

Circle a, b, or c.

- 1 A What's this programme?
B I don't know. I've turned it on.
a already b just c yet
- 2 We've never been to Madrid, but to Barcelona last year.
a we went b we've been
c we've gone
- 3 A Shall I make some photocopies?
B No, it's OK – them.
a I already did b I already have done
c I've already done
- 4 She's worked here .
a for two months b two months ago
c since two months
- 5 Where have you been? here since 7.00!
a I'm waiting b I've been waiting
c I've waited
- 6 How long to your family?
a is this farm belonging
b has this farm been belonging
c has this farm belonged
- 7 The fields are wet. recently.
a It's raining a lot b It rains a lot
c It's been raining a lot
- 8 You come shopping if you don't have time.
a mustn't b don't have to
c needn't to
- 9 I didn't have any screws, so I use nails instead.
a had to b must to c must
- 10 You pay me back till next week.
a needn't b don't need
c don't have
- 11 She thinks I sell my car.
a need b ought c should
- 12 When we're on holiday, go swimming every day.
a we'll can b we'll be able to
c we'll be able
- 13 She to come to the party.
a might not can b might not be able
c might not
- 14 The exam was hard, but I pass.
a was able to b could c could to
- 15 He be from Paris – he doesn't speak French.
a could b can c can't

A few months ago, I ¹ to open the petrol tank of my car. When I googled, 'How to open stuck Volvo petrol tank', the first result was a video clip by a man called Robert, in Arkansas, USA. Robert demonstrated exactly how to get into the car and undo the tank from the inside. The video wasn't great, but it worked.

Every task you can think of now has a step-by-step video guide on the internet. Siobhan Freegard, who set up the online video platform Channel Mum, explains why video guides are so popular. 'I was in a café chatting about ² to a young mother. We both took out our phones, and I went to the BBC food website to find one. But she searched on YouTube. For her, a video was easier than reading.'

Read the article again and complete the gaps with the best word or phrase.

- 1 wasn't able / didn't want / didn't use
- 2 receipts / results / recipes
- 3 lonely / alone / only
- 4 himself / themselves / herself
- 5 because / so / although
- 6 kept / seen / filmed
- 7 what / how / when

Some of the online videos are rubbish. However, you can find some very useful ones. I've now successfully fixed a cupboard door, mended some tiles, and unblocked the sink. I am not ³ . A survey by an insurance company found that for DIY advice, 50% of people go to YouTube first. Lisa Carney and her husband recently moved to a new house, and couldn't find reliable professionals, so she went online and found a site called DIY Doctor. Before long, she and her husband were doing the jobs ⁴ . 'When I see a video of someone doing a job,' she says, 'I realize I don't always need to hire a specialist.'

People also turn to the internet because professionals are not available. William Hall moved house just after Christmas and on New Year's Eve he discovered that he had a blocked drain. He knew he wouldn't find anyone to come out that night, ⁵ he watched a DIY Doctor video, which explained exactly what to do. 'It was hard work,' said William, 'but it was so satisfying when I finally unblocked it.'

Some online videos have astonishing viewing figures. Chez Rossi runs a YouTube channel called Ultimate Handyman, most of which is ⁶ in his garage. Some of his videos have been watched more than a million times. Rossi earns a couple of thousand pounds a month from adverts and he even gets recognized in the street. 'I try to make my videos idiot-proof,' he says. So next time you don't know ⁷ to do something around the house, don't call someone. There'll be a video that explains it all.