

### Conversation 1

**A:** Crime is just out of (1)\_\_\_\_\_. You can't pick up a newspaper without there being four or five crime stories on the (2)\_\_\_\_\_ page.

**B:** In my opinion, all this crime is a symptom of the whole breakdown in (3)\_\_\_\_\_. What is the world coming to?

**A:** Well, there's not a whole lot anyone can do about (4)\_\_\_\_\_, is there?

**B:** Actually, there is something we can do about crime.

**A:** You think so?

**B:** Absolutely. We should provide more (5)\_\_\_\_\_ for local police, and we should be careful not to tempt criminals.

Don't (6)\_\_\_\_\_ wear a lot of jewelry on the street. Better safe than (7)\_\_\_\_\_.

**A:** That's true. You're so practical.

**B:** Thank you.

## Conversation 2 [A = German]

**A:** Have you been reading about that Marburg (8)\_\_\_\_\_?

**B:** You bet I have. I'm checking the news sites like a hundred times a day to see what's happening. I think I'm getting a little obsessed. I just can't stop (9)\_\_\_\_\_ about it.

**A:** Well, I don't think that's crazy. It *is* pretty horrendous. Thousands of people are already (10)\_\_\_\_\_ and they say it's even more contagious than the flu or Ebola. However, there *is* some good news: I've heard they're working on a (11)\_\_\_\_\_ and that there might be one next year.

**B:** Well that's good. But you couldn't get me to get on a plane right now. You're just a sitting (12)\_\_\_\_\_ if someone with Marburg gets on. The ventilation systems of planes (13)\_\_\_\_\_ the air, and then everyone breathes it in. Very scary.

### Conversation 3

**A:** I don't know about you, but I'm getting a little freaked out about (14)\_\_\_\_\_. I mean, I'm really scared. Every single day some new group pops up. You never know where they're going to strike.

**B:** True. These attacks are happening everywhere now.

**A:** Yeah. What is going (15)\_\_\_\_\_ with this world? It's crazy.

**B:** Right. But what are you going to do about it? It's just part of life these days.

**A:** That's one way to look at it, but I feel it's gotten so bad that I don't like to be in crowded places. I keep thinking something bad is going to happen, like a (16)\_\_\_\_\_.

**B:** Well, that's no way to live. I think you just got to keep living and hope for the (17)\_\_\_\_\_. It is what it is.

**A:** You're probably right. I guess I'm going a little overboard.