Teamworking

1. Read the story of a boat race. Put the story in the correct order. A is the first sentence and J is the last.

A A company decided to buy a rowing boat and enter a team for a boat race.

B The management decided to implement the consultant's recommendations.

C The management called in an internal consultant to analyse the situation.

D With this new team, the company entered a new race. Again, they lost the race by a huge distance.

E Based on these preliminary findings, the consultant delivered her advice: to increase the number of rowers on the boat.

F The company put together a team of rowers and the team trained hard for two months.

G The new team was made up of one executive director, one deputy director, one manager, one supervisor, one coordinator, one drummer and four rowers.

H Her report stated that of the ten people on the boat, only two had actually been rowing. The other boats in the race had had at least eight rowers, with one drummer and one oarsman to steer the boat.

I Despite this, the company came last in its first race by more than 200 metres.

J This time, the management made a quick decision. They fired the four rowers and the drummer and sold the boat. They stopped all further investment straightaway. Then, with the money from the sale they gave the managers and supervisors a bonus, and raised the salaries of the directors in recognition for completing the project under budget.