

1. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense form:

I suppose that, in many ways, I 1. _____ (be) lucky since the day I was born. I was born two months premature and I was very ill, but somehow I 2. _____ (survive). Then, when I was three, I 3. _____ (fall) into a pond on a farm I 4. _____ (stay) at. My mum 5. _____ (go) into hospital for an operation and some friends 6. _____ (look after) me at the time. Luckily, a man 7. _____ (work) near the pond and he 8. _____ (pull) me out! Now I'm in my last year at school and all my friends 9. _____ (think) I'm very lucky. For example, I 10. _____ (win) money on the lottery four or five times and I usually 11. _____ (beat) everybody at cards.

I can't say I'm very hard-working, but I 12. _____ (do) well at exams – the right questions always come up. I'm also lucky in love and I 13. _____ (go out) with an amazing girl for the last six months. I hope my luck 14. _____ (continue) in the future. I 15. _____ (take) my university entrance exams in the summer and as soon as I 16. _____ (finish) them, I 17. _____ (travel) for a couple of months. Then, hopefully, I 18. _____ (study) architecture at university.

2. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one. Use the word given and up to five more words.

A. I doubt if winning the marathon was easy for her.

must

Winning the marathon _____ for her.

B. We should give them a ring in case they think we've had an accident.

will

We should give them a ring _____ had an accident.

C. It was very kind of you to come and collect me but it wasn't necessary.

need

It was very kind of you, but you _____ and collected me.

D. I cut my hand but luckily stitches weren't necessary.

need

I cut my hand but I _____.

E. She's probably feeling a bit depressed after getting her exam results.

can't

She _____ after getting her exam results.

F. He isn't a millionaire. He spends lots of money, though.

if

He spends money _____ millionaire.

G. I can smell dinner. I think we're having curry.

though

It smells _____ curry for dinner.

3. Think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word.

These days, most town centres look similar to each other. This is largely because they have the same shops, belonging 1. _____ the same companies. There are, of course, advantages to this situation. 2. _____ instance, if you buy something from a chain store while you are 3. _____ holiday which you later wish to return or have replaced, you can take it back to your local branch. However, many people have little to say in favour of the modern high street. In the past, the high street was 4. _____ of small, independent shops, most of 5. _____ specialized 6. _____ one type of service or product. So, there would 7. _____ been a baker's, a cobbler's, a hardware shop and so on. They not 8. _____ offered a more personal service, but also a more friendly 9. _____. Nowadays, shops sell a wide 10. _____ of goods, but they don't often have those little extras, 11. _____ a handle for the food mixer you 12. _____ had since you were first married and do not want to 13. _____ away. 14. _____ contrast, a shop in the old high street would have had that handle and it would have checked the food mixer to make sure it 15. _____ last another twenty years.

4. Use the words in brackets to form a word that fits in the space

The job interview

It is important to make a good 1. _____ (impress) when going for a job interview. Interviewers usually ask a 2. _____ (various) of questions, many of which concern 3. _____ (qualify). However, they also usually like to ask questions about previous 4. _____ (occupy) as well as 5. _____ (achieve) not connected to the work place. Often, the 6. _____ (success) candidate is not the one with the most impressive 7. _____ (educate) but the one who shows that he or she has made the most 8. _____ (effect) use of their time. Few employers want employees who are 9. _____ (able) to think for themselves. The 10. _____ (possible) of advancement in any job very rarely depends on the 11. _____ (accurate) of work but more on the enthusiasm and dedication of the employee.

5. Fill in correct articles

1. _____ Earth's oceans are all connected to one another. Until the year 2000, there were 2. _____ four recognized oceans: 3. _____ Pacific, Atlantic, Indian and Arctic. In 4. _____ spring of 2000, 5. _____ International Hydrographic Organization delimited 6. _____ new ocean, 7. _____ Southern Ocean; it surrounds 8. _____ Antarctica and extends to 60 degrees latitude.

There are also 9. _____ many seas – smaller branches of 10. _____ ocean. 11. _____ seas are often partly enclosed by 12. _____ land. 13. _____ largest seas are 14. _____ South China Sea, 15. _____ Carribean Sea and 16. _____ Mediterranean Sea.