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Task 1

In this part from the afterword to the book *How to Make a Spaceship*, some parts of sentences have been left out. Your task is to reconstruct the text by filling in the gaps (1-8) from the list (A-K) below. Remember that there is one extra phrase that you will not need. Write the letters in the white boxes next to the numbers as in the example (0).

HAWKING ON SPACE TRAVEL

In this extract from *How To Make A Spaceship*, Stephen Hawking explains why he said yes when offered a seat on Virgin's SpaceShipTwo and (0) C . 'I have no fear of adventure. Years ago I barrelled down the steepest hills of San Francisco in my wheelchair. I travel widely and have been to Antarctica and Easter Island and (1) . In 2007, after my sixty-fifth birthday, I did something special: I experienced zero gravity. It temporarily took away my disability and (2) . After forty years in a wheelchair, I had four wonderful minutes of weightlessness. I travelled in a modified Boeing 727 jet over the ocean off Florida which (3) . It has always been my dream to travel into space, and the experience was amazing. Now I have a chance to travel to the start of space aboard a Virgin Galactic SpaceShip. Richard Branson is opening spaceflight up for ordinary citizens, and (4) . I immediately said yes to Richard when he offered me a seat on SpaceShipTwo. I have lived with ALS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, for fifty years. When I was diagnosed at age twentyone, I was given two years to live. I was starting my PhD at Cambridge and (5) whether the universe had always existed and would always exist or had begun with a big explosion. As my body grew weaker, my mind grew stronger. I lost the use of my hands and (6) , but I developed ways of travelling through the universe in my mind and visualising how it all worked. I believe that we need a new generation of astronauts to explore our solar system. These first private astronauts will be pioneers, and (7) . It is my belief, and it is the message of Julian Guthrie's book, for which I have written the afterword, that there is no limit to human effort. Raise your sights. Be brave and kind. Remember to look up at the stars and (8) . Space, here I come!'

- A) facing the scientific challenge of determining
- B) gave me a feeling of true freedom
- C) ~~why we need a new generation of explorers~~
- D) not at your feet
- E) if I am lucky, I hope to be among the early passengers
- F) down in a submarine
- G) could no longer write equations
- H) trying to catch them
- I) they will help to change the world for good
- K) did manoeuvres that took me into this state of weightlessness

Task 2

Read this article about the benefits of taking a nap. In the sentences (17-22) that follow the text there are some gaps. Your task is to fill each gap with one word so that the sentences correspond to what the text says. Write the words on the dotted lines. An example (0) has been given for you.

THE SECRET OF POWER NAPPING

The power of the nap cannot be ignored. A recent study at Düsseldorf University has shown that even very short naps improve your memory. Looking at their effects on pilots on long flights, the researchers reported: "Naps can greatly improve both your energy level and general mood." Naps are of critical importance to pilots, but they can have the same benefits for anyone. Taking a nap for about half an hour is the most practical. If you want to try it yourself, have a coffee beforehand, so that it takes effect towards the end of your nap. Don't sip your coffee too slowly, as you might find it's already taking effect as you begin your nap. The truth is that we can nap anywhere. The best way is to find a spot where you can make yourself comfortable at some point during the afternoon period – an unused office, the sofa in the staff room or even in the park. Then close your eyes and just let go. Some people say that they simply "can't nap" and they won't be able to fall asleep. But here is the thing: it doesn't matter. What's important is that you use this period to close your eyes and disconnect from the world for a short while. After a nap, take five minutes to become aware of your surroundings and have a cup of tea or a glass of water. One more thing - light will reduce any tiredness quickly, so you will be full of energy and enjoy all the benefits of your nap.

0) According to the article you cannot overlook the importance of taking a(n) **NAP** during the day.

9) Just a brief nap will help you _____ things better.

10) It's a good idea to have a(n) _____ minute nap in the afternoon.

11) If you drink your coffee very _____, you won't be able to have a nap.

12) During a nap, it's not that important to actually _____.

13) After a nap it's a good idea to give yourself a little time to wake up and to _____ something.

14) After a short nap _____ will help you feel energetic again.

Task 3

Read the following story about a clever invention and then read the half sentences that follow the text. Your task is to match the half sentences based on the information in the text. Write the letters (A-K) in the white boxes next to the numbers (23-28) as in the example (0). Remember that there are three extra letters that you will not need.

BIKE LOCK DEVELOPED THAT MAKES THIEVES IMMEDIATELY VOMIT

A thief approaches a bicycle, with an electric saw in his hand. He starts to drill, and is shot in the face with a foul spray that makes him vomit uncontrollably. This is the dream of the inventor of SkunkLock. "Basically I was fed up with thefts," says inventor Daniel Idzkowski. "The real last straw was when a friend parked his very expensive electric bike outside a café, and then went to have lunch and chat. When he left, his bike was gone." He was outraged. "I realized that the biggest problem is that most people don't know that the lock that they bought for \$20 is absolutely worthless. It costs at least \$100 to get at least somewhere close to where you can at least limit the chances of a thief wanting to steal your bike. With the right tools a thief could cut through most locks in less than a minute. Thieves talk in seconds: a 15-second bike, a 20-second bike, and it goes up to 60-second bikes." Idzkowski created a U-shaped lock of carbon and steel with a hollow chamber to hold a pressurized gas. When someone cuts about 30% of the way into the lock the gas erupts in the direction of the cut. "It's pretty much immediately vomit inducing," Idzkowski said. The inventors have tested it on themselves and volunteers at distances of 50cm and 2 metres. "At 50cm it was pretty bad. It was absolutely vomit inducing in 99% of people. At 2 metres it's still definitely detectable and very unpleasant."

0) The thief with an electric saw ...

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| 15) It will make the thief vomit if | A) their lock cannot protect their bike. |
| 16) The inventor finally decided to create <i>SkunkLock</i> when | B) they will almost certainly start vomiting. |
| 17) Most people have no idea that | C) will get a very smelly surprise. |
| 18) There is no bike lock that | D) can resist a thief for more than a minute. |
| 19) If you cut less than half way through <i>SkunkLock</i> ,..... | E) they cannot touch the bike. |
| 20) When the gas hits someone from half a metre away, | F) a friend's electric bike was stolen. |
| | G) it will release its smelly gas. |
| | H) his friends ask him for help. |
| | I) they try to cut off <i>SkunkLock</i> . |

Fontos tudnivalók

Ügyeljen a megadott szószámra! Amennyiben a létrehozott szöveg jelentősen eltér (rövidebb, hosszabb) a megadott szóintervallumtól, az pontlevonással jár.

Task 1

You study at the University of Cambridge and you have found the following advertisement on the internet:

BLUECROSS ANIMAL CHARITY CENTRE,

Cambridge Looking for a community events volunteer Are you fond of animals? Are you an outgoing person who enjoys interacting with people? Do you enjoy attending local shows and events? Blue Cross is looking for reliable and friendly **volunteers** to help run promotional events in the Cambridgeshire area to promote our Charity Centre.

What you will be doing:

- Attending events in the Cambridge area to promote the Blue Cross Charity Centre
 - Giving out information and stickers
 - Helping set up and take down stalls at event
 - Looking after pets taken to events

Email Sarah Bennett sbennett.cambridge@bluecross.com

Write an email of 80-100 words to Ms Bennett in which you offer to be a volunteer and say

- ✓ why you find the job attractive,
- ✓ what makes you an ideal candidate,
- ✓ which of the tasks you think you would be particularly happy to do and why.

Begin your email like this:

Dear Ms Bennett,