

## Text 1



Read the text below. For questions (1-15) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

### A Hectic Time

Dear Trevor,

I know it's been ages since I wrote to you but I've been very busy (1) ..... we decided to move into the country. The house in the village is not quite ready (2) ..... but as you can imagine (3) ..... the last few weeks we've had to chase up builders and plumbers and we've (4) ..... got a long way to go.

It's been such a long time since we (5) ..... work on it I've almost forgotten how long it's been exactly. We must have started it about seven years (6) ..... and we've (7) ..... spent a small fortune on it. We are (8) ..... living in our rather cramped flat where you (9) ..... us a few years ago but it (10) ..... to get unbearable and we (11) ..... to moving out. We are still (12) ..... around from morning (13) ..... night and it's been particularly hectic (14) ..... the last week. Anyway, (15) ..... all this was going on Karen fell and sprained her ankle which was the last thing we needed!

1	A every time	B ever since	C while	D before
2	A still	B already	C yet	D soon
3	A for	B as	C while	D since
4	A yet	B already	C nearly	D still
5	A have started	B start	C did start	D started
6	A before	B ago	C previous	D since
7	A still	B not	C already	D yet
8	A already	B still	C yet	D longer
9	A were visiting	B have visited	C had been visited	D visited
10	A begun	B is beginning	C begins	D begin
11	A have looked forward	B looked forward	C will look forward	D are looking forward
12	A rush	B rushed	C rushing	D be rushed
13	A and	B into	C till	D through
14	A during	B from	C in	D while
15	A in	B during	C while	D for



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### The Lego House

Ask people about their favourite childhood toys and quite a few will mention Lego. However, some children don't abandon Lego when they grow up. Take James May, whose idea to build a life-size Lego house received so much public interest that, in July 2009, he began construction. Over 1,000 volunteers helped make the bricks, 1) ..... one consisting of 272 Lego pieces, and put the two-storey house together. Apart from a 'safety frame' made out of wood, the rest of the structure was made entirely from Lego, 2) ..... a staircase, a shower and a toilet! May even stayed overnight in the house, though he found 3) ..... far from comfortable on the Lego bed! Initially, the Lego house was a huge success, but problems arose when the landowners where the house was built needed their land back. At first, Legoland, a theme park in Berkshire, planned to relocate the house to its premises, but the deal fell 4) ..... because of the transport costs involved. 5) ..... further efforts to find a private collector to take it, the house was eventually dismantled and its 3.3 million pieces were donated to charity. Nevertheless, the Lego house was a marvellous architectural achievement for 6) ..... involved in its construction.

1	A any	B all	C each	D some
2	A inspiring	B indulging	C inserting	D including
3	A sleeping	B slept	C to sleep	D sleep
4	A out	B through	C back	D off
5	A Although	B Though	C Regardless	D Despite
6	A these	B that	C those	D this



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### Studies in Star Trek

In Britain, students enter universities to study one subject for three or four years in order to get a degree. In the USA, students don't 1) ..... to choose a 'major' (a subject such as English or History that they want to concentrate on 2) ..... their third or fourth year of college. Thus, American students have the opportunity to take courses from a number of different academic areas in their early years of college. 3) ..... way that lecturers try to encourage students to choose courses in their departments is by offering courses that 4) ..... to students' personal interests. Take for example a course in the University of Baltimore called 'Zombie Studies' or a course in the University of Wisconsin that explores 'Family and Social Roles in Daytime Serials'. These courses, and many like 5) ..... in colleges around the USA, use popular culture to help teach academic subjects. As the head of the 'Science of Superheroes' course in the University of California says, "The course gives me a chance to talk about real science but in a context that is very familiar to the students." And despite 6) ..... their titles might suggest, these courses require serious academic study. For instance, 'Philosophy and Star Trek' at the University of Alabama challenges students to use the theories of Aristotle and Kant to 7) ..... the fantasy world of the sci-fi series. On the whole, these courses show that, at least in the USA the third-level education 8) ..... is changing and that educators are trying to find new ways to make their subjects more interesting for their students.

1	A can	B must	C need	D should
2	A about	B to	C towards	D until
3	A One	B An	C A	D Some
4	A drive	B look	C draw	D appeal
5	A they	B them	C those	D that
6	A which	B what	C when	D who
7	A understand	B believe	C think	D realise
8	A technique	B method	C system	D scheme