Part 2

For questions **9–16**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

Example: 0 | H | A | V | E | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Making mistakes helps you to succeed

(0) ..... you ever tried a new sport or learnt to play a musical instrument? **(9)** ..... so, you'll know that once you figure **(10)** ..... how to do it and get good at it, you won't lose your skills, even when you haven't practised for a long time. Most experts put this down to 'muscle memory', which means the brain remembers an action and can recall it when needed. Now some researchers believe there's another important factor: errors that occur while learning a task.

(11) ..... surprised the researchers is that getting things wrong not only trains the brain to perform better at a specific task, but also helps it to learn faster. This is true even when mistakes are **(12)** ..... while learning a completely new task. The researchers believe that the brain keeps a record **(13)** ..... errors and draws on them whenever a new skill **(14)** ..... being learnt. This ensures that mistakes aren't repeated, and probably explains why people **(15)** ..... master one sport or instrument can pick **(16)** ..... others with relative ease.

Part 3

LIVEWORKSHEETS