

Light Pollution: Multiple Choice Vocabulary Test

Some years ago, when I was working as an astronomer at the Greenwich Observatory in London, I received a letter from an elderly lady living (0)_____ who said: 'When I was a girl, we could see so many stars, but they're not there any more. Have they faded?' Walking down the hill on which the observatory stands, I (1)_____ the truth of what she said. (2)_____ me were all the lights of London and above me was the orange glow they (3)_____ up into the night sky. But I could (4)_____ see any stars.

If light pollution - as this effect is known - continues to increase at its present (5)_____, our grandchildren will only (6)_____ the chance to see the stars if they visit an observatory (7)_____ the one in Greenwich. Light pollution is almost (8)_____ for granted in most cities, and it is fast spreading into rural areas too.

(9)_____ recent research, almost half of all Europeans and two-thirds of North Americans can no longer see the Milky Way. And this type of pollution doesn't only (10)_____ our view of the night sky, it also wastes money and causes environmental pollution. For example, a single light bulb, (11)_____ all year, releases around a quarter of a tonne of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, (12)_____ global warming even worse.

	A	B	C	D
0	nearby	closely	vicinity	neighbourly
1	regarded	realised	remarked	reacted
2	Across	Between	Aside	Beneath
3	give	send	keep	fill
4	clearly	surely	hardly	faintly
5	case	rank	grade	rate
6	carry	draw	get	catch
7	like	similar	same	as
8	brought	taken	felt	passed
9	According to	Apart from	Instead of	In addition to
10	destroy	deny	defeat	delay
11	set off	put in	left on	joined up
12	letting	resulting	causing	making

My Career: Multiple Choice Vocabulary Test

Level: B1

My name is Helena. Although I did well at school and managed to (1)_____ all my exams when I was 18, I decided not to go to university. I wanted to make money instead. I (2)_____ for three jobs with large international companies and (3)_____ an interview with one of them the following week. They offered me the job. I was now Helena Roberts - Assistant Marketing Manager!

For the first two years I (4)_____ very little money, but I worked conscientiously. As a result, I soon (5)_____ promoted. My dream was to become Managing Director. That was my first big mistake. The company closed down a month later and I was (6)_____ redundant!

In my next job, the working conditions were awful. I wanted to (7)_____ and look for something else. My colleagues, however, persuaded me to (8)_____ on strike with them for better pay. That, of course, was my second big mistake. The boss immediately (9)_____ us the sack! It was six months before I found another job.

I've been with my present company for five years now. I am extremely happy and intend to stay here until I (10)_____ at 65. I no longer dream of being Managing Director. Having a job is enough for me.

	A	B	C	D
1	pass	make	succeed	perform
2	looked	applied	offered	implied
3	went	attended	made	held
4	gained	won	earned	collected
5	started	got	took	came
6	made	forced	led	caused
7	resign	dismiss	release	retire
8	join	go	protest	arrange
9	put	showed	gave	offered
10	retire	graduate	withdraw	cancel