



Use of English Practice

Part 1: Read the article and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

STAYING POSITIVE

I got dropped from the school football team last term and it had a very (1) ____ effect on me. Luckily my brother had been through something similar and he reached (2) ____ to me when I was at my lowest point. He told me to (3) ____ a deep breath, get (4) ____ it, stay positive, carry (5) ____ with football and stop (6) ____ time. He suggested that I (7) ____ myself a realistic goal and try to (8) ____ up my confidence. He (9) ____ offered to train with me every afternoon. I don't like people feeling sorry (10) ____ me and I prefer to be independent, but, even so, I realised I had nothing to (11) ____ by taking up his offer. I (12) ____ attention to everything he suggested in our training sessions. And guess what? This term I'm not only back in the team, but I'm also captain!

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| 1. A low | B negative | C important | D angry |
| 2. A down | B across | C back | D out |
| 3. A take | B make | C have | D breathe |
| 4. A past | B by | C over | D with |
| 5. A up | B away | C on | D forward |
| 6. A wasting | B taking | C throwing | D spending |
| 7. A reach | B ask | C place | D set |
| 8. A build | B open | C grow | D start |
| 9. just | B even | C already | D ever |
| 10. with | B to | C for | D towards |
| 11. A drop | B lose | C miss | D leave |
| 12. A had | B gave | C kept | D paid |

Part 2: Complete the article with **ONE WORD** in each gap.

Perfect dancing by talented friends

Maya Taylor and Lucy Green (13) _____ come first in the Westfield School talent show. We met the two fifteen-year-olds and congratulated (14) _____ on winning. We asked them how they (15) _____ managed to get their performance so perfect.

Lucy: 'We used our mobiles quite a bit to help us rehearse. It started when Maya complained that (16) _____ couldn't remember some of her dance moves. The drama teacher recommended making a video of our rehearsal. So I lent Miss Bales my phone and she made a video for us. She encouraged (17) _____ to watch the video at least five times a day, like revising vocabulary before an exam. We promised to (18) _____ this and we both found the video really helpful (19) _____ rehearsing at home.'

Maya: 'I have to admit that I sometimes watched the video just (20) _____ a day because I just could (21) _____ always find the time. But Lucy was very bossy, in a good way! She insisted (22) _____ practising every day for hours and refused (23) _____ give up! She is the (24) _____ motivating person I know!'

Part 3: Read the text below. For questions 25-34 use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0)

Example: 0 D I F F E R E N C E

Something Different

If you are looking for a holiday with a (0), then 'Koryo Travel' are the people to speak to. While some agencies send their clients off to admire the (25) sights of bustling Athens or to bask on beaches on the sunny Costa Brava, they fly tourists to (26) North Korea.

DIFFER

HISTORY

MYSTERY

For years, North Korea has been the subject of increasing (27) In the past, its doors were closed to foreign visitors, but now they are very slowly beginning to open and very few people are refused (28) There are one or two drawbacks, though. Nicholas Bonner, of Koryo Travel, admits the trip is (29) and normally requires a lot of boring paperwork before you can embark on your journey. But he insists that the positives outweigh the negatives.

CURIOUS

ENTER

EXPENSE

Mount Paekdu is a paradise for (30) hill-climbers. Then moving away from the (31) nature reserves and over to the wide avenues of P'yongyang lies the May Day Stadium. The stadium is home to the 'Arirang Festival', a (32) gymnastics show in which 100,000 gymnasts take part. With all these magnificent and (33) sights, North Korea promises to be a (34) experience, ideal for people who want the most from their holiday.

ADVENTURE

COLOUR

YEAR

USUAL

MEMORY

Part 4: For questions 35–42 complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **DO NOT CHANGE THE WORD GIVEN.** Use between two and five words, including the word given. There is an example at the beginning (0)

Example:

- 0 Your house needs redecorating.

SHOULD

You
redecorated.



Make sure you use between two and five words.
Contractions (e.g. can't, isn't) count as two words.

Example:

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S	H	O	U	L	D	H	A	V	E	Y	O	U	R	H	O	U	S	E			
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- 35 You might get tired walking so you should wear comfortable shoes..

CASE

Wear comfortable shoes walking.

- 36 He hasn't played tennis for five years.

UP

He five years ago.

- 37 There's no sugar left.

RUN

We've sugar.

- 38 It's not worth saving this left-over food.

POINT

There's this left-over food.

- 39 You mustn't miss this opportunity to study abroad.

ADVANTAGE

You must this opportunity to study abroad.

- 40 She watched a film at home and didn't go to the cinema with him.

INSTEAD

She watched a film at home to the cinema with him.

- 41 Peter was eighteen when he started driving.

BEEN

Peter he was eighteen.

- 42 Sally is as tall as John.

SAME

John is Sally.