

Use of English

Task 1 • You are going to read an article about an interesting game. Some words are missing from the text. Choose the most appropriate answer from the options (A-D) for each gap (1-10) in the text. There is one example (0) at the beginning.

GEOCACHING

Imagine venturing into the woods in search (0) C hidden treasure.

Trudging down a dark path, armed with nothing (1) _____ a GPS-enabled compass, you have little knowledge of where you're going. (2) _____ you approach your desired longitude and latitude, you hear the sound of water not too far off. You (3) _____ walking towards it. You climb over rocks and push aside foliage. There, in front of you, is a breath-taking waterfall and a beautiful, secluded stream of rushing water. Concealed underneath this fall lies the treasure for which you (4) _____.

Geocaching is a GPS-powered treasure hunt game (5) _____ all over the world. For travellers, this outdoor hobby is an exhilarating way to explore a new place. From discovering an (6) _____ view on the Galway seaside to spotting a goldfish pond in a New York City garden, (7) _____ you find on your way to the hidden treasure that makes geocaching memorable.

Geocaching is a high-tech game of hide-and-seek. First, one geocacher hides a waterproof container outside, writes down its coordinates, and lists her/his cache online. The container, (8) _____ can vary in size, always holds a logbook and often holds gifts (9) _____ handmade trinkets, books, CDs, DVDs or small toys. When other players set out to find the cache, they can (10) _____ bring gifts to replace the ones they take, or take nothing and simply record their find in the logbook.

(<http://www.washingtonpost.com>)

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| 0) A for | B at | C of | D to |
| 1) A else | B more | C as | D but |
| 2) A As | B Hardly | C Then | D No sooner |
| 3) A are to start | B start | C started | D can start |
| 4) A would look | B have been searching | C tried to find | D have been pursuing |
| 5) A been played | B having played | C played | D playing |
| 6) A invaluable | B inevitable | C incredible | D increasing |
| 7) A it's that | B it's what | C that's it | D that's how |
| 8) A one | B that | C which | D what |
| 9) A as | B than | C such | D like |
| 10) A both | B neither | C either | D whether |

Task 2 • You are going to read an article about a nearly fatal adventure. Some words are missing from the text. Your task is to write the missing words on the dotted lines (11-20). Use only one word in each gap. There is an example (0) at the beginning.

AUSTRALIAN DRUNK SURVIVES ATTEMPT TO RIDE CROCODILE

A drunk man who climbed into a crocodile enclosure in Australia and attempted (0) _____ ride a 5m long crocodile survived the encounter. Michael Newman, (11) _____ name is all over the papers these days, climbed over a fence and tried to sit on the 800kg saltwater crocodile. The crocodile, called Fatso, bit the 36-year-old man's leg, tearing chunks of flesh from him as he straddled the reptile. Newman received surgery for serious injuries to his leg. He had earlier (12) _____ kicked out of a pub in the town of Broome (13) _____ being too drunk.

"If it had been warmer and Fatso had been more alert, we would (14) _____ been dealing with a fatality. Fatso bit Newman on the right leg, but he managed to climb over the fence again and leave the wildlife park," Sgt Roger Haynes of Broome police (15) _____ journalists.

Malcolm Douglas, the park's owner, said that the crocodile was capable (16) _____ crushing a man to death with a single bite. "The man who climbed the fence was fortunate because Fatso was a bit more sluggish than normal, (17) _____ to the cooler nights we have been experiencing in Broome. (18) _____ person in their right mind would try to sit on a 5m crocodile; saltwater crocodiles, once they get hold of you, are not famous for (19) _____ you go," said Mr Douglas. An average of two people are killed each year in Australia by aggressive saltwater crocodiles, which sometimes (20) _____ more than a tonne and can grow up to 7m long.

(<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news>)

Task 3 • You are going to read an article about Nonsuch Palace. Some words are missing from the text. Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps (21-30). There might be cases when you do not have to change the word in brackets. Use only one word for each gap. There is an example (0) at the beginning.

HENRY VIII'S LOST PALACE

It only stood for 150 years, but even in that (0) _____ relatively _____ (relative) short period of time Nonsuch Palace was considered to be one of the finest (21) _____ (architecture) wonders of the world. It got the name because there was no other palace (22) _____ (like) it; Nonsuch was the spectacular 'lost' palace built by King Henry VIII. Just four pictures were ever painted of the site, but now the (23) _____ (magnificent) of Nonsuch Palace - between Ewell and Cheam in Surrey - has been brought to life in a(n) (24) _____ (credible) scale model. Work started on Nonsuch Palace in 1538, six months after Jane Seymour gave (25) _____ (born) to Henry VIII's son, later to be Edward VI. From the start it was Henry's evident (26) _____ (intend) to celebrate his long awaited male heir by building a house without equal. The palace had cost over £24,000 by the time Henry died in 1547 – and was still (27) _____ (complete). In 1670, Charles II gave it to his mistress the Duchess Of Cleveland, then allowed her to demolish it and sell off the parts to pay her (28) _____ (gamble) debts in 1682. A model (29) _____ (make) has recreated the majesty of the mansion thanks to an Oxford University professor's (30) _____ (ordinary) 50 years of research. Ben Taggart spent 1,250 hours building the exact 3D replica and worked from Professor Martin Biddle's extensive research and plans. (<http://www.dailymail.co.uk>)

Task 4 • You are going to read an article about what makes people happy. In most lines there is one word that should not be there. It is either grammatically incorrect or does not fit in with the sense of the text. Read the text and then copy the extra word in the space provided after each line.

• Some lines are correct. Indicate these lines with a C .

• The task begins with two examples (0).

SIMPLE THINGS THAT MAKE US HAPPY

0) To those of us who will never be blessed with beauty, either own a	0) either
0) mansion, or find fame, it is indeed cheering news. For it is the most	0) C
31) modest of daily pleasures that make us happiest, a poll claims.	31)
32) Finding that a £10 note in an old pair of jeans and being told	32)
33) you've had lost weight emerged as life's greatest good mood	33)
34) triggers in a study of 3,000 adults. The smell of freshly cut grass or	34)
35) seeing an elderly couple hold out hands also help to brighten our	35)
36) day. The poll, which will set out to find the top 50 things that	36)
37) make people happy, revealed that the happiness is accessible to us	37)
38) all – through the most simplest day-to-day occurrences. Sunshine	38)
39) was found to be largely responsible for cheering us up, little while	39)
40) having a quiet moment by yourself, hearing a baby to laugh or	40)
41) getting a nice message also change our mood for the better one.	41)
42) A spokesman for the company that conducted the research said:	42)
43) 'Despite of not feeling entirely happy for three out of seven days	43)
we still find happy moments easily.' (www.dailymail.co.uk)	