

Review 7

TASK 1 Read the text below and complete it by writing one word in each gap.

The invention of the microwave oven

We wouldn't have microwave ovens today but _____ an accidental discovery made by Percy Spencer. Spencer was an American engineer _____ was working on radar technology in the 1940s. He was experimenting with microwaves one day, and _____ sooner had he completed the experiment _____ he realised a chocolate bar in his pocket _____ melted. Supposing he knew the outcome beforehand, he _____ not have had the chocolate bar in his pocket. _____ discovered the effect, he tried to repeat the process on popcorn, thinking it would pop. As it turns out, he was spot _____ – the experiment was a success. His third attempt was with an egg, _____ ended up exploding in his face. _____ the thoughtful engineer that he was, he decided to make a metal box – the first real 'oven' – to experiment using a controlled environment. Only _____ did he know the microwaves were heating the food. Spencer decided to get his money's _____ on the invention, and 1945 was the year _____ he took out a patent. The cutting _____ technology was first used publicly in 1947, when a company splashed _____ on a machine that dispensed hot dogs in New York City's Grand Central Terminal.

TASK 2 Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap in the sentence.

The wealthiest of the wealthy

Every year, Forbes magazine puts out its famous list of _____ BILLION people with an inside look at how much money the world's most _____ PROSPER people possess. Names such as computer software giant Bill Gates and Mexican businessman Carlos Slim, an investor and stock _____ TRADE, seem to appear at the top of the list year after year. The list is important because it is a(n) _____ LEAD indicator of global wealth. For example, in 2008, when the world was suffering from a devastating _____ ECONOMY crisis, these wealthiest people did in fact 'suffer'. In 2009's list, there was a net _____ LOSE in the number of people on the list, the first time the list had seen such a _____ GRADE in five years. Since then, the very rich have seen the value of their assets rise again as _____ FINANCE markets have generally improved. So what does the wealthiest person's bank _____ STATE look like? This man, the aforementioned Carlos Slim, has assets worth US\$73 billion. We don't know what he actually has in _____ SAVE, but you can be assured it's probably a lot!

TASK 3 Think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences.

Isn't there a more _____ way to back up your files than burning them onto a CD?
The company decided to upgrade its operational systems to be more cost _____.
_____ immediately, all work injuries must be reported to the production line supervisor.

The stereo isn't working because one of the _____ in the back is broken.
Every month, Michael _____ money to his parents who live abroad.
I was supposed to see Debra at ten, but our _____ got crossed and we didn't meet.

This weekend's fundraiser was easy _____ – we raised over 2,000 euros in one afternoon!
Her family comes from old _____, as her great-grandfather was a wealthy inventor.
I don't earn a lot from giving maths lessons – it's just enough to give me pocket _____.

A company recently created the world's smallest computer _____.
Can you _____ in a little bit of cash for birthday gift for Dawn?
The young inventor was just like his father – a _____ off the old block.

A _____ of experts decided that the product was not worth releasing on to the market.
There's a large _____ covering the access to the building's air vents.
You can adjust or remove programs from the computer by using the control _____.

TASK 4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given.

The genius inventor had ideas that were far more advanced than his peers.
LIGHT
The genius inventor's ideas were _____ his peers.

You should be able to solve the problem as it isn't terribly difficult to understand.
ROCKET
You should be able to solve the problem as _____.

My friend Maria spends cash like she has a lot of it, but she will soon be broke.
THROWS
My friend Maria, _____ like she's rich, will soon be broke.

He is wealthy because he's really good with money.
REASON
The _____ he's really good with money.

The country's first bank was set up in 883,
YEAR
_____ the country's first bank was set up.

Nathan sold the chair to John for what he paid for it.
COST
Nathan sold the chair to John _____.

When Paul encounters a problem at work, he often overreacts.
BUTTON
Paul tends to _____ when he comes across a problem at work.

You would have finished on time if you didn't try to do what had already been done.

HAD

If only you _____ the wheel, you would have finished on time.