



• Use of English

Choose the correct option

Since the American company Mattel started ¹ Barbie dolls in 1959, this toy has become one of the most famous ² in the world. Millions of Barbies ³ every year. It's a big business, but there is a lot of competition, so the company has to ⁴ new products all the time. When sales began to fall they did a lot of market ⁵ with children and parents and then they ⁶ all this information to understand what they wanted. As a result, there are now Barbies for everyone. And with all of them, Mattel ⁷ other things that Barbie will need – clothes, cars, pets and so on.

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| 1 A managing | B mentioning | C manufacturing |
| 2 A brands | B games | C markets |
| 3 A produced | B are produced | C is produced |
| 4 A direct | B discover | C develop |
| 5 A result | B research | C report |
| 6 A analysed | B accepted | C arranged |
| 7 A promotes | B reports | C advises |

• Tenses

Put the verbs in the correct form

Last Friday Mary _____ (BE) one of 225 passengers on a flight from London to Sofia. She _____ (FEEL) very excited when she _____ (GET) on the plane at Heathrow Airport. She _____ (WAIT) a long time for this day to come. She _____ (FINALLY LEAVE) England to start working in the eastern European capital. Mary was an experienced traveler . When she was younger, she _____ (FLY) a lot. In those days her father _____ (BE) a diplomat and every few years the whole family _____ (HAVE TO) move to a different country. Not long after the plane _____ (TAKE) off the captain _____ (TELL) the passengers that they would have to return to Heathrow and for the first time Mary _____ (START) to worry. A few minutes later she _____ (SEE) the lights of the

airport and _____ (WONDER) why fire engines and ambulances _____ (STAND) nearby. At that time, she _____ (NOT KNOW) that the plane's front wheel _____ (FALL) off during take-off.

Suddenly, Mary _____ (FEEL) a strange bump and as the plane _____ (COME) to a stop some passengers _____ (CRY). Fortunately, the pilot _____ (MAKE) a perfect landing and nobody _____ (BE INJURED). Mary was a little shaken but she still _____ (HOPE) she would be able to catch the next flight to Sofia.

• *Paraphrasing*

- a) Clothing cost the same as it did last year. (CHANGED)
Clothing prices _____ last year
- b) Greg could only go on holiday because his uncle gave him the money. (ABLE)
If greg's uncle hadn't given him the money, he _____ to go on holiday
- c) We have never met anyone as interesting as she is. (MOST)
She _____ we have ever met
- d) Please stop biting your nails. (WISH)
I _____ biting your nails
- e) You might get hungry on the journey, so you should take plenty of snacks, (CASE)
Take plenty of snacks _____ hungry on the journey
- f) My niece moved to Finland three years ago. (SINCE)
It _____ my nice moved to Finland
- g) It's been two weeks since I cooked lasagna. (FOR)
I _____ two weeks

• *Open Cloze*

Students of English all _____ the world are aware that _____ are differences _____ British and American English. But how large are the differences really? The varieties of English have historical roots. _____ pilgrims left England in the seventeenth century, _____ language has evolved, giving rise to changes _____ vocabulary, grammar and spelling. Many of the _____ obvious differences are in the vocabulary used in the two countries. Many of the words that we use today _____ not exist in the seventeenth _____. "Pavements" in Britain, and "Sidewalks" in the USA, only became common later, _____ example.

The two countries _____ also borrowed words from different sources: courgettes _____ imported to Britain from France and zucchini were brought to America _____ Italian immigrants.

Printing was a relatively new invention back then and the spelling _____ most words had not yet been formalised, _____ accounts for many of the differences in spelling.