Task 2.2

You are going to read a magazine article about the President of the USA. Some words are missing from the text. Choose the most appropriate word from the list (A–N) for each gap (1–12) in the text. There is one extra word that you do not need to use. Write your answers in the boxes. There is an example at the beginning (*0*).

Everyone thinks of the President of the United States as the (*0*) _____ powerful man in the western world. But (1) _____ the representatives of the 13 former British colonies met to draw up the constitution of the new country in 1788, a number of them were not sure (2) _____ they needed to have a President at all. There were (3) _____ a few who would have preferred a king, in (4) _____ of their successful war against the British king, George III. The decision was in doubt (5) _____ the last moment. (6) _____ group wanted to elect the (7) _____ for life, while another suggested that there should not be a President, (8) _____ a Committee would govern the country better; the third (9) _____ would have liked a President whose term of office would (10) _____ seven years but who could not stand for re-election, because they were afraid he (11) _____ spend his time looking for votes at the next election. In the (12) _____ they chose George Washington as President for four years and let him stand for reelection because they trusted him.

A because
B one
C colonies
D most
E until
F last
G even
H President
I would
J whether / if
K end
L group
M spite
N when

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
D										