

Task 1

- You are going to read about Mexican bats. Some words are missing from the text.
- Your task is to choose the most appropriate word from the list (A-M) for each gap (1-10) in the text. Write the letter of the appropriate word in the white box.
- You can use each word only once.
- There is one extra word that you do not need to use.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.

AMAZING BATS

The sun is setting on a summer night. (0) _____ the entrance to a deep, dark cave, a (1) _____ bats fly out and high up into the air. After a while, a whole river of bats is pouring out of the cave, and they (2) _____ coming, about 20 million of them. It can take three hours for (3) _____ of them to leave the cave.

Believe it or not, this scene takes place (4) _____ summer night at Bracken Cave in Texas. Every spring, Mexican Free-tailed bats migrate (5) _____ to 1609 kilometers from their winter home in Mexico to this cave, (6) _____ they raise their young. Soon after they arrive, each mother gives birth to one pup. As many as 500 baby bats live crammed into about 30 cm³ of space. Mother bats (7) _____ their sense of smell to tell (8) _____ pup is theirs when it is time for the babies to nurse.

When the adult bats leave the cave at night to (9) _____, they help humans. They eat tons of insects in a single night. (10) _____ 20 million bats fly out of one cave opening, they make a column so thick that they show up on radar at the nearby airport.

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Task 2

- You are going to read about how the purpose of houses has changed in England. Some words are missing from the text.
- Your task is to write the missing words on the dotted lines (11-20) after the text.
- Use only one word in each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.

HOUSES THROUGH HISTORY

The purpose of a house (0) _____ changed over the centuries, especially the rooms inside. What rooms would you include (11) _____ you could design a house? I bet you would have several rooms including different ones (12) _____ cook in, sleep in, play in, wash in etc. You would expect your house to have running water, electricity and gas. You would want it to be warm in winter, cool in summer and keep you dry when (13) _____ rains. You would also want it to be reasonably secure - large windows to let the sunlight in (14) _____ keep the burglars out.

Your needs today (15) _____ very different to those of people who lived in houses long (16) _____. Take for example the Celtic family. They all lived in one room. In fact their house only consisted (17) _____ one room and they sometimes brought in their animals too to keep (18) _____ safe from predators.

I wonder (19) _____ a Victorian gentleman would think of your list of rooms. Did you include rooms for your servants? A Victorian worker would (20) _____ amazed at the number of toilets or bathrooms in your house. He would have had to share an outside toilet with everyone else in his street!

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Task 3

- You are going to read an article about a newly discovered language. Some words are missing from the text.
- Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps (21-28).
- Then write the appropriate form of these words on the dotted lines after the text.
- There might be cases when you do not have to change the word in brackets.
- Use only one word for each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.



THE KORO LANGUAGE

(0) _____ (*research*) have identified a language new to science in north-eastern India. Known as Koro, it appears to be distinct from other languages in the family to which it belongs; but it is also under threat.

A team of (21) _____ (*science*) were searching for two other little-known languages (22) _____ (*speak*) only in one small area. As they heard and recorded these, they found a third which was (23) _____ (*complete*) new to them and had never before been listed. "We didn't have to get far on our word list to realise it was extremely (24) _____ (*differ*) in every possible way," said Dr David Harrison, one of the expedition (25) _____ (*lead*).

Koro belongs to the Tibeto-Burman family, which includes around 150 languages. But linguists were (26) _____ (*able*) to find any others closely related to Koro within this group. It is thought that around half of the world's 6,909 known languages are endangered and Koro itself is at (27) _____ (*risk*). It has never been written down and there are only about 1,000 speakers of it.

The question is where it came from and how it remained (28) _____ (*hide*) until now. The team will be returning to India next month to continue their research on Koro.

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