

Use of English, Units 1–6

PART 1

Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

How many days should you study per week?



Most teenagers study for five days a week. However, some students in the USA only study ⁰..... for four days, because the school district can't ¹..... to open schools on Fridays. So it ²..... sense for a school to close for just one day a week, because this can save millions of dollars a year. It means that schools don't have to ³..... down on the number of extra-curricular programs like art clubs, and can hire more teachers.

To make sure that students don't fall ⁴..... the national curriculum, they study for an extra hour each day they are in school. Some people think that this is difficult for younger children because they can't ⁵..... on a task for long periods of time, but studies show that students in these schools perform better. Getting ⁶..... from the classroom helps teachers feel more relaxed too. The new schedule has been ⁷..... with schools in rural areas, and now some city schools are ⁸..... trying it as well.

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| 0 A for | B since | C of | D while |
| 1 A spend | B waste | C cost | D afford |
| 2 A has | B does | C makes | D takes |
| 3 A cut | B reduce | C decrease | D stop |
| 4 A in | B down | C behind | D over |
| 5 A analyse | B concentrate | C keep | D learn |
| 6 A out | B away | C off | D across |
| 7 A keen | B enthusiastic | C popular | D confident |
| 8 A considering | B hoping | C establishing | D thinking |

PART 2

For questions 9–16, complete the text with one word in each gap.

Extraordinary Women

In 2011, Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo quit their jobs, moved ⁹..... to California and opened a tech business. They knew that they were good ¹⁰..... developing apps, but even so they were a little worried ¹¹..... not having paid jobs.

To help them cope ¹²..... these moments of doubt, they reminded themselves of the struggles of successful women throughout history. Then, more ¹³..... five years later and after working on over twelve successful projects, they decided to use the stories that had encouraged them to inspire others. They wrote a children's book, *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls*, which told the stories of one hundred women ¹⁴..... had achieved incredible things, illustrated by 60 women artists from around the world.

Today, *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls* is one of the ¹⁵..... successful books for children and adults. It is ¹⁶..... popular that Elena and Francesca ¹⁷..... now written a sequel, *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls 2*, featuring even more incredible stories!

