

Task 1

- In the following interview with a firefighter the questions have been removed.
- Your task is to write the letters of the questions (A-L) next to the appropriate numbers (1- 8).
- There are two extra questions that you do not need.
- Write the letters in the white boxes as in the example (0).



AN INTERVIEW WITH A FIREFIGHTER

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I'm a firefighter.

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We do everything from fighting grass fires, house fires, rubbish fires to car fires. Everybody here is an emergency medical technician so we also go to medical calls, any time.

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You need a high school education, a clean police record, and a lot of heart.

3)
I worked for the emergency medical service for 10 years before I came here, and I worked on medical calls and I just decided I wanted to be a firefighter. Then I went, applied, and took the test.

4)
Helping in the community and my fantastic colleagues. I also like the work schedule: we work 24 hours on, 48 off, so that's ten 24 hour shifts a month. It gives me a lot of time to do things with my family, kids and wife.

5)
Being able to keep control over your emotions. When things are very stressful you tend to get excited, you do things too fast. You've got to step back and take a look at everything before you act; and I think that's one of the hardest things for people to learn.

6)
Right now a guy with less than 10 years on the job gets about 3 weeks' vacation per year.

7)
That we just sit up here, watch TV, eat, and only go when there's a fire. In fact, we hardly ever sit down, even if there's no fire.

8)
One day I would like to become captain.

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A) How did you get started?

B) What is the most challenging thing about what you do?

C) What do you do for a living?

D) What are your dreams for the future?

E) What do you do in your free time?

F) What kind of tasks do you usually do?

G) What is a common misbelief people have about firefighters?

H) How much time off do you get?

I) What do you like about what you do?

K) How can you become a firefighter?

L) How do you get to work?

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Task 2

- Read the following story about a popular packaging material.
- Your task is to put the sentences (A-G) in the correct order.
- Write the letters in the boxes as shown in the example (0).
- There is one extra letter that you do not need.



Bubble Wrap's original purpose was nothing like what we use the product for today. In 1957, engineer Al Fielding and Swiss inventor Marc Chavannes were trying to create a special wallpaper.

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However, this use of the product didn't become popular, either.

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12) _____

He presented the idea to IBM and demonstrated the product's protective abilities.

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Since then, *Sealed Air* has grown to sales of around \$4 billion a year, with a net profit of around \$255 million, and around \$400 million worth of *Bubble Wrap* is sold annually.

(source: bbc.com)

A) Bowers got the idea that *Bubble Wrap* could be used as a good packaging material to protect the computer while it was being transported.

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B) Not giving up, they decided to sell their invention to prevent heat from escaping from greenhouses.

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C) ~~To do so, they sealed two shower curtains together in such a way that air bubbles were captured, giving it a new appearance.~~

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D) It wasn't until 1959 – when IBM started selling their new 1401 computer model – that Frederick Bowers, a marketer at their company *Sealed Air*, finally came up with the perfect use for it.

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E) His demonstration was successful, and IBM started buying *Bubble Wrap* to protect their 1401 model and other fragile products they sold and transported.

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F) The popping sound of the little bubbles – when they got punctured – made a lot of people happy.

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G) But the wallpaper idea didn't sell too well.

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Task 3

- Read this article about some plans concerning the date of Easter and then read the statements (14-20) following it.
- Mark a sentence **A** if it is true according to the article.
- Mark it **B** if it is false.
- Mark it **C** if there isn't enough information in the text to decide if the sentence is true or not.
- Write the letters in the white boxes next to the numbers as in the example (0).



ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN WELBY HOPES FOR FIXED EASTER DATE

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby made the announcement after a meeting of leaders of the Anglican church. He is currently working with high-ranking members of other Christian churches to agree on a fixed date for Easter.

In the UK, an act of Parliament passed in 1928 allowed for Easter Sunday to be fixed on the first Sunday after the second Saturday in April. However, this has never been activated and Easter has remained variable, determined by the moon's cycle.

The issue is back on the agenda as Easter is the most important Christian festival. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ following his death by crucifixion on Good Friday. The archbishop said he was in talks with Pope Francis, Coptic leader Pope Tawadros, and the leader of the Orthodox church Patriarch Bartholomew. Mr Welby said he hoped the change would happen "in between five and ten years' time."

"I would love to see it before I retired," he said, although he warned that the first time they tried to make such a change was in the 10th century. An Anglican source told the BBC there had been 15 attempts to agree a common date since then.

Easter is on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox, which usually falls on the 21st of March, when day and night are equally long. This means that Easter can be celebrated on a Sunday between 22nd March and 25th April. However, the Orthodox church follows the Julian calendar, and so it has later Easter celebrations compared with those of Western Christianity.

It is yet to be seen whether this latest attempt to fix the date will be successful.

(bbc.co.uk)

0) *The Archbishop of Canterbury wishes to fix the date of Easter.*

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14) Mr Welby will soon contact other church leaders about his plan.

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15) In Britain there was a short period in the 20th century when Easter was fixed.

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16) Most members of the British parliament are against this plan.

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17) Pope Francis and the leader of the Orthodox church both agree with Mr Welby's proposal.

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18) The Archbishop hopes that in about a decade Easter will already be fixed.

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19) In the past people have already tried to fix the date of Easter more than fifteen times.

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20) If there is an agreement about fixing Easter, the Orthodox church will abandon the Julian calendar.

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Task 4

- Read this article about an interesting way you can make money.
- Some parts of sentences have been left out from the text.
- Your task is to reconstruct the text by filling in the gaps (21-29) from the list (A-M) below.
- Write the letters in the white boxes next to the numbers as in the example (0).
- Remember that there are two extra letters that you do not need.



NEW YORK MAN MAKES CLOSE TO \$1,000 A WEEK WAITING IN LINE

When Robert Samuel found himself unemployed in 2012, (0) _____ that offered cash to wait in line for someone to get a new iPhone. A year later, the New York-born man (21) _____ the city's only professional line waiting team.

His team of line-sitters have (22) _____ including iPhones, sports shoes, special sales, concert tickets — and even Santa Claus photos. "I didn't even know Santa Claus lines could be that long," Samuel said.

After two years, Samuel now has more than a dozen employees, (23) _____, who stand in line in cities across the country. "I was hired by a family in Colorado that (24) _____ to get into a TV quiz show," he said. "Because I was in New York, (25) _____ to stand in line and the family bought him some fancy T-shirts and hats to thank him. He was in line for 43 hours."

Robert and his colleagues have been very successful — (26) _____. They are available non-stop and (27) _____, while each extra half hour is \$10.

As he is booked for every single day in September, many people think that Robert should take his business to the next level by (28) _____ but he says he's not yet ready for that. "I've been asked about getting an app but I love the personal touch that my company has. When people call my number just to tell me (29) _____ that makes me feel good."

(nydailynews.com)

A) most of them part-timers

B) I asked an unemployed man

~~C) he didn't think twice before responding to an ad~~

D) waited in lines for several products

E) charge \$25 for the first hour

F) wanted me to stand in line

G) creating an app or having an office

H) turned it into a business

I) how well I'm doing

K) leaving my regular full-time job

L) they make close to \$1,000 a week

M) some of his new colleagues

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