DAY 9 – OPEN CLOZE

Teenage Deejay Contest

Dear Teenager,

Have you ever (1)_____ to be a deejay? Now, here's the chance to make your dream (2)_____ true! Superhits Radio Station will be organizing a 'Teenage Deejay Contest 2002'. Here is how the contest works: every week, we will select two promising teenagers to co-host our one hour radio (3)_____ 'The Spice of Life'. At the end of ten weeks, our judges will select three teenagers who have performed the best and they will be (4)_____ the winners.

Attractive prizes will be given away. All participants will (5)_____ ten albums and a beautiful souvenir T-shirt each. In (6)_____, our top three winners will get gift vouchers of two hundred to five hundred dollars. They may even get the opportunities to host other shows at our station in the future.

You do not need (7)_____ experience at all. We will (8)_____ you with all the training you need. Our criteria are that you must be articulate and enthusiastic. You should also have a deep love for music. If you think you (9)_____ the bill, do call us at 333444 today to register your name. We will require you to go for a voice audition first. So if you want to be on the air, don't (10)_____ this opportunity of a lifetime!

Alex Brook

You should never believe that you are too young to (1)_____ a difference. (2)_____, as an example, a 14-year-old school student from Pittsburgh in the USA, Alex Brook. Alex was a little more environmentally aware than his peers. He certainly showed initiative, persistence and innovation in his approach to reducing waste. His school, like most, produce huge (3)_____ of worksheets, fliers and letters home to parents. Of course, many people complained (4)_____ the amount of paper that was being used, but Alex went one (5)_____ further. He wondered (6)_____ switching fonts would make an impact on the amount of ink used by the school, and he (7)_____ out to discover which font was the most eco-friendly.

He looked at the 5 most commonly used characters in English, enlarged them, printed them onto card and cut them (8)_____. He did this in 4 of the common computer fonts (Garamond, Times New Roman, Century Gothic and Comic Sans). Weighing the size of each letter, he calculated that his school could reduce its ink consumption by 24% – simply by switching to the thinner letters of Garamond. He claimed that this would represent a saving of an incredible $21,000 (9)_____ annum.

After further thought, Alex made more ambitious claims, estimating that a similar switch could save the US Federal Government $136 million. His ideas grabbed the (10)_____, although further analysis undermined his bold claims. Many pointed (11)_____ that switching to paperless communication would save both ink and paper. However, his ideas certainly succeeded in focusing attention (12)_____ one small change in the font use: an impressive feat for a teenager.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

The Submarine

Special boats designed to dive and operate beneath the surface of the sea, submarines were first devised in 1620 and hand-operated (1)_____ were invented in the 1770s. By the 1870s, a steam-operated submarine in use which had a fire to heat water to (2)_____steam but when it dived, the chimney had to be pulled down and the fire put out. In the twentieth century, submarines were developed and used during (3)_____ World Wars by the opposing naval forces. They were (4)_____ by petrol-driven engines while on the surface but operated on batteries beneath the sea, and today diesel is used in modern submarines of this (5)_____. All submarines operate on a similar principle, as (6)_____ as diving and rising to the surface is concerned. They have hollow ballast tanks beneath the outer 'skin' which are filled with air when the craft is on the surface. In (7)_____ to dive, valves are (8)_____ and water enters the tank driving out the air, so the submarine becomes heavier and (9)_____. To return to the surface, compressed air is pumped into the tanks, with the valves open so that the water is forced out. (10)_____, the submarine becomes lighter again and rises to the surface with wing-like hydroplanes providing control as it dives and rises.

Wasted Potential

One day it will seem strange (1)_____ retrospect, that we spent much more thought and effort on developing human ability than making good (2)_____ of it, once we had it. There are innumerable examples. We (3)_____ in casual conversation and occasionally they catch a journalist's attention.

Doctors provide a good source of complaints: they (4)_____ to undergo a particularly protracted and detailed training and, at the end of it, many of them spend a substantial part of their (5)_____ day in relatively routine or clerical operations. Has anyone ever considered how much money could be saved by splitting (6)_____ these two aspects of a GP's job? Nurses have recently reiterated their age-old complaint that their scarce and skilled womanpower is frittered (7)_____ in quite unskilled work. The educational work is (8)_____ of examples of highly paid specialists typing their own letters with two (9)_____. We promote top research academics to headships of departments and give them inadequate support services. Even in business, the provision of secretarial help tends to go by seniority and not by the (10)_____ of routine work that has to be done.

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