

**4 Write the correct form of the word in brackets to complete the text. Sometimes you will need more than one word.**

Bill is a keen **1)** ..... (swim), and he wants **2)** ..... (try) to swim the channel between England and France next week. He said he **3)** ..... (attempt) the swim last year if he **4)** ..... (catch) a cold the week before. He has been training for months, and he is getting very fit. His best friend Carl is a **5)** ..... (fast) swimmer than him, but he hasn't got as much stamina. He doesn't think he **6)** ..... (be able to) swim that far. Also, he's just too thin! You must have a lot of muscle but you **7)** ..... (need) to be slim. In fact, some fat is essential because it keeps you warm. So, while Bill is swimming, Carl **8)** ..... (travel) beside him in a boat. The swimmer is allowed to have a helper, but they **9)** ..... (must) touch the swimmer or give him anything, apart from food and drink. If Bill makes it to France he **10)** ..... (swim) 21 miles in freezing water. It is much **11)** ..... (difficult) than swimming in a pool because the water is very cold and there can be big waves, and boats and ships get in the way. Good luck, Bill!

**5 Write the correct words in the gaps to complete the interview.**

'What is desertification?'

'Well, desertification happens when sand from the desert is blown by the **1)** ..... over farm land and kills the plants growing on it. One of the worst areas for this is south of the Sahara in Africa, where the desert moved 100kms **2)** ..... 1950 and 1975'

'What causes desertification?'

The **3)** ..... common cause is that animals eat the plants that grow on the edge of the desert, and then the sand becomes loose. Also, people cut **4)** ..... trees and bushes for fuel. There have also been a lot of **5)** ..... in recent years, with almost no rainfall in some areas.'

'What can we do to prevent this?'

'Well, governments around the world are doing **6)** ..... lot to prevent this problem. **7)** ..... example, in Saudi Arabia they are planting hedges beside some roads to stop them being covered in sand. But we **8)** ..... reduce the number of animals that are free to graze on desert plants. We should also make **9)** ..... that local people have enough fuel so they don't **10)** ..... to use the trees.'

**6 Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D to complete the sentences.**

- Has Mrs Simpson gone? What time did she ..... out of the hotel?  
A sign    B check    C book    D leave
- Sue asked Tina 'What ..... while I am on holiday next week?'  
A do you do    B are you doing  
C will you be doing    D have you done
- You sat next to Penelope Cruz in a restaurant! It ..... amazing!  
A should have been    B can be  
C must have been    D has to be
- After a week by the sea, Graham is going to ..... the mountains.  
A aim for    B head to  
C aim to    D head for
- We have revised really thoroughly, and we ..... all our exams.  
A hope to pass    B are hoping to passing  
C hope passing    D hope for passing
- The teacher told John ..... the answer on the board.  
A writing    B write  
C written    D to write
- Maria said she ..... to netball practice today.  
A isn't coming    B wasn't coming  
C didn't come    D doesn't come
- Although Patricia is quite ....., she loves singing in public!  
A immature    B self-confident  
C shy    D lively
- Do you want to ..... with me next weekend?  
A go skating    B do skating  
C skate    D be skating
- It's not fair! Hugh has got a huge piece of cake I haven't got ..... him!  
A so much as    B as many than  
C so many as    D as much as
- I think motor racing is ..... sport.  
A most dangerous    B the more dangerous  
C the most dangerous    D the dangerousest
- Stan hasn't got much stamina. He's ..... already!  
A without breath    B out of breath  
C lost his breath    D not breathe
- My Dad asked me ..... to have a lift to school.  
A if I wanted    B did I want  
C do you want    D if I want
- I think ..... umbrella in the hall belongs to Aunt Catherine.  
A a    B an    C the    D one