piece of cake I haven't got him!
A so much as B as many than
C so many as D as much as
- 11** I think motor racing is sport.
A most dangerous B the more dangerous
C the most dangerous D the dangerousest
- 12** Stan hasn't got much stamina. He's already!
A without breath B out of breath
C lost his breath D not breathe
- 13** My Dad asked me to have a lift to school.
A if I wanted B did I want
C do you want D if I want
- 14** I think umbrella in the hall belongs to Aunt Catherine.
A a B an C the D one