Reading

9 Read the text. Match paragraphs A–E of the text with questions 1–7. There are two extra questions.

The most dangerous journey

A How do you feel about car journeys? Do you get a bit bored, ask the driver how long it's going to take, and then fall asleep? Or do you get extremely anxious? This is exactly how I felt last month, when I took a trip down the most dangerous road in the world.

B The North Yungas road in Bolivia goes from La Paz, which is a very large city to the town of Coroico in the mountain region of the Amazon rainforest. The road is about 69 km long, but in that short distance it goes down from about 4,650 m high to 1,200 m. Although it is only about three metres wide and there are no guard rails, cars travel in both directions. The views are amazing, but between two and three hundred travellers are killed every year when they drive off the side of this road. In Spanish it is called *El Camino de los Muertos* – the Road of the Dead.

C When I went to visit my friend Jacqueline in La Paz, I had no idea how dangerous the North Yungas road was. I was very excited about the trip to the Amazon rainforest that she wanted to take me on. When we got on the bus, Jacqueline let me sit by the window to get the best view. I didn't feel suspicious at all.

D It was only when the journey started that I began to feel frightened. The bus drove right to the edge of the road many times, and when I looked over, I could see the forest about 600 m below us. We drove on quickly through thick cloud – how do you know where you're going when you can't see? I held on to Jacqueline's hand. Then we drove under a waterfall that was slowly washing the road away. I was shocked!

E When we met another car coming the other way, we drove so close to the edge of the road that a wheel seemed to go off the edge. This happened several times and I started thinking that we might not reach our final destination. When we finally got to Coroico, I felt so relieved. I let go of Jacqueline's hand and saw that it was red. I was a bit embarrassed, but so happy that we were not on that road any more.

In which paragraph does the writer tell us ...

1 how many people die on the road? ___

2 about feelings people have when they travel? ___

3 about an injury that she had? ___

4 about dangerous weather? ___

5 that someone wanted her to see the sights? ___

6 how expensive the trip was? ___

7 that she thought she might die? ___

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences and questions. Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1 Sandy _____ (play) basketball with her friends last Saturday.

2 We _____ (watch) a film on TV when we heard a noise.

3 If Martin _____ (not know) about the party, will you tell him about it?

4 Ruth _____ (study) hard next weekend because she wants to do well in the exam.

5 Your room is a mess, but we _____ (help) you to tidy it.

6 I _____ (be) really anxious when I was waiting for my exam results.

7 Davina and Harry _____ (marry) at the end of this month – here's the invitation.

8 Mum made breakfast for everyone while we _____ (sleep).

9 Kelly _____ (not forget) your birthday – she always remembers things like that.

10 You look really tired! I _____ (carry) that bag for you.

2 Read the text and find eight mistakes (an unnecessary word, a word missing or an incorrect word). Circle the mistakes and write the corrections. There are no mistakes in two of the lines.

Ann was walking along the river and was talking on her phone,	1 _____
when suddenly she noticing there was a man in the river.	2 _____
He was swimming to the side, but he was having problems.	3 _____
Quickly, Ann did jumped into the water and swam up to the man.	4 _____
But while she reached him, his head went under the water.	5 _____
Ann swam under the water, but she can't find the man.	6 _____
A few moments later, saw the man at the side of the river.	7 _____
He was with some friends and they all laughing at her.	8 _____
At that moment, she realised that it was a silly joke. But	9 _____
shortly afterwards, two police officers arrive to talk to the men.	10 _____

2 Choose the correct answers to complete the dialogue.

Sam I don't think we [1]___ eat in this restaurant – it looks dirty!

John I agree, and there aren't [2]___ people inside.

Sam It isn't [3]___ place in town, either.

John No. I think there are [4]___ restaurants than this near the river.

Sam But that's quite far away, and we haven't got [5]___ time.

John It's OK. Mum says we [6]___ be home early because it's the weekend.

Sam OK, but why don't we walk [7]___ the city centre first and see if there's anywhere nice to eat there?

John Good idea! It's not as [8]___ as the river.

Sam Come on then! If we don't hurry, [9]___ . I'm starving!

John Me too – I'm [10]___ hungry to think!

1	**a** would	**b** should	**c** must
2	**a** many	**b** much	**c** some
3	**a** the cheap	**b** the cheaper	**c** the cheapest
4	**a** good	**b** better	**c** best
5	**a** a few	**b** a little	**c** a lot of
6	**a** needn't	**b** have to	**c** mustn't
7	**a** inside	**b** down	**c** through
8	**a** far	**b** further	**c** furthest
9	**a** I died	**b** I die	**c** I'll die
10	**a** enough	**b** too	**c** more

3 Match the answers (a–f) with the questions (1–6). Then complete the questions using the past simple form of the verbs below. There is one extra verb.

be call do go leave play pay

1 'What _____ last weekend?' ☐	a 'Last Monday.'
2 'Where _____ football on Saturday?' ☐	b 'It was £572!'
3 'Who _____ shopping with last week?' ☐	c 'I went swimming.'
4 'What _____ the weather like yesterday?' ☐	d 'Sarah and Judy.'
5 'How much _____ for that computer?' ☐	e 'At the park.'
6 'When _____ your grandmother?' ☐	f 'It rained again!'

4 Look at situations 1–10. How did the person feel in each situation? Match the adjectives below with the situations.

anxious	confused	cross	delighted	embarrassed	envious	frightened	proud	relieved	suspicious

1 My grandfather went out for a quick bike ride over three hours ago and he isn't back yet. _____

2 I really need a computer, and my brother just got one for his birthday. _____

3 My friend gave me directions to her house, but the road names I see are different from the ones she gave me. I don't understand! _____

4 My parents told me that I'm not having a birthday party, but I found lots of balloons in one of the cupboards. _____

5 After speaking to the head teacher, I looked in a mirror and noticed that I had chocolate around my mouth. _____

6 I won a competition to spend the day with my favourite band! _____

7 My mum watched me win a singing contest on TV. _____

8 It was dark and I was alone in the house when I heard a strange, loud noise downstairs. _____

9 My friend told me she dropped my favourite book in the bath last night. _____

10 After three and a half hours, my grandfather returned from his bike ride. _____

boots	life jacket	jet-skiing	kayaking	paddles	poles	rucksack	safety harness

1 If you go hiking in the countryside, take a _____ so that you can carry your things in it.

2 Don't worry about falling off the climbing wall – you'll be wearing a _____ .

3 I don't really like _____ because it's dangerous and too noisy!

4 When you go for a long walk, the most important thing is to wear comfortable _____ .

5 If you go out to sea on a boat, it's a good idea to wear a _____ .

6 When I'm walking on rocky ground, my _____ stop me from falling over.

5 Replace the simple adjectives in brackets with extreme adjectives. The first letter of each extreme adjective has been given.

1 That helmet doesn't fit me – it's t_____ (very small).

2 Doing a bungee jump was t_____ (very frightening).

3 Breaking my leg while crossing that river was a_____ (very bad).

4 After swimming across the lake, I was e_____ (very tired).

5 The hill we had to climb looked h_____ (very big).

6 The countryside we were walking through was s_____ (very beautiful).