Spotlight 8, module 3

Great Minds

Task 1. Read the text and choose the right options (1-10).

Though today we are (**1**) _____ to having a personal computer, such was not the (**2**) _____ in the early 1970's when Bill Gates and Paul Allen (**3**) _____ Microsoft. By the time Bill Gates was 13 he (**4**) _____ his first programme. However, access to the Teletype machine that resembled a giant typewriter was not (**5**) _____ and when his parents decided that Bill should pay for it himself, the eighth grader went and found himself a (**6**) _____, at a new company called Computer Center Corporation.

Here (**7**) _____ return for finding bugs and or mistakes in their programmes, Bill was given free computer time. Not surprisingly, the young boy spent (**8**) _____ weekends (**9**) _____ 'work'. While the company went out of business within a year, Bill was just getting started. He and (**10**) _____ young programmer by the name of Paul Allen earned $200, 000 with the first programme they wrote – one that measured Seattle's traffic flow.

1	a) thankful	b) used	c) eager	d) advised
2	a) way	b) story	c) case	d) thing
3	a) found	b) discovered	c) founded	d) opened
4	a) wrote	b) has written	c) was written	d) had written
5	a) free	b) expensive	c) paid	d) good
6	a) work	b) payment	c) occupation	d) job
7	a) for	b) in	c) by	d) on
8	a) much	b) plenty of	c) a few	d) many
9	a) in	b) for	c) at	d) by
10	a) other	b) the other	c) another	d) one more

Task 2. Complete the sentences using the correct idiom.

step by step * again and again * on and on * all in all * round and round

1. Mary's father went _____ about his daughter's achievements.
2. I've told you _____ that you have to study harder if you want to get your degree.
3. Rather than do all the work in one day, you should do it _____.
4. The idea has been going _____ in her head all day.
5. _____ I enjoyed the film a lot.