9 Complete the conversation with the prepositions in the box. 1

out	~~on~~	away (x2)	up (x2)	back	off

A Marta, tell us what it was like growing up in a little village in Mexico.

B Well, my parents were poor farmers. They didn't have much money, and in winter we often had no warm clothes to put (1) ***on*** _____ and very little food to eat. We never threw anything (2) _____! I had to give (3) _____ my dream of going to college – I spent all day looking after my brothers and sisters. I felt unhappy because having no money took (4) _____ all hope for my future.

A Is that when you decided to leave home?

B Yes, I got a job working here in the USA. I am happy here, and my career has really taken (5) _____.

A Do you think you will move (6) _____ home one day?

B I hope so. I try and go home every year – but my new life is so busy I sometimes run (7) _____ of time!

A I think you've picked (8) _____ the US lifestyle of work, work, work!

B Yes, that's probably true!

1 point for each correct answer | | 7 |

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