

Listen to the following article and write the letter of the right option that completes the text:



Nets help cut malaria in Africa

The United Nations has reported that (1) _____ progress is being made in the fight against malaria in Africa. The UNICEF website says the area that is (2) _____ the most dramatic improvement is (3) _____ -Saharan Africa. This is the region hardest hit by the disease. One of the biggest reasons for these gains against the killer infection is the increased use of special insect nets. This simple solution can reduce child deaths by as much as 20 percent. The report says the number of children using the (4) _____ -treated nets has tripled since 2000. UNICEF's Executive Director Ann Veneman said: "Controlling malaria is vital (5) _____ improving child health and economic development in affected countries. Studies show that malaria [unfairly] (6) _____ the poorest people in these countries, and contributes to their [poorer living conditions]." UNICEF prepared the report together with the Roll Back Malaria Partnership. This organisation is a collaboration of aid agencies (7) _____ in 1998 to help fight malaria. Its vision is that by 2015, malaria "is no longer a major (8) _____ of mortality and no longer a barrier to social and economic development". The report also provides a healthy (9) _____ of the use of drugs in reducing the number of malaria cases. Since 2003, national health programmes have invested heavily (10) _____ buying anti-malarial drugs called ACTs. UNICEF's health chief Pater Salama is optimistic and says the future looks bright. He reports: "With the strong (11) _____ of some of the international donors and the price of ACTs starting to be reduced, I think governments are becoming more confident now that this will be a sustainable strategy for (12) _____ -malaria treatment."

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| 1. | (a) greatness | (b) greatest | (c) great | (d) greatly |
| 2. | (a) marketing | (b) marking | (c) making | (d) masking |
| 3. | (a) sub | (b) hub | (c) dub | (d) pub |
| 4. | (a) fungicide | (b) herbicide | (c) pesticide | (d) insecticide |
| 5. | (a) thus | (b) so | (c) by | (d) to |
| 6. | (a) affects | (b) effects | (c) defects | (d) infectious |
| 7. | (a) blasted off | (b) rocketed | (c) launched | (d) ignited |
| 8. | (a) effect | (b) cause | (c) affect | (d) case |
| 9. | (a) picture | (b) photo | (c) sketch | (d) drawing |
| 10. | (a) to | (b) out | (c) in | (d) for |
| 11. | (a) heading | (b) backing | (c) footing | (d) handing |
| 12. | (a) retro | (b) pro | (c) ante | (d) anti |