OPEN CLOZE 8

A- THINK OF A WORD WHICH BEST FITS EACH GAP AND COMPLETE THE TEXT. USE ONLY ONE WORD IN EACH GAP.

DICTIONARIES

Dictionaries are (1)..... the most important tools of self-education. (2)..... Samuel Johnson wrote his influential English dictionary in the eighteenth century, the work kept him busy for seven years. At the end of that period, he (3)..... written the meanings of over forty thousand words. Most modern dictionaries require a (4)..... deal less time and effort to write because writers often use earlier dictionaries (5)..... a source of reference.

(6)..... it is possible for one person to write a dictionary alone, most dictionaries are team efforts. First of all, the writers, or lexicographers, draw up the rules that will guide their writing. For example, if a word has two meanings, they (7)..... to agree about which order to put them (8)..... . However, for much of the time, team members are able to work independently of (9)..... other, on different parts of the dictionary.

(10)..... one time, the starting point for deciding on those words to include used to be the lexicographer's own knowledge. These days, some teams (11)..... use of a large collection of examples of (12)..... only writing but also everyday speech, which is known as a *corpus*. Teams also refer (13)..... books and articles about language as (14)..... as asking experts in particular subjects about the more specialised words. Finally, ordinary people are asked to say what they think about the (15)..... the words are defined and (16).....they find the examples provided helpful or not.

Today's proverbs. Match the proverbs with the definitions. Write the number.

1. Too many cooks spoil the broth.

2. WHERE ONE DOOR SHUTS, ANOTHER OPENS.

3. YOU CAN'T MAKE AN OMELETTE WITHOUT BREAKING

..... It is hard to achieve something important without causing unpleasant effects.

..... When too many people work together on a project, the result is inferior or the job is not done well.

..... When you lose an opportunity to do one thing, an opportunity to do something else appears.