

TASK 9

Read the text below. For questions (49–58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Dealing With Arguments

When you have had an argument, it is easy to stay angry or upset (49)_____ the other person. If you (50)_____ an argument with a person you see often, it can be a very uncomfortable experience.

(51)_____ to the person about your disagreement may or may not help. If you do address them, make sure it is in a helpful way. Stay calm and communicate openly and honestly.

If the person is violent or abusive, it may be best not to approach (52)_____ them directly. You could talk to them over the phone to see if they are open to

finding a solution to the argument, if you feel safe to do so. It might be helpful to ask someone to be there with you, to give you support when you make the call and afterwards.

Try and tell the person how you feel as a result of their opinion, but avoid (53)_____ to tell them how they feel. It is possible to agree to disagree. You may need someone else to help you resolve the disagreement. You could ask a trusted third person to act as a go-between and help you both get another view on the argument.

49	A	by	B	with	C	in	D	to
50	A	don't resolve	B	will not resolve	C	did not resolve	D	would not resolve
51	A	Having talked	B	Talked	C	By talking	D	Talking
52	A	to	B	by	C	-	D	with
53	A	having tried	B	to try	C	trying	D	being tried

Friday the 13th: Bad Luck

Many of us can't help (54)_____ a bit of trepidation when we realize another Friday the 13th is coming up. A fear of the number 13 is one of (55)_____ superstitions around; it's so widespread that many tall apartment buildings and hotels simply omit (56)_____ their 13th floor. And have you noticed that

some airlines don't have a 13th row? One version of the origin of this superstition is that Judas Iscariot was (57)_____ guest at the Last Supper and Jesus (58)_____ on a Friday. Put that together and you have one unlucky day of the year.

54	A	feel	B	feeling	C	to feeling	D	felt
55	A	the most common	B	commonest	C	most common	D	the more common
56	A	to label	B	label	C	labeling	D	labelled
57	A	13th	B	the 13s	C	13s	D	the 13th
58	A	crusified	B	was crucified	C	had been crucified	D	was being crucified